



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**July - August  
2017**

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.

Saturday, July 1		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church and Sabbath School (every Saturday)
Sunday, July 2		No Sunday School in July
	10:00	Choir Rehearsal (every Sunday)
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
Monday, July 3	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	7:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, July 4		Happy Fourth of July
	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Friday, July 7	7:15	Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church Chattanooga Lookouts game
Monday, July 10	6:00	Session meeting
Friday, July 14		Lake Hills Neighborhood Association Clean-up Dumpster (Saturday, too)
Saturday, July 15	3:00	Spivey baby shower
Monday, July 17	9:00	Vacation bible School at New Hope Presbyterian (thru Friday)
	6:00	Beer and Hymns at Oddstory Brewing Company
Sunday, July 30	12:00	Pot Luck luncheon (bring a summer salad to share)
		Laura and youth from NPC and New Hope leave for Montreat (return August 5)
Sunday August 6	9:45	Ministry Teams meet
	11:00	Communion will be served
	3:00	Host FPC Oak Ridge for discussion on overture to Presbytery (See <i>This Week at Northminster</i> for details.)
Thursday, August 10		Hamilton County Schools start
Sunday, August 13	11:00	Blessing of the Backpacks
Monday, August 14	6:00	Session meeting
Saturday, August 19		Presbytery of East TN at First Presbyterian, Cleveland

### Those Serving in July

Ushers: Tom and Judy Knight

	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
Liturgist	K. Boran	K. Brown	S. Boran	Lynne S.	N. Tanner
Fellowship	McDonald	Brannan/Quinn	K/C Brown		Pot Luck Luncheon

### Those Serving in August

Ushers: Tim, Beth, Boa, Shaw Miller

	<u>August 6</u>	<u>August 13</u>	<u>August 20</u>	<u>August 27</u>
Liturgist	T. Miller	E. Pell	S. Martin	K. Brown
Fellowship			K/C Brown	

### Church Staff and Leaders

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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### Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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July 1	Jake Fulmer
July 4	Judy Knight
July 7	Anna Gibbons
July 9	Kevin Brown
July 27	Martha Russell
July 29	Andy Coradini
August 2	Allie Stafford
August 9	Sara McDonald
August 25	Ryan Brown
August 26	Joel Becker
August 27	Grace Denton



Neal and Susan Martin  
4785 Preserve Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37416  
Phone number and Email remain the same.



### BEER and HYMNS ENCORE!

We had such a great response from those who attended Beer and Hymns in June that we have decided to do it again. On Monday, **July 17, 6-8pm**, we will gather at **Oddstory Brewing Company** (336 East MLK Blvd – Free parking is next door and across the street.) Craft-brewed beers, sodas, and the most amazing soft pretzel you'll ever have will be available for purchase. Allie is bringing her keyboard to accompany our singing. Hymnals will be available for making requests and for singing.

Child care will be available just up the hill at First Christian Church (650 McCallie Ave). Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, singing, and fun!



Game time - 7:15 PM Friday, July 7! Joe Tanner will be at the top of the escalator at 6:30 PM at the ballpark to give out tickets. Call or text 476-3954 if you will be delayed. Many thanks to Joe for organizing what promises to be a fun event for our church family. Play ball!

## Special Worship Services in July

**On Sunday, July 23,** our choir and musicians will be offering a rich variety of special music throughout the service as we celebrate the gifts God has given them in the spirit of the Psalmist's call to "make a joyful noise to the Lord".

**On Sunday, July 30,** we will have our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Testimonies, as members of our community share stories about their lives and their faith. This time, we will hear from some individuals about a significant person or event that has made an impact on their faith. We will also pray for our group heading to the Montreat Youth Conference that afternoon and enjoy a Potluck Lunch following worship. Bring a summer salad to share!



### Summer Salad

### Potluck Luncheon – Sunday, July 30

Everyone is invited to bring a salad of their choosing...green, fruit, pasta, potato, etc. The Worship and Education Ministry Team will provide drinks and crackers.

### Ministry Team Meetings - Sunday, August 6, 9:45 a.m.

Ministry of Mission – Community Room (across from Laura's Office)  
Ministry of Care and Fellowship – Church Office  
Ministry of Worship and Education – Library  
Ministry of Administration and Finance – Frances Room



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

### No Sunday School in July.....AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children's class will be learning about the different elements of our worship.

Beginning August 13, adults will read and explore lesser known and curious stories from the Bible.

We have been invited to join New Hope Presbyterian Church for their Vacation Bible School.

It will be July 17 - 21 from 9am-12pm.



The theme is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church.

The curriculum is set up around "family groups" that travel around the "market place" to do crafts, eat, play games, and interact with "actors" who represent people in Rome at the time of the early church. They will also visit Paul while he is under house arrest. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

They also need family leaders who travel with their family and lead small group time as well as people willing to be shop keepers.

**If you have more questions or would like to participate, please let Laura know.**



On Sunday, August 13, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks in worship. All of our children are encouraged to bring a backpack or some other symbol of school for them. We will pray for our children and all who teach and support them as the new school year begins.



### Offering Update 2017

Annual Budgeted Giving	\$126,140
(pledged and non-pledged)	
Year-to-date Actual Giving	\$73,995.16
(as of 6/30/17)	



We are in great need for fellowship hosts for the month of August. Sign-up sheet is outside the Library.

**To Host Fellowship:** bring two simple snacks to share after worship. Drinks and paper products are in the big kitchen. Plan to stay long enough to clean up

#### Why We Give Online – Laura Becker



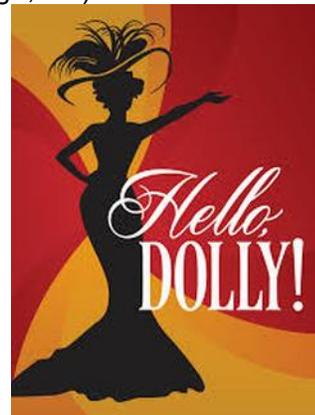
Earlier this spring, Session approved a new way for members and friends and visitors to make financial offerings to the church. My first thought was that younger generations (who rarely have checkbooks or carry cash these days) would be able to enjoy the ease of online giving. And I believe that to be the case. But what I was not expecting was the way in which it would help our own family as well.

It would be an understatement to say that Sunday mornings are busy for me. I cannot count the number of times I would get to the church and realize we had forgotten the checkbook for the offering. With the online giving option, we were able to set up weekly offerings that go the church. So whether we are out of town or have forgotten our checkbook, we are able to keep up our commitment to support the ministry and mission of Northminster.

To find out more about online giving (which you can do as a one-time donation, or you can set up recurring offerings), visit our website at [northminsterchatt.org](http://northminsterchatt.org)  
Look for the “Give Now” button.

#### ★NORTHMINSTER ON STAGE★

We are delighted that Alice Gilreath will be returning to the stage as part of the ensemble for the East Brainerd Community Theatre production of *Hello, Dolly!* at Christ United Methodist Church (8645 E Brainerd Rd, Chattanooga, TN).



#### Show Dates:

July 20-22 - 7:30 pm

July 23 - 2:30 pm

Tickets all General Admission: \$10

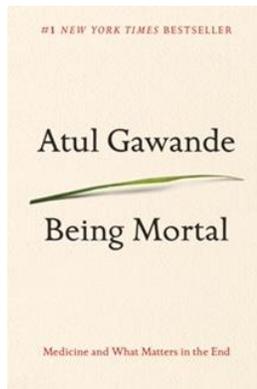
## NORTHMINSTER BOOK CLUB THIS FALL

We are planning two book club conversations this fall. We will read and discuss Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* in conjunction with an adult education series exploring end-of-life issues (more details to come next month).

We will also have a group later in the fall meet to discuss Carol Howard Merritt's latest book, *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God after Experiencing a Hurtful Church*.

If you are interested in one of both of these conversations, make plans to get the book and join us for the discussions. We will announce the dates next month.

A little more about each book:



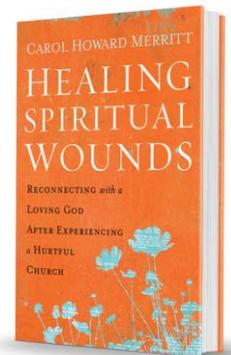
Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Gawande reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced.

Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its ultimate limitations and failures—in his own practices as well as others'—as life draws to a close. Riveting, honest, and humane, *Being Mortal* shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the very end.

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Though participation and affiliation in traditional religious institutions is waning, many people still believe in God. Merritt contends that many leave the church because they have lost trust in the institution, not in God. *Healing Spiritual Wounds* addresses the church's dichotomous image—as a safe space and as a dangerous place—and provides a way to restore personal faith and connection to God for those who have been hurt or betrayed by established institutions of faith. Merritt lays out a multistage plan for moving from pain to spiritual rebirth, from recovering theological and emotional shards to recovering communal wholeness.



**MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER**  
Help the Northminster and New Hope youth group attend the Montreat Youth Conference in July 30-August 5. Look for the Montreat gate “money board” in the fellowship entryway. Envelopes are marked from \$1-\$50. Take one (or as many as you'd like), and return to the church office/place in an offering basket with the amount listed on the envelope. Thanks to Jay and some of the youth for making the beautiful gate! And thanks to all of you who will help make this event possible!

### What is a Montreat Youth Conference?

Montreat Youth Conference (MYC) is a unique gathering in the mountains of Western NC of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship. MYC is designed for high school students, entering freshmen through graduated seniors, and for their group leaders.

This year's theme is "A Missing Peace"

The 2017 Montreat Youth Conference provides:

- a safe space for youth to be heard by modeling a loving, nurturing, and supportive community as the body of Christ where all feel affirmed and included.
- an environment where participants form and deepen relationships with leaders and their peers by engaging the issues of the world, modeling for each other a consistent life of faith, and dreaming about ways to change the church.
- meaningful ways to connect to the living word through concrete spiritual practices during small group, recreation, keynote, and worship.



We are excited that Laura will be taking a group from Northminster and New Hope to attend the conference this summer, July 30-August 5. Thanks to all who have donated money and offered prayers for this event!

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### Solar Eclipse Viewing at John Knox Center

August 21, 2017

**John Knox Center is located directly in the path of this once in a lifetime celestial event.  
Our large open field is a prime viewing spot!**



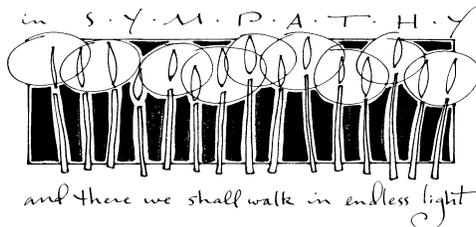
Visit the [John Knox Center website](#) for more details and registration information for this event.

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# Memorial Gifts

*In memory of  
Martha Coradini  
Hugh and Gayle Hentz*

*Phyllis Pearson  
Margaret Brown  
Wilma Dietzen  
Frances E. Dodd  
Ron and Dana Feldman  
Doug and Janet Giddings  
Jack Guthrie  
Barbara Lesley  
Neal and Susan Martin  
Tom and Trudy Pearson  
Diane Stocker  
Alton and Susan Thurman  
Charlotte Youngblood*



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**family and friends of  
Tammy Bird  
Mary McMillian  
Phyllis Pearson  
Tommy Willis**

**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 . . .

- Nancy Tanner facing radiation treatments
- John and Yvonne Denney, Sheena and Keith Boran
- Evan Pell's safe return from traveling in Columbia
- Doug Giddings continuing to recover from back surgery
- Gayle Cone recovering from a recent fall
- The Millers safe return from traveling in China
- Grace and Andrew Denton as she transitions to a doctoral program at Southern Mississippi
- Michael Henry's friends struggling with life after college
- Brenda Holder
- John Nalls
- The city of Chattanooga in the midst of transition
- The ministry of Hope House and Rev, Tricia Dillon Thomas
- Safe summer travels for all
- Our nation and our world
- Victims of shooting incidents and terrorist attacks at work and at play
- Victims and those displaced by the London apartment fire
- Joy for the baptism of Nathaniel Brown, son of Ryan and Catherine
- Ivan
- Martha Cartwright's recovery from wrist surgery
- Rachel Tinaya's return to work and the twins first experience with day care
- Persecuted Christians everywhere
- Robert Lamberth recovering from back surgery
- 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; Trish Cooper; Margaret Craft; Randy Deacon; Guinda Derrico; Drew; Christy Edmundson; Kathleen G.; Kevin George; Kristen Hayes; Jack Holley; Anita Jackson; Jackie James; John; Josiah; George Kilgore; David Kyle; Neal Lathan; Bette Malone; Myra Mathews; Mike S.; Gracie Moore; James Panky; Art Paul; Tim Pelfrey; Pat Ramsey; Grier Richards; David Royston; Jim Scolet; Sheila; Shelley; Gail Sissom; Sissy Skipper; Karen Smith; Steve; Kathy Sykes; Linda Wheeler; Emily Wilson; Bill Younger
  
- Continuing prayers: Jay, Mark, Rhonda, Alister Banasiak, Mike and Opie Lee Anderson; John, Emily and Ginny Barr; Connie Condra; Sydney Craven; Forest Gentry; Asher Giddings; Alice Gilreath; Ray and Erica Hauer; Steve Heron; Steph Holliwell; Justin Hunt; Wanda 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