



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SEPTEMBER  
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, September 4	11:00	Serve lunch at Hope House
	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, September 5	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 8		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, September 9	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
Monday, September 10	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, September 11	6:00	Session meeting
Tuesday, September 18	11:00	Serve lunch at Hope House
Wednesday, September 19	5:30	Soup and Bread (every Wednesday)
	6:00	Conversation (every Wednesday)
Wednesday, September 19-22		Laura at Montreat for Company of New Pastors Retreat
Monday, September 24		Deadline for October newsletter
Wednesday, September 26	12:00	NPC Hosting Chattanooga PCUSA Pastors' Lunch
Sunday, September 30	9:45	Ministry Team meetings
	11:00	Brunch Church hosted by Renewing Ministry team

**Looking Ahead:** Peacemaking Offering will be received on October 7<sup>th</sup> (World Communion Sunday)  
Hamilton County Fall Break October 8-12

### Those Serving in September Ushers: Ron and Dana Feldman

	<u>September 9</u>	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
<b>Liturgist</b>	S. Burgess	S. Boran	R. Lesler	M. Tinaya
<b>Fellowship</b>	Stocker	K/C Brown	Giddings	Brunch Church

### 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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**Adult Sunday School  
Library, 9:45 a.m.**

The adult Sunday class continues to explore 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.



**Children's Sunday School  
Rainbow Room**

The children's class is exploring Bible stories that exhibit God's love through "An Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God". If any families want the take-home devotional companion and did not get a copy yet, let Laura know.

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS**

September 30 -- 9:45 AM

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

Renewing – Library

Welcoming – Church Office

Administration and Finance – Frances Room

*New members welcome on any team.*



Our next  
**Brunch Church**  
will be Sunday,  
September 30,  
11am.



**Dinner 5:30, Conversation 6:00  
Meet in the Library**

On Wednesday nights in September and October, we will be having critical conversations about important issues in our world today. As with the conversations we had a year and a half ago, there won't be any agenda or program, just a chance for people to talk about a variety of issues. We want people to be comfortable to share their thoughts, to question, doubt, explore, and discover together.

*Child care is provided.*

Here are the topics we'll discuss:

- Sept. 19: Money
- Sept. 26: Gun Violence
- Oct. 3: The Changing Face of America
- Oct. 10: Sex
- Oct. 17: Gender and Identity
- Oct. 24: What Does Family Look Like?

***If you would like to volunteer to bring soup and/or bread, see the sign-up sheet outside the Library.***



Sunday, September 9, we begin a new season of the Narrative Lectionary, which is a four-year cycle of biblical readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

**Here are the texts for September:**

- September 9: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 (Noah, the flood, and the promise of the rainbow)
- September 16: Genesis 12:1-9 (Call of Abraham, promise of land, descendants)
- September 23: Genesis 39:1-23 (Joseph is unjustly put in prison)
- September 30: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 (The sea parts at the exodus; God's deliverance)

**Worship Note for Families:** We are reprising our “Time for the Child in Us All” in a new way. You are invited and encouraged to bring your little ones to the sanctuary for the start of worship. Right before the passing of the peace, we will have a reading from the children’s story Bible. You can walk with them up the front, so they can see and hear the story better. Then, anyone who wishes for their younger kiddos to be in the nursery for the remainder of the service can take them to the nursery during the passing of the peace.

THANK YOU

....to everyone who donated supplies for Lakeside Academy

....to everyone who donated desserts for Hope House and helped serve lunch this month

....to Tom Knight for keeping the recycles taken to the recycle center



Dale Robertson	September 21
Catherine Brown	September 25
Katie Powers	September 26
Evan Pell	September 28
Margie McCalister	September 28
Pat Huddleston	September 28



## Meet our Newest Members

Susanne and Meghan Hopkins  
Maggie, Salem, and Ciaran

### How do you spend your free time?

*Chasing our kids, mostly! As a family, we enjoy going to farmer's markets, cultural events, bookstores, splash pads/swimming pools, children's museums, and Target! The adults enjoy writing fiction, reading, collecting coffee mugs, and listening to true crime podcasts. The children enjoy playing outside, books, "cooking" in their play kitchen, and watching Peppa Pig.*

### What are your hobbies?

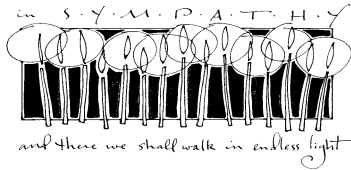
*Photography, drinking coffee, getting out of the house, and a variety of crafts!*

### What is an interesting fact about you we may not know?

*We met on a Harry Potter fansite. We also are working on a young adult book and hope to pursue traditional publication next year.*

### What excites you about Northminster?

*The focus on social justice, inclusivity, and helping those in need! Northminster seems to really have a view of what Jesus wanted the church (globally) to do in his name, and we are excited to find ways to plus in and become part of that!*



to the family and friends of

*Skip Brannan*

*John Jones*

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 . . .

- Fires in CA - for those lives and property lost
  - Anna Gibbons
  - Mike Stocker continuing to recover
  - Victims of shootings
  - Excitement of students and teachers for the new school year
  - Congratulations to Barbara Lesley's granddaughter Tori upon her recent wedding
  - Family and friend of Laura's continuing to struggle with the aftermath of a car accident
  - Mary Robertson recovering well from foot and toe surgery
  - Ben
  - Students who are struggling
  - Beth Glenister's dad undergoing testing for cancer
  - Grayson recovering from brain surgery (grandson of Lonnie and Andrea McCalister)
  - Family and friends of the literacy coach at Giselle Palmer's school, whose mother died unexpectedly
  - Rachel Lesler's family and parents with health issues
  - Victims and those affected by the suicide bombing in Afghanistan
  - Tim Miller's niece Lauren in basic training
  - Mariko Tinaya's grandmother
  - Nikki Boaz's staff member whose mother died unexpectedly
  - Abby and Asher who have moved in short-term with Traci and Liane Jackson (Liane's daughter and grandson)
  - Jean
  - Michael Henry for his passion for public office and Hamilton County Schools
  - Beth Glenister's mom who has custody of Beth's two nieces, who both have Tourette's
  - Rachel Lesler's recent hiring to teach at Chattanooga State
  - 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; Stephani Cerday; 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
  - Homebased: Barbara Lesley; Margie McCalister; Martha Russell