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## NEWS & NOTES

### March 15, 2019

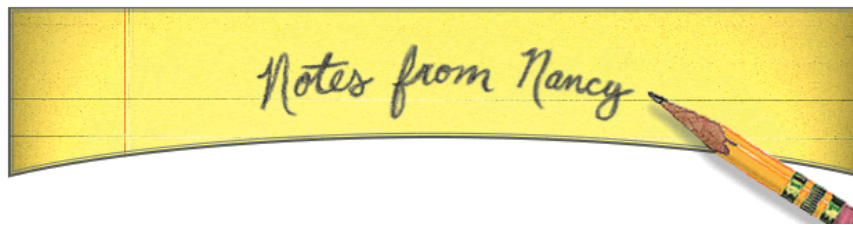
#### SPC STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Meet Christian Zennie, our new Property Manager. Christian, 27, is married to Amber and they have a 6 year old daughter, Ali. Christian has lived in the Dayton area his whole life, growing up in Kettering. He has many and varied hobbies including camping, fishing, and hiking, plus skate-boarding and snowboarding. He enjoys photography and videography, as well. Christian also loves music and has played guitar in a local band. And if that's not enough, he also has a Commercial Drivers' License for operating the big rigs!

Christian has been part of the SPC staff for nearly 6 months, having joined us in October of 2018 and has settled right into the job. He is a pleasure to have around and has learned a lot about keeping a large facility in good working order. When asked, Christian stated: "I am enjoying the challenges of the job and also all the people I have met." So, if you see Christian around the building, say Hi!

If you need Christian to fix something, instead of asking him directly, make your request in writing to our Business Administrator, [Lynn Grubb](#). This will keep us from pulling Christian in too many different directions all at once as he takes care of the many needs of our buildings and grounds.



- **ANOTHER BOOK!** Joni Sancken, Associate Professor of Homiletics at United Theological Seminary (and wife of Pastor Steve Schumm) has just published a new book, *Words That Heal: Preaching Hope to Wounded Souls* published by Abingdon Press. Congrats Joni!
- **THE PRESBYTERY HYMN FOCUS** for this month is "Were You There?" in the *Glory to God* hymnal, #228. "Note by note, we sing through the crucifixion of Jesus our Lord. In the midst of each stanza we cry out an "O" that just goes on as the pain becomes more real with every verse." What feelings are evoked as we sing this spiritual? Why is it important to sing hymns like this as we move toward Easter?
- **STILL THINKING OF MAKING A DONATION TO THE AUCTION?** You can offer a service, babysitting, catering a meal, teaching some introductory music lessons, providing a piece of your artwork or woodwork, or almost anything you can imagine! Also, there are some theme basket ideas that still haven't been taken. Look on the display table in the Narthex or ask Tammy Caskey for more information.



# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Come for the worship service and stay for the Potluck Lunch and Mission Auction!

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae service with a dramatic reading and communion.

## **Good Friday Place for Meditation and Prayer**

Friday, April 19, the chapel will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Chapel will be open for those who want to spend some quiet time in meditation and prayer. Pastor Nancy will leave some of her books there for your use while in the chapel.

## **Easter Service**

Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m.

Selections from Handel's Messiah will be threaded throughout this joyful service that celebrates the Resurrection!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - TONIGHT!**

**Date: Friday, March 15**

**Time: 6:30-9:00pm**

**Place: CFC**

Drop off your kids for a few hours of fun!

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

**Date: Thursday, March 21**

**Time: 12:00 noon**

**Place: Coffee Corner**

"Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey."  
The next Soup Group gathering will be this Thursday, March 21 at 12:00 in the coffee corner. Bring your own lunch and I will provide hot coffee and tea for everyone. Suzi Dameron will be sharing some information on grief and I will be sharing the next chapter from Dr. Wolfelt's book. I look forward to seeing everyone this Thursday. –  
*Jane Hancock*

### **ACCIDENTAL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Dates: Tuesdays, April 2 and 16**

**Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Place: Boston Stoker, 215 North Main St., Centerville**

### **ELDERBERRIES**

**Date: Friday, April 5**

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

**Place: CFC**

The Elderberries program on April 5 will be presented by Robert and Dorothy Fyffe. It will focus on their home town in Scotland, places familiar to them in their youth, as well as new attractions. They will share with us their favorite places, stories of some of their favorite contemporary artist and authors, museums, and recent visits. You won't want to miss this!

### **GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP**

**Date: Friday, April 12**

**Time: 12 noon**

**Place: Coffee Corner**

Bring your favorite genealogy resources, stories and a dish to share. Questions? Contact [Kathy Jester](#).



### **PALM SUNDAY AUCTION (and potluck lunch)**

**Date: April 14, 2019**

**Time: Following worship**

**Place: CFC (Christian Fellowship Center)**

This auction is to help raise funds to expand our mission and service in the community. Consider donating a talent, service, something you

have created, or a theme basket. 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](#).

You also can contact Tammy at [mission@sminster.com](mailto:mission@sminster.com) to discuss a donation, or sign up to attend by contacting Gretchen Cleaves at [gretchenchurch2@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenchurch2@gmail.com).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Date: Friday, April 19**

**Time: 10:00-11:30am**

**Place: Hospitality Room**

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

## **GROWTH GROUPS**

### **LENTEN STUDY**

#### **JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT AND LIFE**

**Date: Through April 14 (Palm Sunday)**

**Time: 8:45-9:45am**

**Location: Adult Lounge**

This video-based study, facilitated by Steve Davis, meets on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the Adult Lounge for 6 weeks through Palm Sunday, April 14. There is a companion book available for purchase. Please join the study and find a fresh path to God!

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**



### **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

**EASTER FLOWER** order forms will soon be available.

**EASTER MUSIC** donations can be made, using the insert in the Sunday bulletins, or pick one up at the Welcome Center or the office. Your contribution will help with instrumentalists and guest section leaders.



Reminder that business hours in the church office are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you have an emergency during this time, you can contact Pastor Nancy Birdsong at (732) 208-3280. Please leave a message if she is unable to answer your

call.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Southminster Contributions – 2019\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$10,306	\$1,123
Year to Date	\$91,830	\$100,903	\$9,073

• as of March 11, 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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