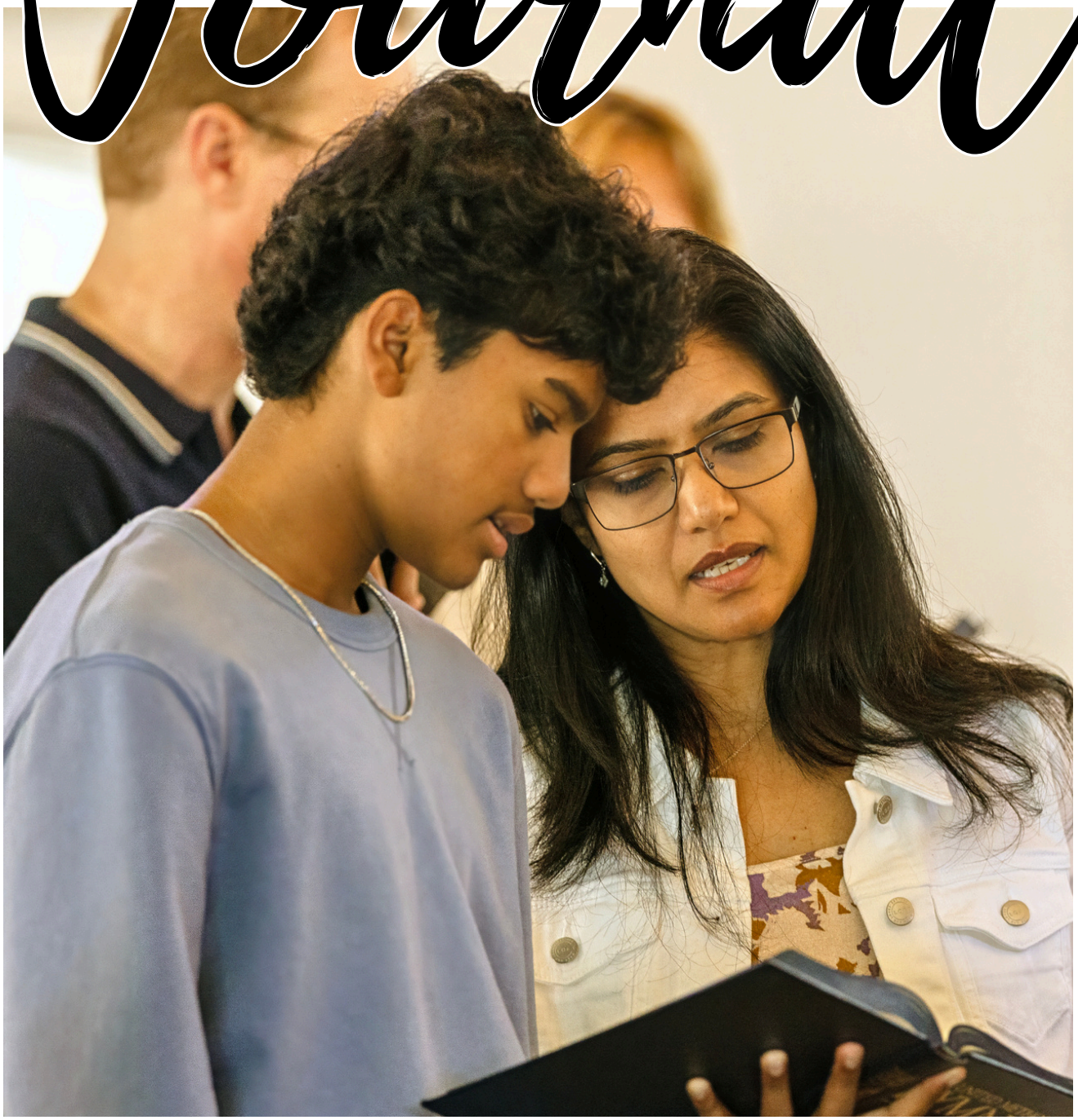
August - December 2026

NORTHBROOK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Journal



All that Northbrook has to offer!

IMPORTANT *Dates*

August

1 Habitat Build (Offsite)
2 Homecoming, Luncheon, Ministry Fair | 10 AM
2 Youth Kick-Off Pool Party
3 Upward Soccer Registration
10 Normal PTO Resumes (Monday/Friday)
9 Regular Worship: The Brook 9 AM | Traditional at 11 AM
9 Hymn Sing | 5 PM
9 Youth Parent Meeting | 12:15 PM | Summit
12 First Wednesday Night Dinner of the Season
12 Crusades' Bible Study | 5:45 PM | Room 213
12 Children's Ministry Parent Meeting | 5:45 PM | Summit
16 Serve at Trinity Table

September

7 Office Closed (Labor Day)
8 Blood Drive | Simmons Hall
11 Women's Retreat | Dillard, Georgia | 11th-13th
16 Children's Bubble Bash | 5-6 PM | Patio
27 Pumpkin Load-In | Patch Opens

October

4 Preschool Sunday | One Service 11 AM
13 Ladies' Fall Potluck | 6:30 PM | Simmons Hall
18 Milestone: Fruit of the Spirit | 12 PM
21 Pumpkin Palooza | 5-7 PM
25 Last Day for Food Drive
30 Youth Lock-In Halloween Party

November

1 Commitment Sunday | All Saints | Luncheon
6-8 Rooted Youth Retreat | Camp Glisson
6-8 Holiday Craft Sale | Simmons Hall
8 The Brook meets in the Sanctuary
15 Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal | 12:30 PM
15 Youth Thanksgiving Party | Summit
27 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
29 First Sunday of Advent | 9 & 11

Wednesday NIGHT DINNER

Wednesdays| 5-6:30 PM
Simmons Hall

August 12, 19, 26
September 2, 9, 16
October 7, 14, 28
November 11, 18
December 2

Reservations are due by noon on Monday before. Payment is made at check-in on Wednesday via credit card or check. Children can choose a smaller portion of the weekly meal or pizza and applesauce. Costs are as follows:

- Adults: $10
- Children (4-11): $5
- Children under 3: Free

Family maximum: $25

December

1 Hanging of the Greens
2 Last Wednesday Night Dinner of the Season
6 Second Sunday of Advent | 9 & 11 AM
6 Children's Choir Christmas Program | 5 PM
7 Golden Bells Christmas Concert
13 Third Sunday of Advent
Comforts and Joys Musical Celebration | 11 AM
18-19 Living Nativity 5-7 PM
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 9 & 11
24 Christmas Eve Worship
5 PM Family Service
7 PM Candlelight Communion
25 Christmas Day | Office Closed Until 1/4
27 One Service at 11 AM

NORTHBROOK
Children's Ministry

Godly Play | Sundays, 9:50 AM
Join us for an extraordinary journey where children engage in meaningful, hands-on encounters with sacred stories.
Contact: Christy Merritt (cmerritt@northbrookumc.com)

- Pre-K to 1st Grade Room 226
- 2nd to 5th Grade Room 202

Joyful Noise Choir
Wednesdays | 5:30-6:25 PM | Room 228
This engaging program focuses on building community and love for music and worship.
Contact: Chelsea Spits (cspits@northbrookumc.com)

Parents' Time Out
Mondays and Fridays |9:15 AM - 1:15 PM
Childcare for 1 year & walking to 5 years.
Contact: Jodi Tomassi (pto@northbrookumc.com)

UPCOMING
Save The Date!

Bubble Bash
September 16 | 5-6 PM
You're invited to a foam-tastic good time. Invite your friends and neighbors for an hour of bubbles, foam, and free play on the church patio. Pizza provided. RSVP at Northbrook.com/Events

Pumpkin Palooza
October 21 | 5-7 PM
Grab your costume and bring a friend to this unmissable event, where laughter, delicious treats, and pumpkin thrills await. Indulge in a Food Truck feast, hop on a hayride, and join the fun at our Trunk or Treat extravaganza!

Children's Christmas Music Program
December 6 | 5 PM
Celebrate the season with a family-friendly performance from our Joyful Noise Children's Choir and Chancel Choir. A dinner reception and an appearance from a special visitor will follow the concert.

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Summit Sunday Mornings | 9:50 AM
Let's dig into God's word together! Youth explore the Bible each Sunday as a group, asking relevant, tough questions and engaging Scripture in a meaningful way.

Summit Sunday Nights | 5-7 PM
Sunday nights are always an adventure as we build faith community over games, music, art, and competition. Dinner is provided.

Wednesday Check-Ins | 5:30-7 PM

Contact: Min. Erich Wills (EWills@northbrookumc.com)

SUNDAY *School*

Wellspring Sunday School
Women | Room 203
Contact: Susan Ward (sward0103@gmail.com)

Mosaic Sunday School
30s & 40s Adults | Room 213
Contact: William Newkirk (wm.newkirk@gmail.com)

Bridge Sunday School
Adults 40+ | Room 211
Contact: Christian Scheel (christianscheel@comcast.net))

Agape Sunday School
Adults 50+ |Room 215
Contact: Kobus du Plessis (jakobus_duplessis@yahoo.com)

Circuit Riders Sunday School
Adults 50+ | Room 233
Contact: Emily Johnson (johnsmst@bellsouth.net) and Ed Rogers (edmrog@gmail.com)

Serendipity Sunday School Adults 60+ | Room 206
Contact: Bruce Longino (blongino@mingledorffs.com)

Fellowship Sunday School
Adults 65+| Room 228
Contact: Leigh Ann Launius (lalaunius@gmail.com)

Friendship Sunday School
Adults 75+ | Room 205
Contact: Pat Dodge (pat.gardens13@gmail.com)

General Sunday School Information Contact: Rev. Kena Newkirk (knewkirk@northbrookumc.com)

COMMUNITY *& Support Groups*

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mondays, 7:30-8:30 PM | Room 212

Al Anon (Allies of Alcoholics)
Fridays, 7-8:30 PM | The Summit

Mom Co
Thursdays, 10 AM- 12 PM | Fellowship Hall

Evening Stretch Yoga
Tuesdays, 6:00 PM | Room 133

Boy Scout Troop 985
Contact: Todd Williams (toddwilliams2@gmail.com)
Cub Scout Pack 985
Contact: William Clark (985cubmaster@gmail.com)
Cub Scout Pack 135
Contact: Andriy Khomenko (geolog@gmail.com)
Girl Scout Daisies 23084
Contact: Crystal Mackie (mackie.crystal@gmail.com)
Girl Scout Troop 22101
Contact: Jennifer Oosthuizen (jennifer.hulsey@hotmail.com)

Contact: Allen Whittaker (awhittaker@northbrookumc.com)

NORTHBROOK WOMEN

Heart Keepers Lunch Group
4th Wednesdays | Noon
Lunch at Crabapple Tavern
Contact: Linda Sandridge
(lindasandridge@gmail.com)

Heart Keepers Canasta Group
1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:30 PM |Simmons Hall
Contact: Nan Richards
(**nanrichards98@hotmail.com)**

Heart Keepers Book Club
4th Tuesdays | 2 PM | Room 213
Expand your mind and explore new ideas with our monthly book club.
Contact: Linda Sandridge
(lindasandridge@gmail.com)

Women of Northbrook (WON)
Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Room 206
Book and Bible studies with new topics rotating every few months.
Contact: Violette Garrett
(violettegarrett@bellsouth.net)

Northbrook Crafters
Wednesdays 10 AM to Noon | Northbrook House
A small group community that makes crafts. Funds from the annual sale support missions.
Contact: Marianne Raker (gmcbn@aol.com)

Senior Wesley Women
2nd and 4th Fridays | 10 AM| Room 206
Meets twice monthly to discuss a chosen Christian book.
Contact: Pat Dodge (pat.gardens13@gmail.com)

Susanna Wesley Women
3rd Monday | 6:30 PM|Room 228
Small group with a bring-your-own-dinner option beginning at 6 PM
Contact: Mary Holliday
(marylholliday@gmail.com) or Lillian Train
(lptrain@mindspring.com)

Women of the Word (WOW)
Thursdays | 10:30 AM | Room 230
Series of rotating book studies with a teacher and meaningful discussion.
Contact: Leigh Ann Launius
(lalaunius@gmail.com)

NORTHBROOK *Music and Choir*

Northbrook UMC Adult Choir
Contact: Chad Hunt
(chadh@northbrookumc.com)

Chancel Choir
Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary
Northbrook Bells
Wednesday | 5:30- 6:15 PM | Music Suite
A-Men
Every other Sunday | 1:30 -2:30 PM | Music Suite

MEN'S *Discipleship*

We host periodic men's fellowship events in Simmons Hall. Each event features a guest speaker who informs and guides the conversation around discipleship and outreach in the community. Following breakfast, we tackle a variety of church campus maintenance and improvement projects.
UMM President:
Ed Rogers (edmrog@gmail.com)

Brothers without Borders
Fridays | 8 AM | Virtual
Contact: Eric Baxter (ejsbaxter@yahoo.com)

Bible and Brews
Wednesdays | 7 PM | Pinkies Up
30 E Crossville Rd #180, Roswell, GA 30075
Contact: Trey Kinney (trey@gokinney.com)

Brown Baggers
Wednesdays | Noon | Room 233
Contact: Mike Shackelford (psms2995@gmail.com)

Eggs Up Grillers
Fridays | 6:30 AM | Eggs Up Grill
270 Rucker Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004
Contact: Scott McKelvey
(scottmckelvey@dynamixgroup.com)

TGIF
Fridays at 6:45 AM | Northbrook House
Contact: Ed Rogers (edmrog@gmail.com)

Young at Heart
Wednesdays | 7 PM | Host Homes
Contact: Steve Young (steve.young99@yahoo.com)

OTHER *Studies*

Young Adult Group and Bible Study
Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM | Room 205
Let's grow spiritually, build lasting relationships, and navigate life's challenges with faith.
Contact: Kamisha Washington
(kamishaoni@yahoo.com)

Crusades: Jesus and the Sword
Wednesdays 5:45 PM | Starts August 19
The Church has a long history of mixing faith, violence, and politics. Join us for this 5-week study as we examine the role of war in the Bible, Christian history, and current events.
Contact: William Newkirk (wm.newkirk@gmail.com)

LEADERSHIP *& Steering Teams*

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS

Church Council Chair | Andrea Youngstrom (ayoungstrom@bellsouth.net)
Staff Parish Relations | Trey Kinney (trey.kinney@gmail.com)
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Finance | Karl Hube (khube848@gmail.com)
Stewardship | Flo Acker (fleuretteacker@gmail.com)
Women's Ministry | Leigh Ann Launis (lalaunis@gmail.com)
Men's Ministry | Ed Rogers (edmrog@gmail.com)
Lay Leader | Brenda Simpson (brendadsimpson@gmail.com)

MINISTRY STEERING TEAM LEADERS

These teams provide visioning and guidance for our community of faith. We'd love for you to get involved with the church's work by joining one of our teams!

Congregational Care | Mitch Self (mitchell.self@gmail.com)
Discipleship | James Wells (jamwel@gmail.com)
Missons & Outreach | Ed Sircy (esircy45@gmail.com)
Family Ministry | Sarah Swanner (sarahswanner@gmail.com)
Community Engagement | Christian Scheel (christianscheel@comcast.net)

CONGRAGATIONAL CARE

Prayer Team
This team of Northbrook prayer warriors commits to spending time in prayer each week for the church staff, ministries and programs, congregation, and prayer list, as well as the Roswell community as a whole.
Contact: Leigh Ann Launius (lalaunius@gmail.com)

Stephen Ministry
We invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry. If interested in becoming a Stephen Minister,
Contact: Mike Johnson (johnsmst@gmail.com)

Sundays *at Northbrook*

9 AM	THE BROOK MODERN WORSHIP
9:50 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Nursery care is provided for ages 8 weeks to 5 years beginning at 8:30 AM

NORTHBROOK STAFF

Senior Pastor | Rev. Jennifer Andone (jandone@northbrookumc.com)
Associate Pastor | Rev. Kena Newkirk (knewkirk@northbrookumc.com)
Executive Director | Allen Whittaker (awhittaker@northbrookumc.com)
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Minister of Youth and Missions | Erich Wills (ewills@northbrookumc.com)
Minister with Young Adults | Kamisha Washington (kwashington@northbrookumc.com))
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Director of Children's Music| Chelsea Spits (cspits@northbrookumc.com)
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