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What a blessing to welcome our Dominican ministry partners, Rev. Pedro Radney, his wife Yuberka, and their sons Marcus and Sebastian to Macon! This precious family, who have become beloved friends, spent two weeks in fellowship with us, feeding those in need at Loaves and Fishes, attending church activities, having family time, and more. Additional details about their visit with us will be shared soon. As of now, we pray their time here was as much a blessing to them as it was to us. We also ask you to join us in prayer for God's continued guidance, faithfulness, and peace while the Radney family relocates within the Dominican Republic.



AUGUST

back in the swing!

Kidventures
PreK-5th grade
every Sunday at 9:30am



Sharing, caring, making friends and
venturing through the Bible together

August
9th!

Invite your
friends!

All Children, 5th grade and under,
are invited to Sunday School in
the Kidventure room upstairs at
9:30am every Sunday!

Childcare begins at 9am for parents
attending Sunday School.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

1. I have care of Job for
and before that, by
a royal job, in the
goods and children,
4.
5. in the land
6. now 5 Job
7. effect and up
B.C. 1520.
3 His 11 substan
thousand sheep,
camels, and five
oxen, and five
and a very gr
that this man

Adult Sunday Studies
start Aug. 9th in the
community room at
9:00am. Pastor Ralph
will lead us through
the book of Job.

You're invited to

5th Sunday
Lunch

August 30th

after worship in the fellowship hall
Please sign up on your blue response
sheet if you plan to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



**Wednesday, August 12th
at 7:00am**

At H&H Restaurant
807 Forsyth St.
Dutch Treat

MUSIC NOTES!

Greetings, Everyone!



CONCERT NEWS: On the heels of our summer organ concert offering, I am pleased to provide an updated schedule of musical events-- three upcoming concerts and one very special Northminster service tradition:

Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. - Generation Fusion String Quartet

Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. - Middle Georgia State University Chamber Singers

Sunday, November 29, 2026 during 10:30 a.m. worship - Annual Lessons and Carols Service

Sunday, February 21, 2027 at 3:00 p.m. - Atlanta Guitar Trio

Please update your calendars as needed, making every effort to attend these programs. I am planning more concert offerings for 2027, so stay tuned (pun intended!). In the meantime...

CHOIR NEWS: Thanks to our vocal choir for leading the hymns in June. Thanks also to Pat McCall, Edward Clark, Rosie Miles, and Frank Ellis for enhancing our worship services this summer with different instruments and voices.

I am happy to welcome the vocal choir back to the loft to lead hymns in August. If you have never sung with the choir and just want a different view of the sanctuary during worship, come and join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. I will have bulletins and copies of the hymns ready for you. Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 19: Handbell ringers meet at 6:00 p.m. in the library (upstairs, entrance to the left of the information desk). Vocalists meet at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room (downstairs, make a hard left out of the elevator, OR park out back and enter the door on the right under the large canopy).

Thanks to our handbell choir for ringing iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! ("Holy, Holy Holy") in celebration of our Dominican family being with us. Thanks, also, to the entire congregation for singing in both English and Spanish the past couple of weeks. I think it made everyone feel very loved, honored, and welcomed.

Those in the congregation who typically sit in the pews are welcome to join either or both choirs at any time. Just bring your wrists, arms, vocal cords, and willing spirits, and I will find a place for you! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!!! Perhaps you would like to join us for Lessons and Carols and then take a break until after Easter. Perhaps you would like to join us during Lent or maybe for Communion on the first Sunday of every month. Just let me know. Some have said to me, "I can't ring bells because I don't read music." Fear not! We have a lovely, supportive group who will show you what to do and when to do it. Some have said to me, "I can't carry a tune in a bucket with a lid on it." Fear not! We can help you make a joyful noise with a rhythm instrument. Psalm 100:1 proclaims this: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth." Bill Staines' wonderful song puts it a bit differently: "All God's critters got a place in the choir..."

Join a choir, and let's be joyful noisemakers together!

Grace and Peace, David

MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTREAT 2026

This is the first year Northminster and sister churches from Flint River Presbytery participated in Montreat's middle school conference and what a great experience it was! Our younger youth had a wonderful time in fellowship, lessons, activities and more.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug 3 - Emily Brown
Aug 12 - Jackson Gleaton
Aug 16 - Amy Vogt
Aug 19 - Mary Beth Shuford

Aug 8 - Bob Brandler
Aug 13 - Scott Emener
Aug 18 - Kim Emener
Aug 25 - Gregg Reed

Aug 12 - Ann Hall
Aug 15 - Ed Clark
Aug 19 - Kenny Walker
Aug 31 - CJ Preyna

CHURCH-WIDE COMMITTEE MEETINGS - AUG. 9

Each of our ten committees will be convening to discuss plans and needs for the remainder of the calendar year. If you are already serving on a committee, your leading elder will be contacting you about time and place to meet. If you are not a member of a committee and would like to know more about it and volunteer your time and talents, please contact the elder corresponding with the committee to which you feel called:

- Neighborhood – Amanda Smith
- Outreach & Mission – Jeanne Roddenberry
 - *Will be sharing updates and make plans for all our outreach and mission work including updates and a visit from the Haugans, our foreign missionaries, updates and plans with Loaves & Fishes, our downtown mission, and our trip to the Dominican Republic-spring 2027
- Adult Discipleship & Fellowship – Nita McCord
- Children & Youth Discipleship – Renae Preyna
- Congregational Care – Amy Maley
- Membership Engagement – Natalie Vernon
- Worship – Sharon Sulkers
- Finance – Gregg Reed
- Property – Brad Miles
- Personnel – Scott Emener

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Northminster's Good Sam Fund is alive and well thanks to the generosity of all of you. This is how Centenary Community Ministries is using our Good Sam donations to help those less fortunate.

A woman approached CCMI for financial assistance with an electric bill. She was struggling to keep up with the payments after one of her children had unexpected medical issues. CCMI was able to provide financial assistance to this family to ensure that their power stayed on in their time of dealing with their child's medical needs.

CCMI is also in the process of covering two months' payments of a storage unit for an individual who is homeless. With this storage unit covered, this individual is able to look for a new job while ensuring they don't lose all their belongings in this transition.

Again, this is all possible due to the financial support of your congregation—helping someone with their tangible need in a time of crisis. Thank you for being the hands and feet of God in Macon through this support!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

From the Finance Committee: Thank you for your continued financial support of our church, its pastor and staff, and its programs in 2026. Please contact Gregg Reed (gareed105@gmail.com) or any member of the finance committee if you have any questions about the budget and its status.

	June 2026 Actual	June 2026 Budget	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget
Pledged & Regular Giving	\$60,197	\$38,683	\$255,341	\$232,097
Carry Forward	\$8,305	\$8,305	\$49,830	\$49,830
Total Income	\$69,535	\$47,988	\$317,791	\$287,927
Total Expenses	\$40,312	\$43,989	\$277,079	\$263,935



OFFICE HOURS

"First, I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to my Northminster friends who have been praying for and checking in to see how Savannah's journey is going. Friday, July 31st, Kevin and I will fly to Maryland to see her and the 27 other recruits in action for family day. We will stay for the week visiting with Savannah and her fiancé, James. Then, Kevin will have the honor of 'pinning' Savannah as an official Class 1 Firefighter/EMT at her graduation on August 7th. We will fly back home Saturday, the 8th, so the church office will be closed for the time of our stay up north. Thank you to all who continue to pray for her safety. Love, Jennifer Whitehead"



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»» *Support* ««

LOAVES AND FISHES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

4PM-9PM

10%

DONATION NIGHT

for **Loaves and Fishes** .

Present this flyer at the Macon location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to **Loaves and Fishes** !



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**5080 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SUITE 1500
MACON, GA**

2026

AUGUST



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 Communion Sunday	3 5pm-7:30pm Veritas Parent Orientation	4	5	6 10am Line Dancing	7	8
Church Office Closed						
9 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures	10	11	12 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Macon Service League	13 10am Line Dancing	14	15
16 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures 4:00pm Yoga	17	18 Welcome back, Veritas! First Day of School	19 6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	20 Veritas 10am Line Dancing	21 Veritas	22
23 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures	24 6pm Session Meeting	25 Veritas	26 10:30am Service League Board Meeting 6pm L&F Board Meeting 6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	27 Veritas 10am Line Dancing	28 Veritas	29
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