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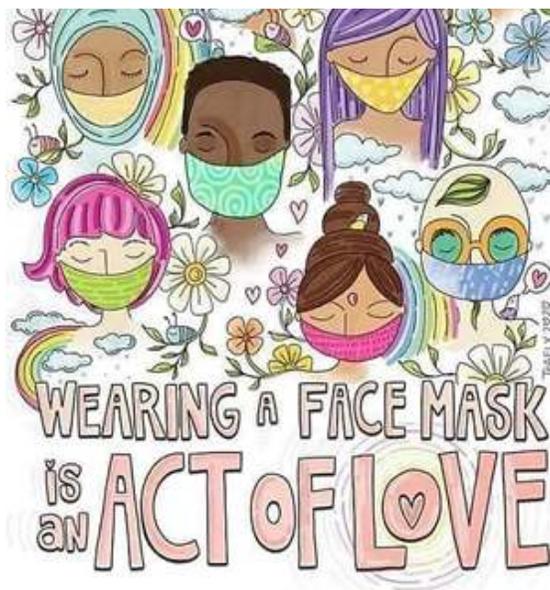


## NEWS & NOTES

May 15, 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



Last Friday, I let you know that we were creating a COVID-19 Safety Team to determine the best possible measures we can take to keep everyone safe when we start the different phases of returning to the church. While Laura and I have been doing plenty of research and working on a protocol, we needed congregation members with more expertise to shape it into something that helps all of us to feel as though we are doing the right things. Southminster is fortunate to have the following talented and dedicated people on this team.

**Chair:**

Marie Sutton (*BSW, LSW, CHP-SW, APHSW-C, works with Hospice*)

**Team:**

Sharon Boyko (*RN*)

Holly Woods (*RN*)

Bill Boyko (*Microbiologist, biology professor at Sinclair*)

Jerry Craig (*Staff, who knows building issues and past emergency procedures*)

**Advisors:**

Laurie Bankston (*M.D.*)

Steve Davis (*Atty.*)

**Staff Liaisons:**

Nancy Birdsong (*Pastor/Head of Staff*)

Laura Nile (*Associate Pastor*)

Sharon Ark (*Business and Finance Administrator*)

I am grateful for this group's willingness to serve and look forward to learning from their guidance.

Peace and blessings,  
Nancy

## CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

### **REMINDER OF BUILDING CLOSURE**

As a reminder, the church building is **closed** to all members and visitors until the end of May. Only staff and members on essential business (livestream services, food pantry, etc.) may enter the building. **Even if you have a key**, please contact Pastor Nancy or Pastor Laura before coming. Everyone entering the church for official purposes must sign-in, use hand sanitizer, and wear a face mask.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

### **STUDY LEAVE**

Pastor Laura will be on study leave from May 18-22.

### **SOUTHMINSTER RECEIVES GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

Finance is overjoyed to announce that, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Patty Izor, we received \$59,000 from the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program. These funds, administered via the Small Business Administration, are available to small businesses (of which the church is considered a kind) without fee or a requirement for repayment. Patty spent the past month locked in a heroic battle with the forces of bureaucracy, and she prevailed. We are deeply thankful to Patty and for these funds which put us in a better financial position during this time of crisis.

### **PENTECOST ART PROJECT**

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost! We're inviting members of **all ages** to download the coloring sheet on the link below and send it back to the church by May 29th! You can mail your drawings back (7001 Far Hills Ave.) or drop them off at the church mailbox.

We can't wait to see our community art project come together.



Pentecost coloring sheet

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### **VIRTUAL SENIOR SURPRISE!**

Please send in videos for a special graduation video for graduating senior Abbie Campbell. You can find all the instructions [here](#). Contact [Pastor Laura](#) will any questions.



## ADULT EDUCATION

### **VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT**

#### **Ready for a Scavenger Hunt?**

Since it has been awhile since we were physically at Southminster, there is now a virtual reverse scavenger hunt to help you remember the building. You will be shown 18 close up pictures. Try to identify where the picture was taken around Southminster. You just might learn something! The hunt can be done anytime by clicking on the link below. Enjoy!

<https://www.sminster.com/vrshintro/>

## [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 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: w1nd0w

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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### Southminster Contributions – 2020\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$11,544	\$953
Year to Date	\$201,229	\$177,031	\$(24,198)

\* as of May 11, 2020

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