

irwink@woh.rr.com

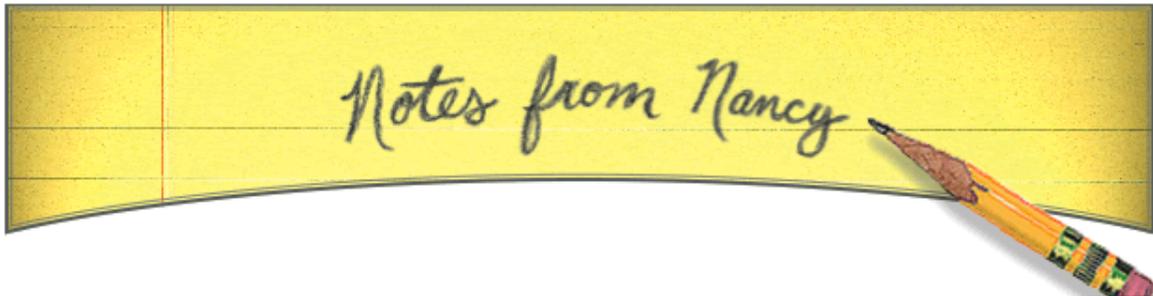
From: Southminster Presbyterian Church <office@sminster.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 12:01 PM
To: irwink@woh.rr.com
Subject: News & Notes for March 22, 2019



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

NEWS & NOTES

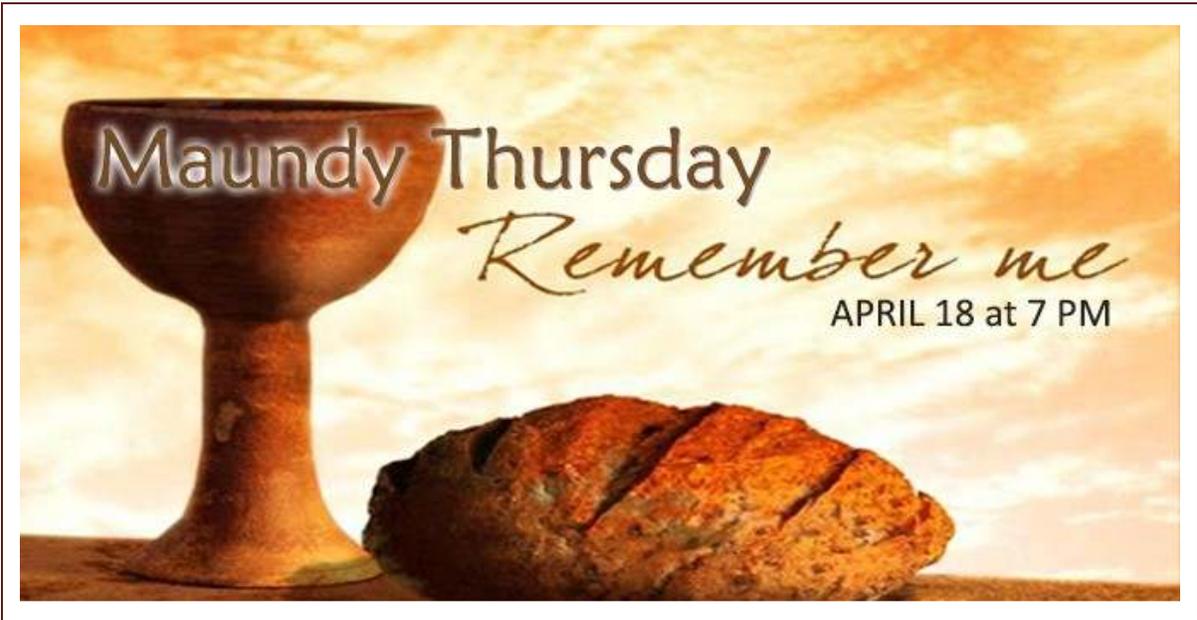
March 22, 2019





12 WOMEN needed for Maundy Thursday!

Our April 18th Maundy Thursday service will include a reader's theater on "*The Other 12 Disciples.*" It will include brief dramatic monologues by women in Jesus' life. You won't need to memorize your part – just know it well enough to put feeling into it so that it doesn't seem like you are just reading a paper but are acting out the emotions. **Please contact me as soon as possible!** You can email me at nancy@sminster.com or text me at 732-208-3280 or leave a message for me at the church office.





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.

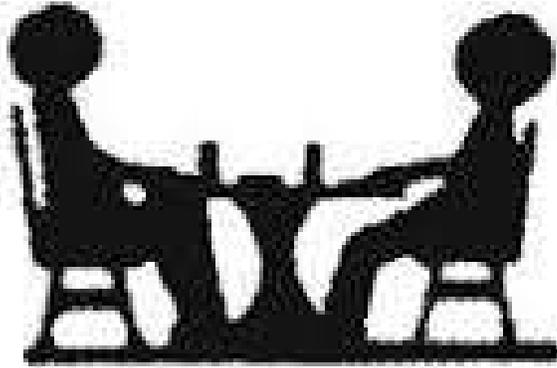
The Chapel will be open for those who want to spend some quiet time in meditation and prayer. Pastor Nancy will leave some of her books there for your use while in the chapel.

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!

OFFICE NEWS



out to lunch

The office is usually closed daily from 12:30 to 1:30. This Wednesday, the office will be closed from 12:00-2:00 so the staff can go to a restaurant together for a mini-retreat.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INVITATION TEAM

STRANGERS
are just
FRIENDS
waiting to
HAPPEN!

Have you noticed? Every Sunday we see faces of old and new friends as we worship at Southminster. Lately, you may have noticed faces you don't recognize. That's great! God is bringing people our way. Since the new year we have been averaging 10-12 guests on any given Sunday. Some are just passing through. Others, in a few years, may be beloved members and even leaders in our congregation. We have the opportunity, every week, right here at church, to show hospitality and to share God's love. Keep your eyes open for unfamiliar faces and consider getting to know these new folks. Go up to them and say 'Hi.' Look them in the eye and smile. Listen to them. Take initiative and get to know them. For by doing so, some have entertained angels. (From your Invitation Team – fostering invitation, hospitality and a welcome spirit throughout the congregation.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

For details, visit our [website](#).

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. (Please do not include previously used or second-hand items.) 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 to discuss a donation, or sign up to attend by contacting Gretchen Cleaves at 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

Be Calm, Be Confident

Anxiety Workshop for Youth

Do you struggle with anxiety? Do you sometimes wish you could be more confident? This two hour workshop will help you understand your anxiety and develop a toolbox to draw from when you're feeling anxious (think art, music, breathing... finding what works for you!).

Then, we'll get moving to boost our self-confidence as we learn some basic self-defense strategies. Fairmont Presbyterian Youth Group will be joining us!

For: Grades 4-12

When: Sunday, April 28

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Where: Southminster Presbyterian Church, Ark Room

Sign Up: Contact [Kim](#) to sign up by Friday, April 26

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST



The One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special offerings in which the Presbyterian Church participates. When we give to this offering we are helping with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which assists with communities during natural disasters, such as tornadoes, floods and hurricanes. The offering also helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program which helps alleviate hunger and assists with providing clean water. Self development for people is another part of this offering which assists communities responding to oppression, poverty and injustice. Southminster Presbyterian Church has always been involved with this offering and the Mission Team hopes that you will consider making a donation to continue these services. Please make sure that your check is to SPC and One Great Hour on the memo line. Envelopes will be available on April 14 when we will collect for this offering.

A Great Start Preschool Consignment Sale

Please consider helping for a shift or two at our Consignment Sale! Our 15th Annual Consignment Sale Fundraiser is Saturday, April 13, from 9am-2pm. Help is needed April 8 through April 19th.

Please visit this [link](#) to see what volunteer help is needed for our 2019 Consignment Sale.

A Message From the Finance Team

Recent changes in the federal tax code mean that for many of us there is no longer any tax savings for making charitable donations. The standard deduction has increased to \$12000 for an individual and \$24000 for a couple filing jointly. This means many people won't itemize their deductions. In the past, by itemizing, people could

reduce their tax burden by claiming a deduction for their charitable contributions.

However, a valuable tool is available for those of us who are taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from IRAs. Contributions from your RMD can be sent directly to a recognized non-profit organization like a church or other charitable organizations. Doing this means that those funds are not included as income for purposes of federal income tax. By doing this the contribution may provide significant savings on one's federal income tax.

Please note that this only works if the RMD is issued directly to the charitable organization - you can't receive the funds yourself, then re-disburse them to the charity. The church is not in a position to provide tax advice, so please check with your tax advisor to be clear on how this process may help you to both meet your charitable goals and save on your income taxes as you support the ministry and mission of the church.

EASTER FLOWER order forms are now available at the Welcome Center and in your bulletin beginning this Sunday.

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.

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.

Stay Connected: Find us on Facebook and visit our [website](#)



Southminster Presbyterian Church | 7001 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, OH 45459

[Unsubscribe irwink@woh.rr.com](mailto:irwink@woh.rr.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by office@sminster.com in collaboration with

