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NEWS & NOTES

April 16, 2021

*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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

It was wonderful to see the members of our congregation who came back to in-person worship last Sunday! While I appreciate seeing the Stream Team every week, it was exciting to see people in the pews!

We didn't fill up all 25 available pre-registration slots last Sunday, so please don't hesitate to sign up through this [link](#). Afterward, you will be led to a page with a Worshiping Covenant that outlines our safety protocols. If you have any trouble trying to do this, call the office to ask a volunteer to register for you.

Please note that, at the end of the service, an usher will dismiss you by rows. We do not want people gathering to talk with one another in the sanctuary or in the narthex because it is too difficult to keep a 6-foot distance. Please go outside for fellowship, and continue to follow the mask and distancing guidelines.

Even after we are completely open, we will continue to livestream services. However, I look forward to the day when I can see you face-to-face!



**UPCOMING CLASS
TAUGHT BY BOTH PASTORS:**

Nationalism, Patriotism, and the Christian Faith

A Two-Part Class: Sunday, April 25 and Sunday, May 2
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

These classes will be in person for up to 25 people who are pre-registered. If you are interested, please email laura@sminster.com

Depending on the weather,
the class will either meet under the Pavilion or in the CFC.

In Galatians 3:28, we read, *“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”* In the year 2021, perhaps the Apostle Paul would add, *“In Christ, there is no Democrat or Republican.”* Just as Paul tried to preach against the “us” against “them” mindset in his day, we are faced with a new kind of sectarianism in our country today. The “us/them” dichotomy can also be seen in the ways some Christians are confusing patriotism with nationalism. How do considerations of Church and State or religious and political identity affect us at Southminster? How does the placement of religious or patriotic symbols reflect these considerations?

Please join Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong and Rev. Laura Nile Tuell for this two-part class that hopes to encourage discussion of what it means to be a faithful Christian while being a patriotic American.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP



STARTING APRIL 18!

4:00 - 5:15 P.M.

SOUTHMINSTER PAVILION



VBS sign-ups will start at the end of April. If you would like to volunteer please contact Josh at Josh@sminster.com

*Vacation Bible School Is Coming!
Outdoors and In-Person
Mark Your Calendars
June 7-11
9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.*

NOTES OF INTEREST

CALL OF A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m., we will have a congregational meeting by Zoom to approve the nomination of Liz Ferguson as an Elder. She would be filling a vacancy that was created when another elder resigned from her office due to responsibilities with her family. After voting, we will have the service of ordination and installation. When that service is over, you are welcome to stay on Zoom for a "Coffee Corner" time of fellowship or to leave if you have other commitments.

VIRTUAL COFFEE CORNER

See the paragraph above about the congregational meeting. The coffee corner will follow that meeting.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND MAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES



- May 2 - Communion Sunday
- May 9 - Mother's Day
- May 16 - Heritage Sunday
- May 23 - Pentecost Sunday
- May 30 - Memorial Day Weekend

Sign ups are open on Monday, April 26, at 12:00 p.m.

LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE

Are you enjoying the updates to YouTube that the Stream Team has put together? Now it's your turn to help us out. While you're watching this Sunday's worship service, we'd love for you to Subscribe and Like Southminster Presbyterian Church on YouTube. Check out this photo of where you can find these buttons.



DIGITAL FRIENDSHIP PAD

Please check out our Digital Friendship Pad this Sunday during worship. The link is on our website or click this [link](#). The reason we are doing this is because we want to know



who is watching the service with us! We may have first time guests who tune into our service and we want them to know they are welcome. It is also an opportunity for you to submit prayer requests and comments. You are not required to fill this out to watch the service, but you are encouraged to do this because we would love to hear from you! If you have any questions please contact Josh at Josh@sminster.com.

GIRL SCOUT RECYCLING DRIVE

Did you know that plastic bags can't be recycled in regular home recycling? Claire Battelle's Girl Scout Troop has started a plastic bag recycling drive and our church is now hosting a plastic bag recycling bin! The bin is located at door number 5 (the office entrance), which is open from 8:30-4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The troop's goal is to collect 500 pounds, so start collecting to help them reach their goal! To learn more about other dropoff locations and what types of plastic bags are accepted, look at the list below or click [here](#).



What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Save the date on May 16, for our annual Heritage Sunday Worship Service. You can sign up starting April 26, at 12:00 p.m.



[Click here for more information on Heritage Sunday](#)

FINANCE TEAM INFORMATION

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*Mail your check to the church at the address listed below.

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Southminster Contributions – 2021*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,085	\$14,378	\$5,293
Year to Date	\$136,275	\$149,591	\$13,316

* as of April 12, 2021

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