



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We seek to be an open, diverse congregation, reaching out so that hearts and lives are nurtured and transformed through the power of God's amazing love.

**May 2017**

Monday, May 1	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	7:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, May 2	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Sunday, May 7	9:45	Sunday School (every Sunday)
	10:00	Choir Rehearsal (every Sunday)
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
		Communion will be served.
Monday, May 8	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
Saturday, May 13	6:00	Session
Tuesday, May 16		Girl Scouts
Thursday, May 25		Presbytery of E TN at John Knox Center
Sunday, May 28		Hamilton County schools out for the summer
Monday, May 29-June 3		No Sunday School
		Laura on Continuing Education in New Mexico

### Those Serving in May

**Ushers and Communion Prep: Neal and Susan Martin**

**Communion Servers: Kevin Brown, Janet Giddings, Judy Knight**

	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>K. Boran</b>	<b>T. Miller</b>	<b>Lynne Shockley</b>	<b>J. Becker</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>K/C Brown</b>	<b>Giddings</b>		

Pastor: Rev. Laura Becker      Music Director: Dr. Lonnie McCalister  
 Pianist: Allie Stafford      Bass: Jay Banasiak      Clerk of Session: Janet Giddings      Treasurer: Beth Miller

Session: Sheena Boran (2018), Kevin Brown (2018), Janet Giddings (2017)  
 Wanda Hunt (2019); Bill McDonald (2019); Beth Miller, (2017), Rachel Tinaya (2018)

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**On-line giving now available. See church website for the link.**



May 8	Rachael Shockley
May 9	Dana Feldman
May 15	Bill McDonald
May 18	Janet Giddings
May 28	Geoff Glenister



**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS . . . .**

- Elected Sheena Boran as the elder representative to the Presbytery meeting
- Approved the Session’s quarterly report to the congregation
- Ministry on Mission will host the Pot Luck luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Approved a motion to sell unused communion silver after researching the best way to do so

We will be working with Renaissance Presbyterian Church in the coming weeks and months to help address the **food crisis in the Westside community** upon the recent closing of two grocery/convenience stores. Look to future emails, inserts, and newsletters about how you can help.



**Offering Update 2017**

Annual Budgeted Giving	\$126,140
	(pledged and non-pledged)
Year-to-date Actual Giving	\$55,228
	(as of April 30, 2017)

Many thanks to Geoff Glenister, Janet Giddings, Mary Robertson, Monique Brimmer, and Jake Fulmer for sharing more of their own stories and faith reflections during worship on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will hear from others in the congregation in July.

THANKS to all who attended and to those who provided soup and bread for the **Soup and Conversation** series. Sitting around the table, enjoying a meal together, and conversation (most likely not to occur on a Sunday morning) was a welcome mid-week experience. Look for more times when this will be offered in the summer and throughout the year.



**Church Recycling:** the recyclables in Laura’s office, the printing room, and the hall receptacle need to be picked up and recycled once or twice a month. It will be mixed paper, plastic, and cans. We’d like one more person to help with this responsibility. If you can help, let Laura or Susan know.

**Fellowship:** Hosts are needed for May 21 and 28. Sign up outside the Library.

**Ushers:** We need ushers for June. Let Laura or Susan know if you can help.

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the church will be changing over to EPB as our internet service provider. This change should both increase our internet speed and save the church money. Therefore, the church office and Laura’s email addresses will be changing. The new addresses will be:  
 Laura: [pastor@northminsterchatt.org](mailto:pastor@northminsterchatt.org)  
 Office: [office@northminsterchatt.org](mailto:office@northminsterchatt.org)

Laura will be in New Mexico for a Continuing Education retreat May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact an elder on session who will contact the pastor on-call.



*"...the power of God's amazing love allows us to question, doubt, explore and discover..."*

### **MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Keith Boran will continue the study and discussion of several of the Gnostic Gospels through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Join us to learn more about this collection of texts discovered in Egypt including "secret" poems and myths attributed to Jesus that are different from many of our New Testament gospel stories.

The children's class will be exploring post-Easter New Testament stories using the Narrative Lectionary we are using in worship.

**There will be no Sunday School on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Memorial day weekend.**

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Located on Vine Street, the Hope House is more than what meets the eye. What draws most people in is the free food, but what keeps them coming are the people that will leave a lasting mark on your heart.

"I like the fact that there is diversity here. It's good to have that here to make you more open," said Zach Gilbert, a senior from Nashville.

The Hope House is centered around their Presbyterian faith, but they welcome anyone and everyone. You don't have to be a follower of Christ to enjoy the experience of the house. In fact, they encourage people from all walks of life to come because their main goal is to provide hospitality to everyone. Moreover, in many ways, the Hope House has allowed UTC students to explore religion and social problems that typically are unusual of religious organizations.

"I've always felt like churches do a bad job of connecting their faith to the real world and I feel like the Hope House does that with the real world. The Hope House really focuses on what Jesus would do in a response to social justice issues and homelessness," said Saama Davies, a graduate student from Chattanooga.

In addition to the welcoming people of the Hope House, the amenities are sure to draw anyone in. They have three floors that are filled with all the food you can eat, TVs, a screening room, games, a piano, guitars, books and study rooms.

Moreover, there is no pressure evident in the Hope House from anyone. If you want to eat and then leave, then that is perfectly fine. If you want to go to enjoy Bible study, then that is okay. If you want to just watch TV and escape from the realities of school, then that is great. The point is that the Hope House is here for you and here to help you with whatever you need.

A friend. A family member. A listener. An advisor. A spiritual leader. A place to relax. A place to eat. A place to cultivate your spirituality. These are things you will find in the Hope House, so take the first step and visit.

-Article by UTC student Dominique Malone

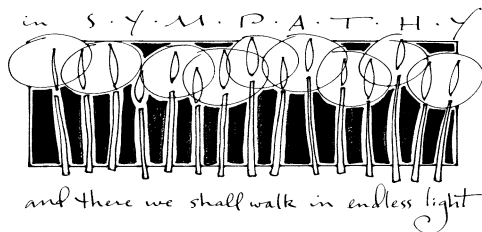
# Memorial Gifts

*In memory of*  
*Martha Coradini*  
*Barbara Lesley*  
*Aprille Quinn*  
*Dale and Mary Robertson*

*In memory of*  
*Hugh Haddleston*  
*Barbara Lesley*  
*Aprille Quinn*

*In memory of*  
*Donna Brown*  
*Mike and Diane Stocker*

*In memory of*  
*Bill Anderson*  
*Mike and Diane Stocker*



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**family and friends of**

**Bill Anderson**  
**Leland Bohland**  
**Donna Brown**  
**Corky Clark**  
**Neal Lantham**  
**Chris Smith**  
**Jackson Standefer**

**If you have any updates on a person or situation on our prayer list,  
please email the church office at [office@northminsterchatt.org](mailto:office@northminsterchatt.org)**

## In our prayers . . .

- John Denny (Sheena Boran's father)
- Rudy Foster returning to Dollywood for another season
- Charlotte Williams for her good biopsy report
- Janet Gidding's neighbor keeping two of her grandchildren under difficult circumstances
- Abel and Vera Brannan recovering from the flu and Abel's tonsil removal
- Brenda Holder being moved to Vanderbilt in serious condition
- Alice Gilreath walking on her prosthetic leg
- David Royston's cancer is responding to treatment
- Jaque and Morris Maher
- Phyllis Pearson recovering from a recent hospitalization
- Evan Pell upon graduation from Lee University
- Wanda Hunt
- Jane Kendall recovering from shoulder surgery (Dana Feldman's sister)
- Daniel Spivey
- Anita Jackson beginning treatments for breast cancer
- Connie Condra
- Emily Wilson with stage 4 lung cancer
- Bao Miller's recent accomplishments in regional gymnastic completion
- Lonnie McCalister facing set-backs with healing in his knee
- Tammy Byrd
- Jane Carmody
- Kinda Liles
- Eden Glenister
- Students and teachers as the school year draws to a close
- Tim Miller's niece Kendra starting Marine boot camp
- Martha Cartwright having cataract surgery
- All those impacted by severe weather
- Those facing the loss of family pets
- Unspoken prayers
  
- Those suffering with mental illness and/or addictions; those struggling financially; those seeking employment; those in abusive situations; people in troubled relationships; those suffering with depression; **citizens in the midst of fighting around the world**
  
- Those dealing with cancer and treatments: Betty; Amber Blair; Michele Bostick; Drew Braddock; Amal Brown; John Butler; Tammy Byrd; Risa Carroll; Patti Carter; Tommy Cash; Jill Cavan; **Gayle Cone**; Trish Cooper; Margaret Craft; Randy Deacon; Guinda Derrico; Drew; Christy Edmundson; Kathleen G.; Kevin George; Kristen Hayes; Jack Holley; Jackie James; John; George Kilgore; David Kyle; Neal Lathan; Bette Malone; Myra Mathews; Mike S.; Gracie Moore; James Panky; Art Paul; Pat Ramsey; Grier Richards; Jim Scolet; Sheila; Shelley; Gail Sissom; Sissy Skipper; Karen Smith; Steve; Kathy Sykes; Linda Wheeler; Bill Younger
  
- Continuing prayers: Jay, Mark, Rhonda, Alister Banasiak, Mike and Opie Lee Anderson; John, Emily and Ginny Barr; Sydney Craven; Forest Gentry; Asher Giddings; Ray and Erica Hauer; Steve Heron; Steph Holliwel; Justin Hunt; Paul Hyde; Zach Jenkins; Martine Kendall; the Knopff family; Andrea McCalister; Rachel McDonald; Mercy Junction; April Parker; Fredrick Pinkard; Ryan; the Sherry family; Gene and Marilyn Sirard; Austin Young
  
- Homebound: Ernestine Boaz; Barbara Lesley; Margie McCalister; Martha Russell