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NEWS & NOTES

March 12, 2021

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



**Please remember to spring forward this Sunday for
Daylight Savings Time.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SPC SAFETY TEAM

Many of you are probably wondering,
“When will Southminster return to in-person worship?”

Last summer, after considering our advice, the Session voted to tie Southminster’s return to in-person worship to the health and safety of the community. The Session decided that we will not return until Montgomery County is lowered to the “Orange Threat Level” on the [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#). In order to decrease from red to orange, our county has to have less than 100 cases per 100,000 for at least two weeks. The numbers have been trending in the right direction for weeks, and we are hopeful that we will meet that metric sometime this spring.

We will begin in-person services approximately two weeks after Montgomery County gets down to Level Orange. Unfortunately, this means we will not be able to return to in-person worship for Easter Sunday. We know that is a great disappointment to many of you and you can read more about our Easter plans below. The Safety Team is currently working on all the details surrounding re-

opening, and we will have that information for you when we reach Level Orange.

Since we are aware that not everyone will be ready to return to in-person services, we will continue livestreaming indefinitely. If you have any questions, you can contact the church office.

Thank you,

The Southminster Safety Team

Marie Sutton (chair), Sharon Boyko, Dr. Laurie Bankston, Steve Davis, Jerry Craig, Bill Boyko, Rev. Laura Nile Tuell, Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

NOTES FROM NANCY

A Service of Lament, Remembrance, and Hope

Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Join us for this livestreamed special worship service when we will remember all that we have lost, and gather strength from the hope we know in Jesus Christ.

During the service, you are invited to use live chat on YouTube or the virtual friendship pad to send us the names of things you've lost, both big and small, during the pandemic. [For example, your loss might be a job, a sense of community, the cancellation of a long-awaited trip, or a loved one who died during this difficult time.](#)

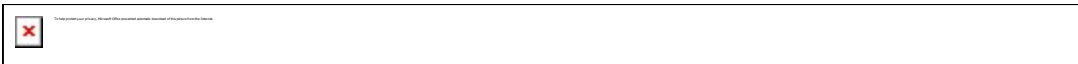
E-mail Glitch

Did you send an email to a staff member last weekend and didn't get a response? If this happened, please send the email again because we might not have received the original one. We were changing over to a new system, and in the process, a few emails disappeared.

In Sympathy: The Rev. Joe Hookey, who once served the Oxford Presbyterian Church and was very active in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, died on Friday, March 5. Please keep Joe's wife, Sheila, and all his loved ones in your prayers. Some of you may

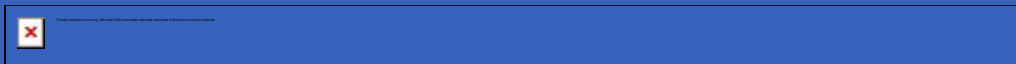
remember that Joe once served as the liaison to Southminster from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

THIS SUNDAY



Virtual Coffee Corner this Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting ID: 82401010322 Passcode: sminster

Virtual Coffee Corner Zoom Link



Come and walk our large, outdoor prayer labyrinth throughout the season of Lent. Each week there will be a different scripture passage and poem for you to read and meditate on as you walk. Walking the labyrinth is a great way to expand your prayer life because the act of walking as you pray changes how and what you pray. It can be calming and help you focus as you slowly walk the winding path. The labyrinth is open during daylight hours throughout Lent and is open to the public. We encourage you to come each week and notice how your experience is different week by week. If you have any questions, you can [contact Pastor Laura](#).

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Holy Week, we will have a special Stations of the Cross set-up in the main floor of the church building. It will be an interactive experience of ten stations from [A Sanctified Art](#) and Rev. T. Denise Anderson, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church(USA). Each station has an interactive element that connects Jesus' suffering to the suffering we see in the world today. This will be a Stations of the Cross unlike any other that you have experienced before. [Sign-up now](#) to reserve a time to come and walk the stations.



RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

Since we won't be back for in-person worship for Easter, we have planned a special outdoor resurrection Coffee Hour after our livestreamed service. Bring a lawn chair and your coffee and meet us out on the Pavilion Lawn from 11:30-12:30 to say hi to church members and celebrate Easter together. Masks and social distance will be required and we look forward to seeing you!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

CASTLE SUPPORT

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to provide monthly food donations to The Castle. This non-profit which is located at 133 N. Main Street in Centerville is a “gathering place of trust and friendship which supports people with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence.” Please click on the link below for a list of items needed by The Castle.



[The Castle donation list](#)

A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM



I often wonder and worry about all the suffering in the world. Then I am reminded that the act of reaching out with a hand of assistance brings both balance and relief to both the advantaged and disadvantaged. On March 28th we share with other Presbyterians in the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This is a church-wide special offering that is intended to mitigate problems of hunger, provide relief for disasters, and assist those in struggling communities. All of this donation is distributed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency which, for 2021, has added a new focus on pandemic relief support for communities anywhere within North, South, or Central America. To make your donations, you can designate an offering by check or give at Southminster's online donation portal by adding the phrase "One Great Hour" on the remarks line. During this

Lenten season, take a moment to be the hand of assistance that reaches out.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

OFFICE NEWS

Pastor Laura will be on study leave March 17-21. She will return to the office on Monday, March 22.

LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE

Are you enjoying the updates to YouTube that the Stream Team has put together? Now it's your turn to help us out. While you're watching this Sunday's worship service, we'd love for you to Subscribe and Like Southminster Presbyterian Church on YouTube. Check out this photo of where you can find these buttons.



DIGITAL FRIENDSHIP PAD

Please check out our Digital Friendship Pad this Sunday during worship. The link is on our website or click this [link](#). The reason we are doing this is because we want to know who is watching the service with us! We may have first time guests who tune into our service and we want them to know they are welcome. It is also an opportunity for you to submit prayer requests and comments. You are not required to fill this out to watch the service, but you are encouraged to do this because we would love to hear from you! If you have any questions please contact Josh at Josh@sminster.com.



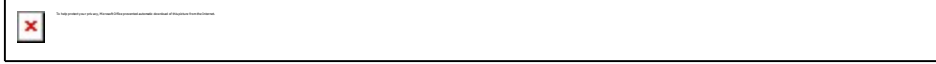
GROCERY STORE COMMUNITY REWARDS

Both Dorothy Lane Market and Kroger have community rewards programs that donate a portion of your purchase value each year to Southminster. All funds support church ministries. To link your DLM club card to the program and/or your Kroger plus card, please click on the links below. Once you are linked in please select Southminster Church as your nonprofit choice. Our nonprofit group code for Kroger is NW302. If you need assistance with signing up please contact the church office at office@sminster.com.

Dorothy Lane Market Link

Kroger Link

A GREAT START PRESCHOOL



WORSHIP TEAM INFORMATION



There are plenty of dates available in March and April.



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