



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March
2018**

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.

Thursday, March 1	6:00	GFWC Valamont Woman's Club
Saturday, March 3		Cumberland Playhouse Performance
		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, March 4	9:45	Sunday School (every Sunday)
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
	12:30	Confirmation Class
Monday, March 5	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study at the Feldman's (every Monday)
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, March 6	11:00	Serve lunch at Hope House
	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
		Impact Seventh Day Adventist church (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, March 7	6:00	Series on Prayer
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal (every Wednesday)
Tuesday, March 13	6:00	Session meeting
Sunday, March 18	12:30	Confirmation Class
Tuesday, March 20	11:00	Serve lunch at Hope House
Thursday, March 21-24		Laura leading Company of New Pastors Retreat
Sunday, March 25	11:00	Palm Sunday
Wednesday, March 28		Newsletter deadline
Thursday, March 29	6:00	Maundy Thursday Service
Sunday, April 1	11:00	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 2-7		Hamilton County Spring Break

Those Serving

Communion Prep: Doug and Janet Giddings

Communion Servers: Wanda Hunt, Bill McDonald, Mariko Tinaya

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>
Usher	Giddings	DuPree		
Liturgist	M. Tinaya	Pell	S. Boran	K. Boran
Fellowship	Brannan/Quinn	Lesler	Knight/Brannan	Stocker

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), Ryan Brown (2020)

Wanda Hunt (2019); Bill McDonald (2019); Susan Martin (2020); Rachel Tinaya (2018)

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Online Giving Link



March 7 Gary Gilreath
 March 14 Molly DeBlois
 March 14 Luther Shockley
 March 21 Lynne Shockley



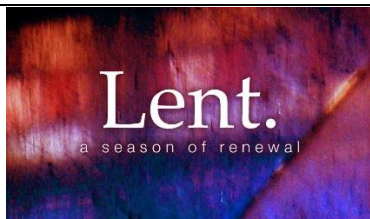
holy week

Holy Week and Easter

March 25 – Holy Week begins with **Palm/Passion Sunday** during worship

March 29 – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm. This special service begins with communion around tables in the Frances Room and will end in silence and darkness in the sanctuary. We will sing and hear the story of Jesus' final night with his disciples and recount his arrest and crucifixion.

April 1 – Easter Sunday. Join us for worship at 11am as we celebrate the resurrection together. You are invited to bring a fresh cut flower for the cross as a sign of the new life we have in Christ. In addition, our fellowship after worship will be Easter Breads – you are invited to bring breakfast breads/muffins/pastries to share.



Lenten Series on Prayer

Wednesdays during Lent, 6 PM Frances Room. Come and join Lynne Shockley in finding ways to pray and pause during Lent. We will explore different ways to appreciate this "time-gift". This journey is one of connection and renewal. Here are the themes for upcoming conversations as we expand how we think about prayer and how we pray:

March 7 – Laughter
 March 14 - Gratitude and Lament
 March 21 – Light
 March 28 – Eat and Drink



Hope House LUNCHES

Northminster will be helping serve lunch to students at the Hope House on **March 6** and **March 20**. If you can provide a few dozen cookies/brownies or help at the house that day (between 11am-2:00pm), let Laura know.

Wanda back in town!

We are excited to get to welcome Wanda Hunt back to town briefly, as she has her first furlough in her work with the Indian Health Service in South Dakota. She will be with us in worship on March 4 and will be sharing a bit about her work and her time there so far.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be Received on Easter Sunday, April 1

Whether you are collecting coins in your fish bank or simply want to write a check on Easter Sunday, your contribution to this national offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) makes a world of difference. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.



Christian Education

March Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

The Children's class will be exploring the weekly lectionary text through story-telling and crafts.

The Adult Sunday school class will continue in the study of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, as we see how these three books connect to one another and explore the return of the exiled Israelites to their home.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON APRIL 1ST, EASTER SUNDAY.

Julia Becker is serving on the Planning Team for the 2019 Montreat Middle School Conference. She will be in Montreat for a meeting March 9-11. Laura will be taking her to the meeting. Kevin Brown will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 11.

2018 Financial Summary

Annual Budgeted Giving - \$137,152.00
Received for February - \$20,966.76
Total Received (Year-to-Date) - \$31,079.21



Thank you!

.....To Diane Stocker for coordinating our wonderful Mardi Gras Pancake Supper, to Nancy Brannan for helping with set up, and to our wonderful members who served as pancake flippers! We all had such a good time. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$465 for the Hope House through our love offering.

.....To Aubree, Keelan and Griffin Carpenter for donating and planting two new trees for the church grounds.

.....To Dana Feldman and Jay Banasiak for the new fabric for the choir screen and work to arrange the cross for Lent.

.....from Bridge Refugee Service
 From us here at Bridge and all the refugees we serve, our sincere gratitude for the financial gift you made. The support you give assists us in carrying out Jesus' Command to love our neighbors and welcome the stranger.
 M. Peshterianu

.....from Family Promise of Chattanooga
 Your donation is being used to help families in the Chattanooga area who are homeless. WE sincerely hope you will continue to partner with us in our commitment to building communities and strengthening lives in Chattanooga.
 M.E. Galloway

Community Happenings

Community Organizing Training



CALEB will be hosting a one-day organizing training on Saturday March 10th, 9:00am-3:00pm at the Iron Worker's Hall, 2715 Belle Arbor Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37406. This

event is free and includes lunch, with a suggested donation of \$10 to cover costs. The training is a fascinating, participatory look at techniques the Gamaliel Foundation uses to teach people how to grow their organizations. Allie attended the one-day training held back in Summer 2016. She says, "I heard about this Community Organizing training and decided to go. I had no idea what to expect, but it was incredibly interesting. It sparked some great, stimulating conversations with people I had never met. It was very memorable and potentially valuable. I guarantee you will not regret taking a few hours out of your Saturday to experience this training." Mark your calendar for March 10th and check it out for yourself!

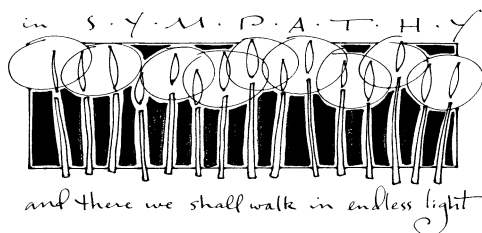
**--Next CALEB meeting: Thursday, March 8th
6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church---**



March for Our Lives Chattanooga

Area students are planning a march on Saturday, March 24 to voice their concerns about gun violence and mass shootings and how it impacts them. Anyone who wants to be supportive of this effort is encouraged to march with them. Details will be available soon.

Newsletter deadline for April is March 28th. Email information to office@northminsterchatt.org.



to the family and friends of
Bonnie Wells Brandon
Betty Calloway
David Royston
Robin Velba
King White

In our prayers . . .

- Lonnie and Andrea McCalister
- Those who are victims and all impacted by the mass school shooting in Parkland, FL
- Romeo Tinaya (Mariko's dad)
- Those suffering from mental illnesses
- Mariko Tinaya's Aunt Lita who is improving
- Asher Giddings having difficulties at school
- Courtney Brown's Aunt Linda with a broken shoulder
- Ellis Robinson with cancer issues (Luther Shockley's cousin)
- Thanksgiving for the safe return of Akira Sariah Green who was missing for 3 days
- John McAlister recovering from heart surgery at Vanderbilt
- Randy Lesler fighting against the many complications from his radiation and infections (Rachel Lesler's dad)
- Mike Stocker's sister Susan with Heart problems
- Dana Feldman recovering from shoulder surgery and beginning therapy
- Family and friends of Betty Calloway upon her death
- John Burgess having back surgery
- Traci and Liane Jackson as they walk the journey of becoming part of this church community
- Thom who has a new diagnosis of terminal cancer (friend of Susanne Burgess)
- Joe Spurlock at Vanderbilt for a stem cell transplant
- Gabe Nutt having tests (Nancy Brannan's nephew)
- Jo McGarvey
- Jean Thomas who fell and reinjured a previously cracked rib (friend of Martha Cartwright)
- Congratulations to Kate Stulce who was recently ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ
- Chris Henry recovering from eye surgery
- Congratulations to Bill and Sara McDonald on their 56th wedding anniversary
- 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; those dealing with infertility and pregnancy loss; citizens in the midst of fighting around the world
- Those dealing with cancer and treatments: Angelina; Jario Barboza; Betty; Amber Blair; Michele Bostick; Drew Braddock; Amal Brown; John Butler; Risa Carroll; Patti Carter; Tommy Cash; Jill Cavan; Trish Cooper; Randy Deacon; Curt Demming; Drew; Christy Edmundson; Emmeline; Kathleen G.; Kevin George; Kristen Hayes; Jack Holley; Anita Johnson; Jackie James; John; Josiah; George Kilgore; David Kyle; Linda Lundy; Bette Malone; Jane Meek; Mike S.; Gracie Moore; James Panky; Art Paul; Pat Ramsey; Grier Richards; **Alyssa Rivers**; Jim Scolet; Gail Sissom; Sissy Skipper; Mark Steele; Steve; Kathy Sykes; Linda Wheeler; Emily Wilson; Bill Younger
- Continuing prayers: John, Emily and Ginny Barr; **Barbara Becker**; Griffin Carpenter; Connie Condra; Andy Coradini; Sydney Craven; Jake Fulmer; Forest Gentry; Alice Gilreath; Hannah Grant; Lucy Hardin; Ray and Erica Hauer; Steve Heron; Justin Hunt; Wanda Hunt; Paul Hyde; Zach Jenkins; Martine Kendall; Rachel McDonald; Mercy Junction; Gene and Beverly Norris; Fredrick Pinkard; Gene Sirard; Sue and King White; Rob and Jean Williamson; the Woodmore school and community; Austin Young
- Homebound: Barbara Lesley; Margie McCalister; Martha Russell