NOTES FROM NANCY

SPECIAL SERMON FOR HERITAGE SUNDAY
For the sermon this Sunday, Georgina Amegatcher will be talking about the roots of her faith in her native country of Ghana, and Robert Fyffe will be talking about the roots of his faith in Scotland. I look forward to what they have to share with us! We also will have prayers and other parts of the service from different countries around the globe.

THINKING ABOUT PUMPKINS IN MAY?
When Southminster elders, deacons and staff had a financial visioning retreat, we discussed ways that fundraisers throughout the year might help our financial situation as an additional measure to member pledges. We decided to have a PUMPKIN FESTIVAL which will be
scheduled either on Saturday, October 5 or Saturday, October 19.

In addition to raising funds, a successful festival could become an annual Centerville event that gets people interested in finding out more about this church! We will plan to have it on the front lawn where everyone can see that we are doing something fun! We could have food, games, crafts and activities for kids, perhaps a bouncy house, and whatever your imagination creates!

We would like 6-8 volunteers to form a planning committee. The committee could later recruit individuals as well as certain teams to help where needed. If you are not already heavily involved in too many other church activities, this would be a wonderful opportunity to get involved. Please contact me if you are interested.

DO YOU PLAY GOLF?
Another fundraiser we are planning is a GOLF FUNDRAISER some time in spring or early summer of 2020. Another church that I served made $7,000 to $10,000 a year on such a tournament. A successful event is mainly dependent on congregation members helping to secure sponsors who want their name in the booklet, on a sign at a hole, or on a beverage cart. We need some of our golfers to form a team to plan the event. I can put you in touch with someone who could help you get started. Please contact me if you can help with this event!

KIRKING OF THE TARTANS

On Sunday, May 5th, we celebrate our Scottish Heritage. One of the ways we do this is by the “Kirking of the Tartans”. For many of you, this is a yearly tradition, but even if you have never participated before, you will be most welcome to join in. We will need several volunteers to carry the Tartan Flags into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service. If you would like to participate, please be in the Narthex about 15 minutes early so we can determine if we have enough people, and you can get
lined up for the processional. Then, at the end of the service, you will reclaim your flag and proceed behind the pipe and drum core down the center aisle, out the front doors and around the building to the CFC. Please join in to this glorious and colorful march.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**HERITAGE SUNDAY MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK LUNCH**
**Date:** Sunday, May 5  
**Time:** Following Worship  
**Place:** Christian Fellowship Center (CFC)  
After our Heritage Sunday worship, follow the pipes and drums downstairs for a potluck lunch complete with Ode to the Haggis. Bring a potluck dish celebrating your heritage or a heritage of your choice. Shepherd’s pie and Scottish Bangers will be provided. Join us for good food and great fellowship.

**ACCIDENTAL SAINTS DISCUSSION GROUP**
**Date:** Tuesdays, May 7 and 21  
**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm  
**Place:** Boston Stoker, 215 North Main St., Centerville  
The group will be reading chapters 11 and 12 for the May 7 discussion.

**THEOLOGY IN FILM/ BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSION**
**Date:** Thursdays, May 9-30; June 13-20  
**Time:** 10:00 am-12:45 pm  
**Place:** Adult Lounge  
Explore spirituality in film, the choices characters make, our choices. Films to be viewed and discussed: The Bucket List, People Like Us, Places in the Heart, Les Miserables (the musical), Hidden Figures, and Philomena. **Sign up** in the Narthex: **Show up** for film with brown bag lunch. Questions? Contact Gay Amos, Leader at jgamos2@gmail.com

**GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP**
**Date:** Friday, May 10  
**Time:** 12 noon  
**Place:** Coffee Corner
Bring your favorite genealogy resources, stories and a dish to share. Questions? Contact Kathy Jester.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD
Dates: Friday-Sunday, May 17-19
Times: Friday: 5:30pm to dusk; Saturday: 8:00am-2:30pm; Sunday 10:00am until truck is loaded
Place: Lower Parking Lot
Coming quickly. Clear your calendar for one of the biggest Mission events of the year! Join us as we build a Habitat for Humanity house right here in our parking lot. More details are available at: www.sminster.com/the-build/.

SHARE YOUR PERENNIALS!
Dates: Sundays, May 26 and June 2
Times: Before and After Worship
Place: Narthex
Bring your perennials, vegetables, and houseplants in pots or plastic bags tagged with the name of the plant, flower color, growing instructions, etc. Tables will be set up for them in the Narthex. All monies raised from this sale will benefit our Food Pantry. Thank you for supporting this great ministry and Happy Gardening!

For additional upcoming events, be sure to visit our website

GROUNDED IN CREED
Facilitated by Steve Davis
Date: Beginning May 19
Time: 8:45-9:45am
Location: Adult Lounge
Go to our website for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
"Flowers for Triennium" Sale

Youth will be selling flowers on Sunday, May 12 to support their trip to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Flowers will be for sale by the stem in the Narthex after worship. Makes a perfect gift for mother’s day or for another special person in your life.

Sign up for Vacation Bible School

Date: June 24 - 27
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages: 3 years - entering 5th grade
(older youth may sign up to volunteer)

Call 937-433-1810 or email Kim@sminster.com with questions

During this VBS, children will experience the ride of a lifetime with God on the Rolling River Rampage.

Register Here!

Sunday School Conversation with Parents

The Children and Youth Design Team invites all parents to a conversation about Sunday School. We have some exciting ideas and opportunities to share about the future of Sunday School at Southminster Presbyterian Church and we are looking for your feedback. This will take place following the Habitat House dedication. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP so that we know how much food to order.

When: Sunday, May 19 after worship
Where: Adult Lounge
Who: Parents of children and youth of all ages including teens

Visit our website for information about Southminster's Children's ministry or Youth ministry

INFORMATION OF INTEREST
A Message from the Mission Team
Do you know Peggy Hinshaw? We have an unclaimed item in the office from the auction and it needs a home. Peggy Hinshaw won the silent auction item – Dream Baby – and has not claimed it. The winning bid was $30.00 and the item is in the office. If you know Peggy, would you please let her know that her item is missing her?

A Message from the Worship Team
Have you been wondering lately how a person gets to be a Liturgist for Sunday Services? Or maybe you would like to serve as an Usher, or help serve Communion – even participate in Home Communion delivery. And maybe you wonder how you would know what to do in any of those positions. Well, your Worship Team has the answer. On June 2nd, there will be a Training Session, for Liturgists, Ushers, & Communion Servers, to be held in the Sanctuary after the Church Service. Current Liturgists, Ushers and Communion Servers are urged to attend this Training Session also, so that you can feel more comfortable in each of these positions and there will be more uniformity. Your experience will also be of help to the newer participants. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex starting next Sunday, May 5th, or you may contact Lois Thorp at lois.thorp51@gmail.com or phone the church office.

For convenience, you can pay on-line at our website.

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To have a break even year in 2019, we need to collect $1,900 over the budgeted contributions each week.
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