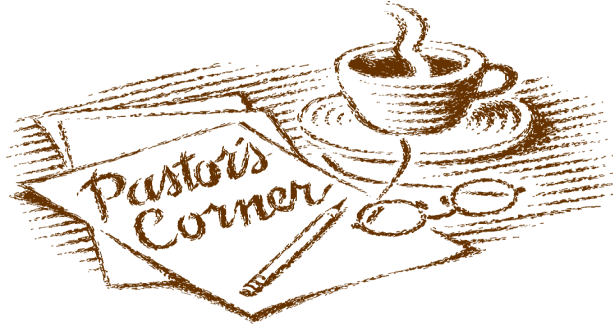


NORTHMINSTER NEWS



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Presbyterian Church (USA)

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THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” **Matthew 22:34-40**

This is probably the biggest challenge we as a people of faith will ever face. There are other things we are told that we can do that are specific, measurable, and we can know if we’ve done a good job. (Even selling everything we have and giving it to the poor — as frightening as that may be — is measurable.)

So how do we love our neighbors as ourselves? How do we measure that? How do we know if we’re doing a good job? And, as the attorney asks in Luke, who is our neighbor?

How would you answer these questions?

Sometimes we focus on the “other”, those who are vastly different from us, whose views of the world are almost contrary to ours. We strive to love them, but how about those who just get on our nerves? We try to love and forgive those half-way around the world, but what about those who sit next to us?

The truth remains that we are called to love everyone, everyone.

Sometimes that’s easy. Many times it is not.

How do you do it? How do you know if you’re succeeding or not?

Perhaps it is not succeeding that is the measure, but perhaps instead we are measured by whether or not we give up.

In a world so full of turmoil, it would be easy to say it’s not worth it, to solely look out for ourselves, build walls and fences to protect ourselves.

But we know that the gospel calls us to do more than that. It’s easy to love your neighbor in a land flowing with milk and honey. The gospel challenges us to that no matter what the land may look like.

But the gospel offers us hope to sustain us along the way, trust that the love of our God is something from which we can never be separated. Never. NEVER.

Peace,
Patrick

NOVEMBER 2011

The Facilities Committee continues to work on a number of maintenance and repair issues. In addition, they have consolidated the recommendations of the “Facilities Task Force” with our other capital needs into one list which is now being prioritized.

NPC’s Personnel committee has been actively working on the 2012 budget as well as preparing for the staff evaluation process which is about to begin.



Through the first 9 months of 2011 our overall financial picture is better than it was 12 months ago in 2010. Our expenses are running very close to budget but the bottom line number is about \$32,000 negative which is primarily the result of pledge collections being behind budget. While we were very blessed to have raised the extra funds to pay off our mortgage, pledge giving is lagging. **We will need every member to fulfill his or her pledge to the operating budget to end 2011 at break even.**

As we enter the stewardship season the preliminary 2012 budget has been compiled from all of our boards, committees, activities and programs. This is the first time NPC will build a budget without a mortgage obligation; we have been able to focus on new ways to be about the work and mission to which God is calling us.

Parents' Night Out

What: Babysitting for all children through 5th grade.

Older kids can come help!

Who Does It: Couples volunteer to work once a year.

This gives them eleven date nights! The adults are helped by the youth of the church.

When: Once a month, every third Saturday

Time: 4:00 to 9:00 pm

Dinner: Pizza!

Cost: \$10.00 per child, \$20.00 family maximum.

Want more information? Call Carolyn Christie at 404-783-0148 or email her at cchristie@northminster-atl.org



**Exciting and new activities are happening at NPC for all ages.
Taking part in one or more activities will help you connect with your church family.**

Fitness Class

Every Saturday at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact person: Cathi Muckerman, @ 678-521-4980

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS LUNCHEON 2011

Please join us for a special luncheon immediately following the 11:15 am Kirkin' o' the Tartans service on **Sunday, November 20. Reservations** must be made by **Sunday, November 13th** via: bulletin insert or contacting Jan Copeland @ the NPC office, 770.998.1482. Cost is \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children under 11; Maximum of \$25 per family.

Menu

Mixed Green Salad Beef Pot roast Creamy mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Mixed Vegetables with Herb butter Sauce Dinner rolls with butter
Chicken Fingers & Fruit (available for kids 11 and under)
Raspberry Trifle and Brownies



CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, December 2 @ 6:30 pm

Kick off the Christmas Season by signing up at the Fellowship Table for a fun night of dinner and fellowship. We start out at one house for appetizers, next is a dinner house and end the evening at a dessert house. Last day to sign up will be the Sunday, November 27.

Contact Person: Pam Prochaska 770.971.9097 / prochaskr@bellsouth.net

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 4 @ 12:15 pm

The congregation is invited to the Fellowship Hall after the 11:15 am service to join all those celebrating October, November and December Birthdays and/or Anniversaries with cake, punch and fellowship.

RED KETTLE RINGING @ NORTH POINT MALL

Saturday, December 10, 2011

1 hour shifts from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Ring as a family is a great way to give back to the community during Christmas. All you have to do is ring, smile, and wish shoppers a "Merry Christmas." Starting **Sunday, November 6** you can sign up on the Fellowship Table. If you cannot do a whole hour, share an hour with another family. We have all the materials needed and a sheet with questions/answers. What a wonderful way to help our community during the Christmas season. Contact Person: Pam Prochaska 770.971.9097 or prochaskr@bellsouth.net



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday Evening, December 11

The Annual NPC Christmas Pot Luck will be immediately after the Joyful Noise Christmas Musical. Following the Pot Luck, there will be crafts, cookie decorating, and pictures with Santa for the children. Festivities begin at 5:00 pm!

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS 2011



Sunday, November 20, 2011 will be NPC's annual "Kirkin o' the Tartans" service in the Sanctuary at 11:15 am. This worship service emphasizes our Scottish roots as Presbyterians. Northminster's Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own heritage, and to celebrate God's gift poured out to all generations. A luncheon in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

"Kirk" is the Scottish word for church. Tartans, with their distinctive plaids, represent specific Scottish clans, regions or regiments. The "Kirkin o' the Tartan's" is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for a blessing. Before the service, we will offer tartan lapel ribbons to anyone who wants one. There will be a "Blessing of the Tartans" during the service and an opportunity for you to place your tartan item on the Communion Table as a symbolic gesture of giving thanks to God, dedicating yourself/family to Him, and asking for His continued blessings. If you choose to place an item on the Communion Table, you will retrieve it at the conclusion of the service. (See page 13 for more history)

Please make plans now to join NPC at our "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" worship service on **November 20, 11:15 am**, with luncheon immediately following.

ADVENT

Sunday, November 27, 2011 will be the first Sunday of Advent.



WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL 2011-2012

Way Cool is up and running! All children ages 3 through 5th grade are encouraged to participate. 3's and 4's meet in Room 109 at 10:00 am. They are using Group's Hands on Bible curriculum again this year. K - 5th graders meet in Room 110/111 for our weekly mission project at 10:00 am. We will be helping to stock the shelves at North Fulton Community Charities by filling ziplock bags with rice and beans. At 10:10 am, the kids will head off to their Sunday School lesson. This year our theme will be "A Witness to God's Presence". Our first session will be the study of Creation.

Please come join us!

Any questions? Please contact Katie Day @ fivedays@comcast.net.

Fall Adult Sunday School Classes through December 4**Great World Religions: Islam****Room 139**

This DVD lecture series will focus on better understanding Islam's role as a religion and as a way of life, as you explore the history of Islam from the 7th to the 21st century.

The Apostles' Creed & The Lord's Prayer**Room 138**

We recite them every Sunday, but do we really know why? What do they mean, where did they come from, and why do they form a central part of our worship services? Come find out!

Teacher: Dave Jones

In the Beginning**Room 137**

If you have ever said "I wish I knew more about the Bible," now is your chance. This class will start with a study of Genesis and is perfect for people who can only make it sometimes. Each class will bring new lessons and discoveries! Absolutely no knowledge of the Bible is needed; just a desire to learn more about the Scriptures. You probably already own the textbook for this class, but if not, we can even provide you with that!

Teacher: John Vaughan

Caffeine and Conversation**Fellowship Hall**

Come have a cup of coffee and a Danish and enjoy some grown up conversation and fellowship. You can drop your kids off at Way Cool first, so you don't have to worry about hurrying to class!



NPC's Mission Trip to Brazil

The Brazil 2011 crew has returned. The group spent a week on the JJ Mesquita Medical Mission boat on the Amazon visiting five villages. The doctors and dentist on the boat treated patients in each of these villages. Houses were painted, vacation Bible school classes were held with the children, and worship services were held. One highlight of the week was a visit to Little Disciples in Manaus. Little Disciples is a before and after school program for children in some of the very worst neighborhoods of Manaus. Their goal is to keep these children safe and out of gang-related activities. The children welcomed the group. They delighted in playing soccer and demonstrating their musical and dancing skills. Mostly, they shared smiles and love.

Alternative Gift Mall

The Mission Outreach and Evangelism Committee is once again sponsoring the Alternative Gift Mall. This is a great way to support a variety of charities and find gifts for those folks on your list who "have everything"! Gifts are available in all price ranges. Certificates will be printed for each purchase. Gifts for 2011 will be available from:

The 13th Annual Alternative Gift Mall begins on Sunday, November 20. **Bring your Christmas list and choose gifts that share God's love with your loved ones and others!** Gift Certificates may also be purchased online at www.northminster-atl.org.

The Montreat Scholarship Fund in Memory of Laurie Bass was created to ensure that all youth at NPC are given an opportunity to have the Montreat Experience. NPC youth have benefited from this amazing conference center by attending the Summer Montreat Youth Conference for the last 12 years straight. For many, this has been a life changing experience. Laurie Bass, Travis Bass and many other adult leaders have shared a passion for making sure that any of our youth that want to can have this experience. Your participation in this fund for our youth is a great opportunity for us to keep Laurie's memory and wishes alive!

The **Thornwell Home for Children** in Clinton, SC has been taking care of children and youth in need since 1875. With the support of Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and private donations, the home nurtures more than 400 children, many of whom suffer from mild to moderate emotional problems.

The **Love Link** was born out of the desire to give love, protection, and food to malnourished children in El Salvador. In El Salvador the incidence of infant malnutrition (children under five years of age) is close to 50%. Malnutrition primarily affects infants between 6 and 36 months of age. This implies that a large part of the pediatric population is at a great risk of contracting disease and dying if they do not receive nutritional intervention in time to permit their recuperation. They must regain not only their state of health and nutrition but also their potential for growth and development.

The **Little Disciples Ministry** in Manaus, Brazil helps protect children from their often threatening environment by providing a safe haven during the day when they are not in school. Children in the program learn and play in programs that free them from street and gang influences without removing them from their families.

This year's Alternative Gift Mall will once again include a sale of handcrafts from **SERRV**. SERRV offers unique handcrafts created by low-income artisans from around the world. A selection of hand-made nativities, bookmarks, ornaments, and other items will be available for purchase in case you need "a little something" to give. The income earned from your purchases is used to send children to school, feed families, and invest in communities.

Habitat for Humanity Still Building

Volunteers are welcome on Saturdays through the fall at Village Parkway in Woodstock. If you would like to participate, contact Mark Putnam at Mark.Putnam@comcast.net or 678/475-9172 to register and get detailed information.

This calendar is designed to provide a few projects each month for NPC Groups (e.g., Way Cool, Youth, PW, Adult Sunday School, Prime Timers, etc.) to choose from for participation. Its purpose is to help coordinate the efforts of all of the different NPC Groups and increase our impact on the ministries that we support. The calendar does not include every project of Missions, Outreach, and Evangelism.

Month	Mission Projects
November	Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes Alternative Gift Mall Giving a Meal a Month
December	Angel Tree (toys and gifts for NFCC and HomeStretch) Alternative Gift Mall Giving a Meal a Month
January	NFCC Food Drive Blankets/Sandwiches for The Open Door Giving a Meal a Month
February	The Drake House Paper and Personal Supplies Drive Valentine's for Seniors and College Students Giving a Meal a Month
March	Hunger Walk/Georgia Marathon Treats for Troops Giving a Meal a Month
April	Rebuilding Together Vine City and/or HomeStretch Collection Giving a Meal a Month
May	NFCC Food Drive Giving a Meal a Month
June	Brazil Mission Trip Collection Giving a Meal a Month
July	Christmas in July Giving a Meal a Month
August	The Drake House Paper and Personal Supplies Drive Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' Giving a Meal a Month
September	NFCC Food & Coat Drive Vine City Bicycle Collection Giving a Meal a Month
October	Habitat Golf Tournament: Collect Raffle Prizes & Silent Auction Items Foster Care Support Clothes Drive Giving a Meal a Month

Every NPC Family is Invited to Join our Newest Ministry: GAMAM!

***“GIVING A MEAL A MONTH” @Northminster Presbyterian Church
A Family-to-Family Mission***

What is the mission? To provide one complete meal a month to each family living at HomeStretch and Drake House apartments. These meals will feed hungry families and nourish the spirits of both givers and recipients.

How can my family participate? Purchase foods from a set shopping list and bring them to NPC in a *Giving a Meal a Month* shopping bag sometime during the month. Place the bag of food in the specially designated GAMAM collection bin. Take home an empty bag and a new menu for next month's meal.

How will the food get to the recipient family? Members of the NPC Meal A Month Mission Team will deliver the bags of food.

How can I make this a mission project for my whole family? Involve each family member in some way in at least one of the steps of the project.

- picking up a new bag and menu @ NPC
- adding GAMAM items to your shopping lists
- finding the food items on the grocery shelves
- placing food items in the shopping bag (store at home until all items are purchased)
- delivering the full bag to NPC

Can I join the GAMAM team and what would I do to help? YES, we need team members!!! You can help:

- make the food deliveries to Homestretch and the Drake House on one Monday each month.
- re-stock our shopping bags and menu handouts at NPC.
- at the GAMAM mission table on NPC Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 11th.
- with GAMAM-themed craft projects for Children's Way Cool Sunday School.
- with GAMAM-themed activities for NPC Youth Group.
- create posters and flyers for the mission.

How do I join the team or get more information? Contact Vicki and David Johnson (770) 409-0549 and vvjohnson03@bellsouth.net.

NPC Giving A Meal A Month Shopping List ~ November 2011

- One can kidney beans
- One can Rotel tomatoes (medium)
- One can diced tomatoes
- One can minestrone soup
- One can mixed vegetables
- One can whole kernel corn
- One can cooked chicken (packed in water)
- One can pineapple chunks
- One box vanilla pudding & pie filling (4.6 oz.)
- One Ready Crust graham pie crust (reduced fat)



Please bring your food bag to NPC by the last Sunday of the month. Thank you!

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

We have been reflecting on these words for the last year. We have talked about what a gift that is from Jesus. The assurance of those words. Jesus doesn't say there is a possibility that at some future date we might achieve this status. Nor does he claim that there is some contingency to this, that we only achieve this status if we stop sinning, become better, more faithful people. No, Jesus' statement is a statement of our present reality. This is who we are. The sins, the fear, the doubt, these are all things that simply get in the way of us being who we truly are. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." Now. Here.

We are at the point in the year when we begin to discern who God is calling us to be in 2012. The practical part of that discernment is budgeting and pledge cards. As we look forward, we have three things to consider.

We have paid off the mortgage. This is certainly something to celebrate, as we can now move forward unencumbered by debt.

We made a commitment to live within our means in 2011. We presented a balanced budget in which no money would be drawn from reserves. We have fulfilled part of that commitment. Operating expenses have consistently been below budget. In order to totally fulfill that commitment, however, we need each person to fulfill their pledge for 2011. In 2010, we collected 93% of our pledges. It is vitally important that we collect 100% of our pledges for 2011.

We need a financial commitment from everyone for 2012. This is crucial for our life inside these walls, outside these walls, and for the walls themselves. If we can reach a pledge amount of \$650,000 (about \$13,000 more than actual pledges received in 2010) we can increase our mission giving, increase our equipment reserves, increase our Presbytery Benevolence, and finish the year roughly \$33,000 in the black.

There are many exciting reasons to give. But the real gift, the real act of worship, the way we truly and more deeply connect with God through our giving is in trusting in God's care and provision for us.

Make a pledge. Return it to the church office, or bring it with you to worship on November 13th. On that day, we will give thanks to God for our many blessings, and pray for God's continued blessing in 2012. If it is easier for you to make your pledge electronically, simply email Tesa Crysler, Member Services Manager, at tcrysler@northminster-atl.org.

You will notice something different about our pledge card this year. We are asking for one thing. You have already committed to active involvement in ministry through the Time and Talent Commitment Cards. You have paid off the mortgage. There is no additional campaign. There is no Pay-It-Forward Fund. This is it. Your pledge to the Operating Fund. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be called to contribute to the ministries of NPC in this next year.

Peace,

Patrick Day



**Stewardship
2012**



A Word from Our Moderator

NPC Presbyterian Women have set a goal to personally invite women of Northminster to participate in any way they can and be a part of Presbyterian Women. Please consider this a personal invitation to come to one of the Circle meetings which meet on the third Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening of the month and the third Wednesday morning of the month. The Bible Study which takes place at the Circle meeting is Confessing the Beatitudes by Margaret Aymer. The Tuesday evening circle has been well attended and meets at Linda Morningstar's house. If you are interested, please contact Paige Edwards (wpedwards@bellsouth.net). The Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning Circles meet at the church. The Tuesday morning Circle leader is Kathy Keramidas (kkeramidas@earthlink.net) and the Wednesday morning Circle leader is Nancy Thompson (nsthompson@mindspring.com). If your schedule doesn't permit attending a Circle, put the Christmas Gathering on your calendar. It will take place at the Falls of Autrey Mill Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. The sign-up sheet can be found on the PW Bulletin Board or by emailing Toni D'Alessandris (jaket345@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact me with any questions or any of the Coordinating Team Members. We hope to hear from you or see you at an event.

Your Sister in Christ,

Carol Coulter
Moderator



PW Christmas Gathering

Please join us for the PW Christmas Gathering. It will take place at the Falls of Autrey Mill Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. The sign up sheet can be found on the PW Bulletin Board or by emailing Toni D'Alessandris at jaket345@gmail.com.

NORTHMINSTER WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 20 - 22

THE DILLARD HOUSE

Dillard, Georgia

\$160.00 - For the Weekend

(includes: Hotel style Rooms - 2 to a Room,
2 Breakfasts & 1 Dinner (Sat.)

Speaker will be Energetic

Rev. Lyndsay Slocum

from Roswell Presbyterian

This year we have a Hospitality House where we can hang out!

Plus

Complimentary Wine & Cheese Social on Saturday Night 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Look for Sign up December & January

Contact Person: Pam Prochaska: 770-971-9097/ prochaskr@bellsouth.net

Scholarships Available



Monthly Circle Meetings

(Meet the 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday of each month)

Dates for Circle meetings are November 15, at 9:45 am and 7 pm, and November 16, at 9:45am in the Fireside Room. Please remember that the Rebekah Circle on November 15 at 7 pm meets at Linda Morningstar's House at 9920 Lake Forest Way.

Directions: From the church, drive east on Old Alabama Road. Turn left into Lake Forest Subdivision. Linda lives on this main road into the subdivision. Drive 1/2 mile. House #9920 is on the right.

This year's Bible study is Confessing the Beatitudes by Margaret Aymer. Please know that if you can't make your regular Circle meeting (or if you don't have a regular Circle), drop in on any Circle. You are always welcome! And don't worry if you can't make Circle every month... join us when you are able!

NOVEMBER 2011 MISSIONS**2011 PW Thank Offering**

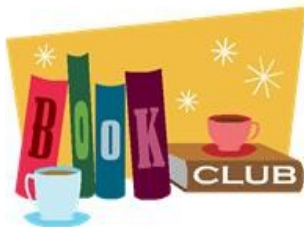
The PW Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us. Boxes or envelopes for the 2011 Thank Offering are available in the Fireside Room, and offerings should be brought to the November Circle meetings or placed in the PW box in the Resource room.

**Support M.O.E. Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes**

The Mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's Love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will collect small toys such as cars, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise with extra batteries, Slinky, crayons, pencils, pens, etc.

Support M.O.E Alternative Gift Mall

Additional information will follow in the bulletin and newsletter. Please contact Nancy Wade at 770-362-2207 or nbpwade@gmail.com with any questions.

**PW Book Club
(Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month)**

November's book is Prayers for Sale by Sandra Dallas. We will **meet Tuesday, November 29 in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm**, with Suzie Prante facilitating. Please contact Pat Kendall at 770-569-4952 or pkendall1@comcast.net, for more information. Childcare can be provided upon request.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Northminster PW Bible study is Faithful, Abundant, True, written by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore. Please join us on November 2, 9, & 30 in Room 139 at 9:45 am.

Call Arlene Bennett 770-777-9611 or email at castate@aol.com if you are interested.

NPC's 2011 "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" service will be held in our Sanctuary on **November 20**. This will be our regularly scheduled **11:15 AM** Sunday worship service, with an emphasis on our Scottish connection as Presbyterians. Please read on to gain a little more information concerning the history of the service, and to possibly clear up any confusion/concerns that you might have.

Question: *Do I have to be of Scottish descent or be interested in Scottish things to attend and/or appreciate this service?*

Answer: The ceremony of Kirkin' o' the Tartans is actually of American origin, but is based on Scottish history and legend. **Here at Northminster, our Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out to all generations.**

Question: *Do I have to purchase or bring something Scottish to participate in this service?*

Answer: **We would never have a worship service at NPC for which you would be required to purchase anything in order to participate.** Although we willingly offer people information on how to purchase tartan scarves and other items, this is always intended as an informational source and to help those people with an interest in such things, never as a mandate or a "sales pitch". In fact, before the service we will be offering tartan lapel ribbons to anyone whom would like one or does not have their own personal family tartan item. These ribbons may be worn and/or offered for dedication during the service.

Question: *Will I have to walk down the aisle and place something on the Communion Table during the service? (And will I get it back?)*

Answer: There will be a "Blessing of the Tartans" during the service and an opportunity for you to place your tartan item on the Communion Table as a symbolic gesture of giving thanks to God, dedicating yourself/family to Him, and asking for His continued blessings. **As in any service, although everyone's participation is encouraged, it is in no way mandatory, nor should you feel excluded if you do not do so.** If you choose not to come forward or are unable to do so, you may simply remain in your seat, giving thanks to God and asking for his continued blessings for yourself/family. **(You should retrieve all items placed on the Communion Table at the conclusion of the service.)**

Question: *Will there be two services on November 20, and if so, will both be "Kirkin'" services?*

Answer: **There will be two worship services on November 20 at the regularly scheduled times. The only "Kirkin'" will be at the 11:15 service.** The 9:00 AM service will follow our typical format...without bagpipes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Kirkin' - "Kirk" is the Scottish word for "church". Tartans, with their distinctive plaids, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments. The "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for a blessing.

The History:

After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish Jacobite rebel forces were defeated by the English government forces at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came totally under British rule. To better control the Scots, a special Act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or any tartan, which represented Scottish heritage. British troops were ordered to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan. The prohibition against the tartan lasted nearly 50 years.

As the Legend goes...

During this time some Scots wore concealed pieces of their tartan when they went to church (Kirk). At a particular point in the worship service, they would secretly touch their hidden tartan cloth, and the minister would offer a blessing (Kirkin'). At the repeal of the Act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.





The First Kirkin':

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., held the first formal "Kirkin'" at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., during the early years of World War II. Dr. Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, was the Pastor of the church and then Chaplain of the U. S. Senate. He led the service, choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" for the title of his sermon. He preached many sermons in support of British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. As the war continued, the D.C. Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin's.

This particular Kirkin' service is being held at NPC by the recommendation of the Worship Committee and with the approval of the NPC Session. We all hope that this service will be a unique, memorable, and meaningful worship experience for all those in attendance and that it will provide connections for us to our history as Presbyterians, to each

Want someone else to do the cooking? Need a midweek pick-me-up?

Don't Forget to Sign Up!

Make your reservations by noon on Mondays to:

cchristie@northminster-atl.org or www.northminster-atl.org



November 2nd

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert

November 9th

Menu: Moe's Taco Bar

November 16th

Menu: Lasagna, Salad Bar, Dessert

November 23rd

No BUZZ

November 30th

Menu: Soup, Salad, and Sandwich Bar

Program: StillPoint

December 7th

Menu: Soup, Salad, and Sandwich Bar

Program: StillPoint

November Birthdays

Linda Thoresen	1
Jess McClure	1
Sydney Millicans	2
Jessica Vaughan	2
Burt Franklin	2
Oscar Lee	2
Benjamin Smith	2
Cameron O'Neil	2
Michael Mills	5
Clay Boyles	6
Barbara Christopher	6
Cheri Gross	6
Chris Jones	6
Nick Hardy	6
Caitlin Portelli	6
Samuel Hubbert	6
Noland Deas, Jr.	6
Josh Maicon	7
Lora Miller	7
Bob Sloan	8
Jim Hasler	8
Matthew Venco	8
Doris Schutes	9
Kiwi Clark	9
John Kludt	12
Robbie Millard	12
Margaret Riffel	12
Allie Wilson	12
Leslie Jones	12



Beckie Maxwell	13
Doug Hollowell	14
Megan Hollowell	14
Hannah Cole	15
Benjamin Hansen	15
Megan Cimperman	16
Jerry Hall	16
Clark McDonald	17
Andrew George	17
Toni D'Alessandris	17
Nancy Hood	18
Jennifer Bowler	18
Barbie Hackler	19
Nathaniel Smith	20
Christopher Adams	21
Mike Wynn	22
Joan Peppers	23
Chris Brehob	24
Susan Haynes	24
Jennifer Hannah	24
Ainsley Hannah	24
Sarah Belknap	24
Marion Gunn	26
Jason Hinkel	26
Matt Rogers	27
Jennifer Ceo	27
Michael Brown	30
Rob Boyd	30

**November Anniversaries**

Carl & Barbara Montgomery	11/11
Bob & Susie Wasielewski	11/12
Chris & Katrina Portelli	11/16
George & Robbie Copenhaver	11/18
Chris & Nancy Girard	11/20
Kevin & Jeni Renshaw	11/25
Sue & Wallace Barron	11/29
Cuyler & Marion Gunn	11/29



October 30 - December 10, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>October 30</i> See Sunday Schedule for Ongoing Activities. 12:30 PM Youth Meeting on Haiti, YR 1:00 PM Jr. Leader Meeting, YR 6:30 PM Youth Group Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot</p>	<p><i>October 31</i></p>	<p><i>November 1</i> Habitat Golf Tournament 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 137 6:00 PM CTC Meeting, Fireside Room 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 4, Room 110/111 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Group, Off-Site; Contact: 404.579.7279</p>	<p><i>November 2</i> 9:45 AM PW Weekly Bible Study, Room 139 6:00 PM BUZZ, FH 6:45 PM Bible Study, FH 6:45 PM Fellowship, R 137 6:45 PM Knitting Circle, Fireside Room 7:45 PM Handbells 8:00 PM Ebenezer Room 110/111 8:00 PM Officer Training, Rm 139</p>	<p><i>November 3</i> 7:30 AM Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast; Contacts: 770.475.2686; 678.624.9756 7:30 PM Adult Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 PM Ebenezer Youth Music Rehearsal, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 4</i> 8:00 PM Ebenezer Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>November 5</i> 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM GS Jubilee Training, Rm 139 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class, FH 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM GS Troop #24301, Fireside 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Piano Recital, FH ~ Harbin 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Piano Recital, FH ~ Zuiff 5:00 PM Corn Maze ~ Youth Group Trip 6:30 PM Dinner Party 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Di...</p>
<p><i>November 6</i> Communion Sunday See Sunday Schedule for Ongoing Activities. 12:15 PM Spiritual Growth, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 7</i> 8:00 PM EBPC Session Mtg, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 8</i> 7:00 AM Municipal Election, FH 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 137 12:30 PM Prime Timers Luncheon @ Olive Garden 6:45 PM PW CT Meeting, Fireside Room 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Group, Off-Site; Contact: 404.579.7279</p>	<p><i>November 9</i> 9:45 AM PW Weekly Bible Study, Room 139 2:30 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photo Session 5:00 PM Staff Group Photo 6:00 PM BUZZ, FH 6:45 PM Bible Study, FH 6:45 PM Knitting Circle, Fireside 7:00 PM Membership, Susan's Off 7:45 PM Handbells 8:00 PM BFMC Mtg, R139 8:00 PM Ebenezer Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 10</i> 7:30 AM Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast; Contacts: 770.475.2686; 678.624.9756 6:45 PM Job Network Ministry, FH, Fireside & Prayer Rooms 7:30 PM Adult Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 PM Ebenezer Youth Music Rehearsal, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 11</i> 6:00 PM Jr. Knights Potluck Dinner, FH 8:00 PM Ebenezer Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>November 12</i> 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM GS Kidnap Breakfast 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class, FH 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Ebenezer BPC Dinner, FH</p>
<p>Daylight Saving Time ...</p>						<p>10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Di...</p>
<p><i>November 13</i> Last Day for Youth Group Evergreen Sales Pledge Sunday See Sunday Schedule for Ongoing Activities.</p>	<p><i>November 14</i> 6:00 PM GS Svc Unit Meeting, Room 110/111 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 450, FH 7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting, Room 137</p>	<p><i>November 15</i> Newsletter Deadline 9:45 AM Priscilla Circle, Fireside Room 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Rm 137 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 4, Room 110/111 7:00 PM Rebekah Circle, Off-site 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Group, Off-Site; Contact: 404.579.7279</p>	<p><i>November 16</i> 9:45 AM Ruth Circle, Fireside 6:00 PM BUZZ, FH 6:45 PM Bible Study, FH 6:45 PM Knitting Circle, Fireside Room 7:45 PM Handbells 8:00 PM Ebenezer Room 110/111 8:00 PM Officer Training, Rm 139</p>	<p><i>November 17</i> 7:30 AM Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast; Contacts: 770.475.2686; 678.624.9756 7:30 PM Adult Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 PM Ebenezer Youth Music Rehearsal, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 18</i> 10:00 AM Day School Board Meeting, Fireside Room 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Daisy Trp #11514, Room 110/111 7:00 PM Great Prospects Social, FH 8:00 PM Ebenezer Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>November 19</i> 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM GS Badge Workshop/Troop #3238, FH 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class, 110/111 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Girl Scout Workshop, Fireside Room 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Set-Up for Kirkin', FH & Kitchen 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parents Night Out, FH, Fireside Room, 110/111, 115, 116, 117</p>
<p><i>November 20</i> See Sunday Schedule for Ongoing Activities. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Alternative Gift Mall 11:15 AM Kirkin' o' the Tartans 12:15 PM Kirkin' o' the Tartans ~ Lunch, FH 12:30 PM M.O.E. Meeting, Room 137</p>	<p><i>November 21</i> 7:00 PM A Labor of Love (Doula Meeting), FH</p>	<p><i>November 22</i> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 137 7:30 PM Adult Choir, Sanctuary 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Group, Off-Site; Contact: 404.579.7279</p>	<p><i>November 23</i> 8:00 PM Ebenezer Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>November 24</i> THANKSGIVING DAY 6:00 PM Ebenezer BPC Potluck Dinner, FH</p>	<p><i>November 25</i> 8:00 PM Ebenezer Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>November 26</i> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class, FH</p>
				<p>Thanksgiving Holidays ~ Office Closed</p>	<p>2:30 PM - 9:00 PM Dir...</p>	<p>10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Di...</p>
				<p>Thanksgiving Holidays ~ Fulton County</p>		
<p><i>November 27</i> 1st Sunday in Advent See Sunday Schedule for Ongoing Activities.</p>	<p><i>November 28</i></p>	<p><i>November 29</i> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 137 7:00 PM PW Book Club, Fireside Room 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Group, Off-Site; Contact: 404.579.7279</p>	<p><i>November 30</i> 6:00 PM BUZZ, FH 6:45 PM Bible Study, FH 6:45 PM Knitting Circle, Fireside Room 7:45 PM Handbells 8:00 PM Ebenezer Room 110/111 8:00 PM Officer Training, Room 139</p>	<p><i>December 1</i> 7:30 AM Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast; Contacts: 770.475.2686; 678.624.9756 9:00 AM Presbytery Meeting, First Douglasville Pres 7:30 PM Adult Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 PM Ebenezer Youth Music Rehearsal, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>December 2</i> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Daisy Trp #11514, Room 110/111 6:30 PM Progressive Dinner 8:00 PM Ebenezer Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>December 3</i> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class, FH 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM GS Troop #27324 Game Day, FH</p>
<p><i>December 4</i> 2nd Sunday in Advent Advent Lessons & Carols Communion Sunday Evergreen Order Pick-Up See Sunday Schedule for Ongoing Activities. 12:15 PM Birthday/Anniversary Celebration, FH 12:30 PM Prime Timers Christmas Luncheon, RCC</p>	<p><i>December 5</i> 7:30 PM BFMC Meeting, Room 138 8:00 PM EBPC Session Mtg, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>December 6</i> 7:00 AM Municipal Election Run-Off, FH 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Rm 137 6:00 PM CTC Meeting, Room 137 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 4, Room 110/111 7:00 PM PW Christmas Gathering, Off-Site 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Men's Group, Off-Site; Contact: 404.579.7279</p>	<p><i>December 7</i> 6:00 PM BUZZ, FH 6:45 PM Fellowship, R 137 6:45 PM Knitting Circle, Fireside Room 7:45 PM Handbells 8:00 PM Ebenezer Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>December 8</i> 7:30 AM Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast; Contacts: 770.475.2686; 678.624.9756 6:45 PM Job Network Ministry, FH, Fireside & Prayer Rooms 7:30 PM Adult Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 PM Ebenezer Youth Music Rehearsal, Room 110/111</p>	<p><i>December 9</i> 8:00 PM Ebenezer Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>December 10</i> Bell Ringing @ Northport Mall ~ Salvation Army 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Exercise Class, 110/111 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Piano Recital, FH ~ Folkert 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM GS Troop #24301, Room 110/111 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Piano Recital, FH ~ Day</p>



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:15AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM



Wednesday Night's Schedule:

BUZZ: 6:00PM - 7:45PM (includes dinner, children's choirs, Youth Bible study, adult studies, and a knitting group)

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