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## NEWS & NOTES

May 22, 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

***“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
God making an appeal through us.”***

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are used to being called disciples or followers of Christ, but the apostle, Paul, tells us that we also are called to be ambassadors for Christ. While that may sound like a cushy job description, conjuring up visions of parties with international movers and shakers, ambassadors have to be representatives of their leader.

Perhaps you have encountered Christians who think being an ambassador means fitting certain “Jesus” words into their daily conversations, judging people who don’t share their particular views or bullying more than loving their neighbors. If we look at Jesus’ life, ministry and teachings, we discover that being an ambassador means loving people who are hard to love and acting out of integrity and compassion. We also discover that it’s a full-time identity; not a part time job.

This past week, I had just read this verse of Scripture a few moments before a rude customer service person on the phone was tempting me to be rude right back. It stopped me in my tracks and made me wonder how often, in any given day, I actually take my calling as one

of Christ's ambassadors to heart enough to live out of that identity. Maybe if I keep practicing, I'll get better at it. What about you?

Blessings,  
Nancy

*P.S.: If you haven't yet read the Constant Contact Email that I sent to you about the phases of the church reopening, please read it and watch the brief video.*

## NEXT PHASES OF CHURCH REOPENING

***June 1, 2020: Groups of 10 or less can begin having meetings at Southminster.***

*(Worship will continue to be through livestream services.)*

***August 1, 2020 is the target date for in-person worship services.***

*(We will continue livestream for those not ready to come back.)*

## NOTES OF INTEREST

### VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

This Sunday, we're going to have another **virtual coffee hour** after church. We'll give everyone a bit of time to get some coffee or tea. Then, at 11:30 a.m., we'll invite everyone to join Nancy **on Zoom** for this congregation-wide gathering. (Laura won't be with us this time.)



Please note that if you can't stay with us for the whole time, that is perfectly fine. We are just happy for a chance to see you.

We will enjoy catching up with each other, as we have in the past. However, in order to focus our discussion a little more, we may also either discuss a Scripture reading related to the sermon or discuss a certain topic. **If you haven't used Zoom before, please follow the directions [here](#).**

To Join the Zoom Meeting on Sunday, simply follow [this link](#) and enter the Meeting ID: 931 2300 5034. If you don't want to download Zoom, **you can also dial in on your phone** and listen and talk without video: +1 301 715 8592 US

## **PENTECOST ART PROJECT**

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost! If you have a printer at home we're inviting members of **all ages** to download the coloring sheet on the link below and send it back to the church by Friday **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 **by Monday May 25** 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

# CHURCH LIVESTREAMING INSTRUCTIONS

## [NEW LINKS TO LIVESTREAM FROM SMINSTER.COM](#)

We are continually working to make our website easy to use, fresh and interesting. The most recent changes have removed the big blue pop-up window that you may have used to access our live Sunday Worship broadcast or recorded videos. You can still get to the same location by clicking on the "Watch the Livestream.." graphic at the top or scroll down and click on "[livestreamed worship services](#)" link lower on the page. We will continue to send the emails on Saturday with links to the livestream and bulletin materials.

Feedback on the website can be sent to [webmaster@sminster.com](mailto:webmaster@sminster.com)

# CONTRIBUTIONS

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## Southminster Contributions – 2020\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$12,489	\$1,898
Year to Date	\$211,820	\$189,520	\$(22,300)

\* as of May 18, 2020

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