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NEWS & NOTES

April 3, 2020

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



Holy Week

Dear Friends,

Holy Week begins this Sunday! During the week, I hope you will spend some time thinking about the meaning of Jesus' journey to the Cross. It will make Easter even more meaningful to you.

One of the things you might want to do is to read the story of the Passion in one of the Gospels. This is an oversimplification, but Matthew emphasizes Jesus' Jewish roots, Mark is more stark in his descriptions, Luke is more of a story teller, and John likes to use symbolism.

Matthew 26:1–27:66
Mark 14:10–15:47
Luke 22:1–23:56
John 13:1-29; 18:1–19:42.

Join us for our **Livestream Worship Services** and invite your friends! On Saturday, look for an email about this Sunday's service, and consider the preparations for your own participation that are suggested at the beginning of the bulletin. You will want to gather a candle, bread of some description (even a cracker), juice, and a leafy or flowering branch to wave in the air as we sing the first hymn.

Palm Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m., Livestream Service
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the road to the Cross.

Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Livestream Service
We will share the story of the Last Supper and the Passion of Christ in a Tenebrae service.)

Good Friday, April 10, No service, but look below for a suggestion for your own personal devotions. This is when we remember Christ's suffering and death on the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12 at 10 a.m. Livestream Service
Join us online for the celebration of the glorious news of RESURRECTION!

Suggestion for your own Good Friday devotions: This is a Protestant version of the "Stations of the Cross." Read these verses as you prayerfully consider these moments in Jesus' journey.

Stations

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| 1. The Last Supper | Matthew 26:26-30 |
| 2. The Garden of Gethsemane | Matthew 26:36-41; Luke 22:40-46 |
| 3. Jesus before Pilate | Mark 15:1-5, 15; John 19:4-16 |
| 4. The scourging and the Crowning with thorns | John 19:1-3; Mark 15:15-20 |
| 5. The receiving of the Cross | John 19:6, 15-17 |
| 6. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus | Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26 |
| 7. The women of Jerusalem | Luke 23:27-31 |
| 8. The stripping of his garments | John 19:23-24 |
| 9. The Good Thief | Luke 23:39-43 |
| 10. Mary and John below the Cross | John 19:25-27 |
| 11. The death of Jesus | Luke 23:44-46; Mark 15:33-39; John 19:30 |

Scripture

I hope you have a truly meaningful Holy Week!

Blessings,
Nancy

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Invite Your Friends and Family to Worship

During this time of challenges and unknowns, there is one constant: The love of God!

At Southminster, we are so fortunate to keep our faith alive and growing with our opportunity to worship on Sunday mornings via live streaming. What about your friends and family who are members of congregations which do not have a live streaming option? Do you know people who do not have a church home?

Why not personally invite them to “come” to Southminster by forwarding the weekly email with the bulletin and [this link](#) for the 10 a.m. service? (Also direct them to past archived services on the website.) Some of us on the Invitation Team have been doing this— with enthusiastic feedback!

Invitation is everyone’s business! Please consider this opportunity to “reach out” and share with others during this tough time.

Your Invitation Team

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FISH SOUTHEAST FOOD PANTRY



The FISH Southeast Food Pantry is permitted to operate as an essential entity due to its mission to provide food to the economically disadvantaged. Many of our dedicated team have chosen to continue delivering food weekly, but we do have some deliverers who have chosen to stay safe, and stay at home. If you are looking for a way to help your neighbors, but haven't found that outlet yet, please consider stepping up to deliver food to needy local residents in the Centerville area during this crisis. We have modified food handling and interaction procedures to maintain social distancing at all times.

With the downturn in the economy and unemployment skyrocketing, our clients need us more than ever in the coming weeks. Please consider reaching out and offering to help! Contact the pantry at mission@sminster.com or call Kevin Dickson at (937) 304-6293 if you'd like to volunteer!

CLOTHES THAT WORK

Spring Cleaning? **Save your items for when the church building reopens.**

Now that many of us are sheltered in our homes for awhile, this may be an excellent time for cleaning out closets. If you have nice, clean (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 floor is where clothing/accessories can be placed. If items can be hung, they need to be on hangers please. Accessories and shoes may be boxed or bagged. On the ledge above you can find a receipt for your donation. Whenever the time comes and we are allowed back in the church, a Clothes That Work Team will see that the items are taken to a Clothes That Work drop off location. Thank you!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Families with kids ages 3 to 5th grade should keep an eye out for a special (sanitized, gloved) delivery on Saturday afternoon, for Holy Week at Home.

ADULT EDUCATION

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Are you missing the Sunday morning New Testament class? Or do you wish you would have started the class? Whether you've never missed a class or never started, you can jump in with online videos! Steve and Helen Davis have been recording the classes so you can watch and comment on the YouTube videos. It's a great way to keep learning during quarantine. You can find all the videos on the [private page of the website](#) password: w1nd0ws

NOTES OF INTEREST

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Please remember that the ministry of the congregation and the responsibilities of the staff continue even when you are going to worship services in the privacy and safety of your home. With your timely contributions we will be able to pay the Church's bills. With Appreciation, The Stewardship Team.

DR. WOLFELT (NEW DATE)

Southminster will be hosting Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a noted and best-selling author, educator, and renowned grief counselor, on July 27 from 7-9 p.m. If you are interested in this free event please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2020WolfeltCommunity>

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2020*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$11,591	\$1,000
Year to Date	\$137,683	\$128,565	\$(9,118)

* as of March 30, 2020

For convenience, you can [payonline](#) at our website.

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