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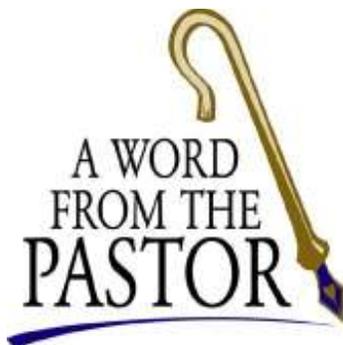
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To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NEWS & NOTES

March 23, 2018



We are about to move from the cheers of Palm Sunday through the startling events of Holy Week. Jesus shares the Passover with his disciples, is arrested, tried and condemned to death on a cross. When the women who come to anoint his body find an empty tomb, they begin sharing the story with the astonished disciples. As they have their own encounters with the risen Christ, their lives are forever changed.

I encourage you not to jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without letting your heart absorb the reality of what happened during that week. You can join us for the **Mauudy Thursday** service to hear the story as various members of our congregation bring the characters of the passion narrative to life. On **Good Friday**, you can come to the chapel for a time of prayer and

meditation or to read from one of the devotional books that you will find there.

If you would like to talk with someone about a particular struggle in your life, there are certain hours (listed in the Holy Week calendar) when a Stephen Minister will be available. You might also want to read the story of Jesus' road to the Cross in one of the Gospels.

May you have a meaningful Holy Week that enriches your journey of faith and deepens your relationship with God.

Peace and blessings,
Nancy



at
**Southminster
Presbyterian
Church**

PALM or PASSION SUNDAY

is a day of change from the joyful celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the solemn knowledge of what lies ahead for him in the coming week. ***(Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 am.)***

MAUNDY THURSDAY

focuses on the Lord's Supper and the new commandment to love one another. In our worship service this year, Jesus' journey to the cross will be shared from the point of view of different characters in the story played by various members of the congregation. This will be a Tenebrae service in which we extinguish one candle at a time throughout the night until the service ends with only one candle in the darkness. ***(Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm)***

GOOD FRIDAY

is the day we remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross. The chapel will be open from 8 am to 4 pm for anyone who would like to come in and pray on this somber, holy day. Pastor Birdsong will leave

some of her books, which you are welcome to use, to help you during your devotional time in the chapel. *(Friday, March 30, 8 am to 4 pm.)*

**A Stephen Minister will be available to speak with you in the library from 8 to 9 am, 10-12 am and 1 to 3 pm. A Stephen Minister is trained to be a good and confidential listener with whom you can share your struggles.*

EASTER

celebrates Christ's resurrection and the joyous gift of new life offered to all of God's people. Join us on this holy day!

(Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 am.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit our [Website](#) for all the latest Southminster events!

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. More information is [here](#).

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, April 8

Time: 11:15am

Place: Meet at the Welcome Center

Are you a guest? A newer member? A long-time member? Then **the building tour is for YOU!** It's a history lesson as well as a geography lesson. Meet at the Welcome Center immediately after worship, typically the first Sunday of the month, for the 45-minute tour. (Exceptions for 2018: April 8, May 13, and September 9.)

Learn about our architectural treasure, the faceted-glass window. Find out which structure was the first to be built--in what year, at what cost,

and for how many members. See where the children go and how they learn when they're dismissed for Children and Worship. Check out our theater. (Did you know we have one?)

The next tour will be April 8, led by Hospitality Host Steve Davis. Planning ahead: Marj Lawson will lead the May 13 tour. Come!

HABITAT BUILD

Date: April 27-29

Time: 5:30 Friday Evening

Place: Parking Lot

This twice annual mission event, hosted by Southminster Presbyterian Church in conjunction with CrossRoads Missions, is a three-day labor-of-love which provides a complete house frame for those in need in our community and is rooted in our current vision statement... *To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.* Please join us for this important community event! 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/Lunch in CFC

Join us for this special Sunday when we celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church. There will be a multi-cultural potluck lunch so bring a dish to share that represents the country of your heritage or your choice. Don't miss the Scottish Chicken in the Heather and Rumbledethumps provided by Fellowship! Look for sign-up sheets coming soon.

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

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

CLOTHES THAT WORK

Spring Cleaning? If you are spring cleaning and have clean, nice (no rips, stains or pulls) clothing you no longer want or need, please consider donating them to Clothes That Work. This non-profit provides outfits for men and women who interview for jobs. It also has a boutique where anyone can visit and buy good quality clothes at reduced prices. Across from the elevator on the office level is where clothing/accessories can be placed. If items can be hung, they need to be on hangers please. Accessories and shoes may be bagged or boxed. On the ledge above you can find a receipt for your donation. A Clothes That Work team

will see that the items are taken to the Clothes that Work location at 1133 Edwin C. Moses Blvd. or another drop off location. So please consider supporting Clothes That Work. Thank you! Mission Team

BONNIE'S HOPE

Bonnie's Hope is a local non-profit in the Southwest Ohio Area. They do not accept monetary donations, but instead help families find furniture and other items that they need. Bonnie's Hope is looking for a gently used bunk bed to help out a local family. Please contact Elizabeth Davis at Elizabeth.davis4035@my.sinclair.edu or 937-701-4603 if you have any bunk beds you are not using.



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

ATTENTION USERS OF CHURCH KITCHEN

The freezer and refrigerators will be cleaned during the first week of April. Any foods to remain must be labeled with your name and date stored. All other foods will be thrown away.



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. **The deadline is this Sunday, March 25.**

2018 EASTER MUSIC DONATION

Please dedicate a gift to the Music Fund to help provide music and instrumentalists for our Easter Worship Service on April 1, 2018. Order forms are at the Welcome Center. **The deadline is this Sunday, March 25.**



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Microwave

Thanks to a generous donation, the youth have received a new microwave. Many thanks to all who offered!

Senior Recognition

Spring is approaching and it's time to recognize our graduating seniors. The following seniors will be recognized during worship on May 13:

Kyle Campbell
Luke Woods

If you are aware of additional graduating seniors who should be recognized, please contact [Kim Catchpole](#).

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)
Last Week	\$9,503	\$13,679	\$4,176
Year to Date	\$104,533	\$143,980	\$39,447

* as of March 19, 2018

To close our full year deficit budget, we need to increase collections or decrease expenses an average of \$2,100 per week.

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