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NEWS & NOTES

February 28, 2020

To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.



REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

MARCH 7

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

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, March 1

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Location: Meet at Welcome Center

Guests, newer members, and long-time members---**all!**---are invited to tour our wonderful facility on Sunday, March 1. Learn about the history of Southminster as we travel along. Meet Marj Lawson at the Welcome Center following worship for this 45-minute tour.

ADULT EDUCATION "A Clearing Season"

Date: Sunday, March 1 - April 5 Sunday's

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

Location: Hospitality Room

A small group study of Cynthia Parson's book, "A Clearing Season," is a gentle introduction to the daily practice of prayer and reflection.

Facilitated by Steve Davis.

GRACE CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hospitality Room

Join us for fellowship and Bible Study on the first Tuesday of each month.

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Friday, March 6

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: CFC

Enjoy some lunch as you listen to some banjo and guitar music that will make you smile. Lunch is \$7 or you are welcome to bring your own. Please sign up by the office.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER NURSERY CARE NEEDED

Dear Members of Southminster Presbyterian Church,

Unless we are able to find volunteers to assist in the nursery, we will not be able to provide nursery care in the coming weeks and months. We have always striven to be a welcoming congregation to families with young children and we have been so glad to see an increase in members and visitors with nursery-age children. One of the primary ways that we show hospitality to these families is by providing childcare during our programming hours, which means we currently have the Nursery open for infants—4 year old from 9:30-

11:30 a.m. on Sundays and have childcare available at groups designed for parents of young children.

Despite Personnel's months-long searches, we have been unable to find new paid Nursery workers. We are down to only 1 paid worker, which leaves us out of compliance with our Child Protection Policy. Unless we are able to find volunteers to assist in the nursery, we will not be able to provide nursery care in the coming weeks and months. I think we can all agree that this is not what we want for the families of Southminster.

I am therefore asking for volunteers to sign-up for monthly volunteer slots in several different places. You will receive basic training and must have previously passed or be willing to pass a background check through the church.

We need volunteers for the following dates:

Nursery, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

- 1st Sundays
- 2nd Sundays
- 3rd Sundays
- 4th Sundays
- 5th Sundays

Assisting with JR, 10-11 .am.

- 2nd Sundays

Families of Young Children Small Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- 3rd Sundays

If you can fill one of these volunteer slots, please email [Laura](#) at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Rev. Laura Nile, Associate Pastor

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](#).

JOIN THE NEW PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN SMALL

GROUP! Parenting young children is no easy job but it sure helps to have a community to talk with. Parents of children in elementary school or younger are invited to join a new monthly small group, starting March 15th at 5:15-6:45 p.m. We will begin with a facilitated parent discussion hour while kids play in the CFC and end with a family potluck. This month's theme is St. Patrick's Day! Please RSVP to [Deandra MacDermott](#)

ADULT AND TEEN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION "A CLEARING SEASON"

Date: March 3 - April 7 Tuesday's

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Place: Hospitality Room

A small group study of Cynthia Parson's book, "A Clearing Season," is a gentle introduction to the daily practice of prayer and reflection. Facilitated by Gay Amos.

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 LAURA NILE will be on study leave March 2-4. If you need pastoral care please contact Stephen Minister George Lawson at 307-5940 or Lois Thorp at 554-4697.

INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SOUTHMINSTER? Possibly interested in membership? If so, please stop by the Welcome Center or call the church office, at (937) 433-1810, for more information.

SAVE THE DATE
Southminster will be hosting Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a noted and best-selling author, educator, and renowned grief counselor, on April 16 from 7-9 p.m. If you would like to sign up for this free event please call the church office or go to <http://bit.ly/2020WolfeltCommunity>

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2020*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$10,698	\$107
Year to Date	\$84,728	\$82,685	\$(2,043)

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