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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 9, 2018

### HOLY WEEK EVENTS

**PALM or PASSION SUNDAY** is a day of change from the joyful celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the solemn knowledge of what lies ahead for him in the coming week. *(Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 am.)*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** focuses on the Lord's Supper and the new commandment to love one another. In our worship service this year, Jesus' journey to the cross will be shared from the point of view of different characters in the story. This will be a Tenebrae service in which we extinguish one candle at a time throughout the night until the service ends with only one candle in the darkness. *(Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm)*

**GOOD FRIDAY** is the day we remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross. The chapel will be open from 8 am to 4 pm for anyone who would like to come in and pray on this somber, holy day. Pastor Birdsong will leave some of her books, which you are welcome to use,

to help you during your devotional time in the chapel. (*Friday, March 30, 8 am to 4 pm.*)

**EASTER** celebrates Christ's resurrection and the joyous gift of new life offered to all of God's people. Join us on this holy day!  
(*Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 am.*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **GODSPELL**

**Date: Sunday, May 29**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary**

Our choir and a visiting choir will share the music of Godspell during our worship service.

### **PENTECOST**

**Date: Sunday, May 20**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary**

This is the Sunday that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is also the day we will receive our new young members from the Confirmation Class!

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Date: Friday, March 16**

**Time: 6:30p.m.-9:00p.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 and up) play in the CFC. Available 3rd Friday of the month Sept - May.

### **HERITAGE SUNDAY**

**Date: Sunday, May 6**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary**

Join us for this special Sunday when we celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church.

## **HABITAT BUILD**

**Date: April 27-29**

**Time: 5:30 Friday Evening**

**Place: Parking Lot**

Join us as Southminster will once again be assembling a house frame in our south parking lot. We will be working with ***Catch the Building Spirit*** to aid a local family in need of housing and have fun continuing to grow and strengthen our ministry at Southminster.

***Volunteers of all ages and abilities will be needed; every contribution is invaluable.***

It is not necessary to work entire shifts to participate...but please sign up so we can plan for lunch and snack supplies! (look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in a few weeks.)

**For more information visit: [www.sminster.com/thebuild](http://www.sminster.com/thebuild)**

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Date: Sunday, March 18**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Place: Sanctuary**

The Session hereby calls a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, March 18, 2018. We will be receiving the budget of the Session. The only vote we will need to take during the meeting is to continue the pastor's current compensation, with the addition of a small change in the amount required by the Board of Pensions and a small change in the minimum continuing education amount required by the Presbytery.

## **GRIEF GROUP (SOUP GROUP)**

**Date: Sunday, March 15**

**Time: 12:00 p.m.**

**Place: Community Room**

*"Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey"*

The next Soup Group will be this Thursday, March 15 in the Community Room. Please bring your lunch and I will have hot coffee and tea for everyone. Blessings, Jane Hancock

## **INQUIRER'S CLASS**

**Dates: Sunday, March 11**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Place: Meet at Welcome Center/Class in Adult Lounge**

**Interested in membership?**

**Interested in just learning more about Southminster?**

If so, please join us after worship at 11:30 a.m. for a gathering with the pastor and members of the church who would like to listen to your questions and share their perspectives on our congregation. Gather by the Welcome Center desk after worship, and we will go together to the Adult Lounge. Our meeting should last about an hour and a half, so grab some coffee and a treat and join us! If interested, please email Lynn Grubb at the church office at [Lynn@sminster.com](mailto:Lynn@sminster.com). If you are interested in membership but cannot make that date, please contact pastor Nancy in the office at 433-1810.

## GROWTH GROUPS

**The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus**

**Dates: February 18-March 25**

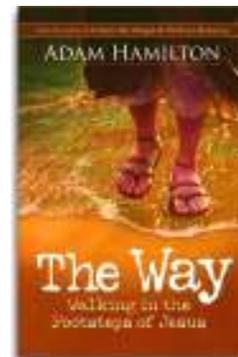
**Facilitators: Steve Davis and Gay Amos**

**Times: 8:45am on Sunday and**

**10:00am on Tuesday**

**Location: Sunday in Adult Lounge/Tuesdays in Hospitality Room**

A 6-week Lenten study. Go [here](#) for more information.



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

## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER



## CARE GIVER'S COMPASS—FAITH FILLED

One of the Stephen Ministry Compass points is “Faith-filled”. What does it mean to be full of faith?

To believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; to trust in God and His wisdom for our lives; to listen with discernment for the

leading voice of the Holy Spirit.

As Stephen ministers we are called to walk along-side the hurting, and one of the ways we do that is to point constantly to God. He has Wisdom beyond our understanding. We do not have all the answers and we aren't required to, but we're to lean on God in faith that He “works all things for the good of those who love Him” (Romans 8:28a). In the midst of struggle it can be hard to remember, especially when God seems far away, which is why having a Stephen Minister can be so helpful—to have a caregiver who will pray for you and with you, who will listen with compassion, and remind you Whose you are.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come

together every year to work for a better world – sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will collect this offering on Palm Sunday (March 25).

**SAVE THE DATES!** Vacation Bible School will be June 25-28 from 9:00-11:30am. Tween Mission week will be July 9-13. If interested in volunteering, contact Erin or Kim.

### THE CASTLE

The March and April sign-up sheets for The Castle are available in the Narthex.

## **DONATION REQUEST**

Do you have a 55" flat screen television that you could donate to the church for placement in the sanctuary? If so, contact Jerry Stahley ([JStahley@aol.com](mailto:JStahley@aol.com)).

## **TAKE THEM A MEAL**

I am looking for people willing to join the Southminster Food Ministry. This is how it works: I will let you know when someone needs meals delivered to them, along with the link and password to their schedule at Take Them A Meal, and if you are willing and able, please go to that site and sign up for a date. If you are willing to take a meal but not willing to deal with the internet, please call me directly at 937-885-0574, and I will add you to the schedule. If I'm not there, please leave a message with your available dates and a callback number. The need arises maybe once a year, so it is not a frequent need, but when it comes up those meals are much appreciated! We currently have a need, so if you are interested, please contact me ASAP! – Helen Davis

## **INFORMATION OF INTEREST**

**Erin Dickerson** will be on vacation for two weeks and will return to work on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

## **FACEBOOK PHOTOS AND UPDATES**

Do you have some photos you took at one of the church events you attended that can be posted on our Facebook page? We are looking for photos and summaries of church events that you would like to see featured on our Facebook page. Please send them to [Lynn@sminster.com](mailto:Lynn@sminster.com).



## **ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS**

Those who desire to place flowers in the Sanctuary are requested to use the order form at the Welcome Center. Please submit the order form, with a check or cash, to the church office.

## 2018 EASTER MUSIC DONATION

In your bulletin this week, look for an opportunity to dedicate a gift to the Music Fund to help provide music and instrumentalists for our Easter Worship Service on April 1, 2018. You can also email the [office](#) to request an order form.



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### KIRKMONT SUMMER CAMP

Looking ahead to summer camp opportunities? Consider Kirkmont Center ([kirkmontcenter.com](http://kirkmontcenter.com)). Register by March 16 for early bird rates. Contact Kim Catchpole for camp scholarships.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Would you like to receive the Children & Youth Newsletter? If so, email Kim at [Kim@sminster.com](mailto:Kim@sminster.com)

### MICROWAVE NEEDED

The youth room microwave has popped its last bag of popcorn. Do you have a working microwave you are willing to donate? Contact Kim Catchpole.

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

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