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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 25, 2019

A Message From the Pastor



Greetings, everyone! After two icy Sundays in a row, I'm happy to say that the weather is expected to be fine this weekend. I've missed you! There is something about coming together as a community of faith that strengthens and inspires us for Christian discipleship. I like the way this poem by Ann Weems talks about the church:

*I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ
where two or three or thousands can gather together
in the Lord's name
and touch this world
with the amazing good news that somebody cares,
that God joins us in community so that someday
this world will be loved to wholeness.*

*I celebrate this community,
where the people say Yes in the face of No,
where they light candles in the darkest night,
where healing and compassion
leave no time for self-righteousness,
and the life-sustaining love of Christ
is evident in the life of the believers.*

*I celebrate the church,
where every child of God is hailed as unique and valuable,
where arms are opened to the world's outcasts,
where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world
is invited in and surprised
by the life-giving word
that Christ accepts the children,
all the children of the world.*

*I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,
whose supportive community
holds me when I'm tempted to give up,
enfolds me when I'm hurting,
affirms me, reaches out to me,
gives to me, receives from me.*

This poem reminds me of what the church aspires to be, and it makes me grateful to be a part of the wonderful fellowship of Southminster Presbyterian Church. See you on Sunday!

Peace and blessings,
Nancy

UPCOMING EVENTS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Date: Sunday, January 27

The ordination and installation of new officers will occur this Sunday.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING (2-PART TRAINING)

Date: Sunday, January 27

Time: Following Worship

Place: Community Room

The re-scheduled date for the first class of officer training is this Sunday. 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: Thursday, January 31 (first meeting)

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. If you have any questions, you can contact Elizabeth Davis at (937) 701-4603 or [email](#).

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 next Friday for lunch and entertainment provided 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/SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Date: Sunday, February 3

Time: 10:00am

Place: Sanctuary

Join us for Worship on a Sunday when we recognize our Boy Scout Troop 516 and other Scouts who attend Southminster. The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow. Support the national Souper Bowl of Caring ministry by bringing a regular size can of food to donate!
Read more about the Souper Bowl of Caring in the Children and Youth section below.

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, February 10

Time: Following Worship

Place: Welcome Center

Join Steve Davis for a tour of the church, following Worship. Meet him at the Welcome Center. The tour will take about 45 minutes.

SOCIAL JUSTICE 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 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.

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

GROWTH GROUPS

SHORT STORIES BY JESUS

Dates: Sundays continuing through February

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

If you have any questions about this class, you can contact [Steve Davis](#).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VBS SAVE THE DATE!

We are looking forward to seeing all of our friends at VBS this summer. Please save the dates June 24-27. More information to come soon!

Youth Bowling with Fairmont Presbyterian Youth Group

All youth are welcome to join us for a night of bowling and dinner with the Fairmont Youth Group on Sunday, January 27. We will meet at the Fairmont Church parking lot at 4PM. We will go bowling at Poelking Lanes South near the Dayton Mall, then return to Fairmont for dinner. Parents can pick up at 7PM. Please RSVP to Kim by Friday, January 25.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a unique and often life-changing experience for youth. This summer, high school youth have an opportunity to attend Triennium through our presbytery for a very affordable price of \$180 per person. **There will be a short (20 - 30 minute) informational session after worship Sunday in the Ark room.** Contact Kim Catchpole for more information.

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

The Food Pantry is in need of brown paper bags. If you can help, please drop them in the Food Pantry can outside of the office entrance (door #5) or you can bring them to the office.

Do you enjoy the culinary arts? Once again, local cooking enthusiasts will prepare a meal and dine with some of Dayton's leading chefs in classes sponsored by the 37th annual **AFS Cooking School**. The five classes offered will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., on most Mondays in February and in early March, in the Consumer Science room at Centerville High School. The schedule, additional information, and a [registration form](#) are available. A few paper copies will be available this Sunday morning at the Welcome Center. (Sunday's *Dayton Daily News* food column also will feature this event--so timely registration is a must!).

Member **Eileen Baker** has been an active leader with AFS and with the Cooking School for decades. Proceeds from the Cooking School will benefit the Dayton-area chapter of AFS-USA Intercultural Programs, an international high school student exchange organization. For more information about AFS-USA, visit: www.afsusa.org.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita is Southminster's support of the larger church. The per capita amount, assessed by the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly 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	\$2,689	\$(6,494)
Year to Date	\$27,549	\$19,595	\$(7,954)

• as of January 21, 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.

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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