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NEWS & NOTES

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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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are now available for members of all ages- children, youth, and adults. This year's devotionals come from *Illustrated Ministries* and focus on the spiritual discipline of giving. The creative weekly devotionals are [available for download](#) and there will be print copies available for pick-up in the Narthex on Sunday. Devotionals for families with young children are also [available for download](#) and in print. We hope you enjoy using this

devotional each week during Lent this year.

THIS WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Date: February 26

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: CFC

The journey of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to consider who we are and who God calls us to be. We will gather in the CFC around tables in the shape of a cross and enjoy a very light, simple meal of soup and bread. We will stay 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. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

Your Worship Team is supplying soup, but are requesting volunteers to bring 9 loaves of different types of bread that is unsliced. Please drop the bread off in the office no later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday February 26.

ADULT EDUCATION "THE WALK"

Date: Sunday, January 12 (for 7 weeks)

Time: 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Location: Hospitality Room

Join Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton and deepen your walk with Christ, as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing your faith.

Facilitated by Steve Davis.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PARENTS NIGHT OUT (TONIGHT)

Date: February 21

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 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. Parents' Night Out is once a month from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 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.

VOLUNTEER NURSERY CARE NEEDED Starting March 8

We are still searching for two new paid nursery workers for Sunday morning worship. In the interim, we need volunteers to help in the nursery so that we can continue to provide a welcoming space for families with young children. If you are willing to volunteer, one Sunday a month, 9:30-11:30 a.m., contact [Pastor Laura](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-18. We are in need of a VBS planning team, which would meet monthly to plan VBS since we are

still in search of a Children's Director. If you are interested in being on this team, please contact Pastor Laura.

ADULT AND TEEN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION "A CLEARING SEASON"

Date: March 1 - April 5

Time: 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Place: Hospitality Room

It's time to rethink Lent. Or at least see it as spring-cleaning for the soul—a time to pause, consider and renew your relationship with God. A time to clear the darkness away and find Easter joy and newness of life. It's an altogether hopeful (not dreary) experience. This Lent, we will offer a small group study of Cynthia Parson's book, *A Clearing Season*. It's a gentle introduction to the daily practice of prayer and reflection, along with other practices meant to make time and space in our hearts and lives for the God who is already closer to us than our own breath.

One group (facilitated by Steve Davis) will meet from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings beginning March 1 and ending April 5. A second group (facilitated by Gay Amos) will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 on Tuesday mornings beginning March 3 and ending April 7. Both groups will meet in the Hospitality Room. Copies of the book will be available for purchase in the church office for \$13.00.

Please sign up in the Narthex and join us on this journey of self-reflection and spiritual renewal.

ADULT & TEEN EDUCATION

NATIONALISM, PATRIOTISM, and the CHRISTIAN FAITH

Date: March 8 & 15

Time: 11:15-12:15 p.m.

Place: Community Room

In Galatians 3:28, we read, "*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*" In the year 2020, perhaps the Apostle Paul would add, *In Christ, there is no Democrat or Republican.*" Just as Paul tried to preach against the "us" against "them" mindset in his day, we are faced with a new kind of sectarianism in our country today. The "us/them" dichotomy can also be seen in the ways some Christians are confusing patriotism with nationalism. How do considerations of Church and State or religious and political identity affect us at Southminster? How does the placement or religious or

patriotic symbols reflect these considerations? Please join Rev. Laura Nile and Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong for a two-part class that hopes to encourage discussion of what it means to be a faithful Christian while being a patriotic American.

NOTES OF INTEREST

PASTOR NANCY BIRDSONG will be on vacation February 17-23. If you need pastoral care please contact Pastor Laura Nile.

NEEDLES AND HOOKS

Needles and Hooks will not meet on Wednesday, Feb. 26, as it is also Ash Wednesday.

SAVE THE DATE

Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a noted and best-selling author, educator, and renowned grief counselor, will be offering a community Seminar on complicated grief on April 16 from 7-9 p.m. at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2020*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$6,871	\$(3,720)
Year to Date	\$74,137	\$71,987	\$(2,150)

* as of February 17, 2020

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