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NEWS & NOTES

January 19, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I wanted to update you on some things coming up in the schedule:

- 1) This Sunday, we will be **ordaining and installing Elders and Deacons**. I hope you can be here for this sacred time in the life of our congregation when members answer this special calling and we affirm that they are chosen by God for service.
- 2) The **Annual Meeting** will be on **Sunday, February 18** and we hope to distribute the annual reports the previous **Sunday, February 11**. Lynn needs time to put these together, so please get them in to her no later than **Sunday, February 4**. Her email is Lynn@sminster.com.

3) **Hopefully, I am finally moving into my own place in Ohio in February!** If nothing torpedoes the sale of my house in New Jersey this time, I will be leaving after worship on February 4 to fly back to NJ to finish packing up the house, send things off with the movers, close on February 9 and be back by Sunday, February 11. I should close on a condo in Ohio on February 13, and the movers should be bringing my belongings some time that week.

If you need a pastor between February 5 and 10, please contact Rev. Garth Adams. We will ask someone else to be a back-up for Garth as well, and one of our Stephen Ministers should also be able to help you.

4) **My installation service** will be on **Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. It took 5 months to be able to fit it into the calendar, but we finally have a date so that I can officially be installed by the Presbytery as your pastor. Although it is unusual to have a former pastor come back to be part of such a service, the Presbytery allowed me to ask Jackie Nowak to preach, and I am happy to say that she agreed. I also have asked Garth to be a part of it, even if we have a new interim associate by that time. I hope you can come!

I have really enjoyed my first Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season with you and look forward to many more. Thank you for making my first months at Southminster so special.

Blessings,

Nancy

STAFF AND OFFICE NOTES:



Kim Catchpole and Erin Dickerson will be traveling to Louisville January 28 to attend the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) annual conference. **Lynn Grubb**

will also be out of the office the week of January 28 as she is attending a Spiritual Retreat in Nashville, TN. Erin, Kim and Lynn will return to work Monday, February 5. Please contact **Karen Hardie**, Office Assistant (Karen@sminster.com), that week if you have any requests for scheduling or announcements.

Reminder that 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. The office will generally not be locked during this time unless there is limited staff and volunteers on that day.

If there is a pastoral emergency during lunch time, please call Rev. Birdsong on her cell phone: 732-208-3280.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PHILEMON CLASS

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.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - TONIGHT

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

THE CASTLE

The February sign-up sheet for The Castle is available in the Narthex.

The logo for "Friends of the Castle" is written in a stylized, gothic-style font with a dark, textured appearance.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

A NOTE FROM STEVE PLUNKETT

Many of you have asked about Margaret Plunkett's condition as she battles cancer, as well as what the family learned when at MD Anderson. We have set up a Caring Bridge website to keep people up-to-date on what's happening with Margaret. If you would like to check out the Caring Bridge website, you may do so by logging in [here](#).

Everyone's concern, care, and love are deeply appreciated.

Love,

Margaret and Steve, Stephen and Katherine, Alison and Kevin

PER CAPITA - 2018

Per Capita is Southminster's support of the larger church. The per capita amount, assessed by the Presbytery 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 will be posted to the right account.

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.

EPIPHANY **(a poem written by Pat Custer)**

Sunday night the 7th
was a beautiful sight

In our CFC room as we
gathered that night

An Epiphany dinner
was planned for all

To celebrate with Magi,



walking the floor.

As we entered, a gold crown was placed on our head
And we saw the manger with baby asleep in his bed

With purple cloths and candles a glow
We took our seats with people we know

Scriptures and hymns and bell choir did ring
As we sang the beautiful "We Three Kings"

We wrote on a paper a gift to the Christ child
Carried our gift to the manger so meek and mild

This was a night of wonder and light
The star in the sky with beams so bright.

So thanks to Nancy, she's done this before
As inspiring Epiphany! The Lord we adore.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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

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

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.

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