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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

### June 29, 2018

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



First of all, I want to thank Erin Dickerson for organizing a fantastic Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Peace Lab," and the children learned about how to be at peace with each other and at peace within themselves.

We had enthusiastic children who didn't want it to end and parents who said they wished it could go on for 2 weeks. Other staff who offered their skills were Kim Catchpole who led a yoga class and other activities while Ruth Mappes had a wonderful music segment that really drew the children in to both the energy and calm that music can give them.

Our Christian Education team helped to get this VBS off the ground and **51** volunteers were leaders of activities like art, recreation and worship as well as leaders of the individual groups, floaters, registrars,

snack preparers, a welcoming “crossing guard” and probably other things that I’m missing! **On behalf of all the children who were blessed by each and every one of you, thank you so very much for your ministry and dedication!**

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Pastor Steve will be on vacation next week beginning, July 2, 2018.

**The office will be closed  
July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VBS WRAP-UP PARTY

**Date: Sunday, July 1**

**Time: 11:30 a.m. following Worship**

**Place: Christian Fellowship Center**

Come join us to celebrate the end of Vacation Bible School this Sunday following worship for pizza and fellowship. We will have various artwork and activities on display for all to see! [Visit our Facebook page to see the VBS 2018 photo album!](#)



### GAME NIGHT! A CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR ALL AGES

**Date: Friday, July 20**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**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!



**ELDERBERRIES - NAME THAT TUNE  
AND SING-A-LONG OF OLD FAVORITES**

**Date:** Friday, August 3

**Time:** 11:00am

**Place:** Christian Fellowship Center

**Facilitated by:** Gay Amos



**ELDER/DEACON/STAFF RETREAT**

**Date:** Saturday, August 11

**Time:** 8:30am - 2:00pm

**Place:** Fairmont Presbyterian Church

**Save the Date!**



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT - PAINTING!**

**Date:** Friday, August 17

**Time:** 6:00pm

**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.



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS,  
FAMILY BBQ AND PRESCHOOL OPEN  
HOUSE**

**Date:** Sunday, August 26

**Time:** Following Worship

**Place:** Christian Fellowship Center

**Save the Date!**



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

## GROWTH GROUPS

**SECRETS OF THE VINE**

**Dates:** Sunday, July 8-August 26

**Facilitator:** Drew Fisher

**Times:** 8:45am-9:45am

**Location:** Hospitality Room



This class is a [book](#) discussion on the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John. Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, the author, explores what it means to have abundant life in Christ and how to experience the joy of making maximum impact for God. We will look at four levels of fruit bearing and three surprising secrets that will open your eyes to your unrealized potential in Him. No need to purchase the book; we will share both reading the book aloud and discussing its biblical insight for our lives.

### **SMALL GREAT THINGS**

**Dates:** Friday, July 20

**Facilitator:** Erin Dickerson

**Times:** 10:00-11:30am

**Location:** Hospitality Room



Join us for a one time discussion of the novel [“Small Great Things”](#) by Jodi Picoult led by Erin Dickerson. Childcare will be available.

## **THANK YOU**

**Thank you** for all your get well cards while I was recovering from my hip surgery followed by 3 full weeks of therapy which really got me on my feet again. I have a few more days of “outpatient” therapy starting June 26 but am back home and working through all that has accumulated during my stay at Bethany. All the cards and notes (and visits from Pastor Nancy and a couple of others) really kept my spirits high. God bless all of you, *Mary Kaiser*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **PARKING LOT**

Did you know that when we re-striped the newly paved parking lot closest to the Sanctuary that we designated 4 special spots for our visitors?

We may eventually have stand-up signs for this designation, but for now, they are painted. If someone comes to visit for the first time, they might see that all of the spots off of the Far Hills entrance are filled and not realize that they can park around back. Since we want to encourage visitors and new members, offering these special parking spaces lets them know that we are a friendly, inviting church, and we

are glad that they are here! Please pay attention when you pull into a parking space and try to leave these places open for our visitors. -  
*Pastor Nancy*

## **KITCHEN**

Our kitchen is a busy place and we're glad that the church and others are using it. Do you know what to do if your team or group uses the kitchen and wants to use supplies, like paper plates, napkins or plastic utensils? Did you know... that Linda Wiggers is now responsible for inventory control in the kitchen?

If you are going to be using kitchen supplies, please give [Linda](#) plenty of advanced notice so she can ensure there are enough supplies in the kitchen or so she can order more supplies for your event. Cost of supplies will be charged to the relevant church team. The other option always is that you can purchase your own supplies and submit a green sheet (expenditure reimbursement request) to the office for reimbursement. - *Pastor Steve*

## **PRESBYTERY HYMN FOCUS**

Our Presbytery is sending out a hymn each month and asking us to think about what each one means. The hymn for July 2018 is "*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love.*" *It is a Ghanaian folk song found on page 367 of the Blue Presbyterian Hymnal.*

Brought to us by Tom Colvin, a missionary who served in Ghana and other parts of western Africa, Jesu, Jesu shares a song and prayer refrain from a place where hospitality carries special importance and where Christianity is not the primary religion.

### **Lyrics:**

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
Varied in color and race,

Neighbors are near and far away.

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
These are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you.

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
Serving as though we are slaves.  
This is the way we should live with you.

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with you.

Questions to Consider:

1. Do the words and music speak to you as a 21st century Christian?  
If so, how? If not, why not?
2. Which Bible stories would you include if you were writing a hymn  
about Jesus? Why?

## INFORMATION OF INTEREST

### **WANTED: E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS!**

The only requirement to join the other 76 people on the email prayer chain is the desire to pray for others. When you receive the prayer request on your email, there is no need to pass it on – ONLY TO GOD! JUST PRAY! All prayer requests are confidential. Please call Judy Murphy (433-4449) or email her at [lucy1942@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lucy1942@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the email prayer chain.

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.” Luke 11:1

### **PARKING LOT RESURFACE**

The west parking lot (lower lot) is scheduled for resurfacing, beginning tomorrow, Monday, July 2. There will be no access from Alex Bell. Please park in the upper or side lot and enter the church via Far

Hills. Striping will occur Tuesday, July 3 or Thursday, July 5 (weather permitting).

### **IN NEED OF A ZUMBA VOLUNTEER**

Brent Manley at Westminster Presbyterian Church is looking for a volunteer who could lead a Zumba class for their Day Camp on July 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-4pm for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This would be a volunteer job, not paid. If you are interested, please contact Brent directly at 430-7036.

### **PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Wondering what's been going on at our denomination's national assembly? Click [here](#) to get all the news from the PCUSA General Assembly in St. Louis.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

### **YOUTH OUTING: FC CINCINNATI SOCCER GAME**

Join the youth group outing on Wednesday, July 18 to watch the FC Cincinnati soccer match against Charlotte Independence. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. The game begins at 7:30. Friends and family members are welcome. Must RSVP so that we have enough tickets. Cost is \$10 per person. Contact [Kim@sminster.com](mailto:Kim@sminster.com) to sign up.



### **TWEEN MISSION WEEK - JULY 9-13 Grades 4-8**

Youth from Southminster and Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church will work together to make a difference in our community. Mission projects include working with the Dayton Food Bank, the Dayton Peace Museum, Kirkmont Camp, One Bistro and more. Contact [Kim@sminster.com](mailto:Kim@sminster.com) to sign up.



Cost: \$20

Mon, July 9 9 AM – 4 PM

Tues, July 10 9 AM – 4 PM

Wed, July 11 8:15 AM – 4 PM

Thurs, July 12 9 AM – 4 PM

Fri, July 13 9 AM – 4 PM

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	\$6,293	\$(3,210)
Year to Date	\$237,575	\$263,388	\$25,813

\* as of June 25, 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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