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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 17, 2019

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Hi everyone.

**Whenever we have a big snow or ice on the roads, please check your email in the morning, before you head out to the church.**

Last Saturday, you received a Constant Contact email to say that we were still having the 10 a.m. service. However, by the time I drove to church early Sunday morning and saw accidents and cars off the road, only 2 small plows, and the “swerving” signal in my car indicating that my tires couldn’t get good traction, I reluctantly made the decision to cancel the worship service. Then, you were sent a new email about the cancellation. While we also contacted WHIO, it sometimes takes them a while to show new information on the TV or website.

**As you probably know, weather reports are predicting more snow for this weekend.** We will hope for the best, but remember to double check your email on Sunday morning. Please always use your own best judgment about coming out in the snow and stay safe.

Peace and blessings,  
*Nancy*

## FROM THE PERSONNEL TEAM . . .

In December, the congregation showed its appreciation for our staff by donating a Christmas gratuity, which was divided equally among them. **Thank you!**

Throughout 2019, we can continue to show our appreciation—by observing the [procedures](#) for scheduling [events](#), meetings, and activities. Both staff and members can become frustrated when last-minute requests are made. The staff wants to help but sometimes cannot because of a scheduling conflict. Often an [event](#) requested at the last minute cannot be scheduled without disrupting preparations for an activity that was planned and scheduled days or weeks ahead.

Please [schedule events](#) to be held at the Church sufficiently in advance so the staff can prepare for and accommodate required space and setup. You'll find the necessary forms in the office or on the [website](#).

Other ways you can help?

- If you see something around the building or grounds which needs attention or repair, please e-mail Lynn Grubb, Business Administrator, at [lynn@sminser.com](mailto:lynn@sminser.com), so that she and Property Manager Christian Zennie may prioritize tasks.
- Recall that some staff members work part time and may not be able to respond to your call or e-mail right away. When possible, avoid the lunch hour (12:30-1:30). Typical hours for staff members are posted at the close of this *News & Notes*.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Date: Friday, January 18 - TONIGHT!**

**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](mailto:Kim@sminster.com).

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

**Date: Sunday, January 27**

The date for ordination and installation of new officers has been re-scheduled for Sunday, January 27, during the worship service.

## **NEW OFFICER TRAINING (2-PART TRAINING)**

**Date: Sunday, January 27**

**Time: 11:15am**

**Place: Community Room**

The re-scheduled date for the first class of officer training is Sunday, January 27. This is for new Elders and Deacons and for those who could not attend last year's training. Please remember to bring a lunch and drink. You can leave them in the refrigerator of the kitchen near the upstairs Community Room. Please also bring your calendar so that we can choose the best date for the second class.

## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Dates: Tuesday, January 29**

**Time: 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Place: Boston Stoker, 215 North Main St., Centerville**

We will be reading and discussing the book *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. We will be focusing on the first two chapters at the first meeting in January and will continue on the first and third Tuesday each month until we finish the book.

## **ELDERBERRIES (55 and Better)**

**Date: Friday, February 1**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Place: CFC**

The Elderberry Group would like to invite members, non-members and friends 55 years old and older to join us on **Friday, February 1 for lunch at 11:30** which will be followed by a group of wonderful young Irish dancers. Lunch will consist of chili con carne, tossed salad, fruit cup and cookies. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for those able to pay. It promises to be a fun time for all. To make reservations, either sign up in the Narthex or outside the office or call the office at 433-1810. We hope you will want to join us!

## **JOY ARTMAN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary/Narthex**

**SCOUT SUNDAY/ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/SOUPERBOWL OF CARING**

**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.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Dates: 3rd Friday of the month, next occurrence is 2/15/19.**

**Time: 10:00-11:30am**

**Place: Hospitality Room**

The Book Discussion Group is reading Hillbilly Elegy, by J. D. Vance. Join us for sharing opinions and insights on social justice issues gained from this month's reading. Contact Pat Elliott at [pelliott1@woh.rr.com](mailto:pelliott1@woh.rr.com) with questions.

**OFFICER FINANCIAL VISIONING RETREAT**

**Date: Saturday, February 16**

**Time: 8:00a.m. through lunch**

**Place: CFC**

Elders and Deacons will be having a retreat for the purpose of looking at our finances and budget as well as brainstorming about some major fundraisers and making plans to carry them out. Please bring your own lunch and drink. We will meet in the CFC.

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

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## GROWTH GROUPS

**SHORT STORIES BY JESUS**

**Dates: Sundays beginning January 27**

**Time: 8:45-9:45am**

**Location: Adult Lounge**

*This class will begin on January 27, instead of January 20.*

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### **Girl Scout Cookies**

Are you looking for a Girl Scout to fill your cookie craving? The Girl Scouts of Southminster will have a table in the Narthex on Sunday, January 27 before and after worship. They would be happy to take your order.

### **Shepherds Needed for Children and Worship and Sermon 2.0**

We are in need of shepherds to assist with Children and Worship and Sermon 2.0. What does a Shepherd do? A Shepherd meets the children outside the sanctuary doors and leads them to their classroom. During the class, the Shepherd offers support to the teacher. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. You can also contact [Kim Catchpole](#) if you have questions or if you need to schedule an appointment for a background check.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

[The Souper Bowl of Caring](#) is a national ministry that empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need. This year, the children and youth of Southminster will be collecting cans of soup to donate to the Fish Food Pantry. Please bring regular-size (not family size or larger) cans of soup to church on **Sunday, February 3**. The youth will be available to collect cans before and after worship.

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

## **INFORMATION OF INTEREST**

### **PER CAPITA**

Per Capita is Southminster's support of the larger church. The per capita amount, assessed by the Presbytery for 2019, is \$48.20 per member. Making a payment for this amount, multiplied by the number of confirmed family members, helps us meet our obligations. Please label your payment "per capita" so it will be posted to the right account.

### **THE CASTLE**

Located at 133 N. Main Street in Centerville, "The Castle is a gathering place of trust and friendship which supports people with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence." . Food items are brought to the church the 4th Sunday of each month (excluding May and December). A volunteer from The

Castle will retrieve the items from the church the day after the donations are made. The January and February sign-up sheets are now available on the Mission Board in the Narthex. Please consider donating to our worthy neighbors up the street.

### **CLOTHES THAT WORK**

In 2018 the 4 teams of Bob and Judy Murphy, Adrienne Dickson, Cheryl Hartman, Kathy Jester, Mary Stahley, Pat Bethel, Suzi Dameron and Gay Amos gathered donated adult clothing items at the church and took them to drop-off locations for Clothes that Work. Clothes That Work not only supplies appropriate clothing for job interviews but offers guidance on how to make a good first impression. You can help by donating good clean (no rips or stains) adult clothing and accessories. This organization which also offers a boutique that is open to the public and offers items at affordable prices, is located at 1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd. in Dayton. Across from the church elevator on the office floor is where the clothing and accessories may be left. Clothing should be on hangers if at all possible. On the ledge above the Clothes That Work sign are receipts should you want one. Thanks to all who have donated and a big thanks to the teams which are serving in this mission.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **Southminster Contributions – 2019\***

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$5,605	\$(3,578)
Year to Date	\$18,366	\$16,906	\$(1,460)

• as of January 14, 2019

**We had some electronic & dropped off collections even when church services were cancelled. To have a break even year in 2019, we need to collect \$1,900 over the budgeted contributions each week.**

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### **CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**

Church Phone: 937-433-1810.

**Nancy Birdsong, Pastor/Head of Staff**

Tuesdays through Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and, often, through late evening for meetings, etc. *Monday is her day off.*

**Steve Schumm, Interim Associate Pastor**

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sunday (flexible) *and some Saturdays when preaching*

**Kim Catchpole, Interim Director of Children's and Youth Ministries**

Monday-Wednesday 12:00-4:30 p.m.; Thursday/Friday 9:00-4:30 p.m., Sundays

**Ruth Mappes, Director of Music Ministries**

Wed late afternoon and evening (*for bell choir and choir rehearsals during this program year*)

Sunday morning

**Jim Pera, Organist**

Wednesdays during rehearsals, and Sunday mornings

**Lynn Grubb, Business Administrator**

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Karen Hardie, Office Assistant**

Mondays 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Sharon Ark, Financial Administrator**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings (flexible)

*(In the summer, Sharon has Fridays off.)*

**Christian Zennie, Property Manager**

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (usual office hours)

**Jerry Craig, Property Support (Sundays)**

Sunday mornings

#### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:**

***While these volunteers may sometimes need to take time away,  
these are their usual hours:***

**Gretchen Cleaves** Monday and Wednesday mornings

**Lois Thorp** Tuesday and Friday (all day)

**Kathy Jester** Thursday mornings

**Gay Amos** Mondays in church library

[Click here](#) for staff contact information.

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