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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**

### **February 1, 2019**

#### **A Message From the Pastor**



#### **A CHANGE IN COMMUNION TO HELP OUR LITTLE ONES**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Mt. 19:14)*

Members of our congregation have often expressed their hope that we will grow, especially in the numbers of children, teens, and young adults at Southminster. If that is our dream, then we need to be willing to do some of the things that help them to feel more welcome and included. Holding the cups of juice during Communion is difficult for little hands, and young children easily spill it. This would happen even if they were served last, just before the pastors because it is still too long for them.

The Christian Education Team asked the Worship Team to try to make it easier for the children, and the Worship team has decided to try making a **slight change in the way we receive communion**. I hope you will be open to it.

In the past, we have eaten the bread individually, as soon as it is served, as a symbol of our personal faith in God while holding the cup to drink together to show our unity as the body of Christ, the church. We can still have this symbolism while switching which element we hold and which element we take individually. Little hands can hold on to bread much more easily than trying to hold cups of grape juice. **Thus, starting this Sunday, when you are served the bread, please hold it until we partake of it together. When you are served the juice, please drink it right after you receive it.**

Since 1970, well before the Northern and Southern streams of our denomination joined to form the Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbyterians have welcomed children to receive the Lord's Supper. The expectation is that both the church and the parents will educate children about its meaning in ways appropriate to their age level. We believe that, through this sacrament, the presence of God can touch the heart of a child as well as an adult, even if there are different levels of understanding.

Can you think of other ways in the life of the church that we can help children know that we welcome and value their presence and participation? Our ministry teams and staff are always open to your suggestions.

Peace and blessings,  
Nancy

**ANNUAL MEETING**



**CALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING:** An annual congregational meeting will take place this Sunday following Worship.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Annual Reports were passed out last Sunday. You can find a copy [here](#). To see a current membership list, you can go to the [private section](#) of the website. Contact [Lynn](#) in the office if you need the password.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JOY ARTMAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Sanctuary/Narthex

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### SCOUT SUNDAY/ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Date: Sunday, February 3

**Time: 10:00am**

**Place: Sanctuary**

**SUNDAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY!** We especially welcome Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts as we worship God together Sunday. They are helping as ushers and as leaders in the service. Girl Scouts, Claire Battelle and Brooke Catchpole will be liturgists and Boy Scout, Daniel Parilo, will read the Scriptures.

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.*

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### **ACCIDENTAL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Dates: Tuesdays, February 5 and 19**

**Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

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

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### **GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP**

**Date: Friday, February 8 (2nd Friday of the Month)**

**Time: 12 Noon**

**Place: Coffee Corner**

Join us for lunch and sharing of genealogy resources. Bring a dish to share. All are welcome! Contact Kathy Jester if you have any questions.

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### **PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI VALLEY MEETING**

**Date: Saturday, February 9**

**Time: Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; Meeting at 9:00 a.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary (Lunch to follow in CFC)**

We still have a few volunteer openings. Please contact Lynn by email or call the church office if you can help.

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### **BUILDING TOUR**

**Date: Sunday, February 10**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Place: Welcome Center**

Are you a guest? A newer member? A long-time member? Then the building tour is for YOU! It's a history lesson as well as a

geography lesson. Meet Steve Davis at the Welcome Center immediately after worship.

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### **SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**

**Date: Sunday, February 10**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Place: Adult Lounge**

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Date: Friday, February 15 (3rd Friday of the month)**

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

**Place: Hospitality Room**

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### **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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### **YOUTH SERVICE DAY**

**Date: Sunday, February 24**

**Time: 2:00-4:30pm**

**Place: Ark Room**

We will have a few mission projects to complete, snacks, and games. Meet in the Ark room. More information to come soon!

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### **OFFICER TRAINING CLASS 2**

**Date: Sunday, March 3**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Place: Community Room**

This class is for new Elders and Deacons and for those who could not attend the second class of 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.

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

**Date:** Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19

**Place:** CFC/Lower Parking Lot

Clear your calendar for one of the biggest Mission events of the year! More details are available [here](#).

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

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## GROWTH GROUPS

### SHORT STORIES BY JESUS

**Dates:** Sundays continuing through February

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

**Location:** Adult Lounge

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## 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!

### **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](http://www.afsusa.org).

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Southminster Contributions – 2019\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$7,754	\$(1,429)
Year to Date	\$36,732	\$27,349	\$(9,383)

\* as of January 28, 2019

**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

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