



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**JANUARY
2019**

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, January 1		New Year's Day – Office Closed
Saturday, January 5		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, January 6	9:45	NO Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
Monday, January 7	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study (every Monday)
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, January 8	6:00	Session
	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, January 9	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 11	8:00	Conference on Human Trafficking hosted by 2 nd Life Chattanooga at the Double Tree Hotel
Sunday, January 13	9:45	Sunday School (every Sunday)
	11:00	Recognition of Rev. Laura Becker's 10 th anniversary
	12:00	Reception to honor Laura
Sunday, January 20	12:00	Celebration of new members
		Congregational Meeting
Monday, January 21		Martin Luther King Day of Service
	10:00	GFWC Valamont Woman's Club in the Library
Saturday, January 26	7:30	Bach Choir at Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul
Sunday, January 27	11:00	Ordination and installation of new Elders

Those Serving in January

Usher and Communion Prep: Doug and Janet Giddings

	<u>January 6</u>	<u>January 13</u>	<u>January 20</u>	<u>January 27</u>
Liturgist	Lynne Shockley	Nancy Tanner	Kevin Brown	Traci Jackson
Fellowship	Brannan/Quinn	Reception	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: Ryan Brown (2020); Susanne Burgess (2019); Traci Jackson (2021); Rachel Lesler (2021);
 Bill McDonald (2019); Susan Martin (2020); Tim Miller (2021)

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Online Giving Link

FROM OUR WELCOMING MINISTRY...



January

- 2nd Rachel Tinaya
- 3rd Tim Miller
- 3rd Janice Hiland
- 24th Lonnie McCalister
- 30th Joe Tanner



On January 20th, we will celebrate that Jay and Elaine Stowe were received a members at the

December Session meeting. Join us as we welcome them to the life and ministry of Northminster.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Northminster, speak with Laura.



A BIG thank you to those who signed up to serve as the **weekly fellowship** host in January. From February on is blank....we would love for more to sign up. All you need to provide is a simple snack. Paper products and beverages provided by the church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Library.

Get your favorite month to **usher** now! January through April are claimed, as is August. It's not a hard job, but one so valuable to the life of this congregation! Preparing and cleaning up communion on the first Sunday are part of this job as well. Bread is the only element to provide and not even that every month. Most times you are the first face a visitor sees when they visit.

Stay tuned for improvements taking place in the Narthex, the lobby of the fellowship hall, and Fellowship Hall kitchen as capital improvements resume.

FROM OUR RENEWING MINISTRY...



January 13th, adults will begin a study of the 'How, When, and Why' of the creeds and confessions of the PC(USA). We will begin with a look at our oldest confession, the Apostle's Creed. Then we will move to the church's response to more modern concerns as we discuss the Barmen Declaration and the Belhar Confession. Finally, in response to the General Assembly's call to discern how other voices continue to speak to the church, we will study Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

Our children will learn Bible stories through play, crafts, and story-telling.

The Christmas season ends on January 6th as we celebrate **Epiphany**. As part of ending worship that day, we will remove the



Christmas greens, and each person will have the opportunity to select a star word for the year. It is a star-shaped piece of paper with a word on it. Every person receives a star and is asked to reflect on that word for the coming year to discern how God might be speaking through that simple message.



The Celebration and reception to honor Laura having served as our pastor for 10 years will be on January 13th during the morning worship service and fellowship time to follow. You are invited to share your thoughts and prayers with Laura that day or mail them to the church office.



Ordination and Installation of New Elders will take place on January 27th during

morning worship. Pray for our newest elders Susanne Burgess, Traci Jackson, Rachel Lesler, and Tim Miller and our entire session as they begin the new year together.

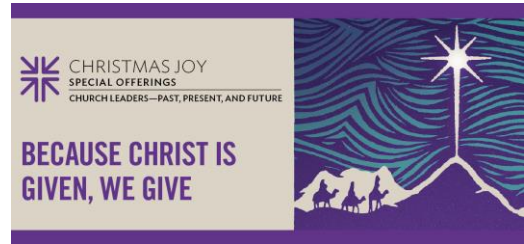


Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

Here are the texts for January:

- January 6: Matthew 2:1-23 – magi visit Jesus
- January 13: Matthew 3:1-17 – Jesus' baptism
- January 20: Matthew 4:1-17 – Jesus' temptation
- January 27: Matthew 5:1-20 - Beatitudes

FROM OUR PARTNERING MINISTRY...



Thanks to all who contributed to the Presbyterian Church's **Christmas Joy Offering**. Your contributions, totaling \$240.00, will help support past, present, and future leaders in our church.

In an effort to continue support for the St. Thaddeus food pantry in our neighborhood, you are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food to Northminster. We will prepare some sacks to give away from here at the church and the remaining food will go to St. Thaddeus for distribution on Saturdays from 2 to 4. See Martha Cartwright if you are interested in volunteering.



FROM ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE



We are grateful for the generosity of this congregation in making our 2019 Stewardship Campaign a success. Session easily approved a balanced budget at their December meeting. It will be presented at the January 20th congregational meeting and as an insert in the February newsletter.

Congregational Meeting

Session has called a brief congregational meeting after worship on January 20th to approve the terms of call for the Pastor and to present the Session-approved 2019 budget.



On Friday, January 11th 2nd Life of Chattanooga will host Gaining Clarity: a Human Trafficking

Conference at the Doubletree Hotel from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No charge to attend. Speakers and break-out sessions are planned. Go to secondlifefn.org for more information.

For their Martin Luther King Day of Service project, GFWC Valamont Woman's Club will meet in the church Library on January 21st at 10 AM to make "Book Buddies" for the children at Newton Child Development Center. Each child will receive a stuffed pillow with a pocket. With additional funding from a grant, each pillow pocket will have an age appropriate book for the child to keep.

Other MLK Day of Service projects are planned around the city. Go to connect.chattanooga.gov to learn more and sign up.

Memorial Gifts

in memory of

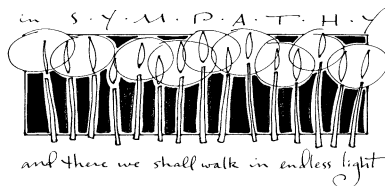
Lonnie Boaz

and

Valerie Lewis

have been received from

Ron and Dana Feldman



Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of

Betty Arnold

Lonnie Boaz

Aunt of Phyllis Boaz

Rev. Ken Carroll

Stella Duffy

Frances Lowe

Paul Stewart

Kimball Williams

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 . . .

- Andrea McCalister's family
 - Betty Stocker feeling much better after getting her A-fib under control
 - Barbara Becker recovering from leg surgeries
 - Jack Boran and his wife Linda as he faces open heart surgery on the 8th; for Sheena and Keith
 - Tim Miller's niece in Marine flight training
 - Thanksgiving for the extraordinary musicians here at Northminster
 - Kathy Showe and her family as she recovers from open heart surgery
 - Brian, Monica, and Ella Alderman as the children they were fostering have returned to their parents
 - Victims of the tsunami in Indonesia
 - Jo
 - Kassidy with knees recovering from surgery and a fall
 - Congregation of St. Andrew's in Raleigh, NC that was vandalized
 - Dana Feldman's life-long friend Donna whose husband Bob died
 - Vicki and Steve Johnson with health issues and prayers for strength for their daughter'
 - Seth and Liz Giddings' twins, Dhanyella and Dhayne, who were baptized on December 20th
 - those traveling during the holidays
 - Asher Giddings struggling
 - Michael Henry's maternal grandparents
 - Meghan Hopkins recovery from hernia surgery and prayers for the family as they are back on the foster care list for placements
 - Bob Brannan recovering from surgery
 - places in our lives, communities, nation, and world in need of healing
 - food pantry at St. Thaddeus
 - Anna Gibbons as her symptoms worsen and choices become more difficult
 - 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; Risa Carroll; Tommy Cash; Jill Cavan; Stephani Cerday; Trish Cooper; Randy Deacon; Curt Demming; Christy Edmundson; Kathleen G.; Kevin George; Kristen Hayes; Jack Holley; Anita Johnson; George Kilgore; David Kyle; Linda Lundy; Bette Malone; Jane Meek; Mike S.; Gracie Moore; Art Paul; Pat Ramsey; Grier Richards; Alyssa Rivers; Ellis Robinson; Jim Scolet; Gail Sissom; Sissy Skipper; Mark Steele; Meredith Vlahos; 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; Ray and Erica Hauer; Steve Heron; Paul Hyde; Zach Jenkins; Rachel McDonald; Gene and Beverly Norris; Fredrick Pinkard; Gene Sirard; Austin Young
 - Homebased: Barbara Lesley; Margie McCalister