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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.



REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

THIS SUNDAY MARCH 8

LINES WITH LAURA

As many of you heard announced last Sunday, last week, Pastor Nancy had an emergency hernia surgery. Her surgery was very successful and she is still home recuperating. She hopes to return to work next week and still asks for no visitors at home so she can continue to rest peacefully.

Meanwhile, it is still flu season and it seems that the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is imminent. We are doing our best to be prepared to keep our members and community safe and healthy. Remember to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds (the Lord's prayer takes about that long!), use hand sanitizer, limit handshakes, and stay home if you are feeling ill. The coronavirus is a risk to those who are immunocompromised and elderly, so please remember to focus your concern and actions toward their wellbeing. We have the audio of worship services on the private page of the website if you need to miss worship. You can find more resources about how churches can be prepared [here](#) and [how to talk to children about coronavirus](#)

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS "are still available for members of all ages-children, youth, and adults. It's not too late to pick one up!" 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.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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.

MOM2MOM

Date: Friday, March 13

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hospitality Room

Mom2Mom is an informal fellowship and support group for moms. The group meets in the Hospitality Room every second and fourth Friday of each month.

GENEALOGY GROUP

Date: Friday, March 13

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Coffee Corner

The Genealogy Group meets the second Friday of each month. If you would like more information please contact Kathy Jester at (513)284-8600.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, March 22

Time: 11:15 p.m.

Location: Sanctuary

The Mission Team will have a meeting following worship to discuss Southminster's plans to become a (PDA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance site.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-18. If you are interested in volunteering join our VBS planning team on March 15 from 8:45-9:30 a.m., in the Adult Lounge.

JOIN THE NEW PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN 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 15, 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 15 & 22

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Southminster has several job openings for the nursery, a part time Children's Director and a part time Marketing Coordinator. If you know someone that is interested please have them apply at sminster.com/careers.

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	\$11,468	\$877
Year to Date	\$95,319	\$94,152	\$(1,167)

* as of March 3, 2020

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