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NEWS & NOTES

January 3, 2020

To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NOTES FROM NANCY

This Sunday Morning, as we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, we will hear the story of "The Fourth Wiseman" by Henry Van Dyke.

The Epiphany Feast is this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Please call the church or email me at nancy@sminster.com by 4:30 today (Friday) if you still want to sign up. It is a wonderful way to end the 12 days of Christmas, and children are welcome, too! *(Nursery care will be provided for any young children who want to stay for the dinner but not for the brief time of worship around the tables that follows.)*

Happy New Year!

As we end the season of Christmas and welcome a new year and a new decade, I'm reminded of a poem by Ann Weems that speaks to being open to the ways that the love of God can be born in us any time:

*It is not over, this birthing.
There are always newer skies into which God can throw stars.
When we begin to think that we can predict the Advent of God,
that we can box the Christ in a stable in Bethlehem,
that's just the time that God will be born
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.*

*Those who wait for God
watch with their hearts and not their eyes,
listening, always listening for angel words.*

THIS SUNDAY

EPIPHANY FEAST

Date: Sunday, January 5

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: CFC

We will celebrate with a candlelight dinner, singing, and a procession of the magi as we hear their story from Scripture. Start off the New Year with this truly beautiful and meaningful experience for the whole family.

Ham, rolls, drinks, & the special Epiphany Cake will be provided.
Please bring a vegetable or other side-dish (no desserts, please)

PLEASE SIGN UP BY 4:00 P.M. TODAY

Contact the office by calling 433-1810.

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, January 5

Time: 11:15 a.m. following Worship

Location: Meet at Welcome Center

Guests, newer members, and long-time members --**all!**--are invited to tour our wonderful facility Sunday, January 5. Learn about the history of Southminster, as we travel along following worship for the 45-minute tour.

Facilitated by Marj Lawson

EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS

GRACE CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, January 7

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hospitality Room

Please join us to start the new year with Fellowship.

IMPORTANT OFFICER RETREAT

Date: Saturday, January 11

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church

(All Deacons and Elders who will be serving in 2020 need to be there.)
Please plan to join us for this retreat and RSVP to Dorothy by this Wednesday, January 8. We will meet at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Rd, Kettering, OH.

ADULT EDUCATION "THE WALK"

Date: Sunday, January 12 (for 7 weeks)

Time: 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Location: Hospitality Room

Join Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton and deepen your walk with Christ, as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing your faith.

Facilitated by Steve Davis

THE CASTLE

Date: January and February 2020

Place: Sign up in the Narthex

2020 is another year in which we as members of Southminster can serve our neighbors up the street. Located at 133 N. Main Street, "The Castle is a gathering place of trust and friendship which supports adults with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence." For years our church has donated food items monthly to The Castle and we plan to continue this mission in the new year. The January and February sign-up sheets are now available on the Mission Board in the Narthex. Please consider donating to such a worthy mission.

CALLING ALL BABY BOOMERS

Are you interested in joining a new social group, with friends to get together, once a month for faith, fun and fellowship? If so, there will be sign-up sheets in the Coffee Corner and a meeting after worship on January 19 at 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary Lounge. If you have questions please see Tammy Caskey, Kathy Jester or Holly Woods.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH LOCK-IN All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend the annual MLK weekend lock-in from Sunday 1/19 at 4 p.m. to 1/20 at 12 p.m. We'll be learning about the legacy of MLK Jr., sharing meals together, going on a fun evening outing, spending the night at the church, and weather permitting, marching in the Dayton MLK Jr.

march on Monday morning. The cost is \$20 and guests are very welcome! For more information and to RSVP, contact [Pastor Laura](#)

NOTES OF INTEREST

PER CAPITA – 2020

Per Capita is Southminster's support of the larger church. The per capita amount for 2020 is **\$52.20 per member**. Making a check out for this amount, multiplied by the number of confirmed family members, helps us meet our obligations. Please label your payment "per capita" so it gets posted to the right account

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY JANUARY 20

The office will be closed Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King Day.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,185	\$6,657	\$(2,528)
Year to Date	\$477,518	\$523,995	\$46,477

* as of December 30, 2019

For convenience, you can [pay on-line](#) at our website

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