



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SEPTEMBER  
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.

Sunday, September 1	11:00	Worship (every Sunday)
	12:00	Fellowship (every Sunday)
Monday, September 2		Labor Day – office closed
		No Lectionary Bible Study
	8:00	AA (every Monday)
Tuesday, September 3	11:00	Serve lunch at Hope House
	7:00	Caduceus (every Tuesday)
Wednesday, September 4	6:00	Choir Rehearsal (every Tuesday)
Thursday, September 5	6:00	GFWC Valamont Woman's Club
Saturday, September 7		Impact Seventh Day Adventist Church (every Saturday)
Sunday, September 8	9:45	Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults
Monday, September 9	12:30	Lectionary Bible Study at the Feldman's (every Monday)
Tuesday, September 10	6:00	Session meeting
Tuesday, September 17	11:00	Serve lunch at Hope House
Sunday, September 29	11:00	Brunch Church (hosted by Administration and Finance Ministry)

## Those Serving in September

	<u>September 1</u>	<u>September 8</u>	<u>September 15</u>	<u>September 22</u>	<u>September 29</u>
<b>Usher:</b>	Martin	Youth	McDonald	Brannan/Denney	Brannan/Denney
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Lesler	Youth	K. Brown	S. Boran	Lynne Shockley
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Tanner	T/B Miller	Feldman	Carpenter	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: 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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**ON-LINE GIVING AVAILABLE. SEE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR THE LINK OR USE QR CODE**

If you are unable to attend church, you don't have to miss out on a wonderful experience that is unique to Northminster. Join us on our Live Stream Link <https://video.nest.com/live/MRfij05Bun>

**FROM OUR WELCOMING MINISTRY...**

Elders: Susan Martin and Ryan Brown



**September**

- 8 Hamp Miller
- 13 Jay Stowe
- 21 Dale Robertson
- 25 Catherine Brown
- 26 Katie Powers
- 28 Margie McCalister
- 28 Pat Huddleston

AS YOU BEGIN TO MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE **THANKSGIVING** AND **CHRISTMAS** HOLIDAYS, DON'T FORGET TO SLOT IN A SUNDAY OR TWO FOR FELLOWSHIP HOSTS AND/OR USHERING.

**FROM OUR RENEWING MINISTRY...**

Elders: Susanne Burgess and Rachel Lesler



**Montreat Sunday!**

On Sunday, Sept 8, our youth who attended the Montreat Middle School and High School conferences will be leading worship – sharing scriptures, stories, and songs from their weeks.



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

Here are the texts for Sundays in September:

- September 1: Hebrews 13:1-8
- September 8: Montreat Youth Sunday – come and see!
- September 15: (Narrative Lectionary Begins for the fall)  
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
- September 22: Genesis 32: [9-13] 22-30
- September 29: Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15--2:10]; 3:1-15



**We have some exciting new classes beginning on Sunday, September 8, 9:45am**

**Gender & Identity & the Bible - Library**

As Christians, we tell ourselves many stories about who we are and where we come from. Some of our most beloved and well-told stories are always that of transformation: Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah, Saul to Paul, death to life. At the heart of all of our stories is this: resurrection and the hope of new life. For what else is transformation but a new life? When we lean into transformation, when we lean into new lives, we find the Imago Dei. Taught by Rachel Lesler, "Gender & Identity & the Bible" is a new series for the Adult Sunday School that uses Biblical stories of women and eunuchs (and even a few men) to assess our own transformative identities as Christians through gender and sexual orientation. When we expand and transform the ideas of who we are, how might we expand and transform the Imago Dei and thus the Kingdom of God on Earth?

**Messy Parenting/Big Questions – Community Room (across from Laura's office)**

This fall, our Messy Parenting group will discuss various big questions about faith, theology, and more. Anyone who has a question they'd like us to address in the class are invited to submit them by emailing Laura at [pastor@northminsterchatt.org](mailto:pastor@northminsterchatt.org) or dropping a question in the box at church.

**Deep Blue (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) – Youth Room off of the Frances Room**

This fall, we will offer a rotation of classes to explore themes and stories in the Bible. We will begin with the Fruits of the Spirit, and engage in this text a different way each week. Rotations include cooking, science, art, mission, and more!

**An Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God (Preschoolers) – Rainbow Room**

Our child care staffer, Lauren Barboza, will lead this time of story sharing, coloring, and play.



On Sunday, September 29, the Administration and Finance Ministry will host Brunch Church as part of morning worship. Join us in the sanctuary at 11 AM as we gather for worship and move into the Fellowship Hall to continue our service and share a meal together. During this service, the Partnering Ministry will also share a summary of the Mission House Meetings this summer.

*You are encouraged to bring food for the St. Thaddeus Food Pantry on Brunch Church days.*



### **Pies for Peace**

The Partnering Ministry Team is accepting donations of pies for the “Pies for Peace” portion of the Paths to Peace event (See Community Events section below for details.) Let Tim or Laura know if you would like to donate a pie.

### ***FROM OUR PARTNERING MINISTRY...***

Elder: Tim Miller



Hope House Lunches Northminster will be serving lunch at the Hope House Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Those who volunteer to help serve will arrive and help

Terry get food together (making salads, chopping vegetables, mixing lemonade, etc.), replenish the buffet, and wash dishes. If you are interested in helping serve at the house (any time between 11:00 to 2:00) or donating cookies/brownies for dessert, contact Laura.

### ***Did you know?***

The Hope House serves meals to over 200 students each week during the school year.

Many of these college students are food insecure and have reported that the Hope House is the source of their main hot meal each week. The Free Tuesday lunch is by far the most popular, with over 100 students being served on that day alone. In addition to the volunteer time and donated desserts, the Partnering budget allocates funds to the Hope House for each of the 4 lunches we host to help offset the cost for groceries.



Thanks to all who donated school supplies for Lakeside Academy! We delivered a car-full of much-appreciated items at the end of August.

### **Chattanooga Pride – Sunday, October 6**



Northminster will be participating in the Pride Parade and will have a booth at this year's Pride Festival at Ross's Landing. If you are interested in helping that day, contact Tim Miller or Laura.

## **Mid-Year Financial Report August, 2019**

### **Our Vision**

We are called as a community of faith to become God's vibrant creation amid the desert we have made of God's good world.

Here, in this place, the presence, the promise, and the power of God's amazing love compels us to live joyfully, allows us to question, doubt, explore, and discover, renews us to serve God's world, and propels us forth to share all that nourishes our souls with all those we encounter after the manner of Jesus of Nazareth.

As people of faith, we accept the challenge and responsibility to become more like Jesus in our daily lives.

As a community, we covenant together to uphold one another in this endeavor.

We offer our energies and ourselves to God, that through the transforming power of the Spirit working in us, this vision shall become a reality.

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We are committed to:

- **Welcoming** all people,
  - **Renewing** our minds and souls, and
  - **Partnering** to serve our community and our world.
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### **Welcoming Ministry**

We cannot put a price on hospitality, but this spirit of welcoming undergirds everything we do. We take seriously our commitment to demonstrate the *presence, the promise, and the power of God's amazing love* that is here in this place and among this community.

We work to ensure that our church **building is accessible** to all people, that our **language in worship and song** gives voice to the **diversity** of God's people, and that our children know they are loved and accepted just as they are.

Oh, and we love to eat. When we break bread together, we express the table fellowship of Jesus, where all are welcome. We accept this *challenge and responsibility to be more like Jesus* in all that we do, so that all are invited to experience the renewing power of this community.

**Budgeted expenses as of July 30, 2019: \$17,739**

**Actual expenses as of July 30, 2019: \$17,600**

**Annual Budget: \$30,674**

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### **Renewing Ministry**

Has our worship given you a place to express your faith? Were you struck by the **beautiful music** from our **choir**? Did a **prayer move your soul** or a **sermon** remind you of the **good news of God's unconditional love** or **renewed you to serve God's world**? Have you come feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, or discouraged, and found **solace** in worshipping together? Has the church **come to you** through a visit, phone call, or a card, when you could not get to church? Our worship is many things to many people.

Northminster is more than worship on Sunday morning. We also gather for **special worship services**, such as Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, and more. We and our children attend **Sunday School classes** where we and they are able to *explore and discover*, but also to *question and doubt*. We gather for **studies** where we wrestle with the intersection of our faith and society. We leave **refreshed and transformed** so we can **welcome** others into our community. We leave *renewed* so we can **partner** with others as we go **out into the world** and meet *all those we encounter in the manner of Jesus of Nazareth*.

**Budgeted expenses as of July 30, 2019: \$51,246**

**Actual expenses as of July 30, 2019: \$50,846**

**Annual Budget: \$86,792**





**“Islamophobia: What It Is, and What We Can Do about It”  
at the Bessie Smith Center on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm.**

This event will feature an interfaith panel that will provide expert information on the problem of anti-Muslim discrimination. It will be moderated by Dr. Todd Green of Luther College (Iowa), who will share his research on Islamophobia and dialogue on local issues with several religious leaders of Chattanooga. The event will include questions from the audience.

Dr. Green is an Associate Professor of Religion and a recognized expert on Islamophobia, having published two books on the subject and also having served as an advisor to the Obama administration on Islamophobia in Europe.

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**Center for Mindful Living “Paths to Peace” - Saturday, Sept. 21**

The Center for Mindful Living’s “Paths to Peace” event will take place Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Main Street’s Granfalloon and the Center for Mindful Living with a full schedule of activities for all ages. The United Nations also observes an International Day of Peace each year on Sept. 21.

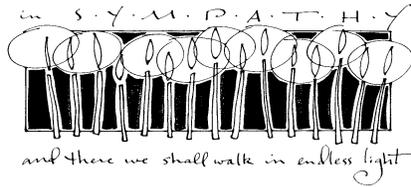
“Paths to Peace is an event that the Center for Mindful Living is happy to be involved with as it brings the community together through creative and mindful offerings giving us the opportunity to celebrate the International Day of Peace together and to commit peace above all differences and contribute to building a culture of peace within our community,” said Stephanie Wilkins, Executive Director of The Center for Mindful Living.

The “Paths to Peace” event is free of charge, and will feature labyrinth walks for adults and children, along with an introduction to mindfulness practices, yoga, Qigong, art, dance, and more. The afternoon will conclude with a dance performance from the Pop-Up Project, poetry by Chattanooga author Alice Smith, and “Pies for Peace” featuring a variety of pies provided by dozens of area churches and faith-based institutions.

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Looking Ahead:

**Pride Spirituality Night – Thursday, October 3, 6:45pm at Mizpah Congregation**

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Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of

*Randy Deacon*

*Connie Hay*

*Art Paul*

*Ed Smith*

*Mariko Tinaya's Uncle Joey*

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 . . .

- Rachel Tinaya's sister Joanna and her husband as they adjust to new status with their foster child
- Alice Gilreath
- those affected by the hurricane
- Barbara Becker's family
- Clarice Miller as she recovers from a fall
- Lucy Hardin diagnosed with a facial melanoma; surgery to follow
- Janet Giddings cousin Jess recovering from an accident
- Yvonne Denney's brother
- Wanda Hunt recovering from a stroke
- thanksgiving for Rachel Lesler's new position at Chattanooga State
- the King family
- the Hopkins fostering a newborn
- those affected by the recent gun violence
- Anna Gibbons
- those affected by the ICE workplace raids
- teachers and students as the new school begins
- Rachel Tinaya as she moves into a new job
- Barbara Becker having problems with her eyes
- thanksgiving for four years of sobriety for Andrea McCalister
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Rachel Lesler's family
- unspoken prayers
- Those suffering with mental illness and/or addictions; **those struggling financially; those seeking employment**; those in abusive situations; people in troubled relationships; victims of sexual harassment and assault; those who suffer with depression, anxiety, for young people making their voices heard about gun violence; those dealing with infertility and pregnancy loss; citizens in the midst of fighting around the world; our nation and its leaders
- Those dealing with cancer and treatments: **Opie Lee Anderson**; Aunt Lita; **Albert Baker**; Jario Barboza; Betty; Amber Blair; Drew Braddock; Amal Brown; Jeff and Suzanne Caplenor; Tommy Cash; Jill Cavan; Stephani Cerday; Sheri Chaffin; Trish Cooper; Randy Deacon; Guinda Derrico; Christy Edmundson; Kathleen G.; Kevin George; Kristen Hayes; Jack Holley; Anita Johnson; George Kilgore; Scot Kramer; David Kyle; Charlotte LaFevor; Randy Lesler; Bette Malone; Jane Meek; Mike S.; **Susan Miller**; Gracie Moore; Art Paul; Bruce Quigley; Ralph; Pat Ramsey; Grier Richards; Alyssa Rivers; Ellis Robinson; Les Rostosky; Jim Scolet; Grayson Sharpe; Gail Sissom; Sissy Skipper; Mark Steele; Oz Thoresen; Jeane Toadvine; Meredith Vlahos; Linda Wheeler; Bill Younger; Carey Zahm
- Continuing prayers: Kenneth Brackett; Griffin Carpenter; Sondra, Richard, and Rick Collins; Andy Coradini; Sydney Craven; Jake Fulmer; Forest Gentry; Asher Giddings; Ray and Erica Hauer; Steve Heron; Paul Hyde; Traci and Liane Jackson; Zach Jenkins; Curtis McCalister, Jo McGarvey; Rachel McDonald; Gene and Beverly Norris; Fredrick Pinkard; Gene Sirard; Romeo Tinaya
- Homebased: Barbara Lesley; Margie McCalister; Martha Russell