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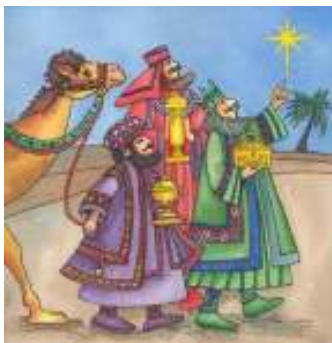


To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NEWS & NOTES

January 4, 2019

EPIPHANY FEAST



**Are you coming to the
Epiphany Feast
on Sunday, January 6, 2019
5:30 p.m. in the CFC?**

**Please bring a side-dish to pass, (no
desserts).
Ham and Epiphany Cake will be provided.**

**We still need to borrow more candleholders. If you can bring
candleholders or candelabra, please bring them to the church
office by Sunday morning, and tape your name to the bottom.**

**(Most CHILDREN will enjoy the experience,
but we will have
someone in the nursery if they prefer to go there after dinner.)**

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We need your help to take down our lovely Christmas decorations. If you can come either Monday or Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. to help our Property Manager, Christian Zennie, take down the decorations, it would be greatly appreciated!

An Opportunity
to Practice
Hospitality



WE ARE HOSTING THE PRESBYTERY & WE WILL NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!

The stated meeting of Miami Valley Presbytery will be held at Southminster on Saturday, February 9.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and ends around noon, when our congregation then serves lunch to the commissioners. We will need people to help with directing parking, greeting, helping people sign in and get lunch tickets, directing people around the building, helping to prepare, serve and clean up the noon meal, and more! Our choir will be asked to sing at the worship service, and we will provide communion and some elders to help serve it, too.

After Southminster's clerk and pastor meet with the Presbytery's clerk next week, they will send out a Constant Contact with more detailed information on sign-ups. Churches of the Presbytery take turns hosting the meetings, and we have not done it for many, many years.

This is an opportunity for Southminster to let Presbytery experience our friendship and hospitality. We will need lots of help! Please look for upcoming information and sign up to be a part of the day!

GROUPS AND EVENTS

As we embark on 2019, prayerfully consider if you would like to participate in one or more of the following groups or events. Don't see your group or event here? Please send information to Lynn and she will gladly publish it.

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, January 6, 2018

Time: 11:15am

Place: Meet at Welcome Center

Marj Lawson will offer a tour of the church, following Worship. Meet her at the Welcome Center for this tour which will take about 45 minutes.

NEEDLES & HOOKS

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Hospitality Room

Questions? Contact Helen Davis at 885-0574 or helendavis@woh.rr.com.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 9:30am

Place: Chapel

"Where the Care Connection Prayer Requests are Honored."
Meets weekly in the Chapel. Anyone is welcome. For information, contact Dottie Eggers at 433-1488 or Lois Thorp at 859-0327.

DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP

Date: Wednesdays, January 9 and 23

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Adult Lounge

Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month for group support. Questions? Contact Facilitator Ryan Battelle at 436-0561.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

Date: Friday, January 11, 2018

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Coffee Corner

Join us for our next Genealogy Interest Group meeting every 2nd Friday of the month with Facilitator Kathy Jester. We will be discussing what we would like to focus on for 2019. Bring your ideas

and a dish to share! RSVP your side dish to Lynn@sminster.com. All are welcome!

MOM 2 MOM

Date: Fridays, January 11 and 25

Time: 9:00am

Place: Hospitality Room

Fellowship for moms and a time to discuss the struggles of parenting and raising our children within the Christian faith. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays, September-May. Questions? Contact Adrienne Dickson at adrienne.dickson@icloud.com

SCRAPBOOKING

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2018

Time: 9:00am

Place: Adult Lounge

Join us for some scrapbooking and fellowship! (Usually held the first Saturday of every month in the Hospitality Room.) Questions? Contact Kathy Jester at r.a.jester@sbcglobal.net.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING (2-PART TRAINING)

Date: Sundays, January 13 and 27

Time: 11:15am

Place: Hospitality Room

Questions? Contact Pastor Nancy at Nancy@sminster.com.

GRIEF GROUP (SOUP GROUP)

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2018

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Coffee Corner

"Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey." Join us the 3rd Thursday of the month. Bring your own lunch. Drinks are provided. Questions? Contact Jane Hancock at jhan820@gmail.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Dates: 3rd Friday of the month, next occurrence is 1/18/19

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Place: Hospitality Room

Please join us for monthly discussions of books, both fiction and nonfiction, that focus on social justice issues such as racism,

immigration, homelessness, etc. We welcome different voices, experiences, and ideas to broaden and deepen our understanding of the issues. Discussion facilitator varies from month to month; contact Pat Elliott at pelliott1@woh.rr.com with questions.

Reading schedule for 2019

Jan. 18 – In the Midst of Winter – Isabel Allende

Feb. 15 – Hillbilly Elegy – J.D. Vance

Mar. 15 – The 57 bus – Dashika Slater

Apr. 19 – The Street – Ann Petry

May – December, 2019 – To Be Determined

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Date: Friday, January 18

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Place: CFC

Drop off your kids on the 3rd Friday of the month for a few hours of fun! If you can volunteer or would like to participate, RSVP to Kim@sminster.com.

SAMBA CARD GROUP

Date: Tuesday, January 22

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Hospitality Room

Join us for fun and fellowship the 4th Tuesday of every month. Questions? Contact Peggy Stichter at p.stichter@sbcglobal.net.

ELDERBERRIES (55 and Better)

Date: Friday, February 1

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: CFC

Lunch and something interesting, for anyone over the age of 55. First Friday of the month. Questions? Contact Jacque Ryan at jkryan@toast.net.

SCOUT SUNDAY AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, February 3

Time: 10:00am

Place: Sanctuary

Join us for Worship as we celebrate our Boy Scout Troop 516. The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow Worship.

For additional upcoming events, be sure to visit our [website](#)

GROWTH GROUPS

SHORT STORIES BY JESUS

Dates: Sundays, January 20 through February 24, 2019

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

Jesus was a skilled storyteller and teacher who used stories from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. *Short Stories by Jesus* will take us back in time and explain how the original audiences understood Jesus' parables. This video-based study featuring renowned scholar and teacher Amy-Jill Levine will show how the parables are not just about Jesus but also about us—and they still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later. *Facilitated by Steve Davis.*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Winter Youth Activities

Don't miss out on the fun! Put these youth activity dates on your calendar now.

January 13: Puppets Resume, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (3rd grade and up)

January 20-21: Youth Lock-In (for Middle School and High School)

January 27: Bowling with Fairmont Youth Group, 4:00 - 7 PM (for Middle School and High School)

February 3: Souper Bowl of Caring, Before and after worship (3rd grade and up)

February 10: Puppets, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (3rd grade and up)

February 17: Puppets, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (3rd grade and up)

February 24: Service Day, 2:00 - 4:30 PM (3rd Grade and up)

March 3: Puppets, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (3rd grade and up)

March 10: Puppets, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (3rd grade and up)

March 17: Puppets, 6:30 - 7:30 PM (3rd grade and up)

Visit our website for information about Southminster's [Children's ministry](#) or [Youth ministry](#)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

ATTENTION TEAM CHAIRS:

Please submit your annual reports to Lynn at Lynn@sminster.com by January 6, 2018. If you would like to see a copy of last year's annual report for a guide, it is at the church website [here](#).

INQUIRY CLASS

We are happy that you have been visiting us at Southminster! A new Inquiry Class will be held in the early part of 2019 for those interested in knowing more about the church and for those wishing to join our congregation. If you would like to be a part of this class, please call the church office at 433-1810 and leave your name and phone number. (If it is hard to reach you by phone, you may want to give us an email address as well.) Someone will contact you to give you more information, answer questions, and coordinate a date for the class.

CONTRIBUTIONS

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO SUPPORT SPC!

THANK YOU for your contributions in 2018! We received \$45,365 more in contributions than we had anticipated. However, we still had to take a large amount from our investments to meet our expenses, and our investments are dwindling.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PLEDGED FOR 2019, please prayerfully consider how you might support the ministry and mission of Southminster Presbyterian Church. Every contribution makes a difference!

Pledge Cards can be found at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in the Church Office. You also can email your pledged amount to Lynn Grubb at lynn@sminster.com.

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