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NEWS & NOTES

March 16, 2018

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

For Holy Week Events, please visit our [website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT TONIGHT!

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.

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.

ELDERBERRIES**Date: Friday, April 6****Time: 11:00 a.m.****Place: Christian Fellowship Center**

The April Elderberries program features a representative from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office K9 Program who will share the duties of their police canine. Come and learn how a specially-trained canine helps our law enforcement officers do their job. A \$7.00 donation is requested from those who can provide it. A brown bag lunch may be brought in place of lunch if desired. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or outside of the church office. You can also call the office at 433-1810 to make a lunch reservation. Lunch menu is ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, peas & mushrooms, salad, rolls and brownies.

HABITAT BUILD**Date: April 27-29****Time: 5:30 Friday Evening****Place: Parking Lot**

For more information visit [The Build](#).

GODSPELL**Date: Sunday, April 29****Time: 10:00 a.m.****Place: Sanctuary**

Our choir and a visiting choir will share the music of Godspell during our worship service. More information is [here](#).

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.

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!

GROWTH GROUPS

FACING RACISM

Dates: April 15 through May 20

Facilitator: Gay Amos

Times: 8:45am to 9:45am

Location: Hospitality Room

Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. It is the rejection of the other, which is entirely contrary to the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. Because our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PC(USA) must stand against, speak against, and work against racism.

A class on "Facing Racism" will be offered this spring on Sunday mornings, Apr. 15 – May 20 from 8:45 to 9:45. Led by Gay Amos, it will dig into the following ideas: What is racism? How did it develop? How are we and others affected by it? What is white supremacy? What has been the legacy of racism in the United States? How do we as a community of faith respond?

The background information and study guide are downloadable on your computer from PC(USA). They are: 1. [Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community, Churchwide Antiracism Policy, 2016.](#) 2. [Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism Study Guides.](#)

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers Needed! Several people have resigned recently from Food Pantry duties, so new volunteers are needed. Are you good at record-keeping? Or are you free 1 day a week to bag up donated bread? Could you set up schedules for deliverers and callers? Any help would be welcomed. Please contact Jane Kessler at fishsoutheast@yahoo.com or the church office at 433-1810.



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).

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

Erin Dickerson is on vacation and will return to work on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

PANERA BREAD

Each week, on Sunday and Monday nights, our volunteer, Mark Grubb, picks up all the leftover pastries, breads and bagels from the Centerville Panera Bread that did not sell. Our Food Pantry gets first pick; however, we are finding that we usually have a lot of bread left. Do you know of a charity that could use the bread some weeks? (It can be frozen for later use). Do you run a group that can use bread for sandwiches or garlic bread? (We have lots of baguettes). If you want to request bread for your event or charity-of-choice, please contact [Lynn](#).



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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2018

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
3/5/18	\$9,503	\$13,584	\$4,081
3/12/18	\$9,503	\$14,499	\$4,996
Year to Date	\$95,030	\$130,301	\$35,271

The budget was approved by Session on 2/27/18

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