



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May
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.

Tuesday, May 1		Election Day – Lake Hills precinct
	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, May 2	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 3	6:00	House Meeting at the McDonalds
Friday, May 4	6:00	House Meeting at the Knights
Saturday, May 5		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, May 6	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
	5:00	House Meeting at the Millers
Monday, May 7	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, May 8	6:00	Session meeting
Wednesday, May 9	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 15		Presbytery of E TN at Bethel
Wednesday, May 16	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 18	6:00	House Meeting at the K/C Browns
Sunday, May 20	9:45	Ministry Team meetings
		Receive Pentecost Offering
Friday, May 25		Last day of school for Hamilton County
Sunday, May 27	10:00	Choir Rehearsal
Monday, May 28		Memorial Day – Office Closed
Tuesday, May 29		Newsletter deadline
Wednesday, May 30	6:00	Book Club

Those Serving

Ushers and Communion Prep: Tim and Beth Miller

Communion Servers: Keith Boran, Sheena Boran, Kevin Brown, Neal Martin

	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
Liturgist	S. Boran	K. Brown	K. Boran	Martin
Fellowship	Tinaya	Giddings	R/C Brown	Martin

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



May 8	Rachael Shockley
May 9	Dana Feldman
May 15	Bill McDonald
May 17	Mike Stocker
May 18	Janet Giddings
May 28	Geoff Glenister
June 5	Austin Young
June 6	Beth Glenister
June 7	Doug Giddings
June 16	Giselle Palmer
June 21	Courtney Brown
June 21	Alice Gilreath
June 23	Sheena Boran
June 26	Anna Dupree
June 29	Elizabeth Spivey

Session Notes

- Annual review of membership was discussed.
- Book Club will resume in May with reading *Always with Us?: What Jesus Really Said About the Poor*.
- Administration and Finance Ministry held a committee workday on April 5 with emphasis on the Nursery and Rainbow Room.
- New items were added to the list for the Capital Campaign. Information to be shared at spring house meetings.
- Approved proceeding with a Capital Campaign.

Newsletter deadline for June/July is May 29th. Email information to office@northminsterchatt.org

**Sunday, May 20 - 9:45 a.m.
Ministry Teams Meet**



Northminster at the Lookouts

July 6th 7:15 PM

Fireworks to follow.

16 tickets available on 3rd base side
(no sun in eyes!)

\$9 each See Joe Tanner.

Adult Sunday School Class

May 6 and 13 – 2-week study of Ruth
 May 20 – no class (ministry teams meet)
 May 27 – no class (Memorial Day weekend)
 June 3 – Keith Boran begins class on theology of church signs



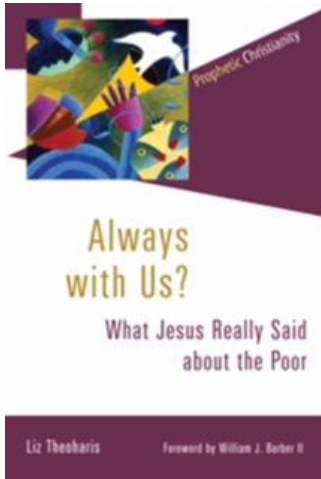
2018 Giving Summary

Annual Estimate of Giving - \$137,152.00

Total Received (Year-to-Date) - \$53,608.66



Courtney Brown invites the church to celebrate her graduation with her Masters degree in Library Science.
 May 11
 7-9 p.m.
 The Gallery – Chattanooga
 3918 Dayton Blvd.



May Book Club
Wed., May 30, 6:00 p.m. in the Library
(bring your own dinner at 5:30 if you'd like)

We will read and discuss *Always with Us?* By Liz Theoharis

Jesus's words "the poor you will always have with you" (Matthew 26:11) are regularly used to suggest that ending poverty is impossible, that poverty is a result of moral failures, and that the poor themselves have no role in changing their situation. In this book Liz Theoharis examines both the biblical text and the lived reality of the poor to show how that passage is taken out of context, distorted, and politicized to justify theories about the inevitability of inequality.

Theoharis reinterprets "the poor you will always have with you" to show that it is actually one of the strongest biblical mandates to end poverty. She documents stories of poor people themselves organizing to improve their lot and illuminates the implications for the church. Poverty is not inevitable, Theoharis argues. It is a systemic sin, and all Christians have a responsibility to partner with the poor to end poverty once and for all.

If you would like the church to order you a copy of the book, let Laura know by noon on Thursday, May 3.

Category	Percentage
Congregations keep for local ministries with children at risk	40%
Ministries with Youth	25%
Young Adult Volunteers	25%

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, we celebrate the gift of the Holy spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come – *children, youth, and young adults*.

As seen in the graph above, 40% of Northminster's offering will go to a local organization that is working in the spirit of the Pentecost Offering. This year the Renaissance Day Camp will receive our gift. Renaissance Day camp is a free summer program for rising 1st-6th graders in the Chattanooga area. The sessions are June 4-8, June 11-15, and June 18-22 from 9:00AM-3:00PM at Renaissance Presbyterian Church. There will be craft activities, games, and field trips! Volunteers are needed. Go to the website to sign up to help: <https://www.renaissancedaycamp.org/>

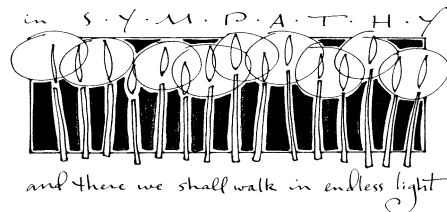


“Thanks so much for allowing me to use the church building for my book reading, but also for the amazing support you give me. Writing is a solitary pursuit, so it was great to share some of that work in a community that means so much to me. Thank you for all you do.” -Kevin Brown

. . . . to Joe Tanner, Susanne Burgess, Kevin Brown, and Susan Martin for sharing their favorite hymn with the congregation during 5th Sunday testimonies.

. . . . to the Welcome Ministry team for hosting the first 5th Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon. Good food abounded!

. . . . to Neal and Susan Martin, Bill and Sara McDonald, Tom and Judy Knight, Tim and Beth Miller, and Kevin and Courtney Brown for hosting the Spring House Meetings.



to the family and friends of
Shasta Bode-Brown
Tim Daniels
Florence Nelson
Rev. Henry Paris
Kevin Whitlock

Memorial Gifts

in memory of

Martine Kendall

from

Jay Banasiak

Nancy Brannan

Kevin and Courtney Brown

Doug and Janet Giddings

Jim and Maggie Henry

Neal and Susan Martin

Aprille Quinn

Dale and Mary Robertson

Mike and Diane Stocker

If you have any updates on a person or situation on our prayer list, please email the church office at office@northminsterchatt.org

In our prayers . . .

- For young people making their voices heard about gun violence
 - Margie McCalister making slow progress
 - Congratulations to Courtney Brown on passing her comps
 - Joy for Joe and Nancy Tanner and their daughter upon the birth of a healthy boy
 - Rachael Shockley recovering from surgery for kidney stones
 - Gayle Hentz having heart procedures
 - Family and friends of Kevin Whitlock upon his death in a hit and run accident
 - Traci Jackson recovering from an emergency appendectomy
 - Molly DeBlois recovering at home from double knee surgery
 - Thanksgiving for Andrea McCalister entering her third year of recovery
 - Children in foster care
 - Unspoken prayers
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- 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; 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; **Randy Lesler**; 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; **Asher Giddings**; 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