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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.

NOTES FROM NANCY

A Constant Contact email about the Coronavirus and Southminster

was sent to you earlier today. It outlines the reasons and the details about why Southminster will not be having any “in-person” worship services or in-person meetings of groups or teams for the next three weeks (through the end of March). Instead, we plan to live-stream the worship service. That means that you can go to the website at www.sminster.com at 10 a.m. on Sundays, and you should be able just to click on the part of the screen that indicates that it is the worship service. You will be able to see and listen to it, even though you won't be there. Ruth will sing a solo, Jim will play the organ, I will preach, and Laura will do much of the liturgy.

Please be sure to let me know of any pastoral care needs.

For hospital emergencies, they will let clergy into the room with proper preventative measures. For non-emergencies, I'm still just a phone call away. The church number is 937-433-1810 and my cell number is 732-208-3280. (Since I still have a NJ area code, it is a good idea to put my cell number into your phone so you realize it is me rather than a scam artist calling you!)

I encourage you to call congregation members, neighbors, and other friends who may be especially at-risk and check-up on them. Perhaps someone could use some groceries but is afraid to go to the store, or perhaps someone is feeling lonely and isolated and just needs to hear your cheerful voice!

Thank you so very much for all the cards, letters, phone calls and prayers as I was recovering from emergency surgery. The doctor agreed to let me come back this past Tuesday if I didn't "overdo" it, and thus far, all is good. I truly appreciate the compassion and loving care of this congregation!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM is looking for new members. Prior knowledge is not required but is helpful! We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. All you need is a willingness to learn, a friendly attitude, and an interest in supporting Southminster's valuable property. Please email Linda.Meily@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

CHURCH CLEAN-OUT DAY! We are in need of a couple of people to help us move items in the office and Ark Room as we make our spaces more efficient to meet our needs. Our work session is Saturday, **March 21, 10 AM-Noon**. This is an opportunity to help at the church on a one-time basis. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are able to help.

MEDIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Are you comfortable with reading a computer screen and using a mouse? You might be who we are looking for. Worship Team is in need of a few volunteers to help with Media on Sunday Mornings. You would be contributing to the smooth running of the Worship Service and your commitment would be only 1 Sunday per month. If this interests you, please contact Elizabeth or Helen Davis for more information.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP POSTPONED

Since the church is cancelling in-person meetings for three weeks, this group's meetings are postponed until further notice.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING POSTPONED

You will be notified once the Session is able to choose a new date for this meeting about Southminster becoming a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) host site. We will be sending out more information about the Mission Team's proposal next week.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-18. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Pastor Laura Nile.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN GROUP!

Parenting young children is no easy job, but it sure helps to be able to talk within a community that shares your experiences. Parents of children in elementary school or younger are invited to join a new monthly small group. We had intended to start the group this Sunday, but due to the church's decision about no meetings at the church for 3 weeks, **we will have to postpone our first gathering**. We look forward to having this opportunity together. Please contact [Deandra MacDermott](#) with any questions.

ADULT AND TEEN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION: "A CLEARING SEASON"

This weekly Tuesday small group study will be postponed until further notice.

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NATIONALISM PATRIOTISM and the CHRISTIAN FAITH

This class will be postponed until further notice.

NOTES OF INTEREST

ONLINE GIVING is a great way to continue to support the work of Southminster if you are unable to attend Sunday worship. You can

even set up reoccurring monthly donations. Please [click here for online giving](#) or look in the top right corner of our website.

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>

WANTED: E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS!!

The only requirement to join the other 98 people on the email prayer chain is the desire to pray for others. When you receive the prayer request via email, there is no need to pass it on...ONLY TO GOD!! Just PRAY!! All prayer requests are confidential.

Please call Judy Murphy at (937) 433-4449 or email her at lucy1942@sbcglobal.net to be added to the email prayer chain. "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY." Luke 11:1

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