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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 12, 2018

Please note: If the weather conditions continue to worsen, the office will be closing early today. Please call ahead before you drive to the church.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

During the recent cold snap, someone asked me about closing the church on Sunday. I will plan to offer a worship service as long as I am able to get here. Having lived for 17 years in the snow-belt in

*Western New York, I will drive in almost anything, so it would be rare for me to close the church. **At the same time, I want you to be safe!** Please use your own best judgment about ice and snow conditions when you are deciding whether or not to come to church. While I like to see all of your smiling faces, I wouldn't want you to hurt yourself to get here. If we ever have to close the church on a*

Sunday, I will put a message on the church's Facebook page. In addition, please check WHIO (Channel 7) news for church closing information. You can sign up for text alerts through WHIO for free at <http://www.whio.com/closings-signup/>.



OUR SEMINARY STUDENT PREACHING THIS SUNDAY

We welcome to the pulpit this Sunday, Anne Fyffe. Anne is a member of our congregation who is in her final year at Princeton Seminary. Last month, the Presbytery's *Committee on Preparation for Ministry* met with Anne to hear her preach and ask her questions about theology and her vocation. They unanimously approved her to begin seeking a call. As Anne's home church, our role is to support and encourage her as she seeks to answer God's call to ministry. Please keep Anne in your prayers as she embarks on this exciting journey.

STAFF AND OFFICE NOTES:

The church office will be closed for lunch on weekdays between 12:30 and 1:30 pm, and phones will go to voicemail at that time. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Birdsong on her cell phone: 732-208-3280.



The church office will be closed this Monday, January 15 for **Martin Luther King Day**. Rev. Birdsong has a memorial service that day, but you can leave a message on her cell phone.

Our Interim Associate Pastor, Rev. Garth Adams, will not be with us this Sunday. He is the Presbytery's *Committee on Ministry* liaison to Fairmont Presbyterian, and this is the time that was scheduled for him to visit and meet with their congregation.

Kim Catchpole and Erin Dickerson will be traveling to Louisville January 28 to attend the Association of Presbyterian Christian

Educators (APCE) annual conference. They will return to work Monday, February 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PHILEMON CLASS - BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY!

Dates: Sunday, January 14-Sunday, Feb 4, 2018

Facilitator: Steve Davis

Time: 8:45am

Location: Hospitality Room

Paul's letter to Philemon is one of the Bible's shortest books but don't let that fool you! John Wesley found in this little letter a message that "infinitely transcends all the wisdom of the world." That powerful, counter-cultural message was of vital importance to Paul's original reader (Philemon) and remains so today. It is hard to believe that such a brief work could include so much explosive information challenging us to transform our view of the world and each other. Join us for a 4-week study at 8:45 am in the Hospitality Room.

JOIN SOUTHMINSTER YOUTH IN THE DAYTON MARTIN LUTHER KING MARCH

Dates: Monday, January 14, 2018

Time: 9:00am

Location: Meet in parking lot or at Drew Health Center

Support our youth and our community by participating in the Dayton Martin Luther King Day March on Monday, January 15. To car pool, meet us at Southminster in the back parking lot at 9 AM. We will travel to the Drew Health Center to join the March. Contact Kim Catchpole for more information.

SOUP GROUP (GRIEF GROUP)

Dates: Thursday, January 18

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Coffee Corner

Please bring your own lunch and I will provide the hot drinks for everyone. I hope you can join us and start the new year off with our fellowship - Jane Hancock

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Dates: Friday, January 19

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Location: CFC

This is an opportunity for parents to get a free evening out on a regular basis while the children have a fun evening at Southminster. Children can bring their own sack dinner or fast food. The littlest ones will hang out in the nursery while the older kids (usually 3 years and up) play in the CFC. Available 3rd Friday of the month Sept – May.

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Friday, February 2

Time: 11:15am

Location: Christian Fellowship Center

The next meeting of the Elderberries will be February 2. Susan Allen, who teaches Chair Yoga in our church, will be here to show us some gentle moves we can do easily in a chair. These are designed to help us release tension, and gain a bit more strength, flexibility, mental clarity and better overall health. Susan comes highly recommended. Feel free to invite any of your friends to join us. If they are coming, be sure to sign them up so we have enough food prepared.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SEEKING REFRIGERATOR DONATION for office use.

Do you have an extra full size refrigerator, in good condition, you are no longer using and would like to donate to the church office? If so, please contact Lynn.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER



What is Stephen Ministry... and why should you

care?

Stephen Ministry is a caring ministry designed to provide one-on-one care for anyone experiencing a life challenge, or simply needing someone to talk to. Your Stephen Minister will listen compassionately; will not judge or

negate your feelings and will be there for you for as long as you feel the need and will maintain confidentiality.

Stephen Ministers have received training in numerous aspects of caring. They learn how to listen, how to connect with a person's experience, how to offer support, how to pray for and with their Care Receiver.

Why should you care? There may be times when family or friends are not the best people to talk to; and trying to muddle through things alone can be really hard, even exhausting. Having someone available who will be focused only on you and your needs can be very comforting. You may not currently be in a place where you feel the need for support, but you may know someone who could benefit from a caring listener. Keep Stephen Ministry in mind. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, you may contact any of the following, or speak with Pastor Nancy.

Your Stephen Ministers: April Bennett; Sharon Boyko; Lana Ellinger; Pat Elliott; Al Herner; George Lawson; Lois Thorp

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

PER CAPITA - 2018

Per Capita is Southminster's support of the larger church. The per capita amount for 2018 is **\$45.98 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.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up from the Mission Table in the Narthex. If you forgot to order yours, there are some extras in the office.

ATTENTION TEAM CHAIRS: Please send your team's portion of the 2017 annual report to [Lynn](#) no later than January 31st (earlier than that would be appreciated). If you have any questions about what is required, you can email [Nancy](#) or Lynn.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM is inviting all church members and groups to sign up to help with the coffee corner for 2018. This entails groups bringing a total of 8 to 10 dozen cookies/snacks for a particular Sunday. We are also hoping to show anyone who

participates to learn how to make the coffee, set up and take down. We have created detailed instructions along with pictures to make it easy for you to follow. We will also have someone from Fellowship there every Sunday to help you through the process. Notice the new sign up boards in the Coffee Corner! We have also added some artwork for your enjoyment. Thank you for helping us make this a successful program for current members and visitors! Fellowship Team: Jane Barlow, Tammy Caskey, Jon Friedl, Sandy Stevens, Linda Wiggers, Holly Woods.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CANDLESTICKS you generously loaned for the Epiphany Feast from the office during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

**THANK YOU FROM
DAYTON VA MEDICAL CENTER**



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- Dayton
- Lima
- Middletown
- Richmond
- Springfield



Dear Congregation:

On behalf of the Veterans, families, and staff of the Dayton VA Medical Center, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the donated hats, gloves, socks, games, undergarments and other comfort items.

Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our Veterans and their service to our country.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to enhance the care we provide for our Nation's heroes, the Veteran patient.

Again, thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pleasants
Chief, Voluntary Services

VSS ID: 2186057

In accordance with VHA Directive 4721, we are required to state "The Department of Veterans Affairs" did not provide you, the donor, any goods or services in consideration in whole or part for your contribution.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Sign up for this fun overnight for grades 6-12. Our theme is Looking In, Reaching Out. Join us for games, a mission project, an evening workshop with other local Presbyterian youth, and participating in the Dayton Martin Luther King Day March.

When: January 14-15

Cost: \$5

To Sign Up: Contact [Kim Catchpole](#)

MONTREAT

DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for Montreat has been extended for one week! Bring a friend and get 50% off your deposit. Please contact [Kim Catchpole](#) to sign up and submit your deposit to secure a spot.

Deadline to Sign Up: January 14

Conference Dates: June 3-9

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP AT KIRKMONT!

Sign Up for Camp

Registration is now open for 2018 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield. Camps for all ages are available from June 9 through August 5. [Camp Schedule and Registration](#)

Work at Camp

Are you seeking a summer job outdoors sharing God's love with young folks? Post-high school men and women give campers a great experience 6 days a week for June and July. Serve the campers through activities, music, kitchen help, cleaning, energizers and more.

[Information and Application](#)

YOUTH GROUP AND PUPPETS RESUME

It's time for fun and faith with your friends in Youth Group and PBnJ (Proud Believers in Jesus) Puppet Ministry.

When: Sunday Nights beginning January 21

Time: 6-8 PM

Where: Community Room

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

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