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NEWS & NOTES

April 13, 2018

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism this Sunday with Archie and Isla Romito, children of Anthony and Fiona Ro
Robert and Dorothy Fyffe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF GROUP (SOUP GROUP)

Date: Thursday, April 19

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Community Room

"Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey"

The next Soup Group gathering will be this Thursday, April 19 at 12:00 in the Community Room. Please bring your own lunch. Refreshments will be provided for everyone. We will be leaving for our trip to hear Dr. Wolfelt at 5:00 on April 19. If you have any questions, call 350-5985.

GREAT START PRESCHOOL 14TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SALE

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Place: Christian Fellowship Center

*Infant, Children's & Junior's Spring & Summer Clothing

*Maternity Clothing and Equipment

* Infant Bedding & Equipment

* Toys, toys, toys!

* Children's Books, Videos, and Games

* Household Items

Cash Only

Visa/Mastercard accepted for purchases over \$50.00

\$1.00 donation entrance fee

HABITAT BUILD

Dates and Times: 4/27 at 5:30 p.m.,
4/28 at 8:00 a.m., and
4/29 at 10:00 a.m. (Worship and Dedication)

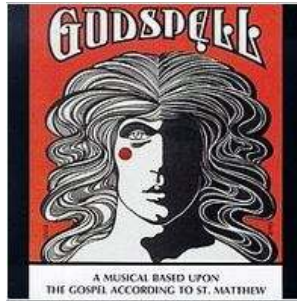
Place: Parking Lot and CFC

The next Build is coming soon! Invite your friends and neighbors to this community event and be ready to swing a hammer and have some fun! We need your help! (Friday for 18 and older, Saturday for all ages). **Sign up in the Narthex!**

Alternative Support

There are other ways to participate in this mission event other than cutting lumber and swinging a hammer. Can you pray, etc.? We need you!

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

ELDERBERRIES: SPIRITUALITY AND ART

Date: Friday, May 4

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Christian Fellowship Center

Join us for the May Elderberries gathering! Our pastor, Nancy Birdsong, will share some of the ways that art has helped her faith journey and ways it might help you in your own, even if you can't draw a stick figure! She will talk about some of the art therapy she has done with war orphans, share a few of her paintings and introduce you to some spiritual practices like creative study and "praying in color."

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 to the Narthex or outside of the church office. You can also call the office at 433-1810 to make a lunch reservation. Lunch menu includes rice, green beans, corn salad and ice cream with strawberries.

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. Please bring a dish to share that represents the country of your heritage or your choice. Don't miss the Scottish Chicken in the Heat provided by Fellowship! Sign-up sheets will be in the Sunday bulletin this week.

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 into the Church Class!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date: Monday, June 25-Thursday, June 28

Time: 9:00am-11:30a.m.

Place: Christian Fellowship Center

Get ready for *Peace Lab* vacation Bible school, where children will discover God's way of peace! Fun activities will help Bible stories come to life and lead children on an awesome adventure, equipping them to follow Jesus as compassionate peacemakers. Children ages 3 through entering 5th grade are welcome to this time of games, crafts, snacks, friends, and fun. Register [here](#).

GROWTH GROUPS

FACING RACISM - BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

Dates: April 15 through May 20

Facilitator: Gay Amos

Times: 8:45am to 9:45am

Location: Hospitality Room

Come learn what racism is, how it affects society and us personally; how white supremacy has unseen, disastrous effects on our church's stand against racism is; and how we, personally might respond. This is NOT a point your finger class, this is a road to new understandings. Gay Amos will facilitate the class and all are urged to come, investigate and learn together. Beloved Community. Reading materials will be provided at the class. For more information, visit our [website](#).

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Caregiver's Compass: Skills

For the last few months, you have been reading here about different aspects of Stephen Ministry. This month, our focus is on SKILLS.

During training to become Stephen Ministers, students learn skills that will help them become effective care givers in the various situations they may encounter: grief, job loss, divorce, chronic illness, for example. Some of the more important skills are practicing process-oriented rather than results-oriented caregiving, listening reflectively, establishing and maintaining proper boundaries, even learning how to recognize when professional help may be appropriate.

Students also practice praying aloud with a care receiver, and learn when it may be useful to read a passage or share a quote. These skills are studied and practiced during the required 50 hours of training, using formal materials prepared by the Stephen Ministry organization as well as benefiting from the shared experiences of our local Stephen Leaders. Throughout, the critical nature of this work is stressed.

If this sounds intriguing and you would like to learn more, please contact a member of the Stephen Ministry Team or Pastor Stephen Ministers Are: April Bennett; Sharon Boyko; Lana Ellinger; Pat Elliott; Al Herner; George Lawson; Lois Thorp

the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous

and they will add to their learning.” – Proverbs 9:9

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The FISH Food Pantry is running low on **jelly** and **spaghetti sauce**. If you can donate these items to the food pantry, please drop them in the donation center box near the coat rack in the Narthex or you can drop them off at the office. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry volunteers are needed! Several people have resigned recently from Food Pantry duties, so new volunteers are needed. Would you like to help on Monday and/or Tuesday to bag up donated bread? Could you be the coordinator? Could you be a caller once or twice a month? Contact K at fishsoutheast@yahoo.com or the church office at 433-1810. More detailed information is provided [here](#).

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

NEW DOORBELLS

There have been two new doorbells installed at the Community Room (Door 12) and Education Building (Door 13) entrance. The Community Room entrance doorbell can be heard in the Community Room and the Education Building doorbell can be heard in the Education Building Lounge.

THANK YOU!

"So many thanks to everyone who sent beautiful cards, visits to the hospital, Bethany and to my home since my mishap. All your thoughts are so appreciated. I am recovering well." - *Suzi Dameron*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Ministries get Social

Youth and their parents have a new way to connect with Southminster Youth Ministries. Please like, follow and share to help us spread the word!

- Find Us On Facebook: South Minster Youth Group
- Find Us on Instagram: southminster_youth_group

Youth Bowling

Calling all youth! Let's have some fun bowling while getting to know Pastors Nancy and Steve. Shoe rental and pizza provided. We hope you can join us!

When: Sunday, April 22, 3-5 PM

Where: Polking Lanes South (Dayton Mall)

Who: Youth grades 6-12

Questions and to RSVP: 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	\$12,377	\$2,874
Year to Date	\$133,042	\$178,701	\$45,659

* as of April 9, 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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