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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 8, 2019

A Message From the Pastor



“Love is something if you give it away, you’ll end up having more.”

Valentinus was a Roman priest who lived at a time when emperor Claudius had an edict prohibiting the marriage of young people. He thought that unmarried soldiers would be more willing to risk their lives if they weren’t worried about the welfare of their families. Secretly performing Christian marriage ceremonies anyway, Valentinus was imprisoned, tortured and later executed for his actions. While the priest, now called St. Valentine, is often associated with romantic love, he is more of a testament to the fact that real love goes much deeper. His sense of God’s blessing on our meaningful human relationships made him risk his life to help others make commitments to honor and cherish one another.

Maybe we can pause, in the midst of what is often a cold, icky month, to think about the power of love. Jesus tells us to love as we would want to be loved. He asks us to care for and pray for each other and to live with kindness and compassion. Jesus isn't just talking about loving our families or friends. He urges us to open our hearts to visitors, strangers, and those with any kind of need. This is why your Mission Team is working to expand our outreach in the community.

One simple gesture of Christian love could happen right after the worship service. Instead of immediately seeking out our friends or talking about church business with someone, we could pay attention to folks who might be visiting and would love to be introduced to our friends, welcomed to the church, or just given a little acknowledgement or attention. Children enjoy receiving their own special welcome, too!

Another way we can love the folks around us at church is for those who are able-bodied to leave the parking spaces closest to the building open for guests and for those with special needs.

Such actions may seem simple, but they are still important ways to be a part of a loving community. May God bless us with just enough foolishness and love in our hearts to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Nancy

**SOUTHMINSTER IS HOSTING
THE PRESBYTERY OF THE
MIAMI VALLEY THIS SATURDAY**

If you would like to come to the worship service, it is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. You are welcome to join us!

Many thanks to all of our volunteers!

**ASH WEDNESDAY AGAPE
MEAL WITH WORSHIP**



Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The journey of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to consider who we are and who God calls us to be. This year, both a soup supper and a worship service will take place in the Christian Fellowship Center (CFC) around tables in the shape of a cross.

After enjoying a light, simple meal of soup and bread, we will remain at the table for a time of worship that will include the renewal of baptismal vows and the sharing of Communion. Ashes will be available for those who would like them.

Your Worship Team is supplying the soup, but we could use some volunteers to bring 7 or 8 loaves of different types of bread. It can be pumpernickel, Irish soda bread, rye, sourdough, or any other kind that you choose. It doesn't matter if you buy it or make it. If you are bringing bread, please contact [Lynn](#) to let her know what kind you will bring. Please deliver the loaves of bread to the kitchen no later than 5:30 p.m. so that we can slice it. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

COLLECTIONS FOR BRIGID'S PATH



Brigid's Path is a non-profit program that provides inpatient medical care for drug-exposed newborns and non-judgmental support and advocacy to improve family outcomes. At the Saturday Presbytery meeting, we are taking donations for this organization, and you are welcome to bring your own donations for the next 2 Sundays. This is what we

need:

4 X 6 photo paper
39 gal. trash bags,
paper towels (rolls)
tri-fold paper towels
K cups
cream and sugar
juice boxes

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

Date: Sunday, February 10

Time: Following Worship

Place: Adult Lounge

A special Session meeting will be held Sunday following Worship.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Place: Hospitality Room

OFFICER FINANCIAL VISIONING RETREAT

Date: Saturday, February 16

Time: 8:00a.m. through lunch

Place: CFC

ACCIDENTAL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP

Dates: Tuesday, February 19

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

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

GRIEF GROUP

Date: Friday, February 21

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Coffee Corner

"Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey."

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Date: Friday, February 21

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Place: CFC

Drop off your kids for a few hours of fun!

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Fridays, March 1

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Place: CFC

We are so looking forward to our March Elderberries meeting and we hope you will be too. The program is entitled "Music of Hearts and Clovers." Our own Art Nitsch will be singing and playing the guitar. His friend, Lou James, will be singing and playing the keyboard, and we will be invited to sing along to some of the songs. We will be hearing some great songs for Valentines Day, along with songs to get us ready for St. Patrick's Day. For lunch, we will be having macaroni and cheese, green beans, tossed salad, garlic toast and a green desert. The cost is \$7.00 for those who can pay. Please encourage your friends to join us. You can sign up in the Narthex, outside of the office or by calling the office.

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.

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Fridays, March 15 (Make-up meeting for February)

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Place: CFC

Due to inclement weather, the Elderberries meeting for February has been rescheduled for March 15. It will be held in the CFC as usual, at the same time (11:15-1:15) with the same agenda and same menu (Chili, corn bread, tossed salad and fruit cup). The only difference in

the program is that we will have a few more young Irish Dancers, which should make the program even better. Feel free to bring your friends.

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](#)

GROWTH GROUPS

SHORT STORIES BY JESUS

Dates: Sundays continuing through February

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH SERVICE DAY & GAMES

Youth, please join us for a Youth Service Day on **February 24** from 2:00 - 4:30 PM. We will start out with a project in the church, then enjoy snacks and games (including Quiplash, Sardines, and any game you bring!). Adults are welcome to lend a hand and join in the fun. Meet in the Ark room. Contact Kim to sign up!

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

SOUTHMINSTER'S PRIVATE PAGE

Here you will find information and resources of interest to the people of Southminster, but not available to the general public.

Including: Photo Directory, Session Meeting Highlights, Employee Handbook, Audio Recording of Services, Complete Copy of 2018

Annual Report.

To access this page, go [here](#). If you have questions or there is something else you would like to see on our website, please contact the Communications team at communications@sminster.com

BLANKET SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 17

As you all know, this has been a year of devastating floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and now this bitter cold weather. The cold is hard on all of us, but for those who are without warm clothing, blankets, and some without electricity and heat, it is disastrous. Monies go first for disaster relief, which includes blankets, food, shelter, and safe water. They then provide emergency clean-up buckets, hygiene, school and baby kits. After basic needs are met, they will provide tools, training and other resources for long-term recovery. Your support truly makes a difference the world over, including right here in the United States. Thank you, Mary Kaiser (PWS Moderator)

FOOD PANTRY FUND RAISER

The Centerville location City Barbeque is taking non-perishable food donations for the FISH Southeast Food Pantry! Donate an item, get a FREE DRINK through the month of February. They are also hosting a Fundraiser for the Food Pantry on Sunday **February Feb. 24**. 25% of all receipts will go to the FISH Food Pantry in support of our continuing mission. Flyers will be in the Narthex on Feb. 17th and 24th as well as printable from the SPC website.

A GREAT START PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the the September 2019-May 2020 school year is now open. For more information about the quality part-time preschool programs for ages 2-5, or private kindergarten, call (937) 312-1621 or visit www.agreatstartpreschool.com.

HELLO, GOOD MORNING

"In August 2010, a new ministry at Southminster began called "Hello-Good Morning"! This successful ministry is still very much thriving and we'd like to bring it to you attention if you are a single person living alone! The purpose is to connect 2 individuals who will check on each other briefly by phone every day to be certain each other is okay. Participants are paired so there is only one person each participant is responsible for contacting. No problem if you are out of town, have busy schedule, etc....just be certain your partner

knows. Please contact Judy Murphy @433-4449 if you have questions or would like to sign up.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$14,865	\$5,682
Year to Date	\$45,915	\$42,214	\$(3,701)

* as of February 4, 2019

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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