



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**AUGUST
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.

Monday, August 6	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, August 7	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, August 8		Hamilton County first day of school
Saturday, August 11		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, August 12	9:45	Ministry Teams
	10:00	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
Tuesday, August 14	6:00	Session
Saturday, August 18		Presbytery of East TN at Korean, Knoxville
Sunday, August 19	9:45	Adult Sunday School resumes
	11:00	Blessing of the Backpacks

Looking Ahead: Outdoor worship/fellowship on September 2nd

Those Serving in August

Usher: Nancy Brannan

	<u>August 12</u>	<u>August 19</u>	<u>August 26</u>
Liturgist	Traci Jackson	Keith Boran	Kevin Brown
Fellowship	R/C Brown	Miller	Carpenter

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



The adult Sunday class will spend about eight weeks looking at misunderstandings surrounding the book of Revelation. This book has spawned books, movies, sermons, and more, almost all of which misread the book. We'll examine those mis-readings and how they came to be, while also looking at what the book would have meant to the readers at the time and what it can still say to us in the twenty-first century. We hope you'll join us in this conversation in the Library at 9:45 AM beginning August 19th.

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

9:45 AM – August 12th

Partnering – Community Room (across from Laura's office)

Renewing – Library

Welcoming – Church Office

Join in as plans are made for the rest of the year.



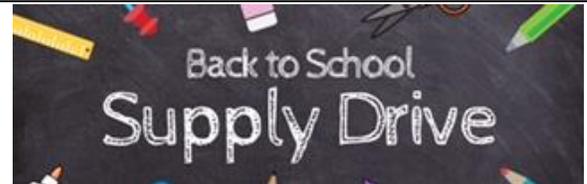
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

During worship, we will pray for our students and teachers as they begin the new school year. All students are encouraged to bring their back pack and teachers are invited to bring some symbol of their work for receiving our blessings.



Budgeted pledged and non-pledged income for 2018: **\$137,152.00**

TOTAL pledged and non-pledged income received as of July 31st: **\$83,688.00**



Once again we are collecting hygiene and cleaning supplies for Lakeside Academy. Suggested items to bring are: **hand sanitizer, boxes of tissues, Clorox wipes, and paper towels.** Place your donations in the school bus in the narthex during the month of August.



Session Notes

- Brunch church was a big success.
- Johan Santana will be guest accompanist on Allie's 10th Anniversary celebration July 8th.
- Revitalization areas in the church building continues as part of the Capital Campaign.
- Courtney Brown will chair the annual church Christmas dinner/auction.
- Capital Campaign exceeded its goal!
- Kevin Brown will be responsible for the completion of a new church directory.



Grateful to Kevin Brown for coordinating the update to our church directory. We hope to have copies available early this fall. If you have not yet given him a picture or updated information, please email Kevin at kevin.r.brown@comcast.net.

THANK YOU

...to all who prepared/purchased food for Brunch Church.

...for Ryan Brown, Keith and Sheena Boran, Laura Becker, Allie Stafford, Lorne Conn, Anna Dupree, and Liane Jackson, who made up the Northminster team on clean-up day at Brainerd High School.

...to the talented members and friends who made the first Talent Show a fun time and to the cooks who donated desserts for auction.

...to the outstanding folks who won auction bids and/or donated to our total of \$661.00 for the Montreat Youth Fund.

...to Rev. Jay Banasiak, Tim Miller, and Kevin Brown for preaching while Laura was at General Assembly and on vacation.

...to Bill McDonald for overseeing all of the Capital Campaign renovations.

...to Jay Banasiak for attacking the stinging insects who wanted to live inside the church building.

...to Courtney Brown, Traci Jackson, Ryan Brown, and Tim Miller for sharing their fifth Sunday testimony on food and hospitality in their life.

...to the Partnering Ministry for hosting the Pot Luck luncheon.

...to Sandy Winter for the art work that is now hanging in the Frances Room.

Information on our newest members will be available in the September newsletter.



Allie Stafford	August 2
Nancy Tanner	August 3
Sara McDonald	August 9
Griffin Carpenter	August 12
Steven Kolderup	August 14
Ryan Brown	August 25
Joel Becker	August 26
Rowan Spivey	August 30



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LIFT EVERY VOICE

June 3- August 4, 2018

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Montreat Youth Conference 2018

Our youth had a wonderful week at Montreat learning about discerning God's voice, lifting our voices, and listening for the voices of those who have been silenced. We joined with another back home group from Iowa for the week and enjoyed making new friends. Thanks for your support!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Laura had a wonderful experience serving as a commissioner to the denomination's General Assembly in St. Louis earlier this summer. Here are a few summaries of actions taken at the assembly:



Church Leadership: In one of the closest elections in years, Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri (Presbytery of Tropical Florida) and the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann (Presbyteries of Boston and Northern New England) were elected Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly (2018).

Fossil Fuel Divestment: By a vote of 332-178, the assembly voted in favor of a minority report that called for the PC(USA) to continue its corporate engagement with fossil fuel companies—through its Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee—rather than divest from those companies.

Israel-Palestine/Middle East: Among its actions, the assembly:

- Asked RE/MAX, LLC, to end its sale and rental of property on occupied, disputed land in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.
- Voiced support for all efforts to bring Palestinians and Israelis together peacefully.
- Asked the state of Israel to fully comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in order to stop discriminatory practices and called on the U.S. government to rejoin the United Nations Human Rights Council.
- Condemned the recent violence along the border between Israel and Gaza.

Per Capita: The assembly approved a 2019 General Assembly per capita apportionment of \$8.95 per member—an increase of \$1.25 (or 15.8 percent) per member over 2018.

The Way Forward: By a vote of 474-47, the assembly overwhelmingly approved the report of The Way Forward Commission, which was created by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) “to discern the vision for structure and function of our denomination.”

Racism/Poverty/Violence: The assembly engaged in various acts of public witness that sought to engage issues of racism, poverty, and violence in St. Louis under the umbrella of Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II's, Hands and Feet initiative. The offering from the opening worship service raised more than \$54,000, which after a dramatic march by nearly 1,000 assembly-goers from America's Center to the City Justice Center on Tuesday afternoon, was given to ArchDefenders, a faith-based group that bails low-level offenders out of jail. Nearly three dozen people, victims of St. Louis' draconian cash bail system, were released from custody with the money. In its actions, the assembly:

- Initiated the process of possibly including Martin Luther King Jr.'s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” in the *Book of Confessions*.
- Strongly condemned “the unjust, racist disparagement of people and entire nations” and committed the PC(USA) to “a collective effort to solve the real problems facing our nation and the world.”
- Called for an immediate moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty and for the commutation of all death sentences to sentences of life imprisonment.
- Authorized a five-member task group with a black women majority to raise awareness of issues adversely affecting black girls and women in society and the church, and to develop action plans to address those issues.
- Affirmed and celebrated the “full dignity and humanity” and gifts of people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Immigration: Following on statements issued by General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II, the assembly called upon the federal government to end family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border, to immediately reunite parents with their children, to inform every parent where their children are being held and their condition, to stop using separation of children from their parents as a tactic to force criminal confessions; and called upon Presbyterians to support immigrant families, particularly parents and their separated children in any ways they can. The assembly also addressed war, violence, and human rights in Central America (particularly Nicaragua), South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Madagascar, and the Korean Peninsula.

Gun Violence: The assembly reaffirmed previous General Assembly policies designed to reduce gun violence, called all Presbyterians to pray for a movement of the Spirit to engage Presbyterians in nationwide actions to prevent gun violence, and urged them to create opportunities to study the issue of gun violence, with an emphasis on resources produced by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.



**Hope House Volunteer Needs for Welcome Weeks
(Let Laura know if you can help.)**

Thursday, Aug. 16, 6:30pm-8:30pm *Winner Winner Freshpeople Dinner*
2-3 volunteers to help in the kitchen. Last year we served close to 90 students.
Come before and stay after to help.

Saturday, Aug. 18, 10am-2pm *Hope Hike at The Blue Hole*
3 volunteers to help carpooling students and leading the hikes.

Someone will meet you at the house with the students.

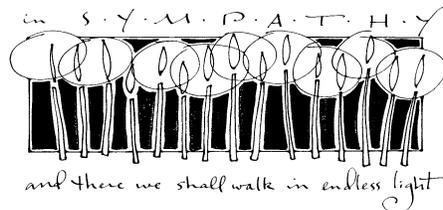
Wednesday, Aug. 22, 4:00pm-6:00pm *Reading Program at Renaissance*
2 volunteers: 1 point person and a driver. Students meet at Hope at 4:00pm to carpool to Renaissance.

Thursday, Aug. 23, 4:00pm-6:00pm *Reading Program at Renaissance*
2 volunteers: 1 point person and a driver. Students meet at Hope at 4:00pm to carpool to Renaissance.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 9am-1:00pm *Hope Hike at Lula Lake Land Trust*
2 volunteers, as back-up to the interns, to help carpool students. Someone will meet you at the house with the students. Becca Sadowitz (alum) has agreed to lead this hike, and interns should be available to help.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 4:00pm-6:00pm *Reading Program at Renaissance*
2 volunteers: 1 point person and a driver. Students meet at Hope at 4:00pm to carpool to Renaissance.

Thursday, Aug. 30, 4:00pm-6:00pm *Reading Program at Renaissance*
2 volunteers: 1 point person and a driver. Students meet at Hope at 4:00pm to carpool to Renaissance.



to the family and friends of

John Franklin, Sr.

John Preston

James Richmond

Sarah Rhoads

Luther Robinson

Stephani Shipley

Bobby Stone

Chandler Wallace

In our prayers . . .

- Family and friends of Bobby Stone upon his unexpected death
- Fires in CA
- Yolanda to recently passed an exam to gain teacher certification in TX
- Anna Gibbons
- Madeline, great niece of the Feldman's, who had hip surgery
- Neal Martin having an MRI for severe hearing loss
- The Glenister children attending public school for the first time after having been home schooled
- Beth Glenister's mom who has custody of two granddaughters who both have Tourette's syndrome
- Terra
- Courtney Brown's mother
- Bryan Thurman diagnosed with MS Jack and Linda Boran traveling
- Audrey Carpenter and Elizabeth Spivey's friend whose daughter died
- First Church, Cleveland, calling a new pastor
- Parents and children being reunited and other problems facing immigrants and border crossings
- Anna Gibbons' friend very ill in a hospital in MD
- Jane Meek recovering from hopefully her last surgery
- Fires in Greece
- Skip Brannan
- Dale Robertson's mother Jean, who is recovering from hip surgery
- Abby and Asher
- Stephani Cerday diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Michael Henry's move to a new home and his passionate run for school board
- Shannon Grant serving with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica
- Allie Stafford for sharing her gifts of music with us for the last ten years
- Jean who fell and broke several ribs
- Rachel Tinaya's sister who welcomed a new foster child into their family
- Mildred's healing of her neuropathy to return to mobility
- Mariko Tinaya's grandmother in a nursing facility and dealing with heart issues
- Chris Henry having eye issues
- Mike Stocker recovering well from elbow surgery following a fall
- Joy for Ross Martin's ninth birthday
- Rachel Lesler's move to Chattanooga and changes in job status including teaching at Chattanooga State
- Alice Gilreath dealing with reoccurring sinus problems
- Barbara Becker recovering from diverticulitis
- Romeo Tinaya released from the hospital but continuing to have renal issues
- 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; 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; Griffin Carpenter; Connie Condra; Andy Coradini; Sydney Craven; Jake Fulmer; Forest Gentry; Hannah Grant; Lucy Hardin; Ray and Erica Hauer; Steve Heron; Paul Hyde; Zach Jenkins; Rachel McDonald; Gene and Beverly Norris; Fredrick Pinkard; Gene Sirard; Sue and King White; Austin Young
- Homebound: Barbara Lesley; Martha Russell