



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**OCTOBER  
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, October 1	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, October 2	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
	7:00	Inter-faith Pride Service at Pilgrim Congregational
Wednesday, October 3	5:30	Soup and Bread (every Wednesday)
	6:00	Conversation (every Wednesday)
	6:00	Choir Rehearsal (every Wednesday)
Saturday, October 6		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, October 7	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
		Receive Peace and Global Witness Offering
		Guests from Metropolitan Ministries
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
		Laura on Continuing Education following worship through October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, October 16	6:00	Session
Thursday, October 18	6:30	Community Bail Bond meeting at 1 <sup>st</sup> Centenary UMC
Saturday, October 20	9 – 3	Contemplative Justice Workshop at St. Paul's
Friday, October 26		Pasta making at Terry Paris' home
Saturday, October 27	12 – 3	Paths to Peace (Pies for Peace)

### Those Serving in October

**Ushers:** Keelan and Aubree Carpenter

	<u>October 7</u>	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
<b>Liturgist</b>	N. Boaz	S. Martin	Lynne S.	K. Brown
<b>Fellowship</b>	Lesler	Tinaya/Spivey	Becker	Miller

### 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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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT NPC



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

The adult Sunday class continues to explore misunderstandings surrounding the book of Revelation. Discussion centers around 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.

Join us for this conversation.



### Children's Sunday School Rainbow Room

The children's class continues to explore Bible stories that exhibit God's love through "An Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God".

## Pasta Making Party Friday, Oct 26, 6:30 pm

Terry Paris, Director of Hospitality and chef extraordinaire at the Hope House has offered to host a pasta making dinner party for us at her home. She will provide all we need to make the pasta. We just need to bring salad, appetizers, desserts, and drinks.

*Child care will be provided.*

Space is limited to 20.

Sign up with Laura.



### October

Diane Stocker	4
Jean Brooks	15
Andrea McCalister	15
Tom Knight	16
Julia Becker	22
Susanne Burgess	23
Mariko Tinaya	25
Jay Banasiak	29
Monique Brimmer	30

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

On Wednesday nights in October, we will be having critical conversations about important issues in our world today... 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:

- 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 signup sheet outside the Library.***



Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

### Here are the texts for October:

- October 7: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 (covenant and commandments)
- October 14: Joshua 24:1-15 (Joshua renews a covenant)
- October 21: 2 Samuel 11 and 12 (David and Bathsheba)
- October 28: 1 Kings 3:4-9, 16-28 (Solomon's wisdom)



**October 7<sup>th</sup> World Communion and Peace and Global Witness Offering Sunday**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

**Northminster's local portion this year will be given to Metropolitan Ministries.**



**MetMin** is a community hub where people come

together in compassion, kindness, and mutual respect to provide needed assistance that prevents homelessness and fosters hopefulness.

We Believe in living out our commitment of faith in service to others; in the intrinsic value of every individual; in responding quickly and without judgement to basic human needs; that volunteering is the heart and soul of our organization, and that poverty is everyone's concern.



**You are invited to hear the PC(USA) International Peacemaker, Rev. Bizimana Nkumbuyinka Jerome, talk about:**

**"Healing the Wounds of Genocide in Rwanda"**

**Sunday, October 7, 2018 4:00 p.m.**

**New Hope Presbyterian Church**

**7301 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga**

Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence.



PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual emotional care and Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts we draw hope out of the chaos.

**The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.**

**GIVE:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to [DR000194](#) which supports the church's response to hurricanes and typhoons around the world. Gifts can be made online, by phone at [\(800\) 872-3283](#), or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

**ACT:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation.

**PRAY:** [read the prayer by PDA director, Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus](#)



Dear Friends of Justice:

CALEB (Chattanooga in Action for Love, Equality, and Benevolence) needs your help in establishing a community bail fund to help people awaiting trial. Sixty percent of the 450,000 people held every day in pretrial detention will eventually be found innocent and *all* of them deserve to be tried before they are punished. However, those who cannot afford bail are effectively **jailed for being poor** before they even appear in a courtroom. In Hamilton County alone there are an average of 40 arrests each day. Our typical neighbor who cannot afford bail will spend **10 days** in jail before they see a judge.

In the United States we take it for granted that the money bail system is the only way to ensure a defendant shows up to court; however, the United States is actually only one of two countries in the world that continues to use this system, along with the Philippines. The cash bail system hurts people awaiting trial in multiple ways. It causes missed work, often leading to loss of employment, thus continuing and deepening the cycle of poverty. Separation from families takes a social and emotional toll, impacting relationships, marriages, and the ability to care for children. Additionally, there are higher rates of conviction and longer sentences for people who can't post bail, which impacts future employability. Statistically, it only takes **three days** in jail to ruin lives.

Our judicial system is built upon the idea of people's being *innocent until proven guilty*; however, the current money bond system results in their being **jailed until proven innocent**, disproportionately punishing racial minorities and people struggling with poverty. CALEB needs your help in reforming this system. Our goal is threefold: to prevent the destruction of defendants' livelihood and the pre-trial separation of families; to reduce the county's rapidly increasing pre-trial detention in the local jail system; and to save taxpayers money. In Hamilton County, it costs \$89 per night to keep a person in jail. At an average stay of 10 days for those who can't afford bail, this system costs taxpayers almost \$900 per person.

In order to make the Hamilton County community bail fund a reality, we need help from you and your organization. We will be hosting a public meeting at **First Centenary United Methodist Church** on **October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss our progress and goals. To make this truly a *community* bail fund, we need your voices and financial support. Please come and listen, learn, and join us as we take this crucial step forward in bringing justice to those who desperately need it. For more information or to RSVP, please contact CALEB at [caleb.chattanooga@gmail.com](mailto:caleb.chattanooga@gmail.com). Thank you for your time.

Your Fellow Chattanoogaans



**Interfaith Pride Service** Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM at Pilgrim Congregational Church  
(Bring light refreshments to share at the reception following the service.)

**Pride Parade** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM downtown

**Pride Festival** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Ross's Landing



You are invited to Contemplative Justice, a workshop at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on October 20th. Whether you're an activist looking for more spiritual grounding, or a person of faith discerning how God might be calling you to serve and connect in the community, this event will provide space to learn, pray, reflect, and grow in the connections of faith and action.

At Contemplative Justice, we will:

- explore practices to strengthen faith and deepen emotional intelligence
- analyze how power, privilege, and oppression work in society
- identify needs and concerns in Chattanooga
- learn how to respond to community or individual crisis with loving presence

This event is free and open to the public. Participants do not have to be Episcopalian or Christian to engage with the spiritual practices in the workshop.

St. Paul's has accessible parking spaces and entry in the back parking lot.

In the morning session, we will have coffee and snacks available. The workshop will break from 12:00 1:00 p.m. for lunch on your own.

Childcare is not available for this event, but youth with a desire to grow in faith and social awareness are encouraged to attend!

Check out the Facebook event for registration

information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/413649519166138/>.



Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Noon to 3 PM  
Chattanooga Theatre Centre/Coolidge Park  
sponsored by the Center for Mindful Living

Northminster is donating five "Pies for Peace" to share at the event. **If you would like to donate a pie, see Rachel Tinaya or Sheena Boran.**

## *Memorial Gifts*

*in memory of*

***Howard Brown***

*Ron and Dana Feldman*

*Neal and Susan Martin*

Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of

*Chip Andrus*

*Howard Brown*

*Alice Crowe*

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 . . .**

- Flooding in the Carolinas
- Anna Gibbons
- Mary Robertson recovering
- Rachel Lesler's family
- Local school communities impacted by tragedy
- Mariko Tinaya's father Romeo Tinaya starting dialysis
- Bill McDonald recovering
- Neighbors of the Giddings in crisis
- Ryan, Catherine, and Nathaniel Brown grieving the loss of Ryan's father Howard Brown
- Communities impacted by the death of Botham Jean
- Jacob moving back to Germany
- Mary who had hip replacement surgery
- Karen diagnosed with cancer
- Emaline Nunley going to Vanderbilt for a trial drug program
- Elizabeth Keely with two surgeries on a broken leg following a fall
- Rachel Tinaya's sister/family giving up a child they have fostered from birth
- First Presbyterian, Cleveland who has called a new pastor
- Children still separated from their parents in the immigration process
- Victims of sexual harassment and assault
- 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