

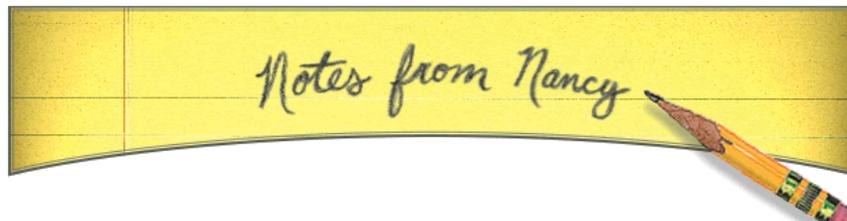
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To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NEWS & NOTES

March 1, 2019



***OOPS...** **Communion correction for Sunday:** We have switched to holding the bread to partake of it at the same time, thus showing our unity as the body of Christ, the church. We then take the cup individually as a sign of our personal faith in God. Last Communion Sunday, during my conversation with the children, I told them to put their cups back in the trays, but I **ONLY** meant for the children to do that. I knew that sometimes they drink only part of it, and they might still spill it. **For the rest of you, please put the empty cups in the pew holders as you have done in the past.**

* **WELCOME** to **Jason Shenck** who just became a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church at the Session meeting last Tuesday night! Jason has already jumped into activities at the church. He is on the Mission Team and will be leading the publicity for the Palm Sunday Auction. You may have seen him washing dishes or

pitching in at other events. We are happy to have him as a member of our community of faith.

* **CONGRATULATIONS** to Southminster's former Interim Pastor, **Rev. Steve Plunkett**. He just published a new book called "Faith and Politics in a World Gone Awry." It is available at Amazon in paperback and Kindle. The hardcover edition will come out soon.

* **PRAYERS** are needed for former Associate Pastor, **Rev. Jackie Nowak**. She is having surgery on Monday to put a plate in her arm to strengthen the bone that has a hairline fracture due to continuing lymphoma in that area. After she heals from the surgery, she will have radiation targeting the same place in her arm.

* **ASH WEDNESDAY**: I hope to see you at the upcoming Ash Wednesday Agape Meal (soup supper) with a worship service around the table in the CFC on 3/6/19 at 6:30 p.m. It is a wonderful way to enter into the season of Lent.

**A POEM BY CONGREGATION MEMBER,
PAT CUSTER**

"For Whom the Bell Calls"
(at Southminster Church)

At 9:30, we grab a cookie and a cup,
then find a friend and say, "What's Up?"
Others hurry in so they won't be late.
It's so much fun when we congregate
to hear the news of the night before,
and we welcome guests that come in the door.
At 9:55, Pat rings the bell.
It's time to go in, I'm here to tell.
When the bell rings, go take your seat
before Nancy and Steve begin to speak.
However, at 10, if you're still there,
I'll ring again and give a little stare.
Please get in before the choirs do sing.
or I might just look like a real "Ding-a-Ling."



ASH WEDNESDAY AGAPE MEAL WITH WORSHIP

Date: Wednesday, March 6

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. 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.



PALM SUNDAY AUCTION (and potluck lunch)

Sunday, April 14, after worship

Seeking artists, musicians, crafters, photographers, memorabilia, time and everyone's favorite...gift baskets!!! The mission team is working hard to expand our Head, Heart and Hands to our community and we want your help! We are seeking items for our live and silent auction. Consider donating your talent, or help us secure items from those you know can help us achieve our goals this year! We want our youth involved as well!

Have ideas, questions, or want to contribute? Contact Tammy Caskey at mission@sminster.com by March 17th to confirm your donation.

Just want to sign up to come to the event? Contact Gretchen Cleaves at gretchenchurch2@gmail.com. Through a separate Constant Contact email (and soon on the website), you can find out more about this exciting new event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUILDING TOUR

Date: Sunday, March 1

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 Marj Lawson at the Welcome Center immediately after worship.

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.

ACCIDENTAL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP

Dates: Tuesday, March 5
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Place: Boston Stoker, 215 North Main St., Centerville

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Friday, March 15
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Place: CFC

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

GROWTH GROUPS

LENTEN STUDY

JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT AND LIFE

Date: Beginning March 10
Time: 8:45-9:45am
Location: Adult Lounge

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

CALLING ALL GARDENERS! Do you enjoy gardening and have a little time to give to the church? We are in need of a couple of happy gardeners to give a little TLC to some of our gardens. Essential Landscape prunes bushes, weeds, and mulches, but we ask volunteers to give a little extra care to some of our gardens. Specific gardens in need of a gardener are the 3 pots in front of the Sanctuary doors, the garden closest to those doors (with the rock with the cross in it), and the perennial garden next to the office entrance. If you are interested, please contact Linda Meily at linda.meily@gmail.com. Think spring!

On behalf of the family of Dolores "Dee" Gillespie, we want to sincerely thank the members of Southminster Presbyterian Church for their sympathies and blessings at the passing of our mother. We are so grateful for the friendships and fellowship of church members throughout our mother's life, particularly during the recent years when she was most in need. The love and kindness of her sisters in faith, Gay Amos and Marj Lawson, will always be remembered by our family. We also express our appreciation for the comforting and kind words that Pastor Steve provided at the funeral service. In Gratitude, The Family of Dee Gillespie.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$10,996	\$1,813
Year to Date	\$73,464	\$76,355	\$2,891

* as of February 18, 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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