

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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ISSUE 1



Happy New Year! I remember inviting us to read through the Bible as a congregation. How did you do? I confess I didn't do well. I read the Bible almost every day, but did not do so in an orderly fashion. Rather than invite you to read through the Bible again this year with no plan, I offer you the following plan from another PC(USA) congregation, Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Find it here: <http://www.fourthchurch.org/biblereadings2012.html> (further plans listed in future newsletters for those who don't use computers)

The first month's plan is included below. I also invite you to join me for a study of Contemplative Prayer starting January 15th at 6PM in the sanctuary. Monday nights for an hour and a half we will discuss the book *Into the Silent Land: The Practice of Contemplation* by Martin Laird. There are ten copies of the book available in the church office. Please call and reserve your copy today.

Here is a reading plan to get you started:

- January 1 — Genesis 1–2; Matthew 1
 - January 2 — Genesis 3–4; Matthew 2
 - January 3 — Genesis 5–6; Matthew 3
 - January 4 — Genesis 7–8; Psalms 1 and 2
 - January 5 — Genesis 9–11; Matthew 4
 - January 6 — Genesis 12–13; Matthew 5
 - January 7 — Genesis 14–15; Psalms 3 and 4
 - January 8 — Genesis 16–17; Matthew 6
 - January 9 — Genesis 18–19; Matthew 7
 - January 10 — Genesis 20–21; Matthew 8
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

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If there is an omission or an error, please contact the editor so a correction can be made.

Thank You

Tammy Hickman, Newsletter Editor

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January 11 — Genesis 22–23; Psalms 5 and 6
 January 12 — Genesis 24–25; Matthew 9
 January 13 — Genesis 26–27; Matthew 10
 January 14 — Genesis 28–29; Psalms 7 and 8
 January 15 — Genesis 30–31; Matthew 11
 January 16 — Genesis 32–33; Matthew 12
 January 17 — Genesis 34–36; Matthew 13
 January 18 — Genesis 37–38; Psalm 9
 January 19 — Genesis 39–40; Matthew 14
 January 20 — Genesis 41–42; Matthew 15
 January 21 — Genesis 43–44; Psalm 10
 January 22 — Genesis 45–46; Matthew 16
 January 23 — Genesis 47–48; Matthew 17
 January 24 — Genesis 49–50; Matthew 18
 January 25 — Exodus 1–2; Psalms 11 and 12
 January 26 — Exodus 3–4; Matthew 19
 January 27 — Exodus 5–6; Matthew 20
 January 28 — Exodus 7–8; Psalms 13 and 14
 January 29 — Exodus 9–10; Matthew 21
 January 30 — Exodus 11–12; Matthew 22
 January 31 — Exodus 13–14; Matthew 23



On December 3, 2017 we welcomed two new members to our church. Please welcome Gretchen Green and Shirley Hulsey to Northminster.



<i>Denise Molnar</i>	January 4
<i>Gary Molnar</i>	January 7
<i>Butch Dodds</i>	January 10
<i>Frank Sparks</i>	January 10
<i>Russell Des Combes</i>	January 15
<i>Wayne Maurer</i>	January 17
<i>Jean Myers</i>	January 17
<i>Phoebe McCormick</i>	January 18
<i>Elise Spriggs</i>	January 18
<i>Barb Aker</i>	January 20
<i>Clyde Fromm</i>	January 22
<i>Jim Griffin</i>	January 22
<i>Cindy Chesnut</i>	January 27
<i>Mindy Twiggs</i>	January 29
<i>Janet Digel-Koerner</i>	January 30



Joe & Marta Stalder—January 26th





Souper Bowl Sunday

Once again this year we are asking that you bring in cans of soup on the NFL's Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. The soup will be donated to the food pantry at the Clifton Avenue Church of God.

Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education

These are fun and easy programs where we can work together to help "earn free stuff" for our local schools! There are envelopes to collect your box tops and labels posted on the bulletin boards in the Narthex. Periodically, Carol Emerich takes care of getting these items to Pastor Green, a coordinator for the program in Springfield. When you are in the grocery look for these special box tops and labels marked for education!

Kirkmont Center

The Kirkmont Center was appreciative of our donation of \$775. They are using this money to purchase canvas panels that fit on their cabinets and anything leftover will be used to fix the remaining leaks in the roofs of Goodrich and Croft House. Also, they are using our donation to challenge others to match it. We wish them well in their campaign to raise the much needed funds to keep the camp operational.

Forest Glen Christmas Shop

Once again our Forest Glen Christmas Shop was a success! Because of your generosity and the donations from the "bazaar ladies" we had a nice assortment of "gifts" for the residents to choose from. They were very appreciative!

Clifton Avenue Church of God Food Pantry and Breakfast

Hear All About It!

Northminster's congregation has been supporting this food pantry's efforts to serve our community for several years now. Debbie Hilliard, coordinator of the pantry, will be visiting with us on Sunday, January 14. She'll share information about the pantry and how our assistance helps her church continue this ministry. If you have ever wanted to know more about this ministry, please plan to stay after church on the 14th to hear all about it.

Volunteers Needed

Some of our volunteers who have helped cook and serve breakfast at the Clifton Avenue Church of God have "retired" from our teams. We invite all who are currently volunteering and all who are interested in volunteering and want to know more about what is expected of volunteers to be sure and stay after church on the 14th. In addition to hearing Debbie speak, we will discuss how our three teams may be restructured so we can continue to serve this ministry. With three teams, each team only has to cook and serve four times a year

Session Highlights

The Session met in stated meeting December 19, 2017. Rev. Dwight McCormick opened the meeting with prayer, and RE Carl Ahlm offered a devotional reading.

Finance Committee report:

- The financial report for November 30th showed a total income of \$160,915 and total expenses of \$161,083 giving a deficit of \$169.

Treasurer Bill Harrison presented the proposed 2018 budget for discussion and approval. Session made a few minor adjustments and then approved a balanced budget for 2018.

Session approved the following communion dates for 2018 as presented by the Worship and Music Ministry: January 7; February 11; March 4; March 29 (Maundy Thursday); April 1; May 20; July 1; September 9; October 7; November 4; December 24, Tuesday (Christmas Eve).

Session approved a motion from the Mission Ministry to take an offering of cans of soup for “Souper Bowl” Sunday.

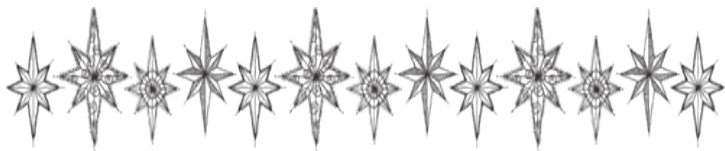
Session set January 7th for ordination and installation of Class of 2020 elders and deacons. January 21st immediately following worship was set for the annual congregational meeting; at this meeting the congregation receives the 2018 budget, receives reports from staff, committees, and other groups, and votes on the Pastor’s terms of call for 2018.

The next stated meeting of Session is January 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Please continue to pray for the Pastor and Session as we serve this congregation and our Lord Jesus Christ.



It appears that charitable deductions will still be deductible next year in the new tax law. To have a donation count for 2017, it must be postmarked by December 31 or donated on Sunday, December 31.



Ruth Martin is moving to Alabama.

Her new address is:
12122 Southern Charm Blvd.
Madison, Alabama 35756



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 21st** immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to: Receive 2018 operating budget, annual report, and vote on the 2018 Pastor’s Terms of Call.

PER CAPITA & INITIAL OFFERING

Each year Northminster pays a per capita amount based on the number of members in the congregation. This money is used to support the work of the Presbyterian Church’s governing bodies - the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly.

The 2018 per capita amount is \$45.98/member
When members pay their own per capita apportionment, this amount need not come from the church’s operating budget. The per capita envelope (blue) is included in the box with your offering envelopes. The initial offering envelope (yellow) is also included in the offering envelope box. This offering is used to help cover the cost of the envelopes each year.

January 2018

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Mon

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Sat

	1 Happy New Year!	2 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Mission Comm. 6:30 SCT	3 10:00 Outreach Com 5:30 Music/Worship 6:00 Bells/6:30 SCT 7:15 Choir	4 9—2 Homeschool 6:00 Dulcimer Club 6:30 SCT	5	6
7 Communion Ordination and Installation of Elders/Deacons	8 9:30 Young Woman's 10:00 PW 6:30 SCT	9 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Finance Comm. 6:30 SCT 7:00 Property Comm.	10 6:00 Bells 6:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 SCT 7:15 Choir	11 9—2 Homeschool 11:30 Ruth Circle 6:30 SCT	12	13
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	*** SCT—Springfield Civic Theatre					

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January 1	New Year's Day—Office Closed
January 2	Mission Committee—6:30 pm
January 3	Outreach Committee—10:00 am Music/Worship Committee—5:30 pm
January 4	Dulcimer Club—6:00 p.m.
January 7	Communion Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons
January 8	Young Woman's Mission—9:30 am PW Board meeting—10:00 am
January 9	Finance Committee 6:00 pm Property Committee—7:00 pm
January 11	Ruth Circle—11:30 am
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Study—6:00—7:30 pm
January 16	Session—7:00 pm
January 21	Newsletter Deadline Annual Congregation Meeting
January 22	Quilt Guild—6:30 p.m. Prayer Study—6:00-7:30 pm
January 29	Prayer Study—6:00—7:30 pm



**Martin
Luther
King, Jr.**
remembered

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right." — Martin Luther King Jr.

NORTHMINSTER'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

Northminster Presbyterian Church will develop disciples of Jesus Christ and learn to follow the way of Jesus.