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## NEWS & NOTES

June 19, 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



***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”***

**Galatians 5:22-23**

Which “Fruit of the Spirit” could you work on? For me, it depends on what hour of any given day you might ask me the question!

If we make up our minds to be more patient with our children, more loving to our neighbors, and to substitute joy and kindness for negativity and criticism, it might last for a while. Yet, like New Year’s resolutions, we find our goals difficult to sustain.

It all comes back to our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. When we grow spiritually through worship, prayer, Bible study, meditation and concrete acts of love and compassion, we find that we naturally grow in the fruits of the Spirit.

Of course, we don’t “accomplish” each one of them. They are gifts. Throughout our lives, as we draw near to God and try to follow in the path of Christ, we discover the Holy Spirit giving us the fresh fruit that nurtures us for abundant living and faithful discipleship. Thank you, members of Southminster, for so often showing me and others what those fruits look like!

Peace and blessings,  
Nancy

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH



## SIGN UP HERE FOR VIRTUAL VBS

In 2 weeks (June 29-July 3) from 10:00-12:00 we have Virtual VBS and it's going to be an exciting time to reconnect with other children from the church and community! We'll be making packets for the children to pick up so they can follow along with all . On Sunday, June 28, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we're asking for families to come pick up their packet at the church parking lot by the Pavillion. This is going to be an exciting week as we talk about Compassion! The Virtual VBS is going to be a lot like typical VBS with Arts/Craft, Bible Lesson, Music, Snack, and Movement time. On Friday, July 3, we will be gathering at the church for VBS with a cookout lunch afterward. Please note that we are asking \$5 donation per person to help with supplies. If you have any questions please contact [Josh](#) for any questions.

## SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Even though we're virtual we still need volunteers! We'll be using Zoom breakout rooms for each station that the children will be attending. The places we need help throughout the week are:

Arts & Craft – we'll need people leading the children in creating the daily arts & craft. Also, we'll need people to support and help out the leader by being in the breakout room making sure everyone can hear and ask questions if needed.

Bible Lesson – we'll need people to read the Bible story in an engaging and artful way. Also, we'll need people to help run the Zoom meeting.

Movement- this year our movement will be doing Yoga with the kids as they're at home. Also, we'll need people to support and help out the leader.


On Friday, we'll be having a cookout for the children and their families. We need people who would love to help cook and serve following all the CO-VID19 safety procedures of wearing mask and gloves.

If you have any questions please contact [Josh](#).

## ADULT EDUCATION

## JUNE BOOK CLUB

Have you been struggling to get a copy of our June Book Club book, "I'm Still Here"? Well, good news- it's back in stock! The book is quite short and you've still have time to read it before either of the book club sessions. Even if you don't have time to finish the book, you can still join the book club and participate in the discussions!



I'M STILL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HERE [REDACTED]  
BLACK [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DIGNITY IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A WORLD  
MADE FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHITENESS  
AUSTIN CHANNING  
[REDACTED] BROWN [REDACTED]

Sign up for one of the two meetings:  
Wednesday June 24th, 12-1 p.m. ([Zoom](#))  
Monday June 29th, 6-7 p.m. (TBD [Zoom](#) or SPC Pavilion)

## 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

## **IMPORTANT ! NEXT PHASES OF CHURCH REOPENING AND SAFETY MESSAGE**

**Currently groups of 10 or less can have meetings at Southminster.**

*Please check with office to schedule groups.  
Worship will continue to be through livestream services.*

**August 2, 2020 is the target date for in-person worship services.**

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

### **Office Information**

*Due to Covid 19 the office hours are M-F 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Anyone entering the common area or the reception area of the office must wear a mask. For safety reasons only 2 people are allowed in the common / reception area of the office at one time. Please wait outside if more than 2 people are in the office.*

*(Please see the following information from our safety team.)*

**Phase Two: Limited Office and Small Group Opening**  
***June 1 -August 1, 2020***

- 1) Anyone entering the building (including staff and volunteers) is asked to perform a self-health-assessment beforehand. (*temperature check, no cough, no flu-like symptoms*).
- 2) **Anyone in the church is required to wear masks in public spaces,**
  - a. maintain six-foot distancing, and wash hands upon entering building (*Alcohol gel available at all entrances and office*).

***Thank you for keeping yourself and everyone safe!***

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

**Books About Racism**

**The Southminster Presbyterian Church Social Justice Book Discussion  
Group Recommendations:**



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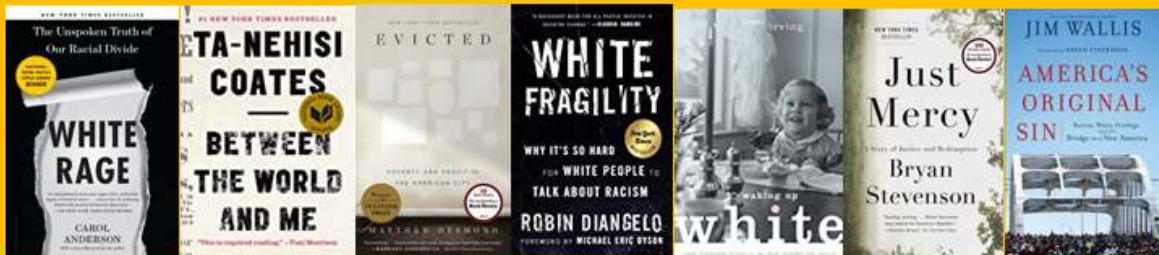
## Books About Racism

### Fiction

Toni Morrison	God Help the Child
Ann Petry	The Street
Jodi Picoult	Small Great Things
Angie Thomas	The Hate You Give
Colson Whitehead	<u>The</u> Underground Railroad
Jacqueline Woodson	Red at the Bone

### Nonfiction

Carol Anderson	White Rage
Ta-Nehisi Coates	Between the World and Me
Matthew Desmond	Evicted
Robin DiAngelo	White Fragility
Debbie Irving	Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race
Bryan Stevenson	Just Mercy
Jim Wallis	American's Original Sin



## CONTRIBUTIONS



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- \*Mail your check to the church at 7001 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45459 or drop it by the office.

### Southminster Contributions – 2020\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$5,640	\$(4,951)
Year to Date	\$254,184	\$214,469	\$(39,715)

\* as of June 15, 2020

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