



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**APRIL
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.



Sunday, April 1	9:45	No Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
Monday, April 2	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, April 3	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
		Impact Seventh Day Adventist church (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, April 4	7:00	Choir Rehearsal (every Wednesday)
Saturday, April 7		Impact SDA Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, April 8	9:45	Sunday School (every Sunday)
Monday, April 9	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
Tuesday, April 10	6:00	Session meeting
Saturday, April 14	6:30	Hope House 50 th Anniversary Gala
Monday, April 16	6:30	Kevin Brown's book reading and reception
Wednesday, April 25		Newsletter deadline
Sunday, April 29	11:00	5 th Sunday Testimonies and Pot Luck lunch

Those Serving

Ushers and Communion Prep: Bill and Sara McDonald

Communion Servers: Barbara Becker, Kevin Brown, Bill McDonald, Susan Martin

	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>
Liturgist	S.Martin	L.Shockley	T.Miller	R.Lesler	N.Boaz
Fellowship	Easter Breads	Shockley	K/C Brown	Boran	Pot Luck Luncheon

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



April 1 Aprille Quinn
April 2 Jaime Butler
April 4 Nancy Brannan
April 10 Michael Henry
April 21 Martha Cartwright
April 27 Barbara Lesley



Session Notes

- Four people were received as members: Susanne Burgess, Liane and Traci Jackson, and Rachel Lesler.
- Planning continues for summer mission projects..
- Plans are underway for a hike to Lula Lake and the Lookouts game on July 6.
- Nursery and adjoining room are to be cleaned and refurbished to accommodate the increasing number of infants and small children.
- The roof on the older part of the building is to be replaced.
- Spring house meetings, similar to those last fall, will be held in April and May.
- Ministry Teams will now be known as Welcoming, Renewing, Partnering, and Administration and Finance, to reflect the narrative budget adopted for this year.

We will be having Spring House meetings to provide another opportunity for fellowship and to talk more about the mission and ministry of Northminster. You should be getting information soon by email about your group site and date.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Rachel Lesler

How do you spend your time? I am a Writing Consultant at Chattanooga State Community College, and I also do freelance writing/marketing work on the side.

Hobbies? My hobbies are reading novels, listening to political podcasts, and cooking and baking for friends.

Interesting fact about you? I lived in London for a year while studying for my M.A. degree.

What excites you about Northminster?

Northminster excites me because of its feeling of expectant and community-focused change.

Susanne Burgess

Family: John Burgess, and daughter Abigail (a junior at UTC)

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How do you spend your time? I teach music education at Lee University.

Hobbies? baking, sewing, and reading detective novels

Interesting fact? I was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California and have lived in Tennessee for over 30 years. But I still think of myself as a California girl.

What excites you about Northminster? I love the way Northminster honors its legacy and looks forward all at the same time.

Traci and Liane Jackson

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(Liane) 423-718-6365, Lijackson333@gmail.com

How do you spend your time?

(Traci) working at Harbor Freight

(Liane) Consultants in Pain Mgmt

Hobbies?

(Traci) reading, DIY projects, gardening
(Liane) I love to read, photography, yardwork, playing with grandson when he's home.

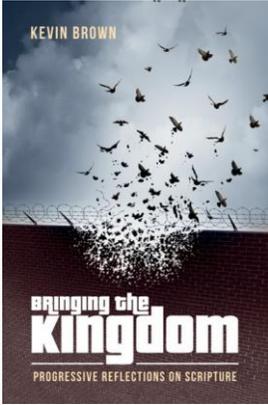
Interesting fact?

(Traci) I'm an amateur history buff.

What excites you about Northminster?

(Traci) Northminster's genuine caring is what excites me about the church. Caring about its members, their families, visitors, and the entire community. It shows every time we gather.

(Liane) Northminster is so welcoming and genuine. It has felt like home from my first visit. Excited to see where I fit in with this wonderful congregation.



BOOK READING

We are excited to host a book reading for Kevin Brown's latest book on April 16th at 6:30 PM. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Thank you for all who have signed up to host fellowship through the month of April. Fellowship on April 29th will be the first Pot Luck Luncheon of 2018! The Welcoming Ministry will host the event. All you need to do is bring a dish or two to share, and come enjoy a time to nurture not just your tummy but your soul. Paper products and beverages will be provided.

However, the fellowship sign-up is empty for the remaining months! It's simple....offer a sweet and a salty maybe fresh fruit, and we will provide the rest. Does not have to be fancy....present as you like.



2018 Financial Summary

Annual Budgeted Giving - \$137,152.00
Received for March - \$7,360.76
Total Received (Year-to-Date) - \$40,971.97



... "for your continued support and financial contribution to the Center. Your help makes it possible for the children we serve to have a nurturing and safe environment in which to thrive in what is often a challenging and ever-changing home life."

-Sue Steele,
Board member of Newton Child Development Center

...to Lynne Shockely for leading a meaningful and creative Lenten prayer series!

...for the over \$400.00 donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing annual offering. Your gifts will help loose the bonds of injustice, share bread with the hungry, and restore streets where we live.

...to the MANY people who helped clean and refurbish the infant/toddler and young children's rooms off the Fellowship Hall. New toys and new arrangements of space will allow our youngest to continue to grow and thrive in our church environment.

Welcome Home to Hope



THE GRANFALLOON
400 E MAIN ST #120 | CHATTANOOGA, TN

SATURDAY APRIL 14	HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES SILENT AUCTION CASH BAR	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
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The Partnering Ministry has purchased a table at the event. If you are interested in one of those seats at the "pay-what-you-can" rate, please contact Laura. Or you can purchase tickets at www.hopeutc.org



Fall Conference at Montreat **October 26-27**

Your faith is changing, and everything else seems to be changing with it—your relationships, your views on justice and social issues, your experience with the Church, your very identity.

Evolving Faith is a gathering of kindred spirits, an opportunity to learn, wrestle, worship, laugh and commiserate as we navigate this journey through the Wilderness together.

Curated by Rachel Held Evans and Sarah Bessey and hosted at the beautiful Montreat Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina, Evolving Faith features a robust diversity of speakers leading conversations around everything from the Bible, to parenting, to politics, to racial justice, to art and science.

So come as you are! Doubters and dreamers are welcome. Parents and singles are welcome. (Note: We offer childcare.) Pastors and church drop-outs, LGBTQ friends and Bible nerds, post-evangelicals and “happy-clappy” Pentecostals—all are welcome to the Table.

We hope you will leave feeling a little more inspired and a little less alone.

There may be a group from Northminster going to this event. If you are interested, let Laura know by April 15th.

Community Happenings



Visit

<http://www.chattanoogaautismcenter.org/golf>
for more details.



Low Country Boil 2018

April 26, 2018 at Miller Plaza from 5:30-8pm.

One of FPGC's largest annual fundraisers, this event is designed to spread awareness about homelessness for families in our community. All who attend will be served a Low Country Boil meal of shrimp, corn, sausage, and potatoes provided by The Feed Co, listen to live music by Amber Fults, hear from staff, and watch a brief video message from a few of our graduated clients.

There will be shrimp free portions for any guests who may have a shellfish allergy If you prefer a shrimp free portion please email us at cary.fpg@epbf.com to let us know! Find out more at <https://www.familypromisechattanooga.com/>

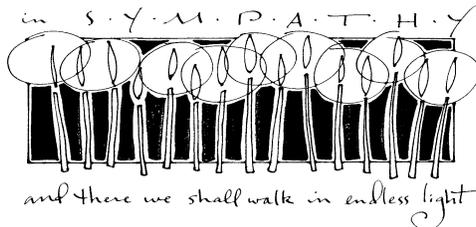
2018 Meals on Wheels Yard Sale
Saturday, May 5th. 8:00 am Till
Sponsored by Doris Cooper
Crooked Creek Subdivision
7995 Bridle Brook Ct.
Ooltewah, TN

We are looking for donations to sell. Look in your garage, basement, and storage and find things you haven't used yet and can now give up. We all have those kinds of items, right? If you have clothes to donate we are asking that they are in good condition or next to new. If you can't get the donations to me I will gladly pick them up. We will have coffee and snacks available to buy. Come out and join us, it's always fun.

All money, (100%) is donated to the local Meals on Wheels Program. We can make a difference. You can make a difference.

Election Day – May 1
Chattanooga/Hamilton County Primary
Northminster is the polling site for Lake Hills.

Newsletter deadline for May is April 25th. Email information to office@northminsterchatt.org.



to the family and friends of
Frances Cobb
Martine Kendall
Lee University student
Joe Spurlock

In our prayers . . .

- For young people making their voices heard about gun violence
- Nancy Brannan recovering and starting rehab on her broken elbow
- Margie McCalister soon going to a rehab facility as she makes slow progress toward recovery from respiratory issues
- Dana Feldman's cousin recovering from surgery at Vanderbilt
- Anna Gibbons and her ongoing health issues
- Courtney Brown finishing her masters degree in Library Science
- Those experiencing sadness over the loss of pets
- Joy for the engagement of Jaime Butler and Monique Brimmer
- Families who have lost their homes due to fire
- Joe and Nancy Tanner on baby watch for their daughter Joy's second child
- Julia Becker and classmates traveling to NYC for a musical theatre trip
- Rev. Henry Paris in Hospice care and for his wife Terry and family
- Sacramento, CA community following the shooting of Stephon Clark
- Debi Harper with blood clots
- Hope House students as they traveled to Ferguson, MO
- Mariko Tinaya's Aunt Lita who is improving
- Asher Giddings having difficulties at school
- Randy Lesler fighting against the many complications from his radiation and infections (Rachel Lesler's dad)
- Dana Feldman continued recovery and therapy for her shoulder following surgery
- John Burgess recovering from back surgery
- Dana, Ron and family upon the death of Dana's mom Martine Kendall
- 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; **Ellis Robinson**; Jim Scolet; Gail Sissom; Sissy Skipper; Mark Steele; Steve; Kathy Sykes; **Thom**; 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; 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; Martha Russell