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NEWS & NOTES

May 11, 2018

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Pentecost Offering May 20

The Pentecost Offering is one of four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with Southminster to support ministries with children and youth in our church and in the local community. Please consider this opportunity to give above and beyond your regular tithe.

The Castle's Memorial Day Picnic

In lieu of May food donations to The Castle, the Mission team will be collecting monetary donations in order to defray the cost of meat, buns and other food items for The Castle's annual Memorial Day picnic. The collection for this mission will be May 13-20. Members who wish to support this ministry should place cash or checks (made payable to Southminster with The Castle on the memo line) either in the

designated container in the Narthex or in the church office. The Mission Team thanks you for your generosity.

Vacation Bible school is not just for children! There are a number of ways adults and youth can help with *Peace Lab*:

- Classroom assistants
- Shepherd children from one area to another
- Help with registration
- Prepare and serve snacks



UPCOMING EVENTS

BUILDING TOUR (Cancelled)

Date: Sunday, May 13

Please join us on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

SOUP GROUP (GRIEF GROUP)

Date: Thursday, May 17

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Community Room

“Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey”

The next Soup Group gathering will be this Thursday, May 17 at 12:00 in the Community Room.

We will have Marion Stolle give a presentation on health and wellness during the grief journey. Please bring your own lunch and I will have coffee and tea for everyone. I look forward to our fellowship on Thursday. *Jane Hancock*

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!

SHARE YOUR PERRENIALS!

Date: Sunday mornings, May 27 and June 3

Place: Sanctuary

The Compassion and Assistance Subcommittee will hold their annual "Share Your Perennials" and houseplant event before and after service on Sunday, May 27 and June 3. Plan to start potting plants you wish to share. Drop off is before church services and tables will be set up in the Narthex for your donations.

Tag the pots or plastic bags with the following information:

- Plant name
- Plant color
- Sun or shade
- Flower color
- Dry or moist
- Picture of the plant

All proceeds will go to our the FISH Food Pantry. Please support this wonderful missions! Questions? Contact Dorothy Douglas at 848-8257.

ELDERBERRIES**Date: Friday, June 1, 2018****Time: 11:00 a.m.****Place: Christian Fellowship Center**

The June Elderberries Program will be Bobbie Strobhar, a very well known harpist for over 30 years in the Dayton area - principal harpist for the Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra, Wright State Orchestra, and Wright State Wind Orchestra. She has played for weddings, anniversary and birthday parties, funerals, hospital and nursing homes. At a Cincinnati Hospital, she plays for cancer, oncology, dialysis, and rehab medical departments. She teaches students of all ages.

A \$7.00 donation is requested for lunch - a brown bag lunch may be brought in place of lunch if desired. Sign up sheets are in the Narthax or outside the church office in the lower level. You can also call the church office (433-1810) to make your reservations. Lunch will be a bagged lunch including a chicken salad croissant, carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, banana and cookie.

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](#).



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

GROWTH GROUPS

FACING RACISM

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 results; what the church's stand against racism is; and how we, personally might respond. This is NOT a point your finger class, this is an eye-opener and a road to new understandings. All are urged to come, investigate and learn together God's plan for the Beloved Community. Reading materials will be provided at the class. For more information, visit our [website](#).

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

PARKING LOT RESURFACING BEGINNING JUNE 4

Our parking lot resurface will commence on June 4. The upper lot will be out of use first. We will post more information about this as it becomes available.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SOUTHMINSTER

The Presbyterian Women of Southminster board will be meeting **Tuesday, May 15 at 2:00** in the church library. The board will be

discussing possible fundraisers to replace the rummage sale fundraiser. Pastor Nancy met with the board and gave us several suggestions to consider. We are so grateful for her input. If anyone has an idea for a fundraising project, please let Mary Kaiser know so she can present it to the board on Tuesday. We appreciate your input and look forward to a new fundraising project for our mission work.

Mary Kaiser, PWS Moderator

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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	\$14,767	\$5,264
Year to Date	\$171,054	\$214,115	\$43,061

• as of May 7, 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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