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To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NEWS & NOTES

May 18, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

PENTECOST - THIS SUNDAY!

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 Narthex 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.

CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Dates: Friday, June 15, 2018 (Drive-In)

Friday, July 20 (Game Night)

Friday, August 17 (Painting)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Christian Fellowship Center



Who is invited? You and anyone you know! Parents and their kids! Grandparents with their grandchildren! Your family and neighbors. You don't have to be a member of Southminster to attend. The only requirement is that you do need to be willing to have fun. There is no cost and you will be fed a fun meal. Feel free to bring your favorite game on Game Night, or your favorite blanket on Drive-in Night.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date: Monday, June 25-Thursday, June 28

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

Place: Christian Fellowship Center

VBS is fast approaching. (Ages 3 and potty trained – entering 5th grade). Space is limited so please register soon to guarantee the child in your life a place. Register [here](#).



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

GROWTH GROUPS

SIX THEMES IN THE BIBLE EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

Dates: Sunday, June 3, 2018
through Sunday, July 1, 2018

Facilitator: Steve Davis

Times: 8:45am to 9:45am

Location: Hospitality Room

[*Six Themes in the Bible Everyone Should Know*](#), a new adult class, will begin on **Sunday June 3 at 8:45 am** in the Hospitality Room. This 5-week class facilitated by Steve Davis will take a wide angle look at the Bible and trace the great arc of God's creation "from the garden to

Garden City." It will explore themes that begin in the early chapters of Genesis, span the pages of Scripture, and end with the glorious vision in the book of Revelation of the new Jerusalem, the city of God's redeemed people. Purchase of the book of the same name by Barry Ensign-George is encouraged but not mandatory.

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.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

VACATION/MEMORIAL DAY

Pastor Birdsong is taking a vacation the week of May 21-27. The office is closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

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.

KIRKMONT CENTER "YOU AND ME" CAMP - JUNE 9-10

Children ages 3-10 can go to Kirkmont Center for an overnight stay with a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, older brother or sister, or

other trusted adult. Activities include music, crafts, hiking, fishing, campfire, swimming and canoeing. \$65.00 per person. Register [here](#).

STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

As we have illustrated the last few months, Stephen Ministry has a Caregivers' Compass, which serves as a guide to the characteristics that help define an effective Stephen Minister. We have explained Compassion, Full of Faith and Skilled; now we introduce the 4th compass point, that of being trustworthy. Though we learn many important skills in our training, they all serve to



strengthen our total commitment to be that trusted confidant a care receiver can rely on. We will be there, offering comfort, support, and the assurance of confidentiality. Our goal is to build an authentic, reliable and dependable relationship with our care receiver. In seasons when you don't receive the needed support from family or friends, you can always count on your Stephen Minister. Please reach out to us. We believe everyone has times when they might benefit from a patient, caring listener.

Your Stephen Ministers Are: April Bennett; Sharon Boyko; Lana Ellinger; Pat Elliott; Al Herner; George Lawson; Lois Thorp

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Ongoing Children and Youth Christian Education Ends Sunday Summer Gardening and Music Programs begin May 27

The last Sunday for ongoing Children and Youth Christian Education is Sunday, May 20. This includes Sunday School, Children and Worship, Sermon 2.0 and Parent's Growth Group.

There will be a mid-worship opportunity for children and youth ages 4-12 beginning May 27. Ruth Mappes and Kim Catchpole will alternate leading "Music with Ruth" and "Gardening with Kim." Older youth who are interested in assisting with these programs should talk to Kim or Ruth. Parents should consider dressing their child in appropriate clothing on gardening days.

May 27 Gardening with Kim
 June 3 Music with Ruth
 June 10 Music with Ruth
 June 17 Gardening with Kim
 June 24 Music with Ruth
 July 1 Gardening with Kim
 July 8 Music with Ruth
 July 15 Gardening with Kim
 July 22 Music with Ruth
 July 29 Music with Ruth
 August 5 Music with Ruth
 August 12 Gardening with Kim
 August 19 Music with Ruth

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	\$6,401	\$(3,102)
Year to Date	\$180,557	\$220,516	\$39,959

* as of May 14, 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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