

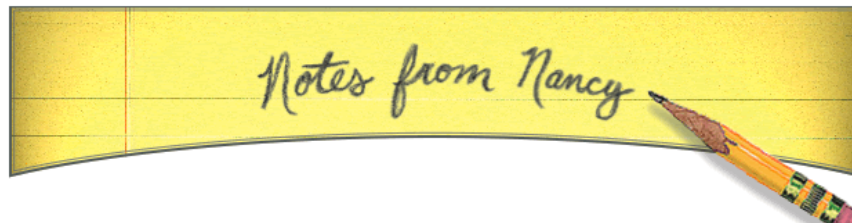
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*To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.*

## NEWS & NOTES

### March 8, 2019



Our part-time office assistant, Karen Hardie, has left Southminster to pursue other interests. We will miss her bubbly personality around the office. Karen will continue to coach a school-sponsored Science Olympiad program that meets several nights a week in the CFC. We wish her the best!



HAWKINS, Don & Jane

During the worship service last Sunday, I shared the news of the death of congregation member, Donald Hawkins. Since his two closest family members are each about to move their places of residence, they have not yet made plans for services or posted an obituary. If they decide to have a memorial service, they expect to have it in May. I will update you when there is any information. Please keep Donald's family and

loved ones in your prayers.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Ash Wednesday Agape Meal and Service. The choir sang beautifully!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ELDERBERRIES

**Date: Friday, March 15**

**Time: 11:15 a.m.**

**Place: CFC**

Due to inclement weather in February, Elderberries has been rescheduled for next Friday, March 15. Come join us for lunch and some entertainment provided by some fantastic Irish Dancers. The menu is chili, corn bread, tossed salad and a fruit cup. The cost is \$7.00 or you can bring a bagged lunch. Feel free to bring your friends.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB GROUP

**Date: Friday, March 15**

**Time: 10:00-11:30 A.M.**

**Place: Hospitality Room**



## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Date: Friday, March 15**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:00 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. 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.



## **PALM SUNDAY AUCTION (AND POTLUCK LUNCH)**

**Date: April 14, 2019**

**Time: Following worship**

**Place: CFC**

This is a fundraiser to help us expand our mission and service in the community! For ideas on how you can help make a donation to the auction or to sign up to go to the event, please go to our [website](#).

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**

### **PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY SPRING YOUTH RETREAT**

The Presbyterian Youth Connections (PYC) network is hosting the Spring Youth Retreat at Kirkmont Center, April 5-7. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other Presbyterian Youth and have fun while growing in your faith.

It is open to all youth grades 7-12. The cost is \$75 per person. Ask Kim about financial assistance. To register, contact Kim by March 22.



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

## INFORMATION OF INTEREST

**Associate Pastor Steve Schumm** is taking some time away, March 8 to 13. Steve will be in Canada for most of that week: half of that time will be spent visiting family and the other half Steve will be in Toronto for a continuing education event 'What's New in Preaching.' Steve will be back in the office Thursday, March 14.

### **April 3: A Day of Renewal**

The Presbytery of the Miami Valley has announced a day to retreat, to recharge, and to renew your spirit on Wednesday, April 3, at Kirkmont Center. Learn more at <https://www.kirkmontcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/April-Day-of-Renewal-Flyer-2.pdf>.

The event will be held at Croft House, a beautiful and relaxing retreat house. Kirkmont Center, an independent, nonprofit organization founded by the PC(USA) in 1963, is today a camp and retreat center serving public and private groups, faith-based groups of all denominations, families, businesses, and individuals. Kirkmont ("church on the mountain"), located near Bellefontaine, is a jewel of nature, with 278 acres of gently rolling hills and pine groves, hiking trails, a labyrinth, a prayer trail, and much more.

We will carpool/caravan from the church, leaving at 8 a.m. and returning about 4:30 p.m. Please contact Marj Lawson at 937.307.9948 or [lawsongm@aol.com](mailto:lawsongm@aol.com) for more information and/or to register.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Southminster Contributions – 2019\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$14,242	\$5,059
Year to Date	\$82,647	\$90,597	\$7,950

\* as of March 4, 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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