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NEWS & NOTES

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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.

NOTES FROM NANCY

During this pandemic, much in the world has had to slow down. Stores have closed, people have “sheltered in place,” interactions with friends, neighbors and extended family have had to be through the phone, Zoom, or 6 feet apart with masks.

While we might think that a slower pace would relieve the stresses of life, many of us have had quite the opposite experience. Anxiety abounds over keeping loved ones safe, job security, and children’s emotional well-being as they miss friends and teachers at school. Meanwhile, we worry about our own health, and the loneliness of isolation can keep us on edge.

Even in these troubling times, we will discover more inner peace and hope when we are intentional in our relationship with God. Something as simple as taking a walk in the neighborhood or taking a break from watching the news to spend some time reading Scripture can make a difference. The following prayer/poem, by Ted Loder, reminds us to take a deep breath and, perhaps, learn to recognize moments of blessing.

*Gentle me,
Holy One,
into an unclenched moment,
a deep breath,*

*a letting go
of heavy expectancies,
of shriveling anxieties,
of dead certainties,*

*that, softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light,
and open to the mystery,
I may be found by wholeness,
upheld by the unfathomable,
entranced by the simple,
and filled with the joy
that is you.*

May the peace of Christ be in your heart.

Blessings,
Nancy

Congratulations to our Director of Children's Ministries, Josh Sweeney, and his wife Anna on the birth of their son, Charles Barton Owen-Sweeney, born on July 1. Let us pray for their family in this joyous season of their lives!

In Sympathy

Jane Kessler and Ken Parker's father, Robin Parker, died last month. When he lived in the area he attended Southminster. Robin was the son of Presbyterian missionaries, and he was born and raised in India. Please keep Jane, Ken, Jill, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scammers pretending to be your pastor:

I have mentioned before to watch out for these types of scam appeals, but I just read this report from another pastor and wanted to share it with you as a reminder:

"One of my parishioners was scammed out of \$1000 from someone who posed as me by subtly tweaking my email address and asking them to help "me" by purchasing gift cards for someone in need. This parishioner is not someone that anyone

would consider naive. I had already (and fairly recently) warned of a similar scam via our church's communications, but I've sent out yet another warning to the congregation.”

Please be careful!

ACCESSING THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE

Some members have had difficulty accessing the Sunday worship livestream service. The MarCom team works throughout the week to produce a quality, easy-to-use video broadcast of our services but despite this, issues creep in sometimes and there are problems accessing the video, like we experienced last week. We have implemented a new process to avoid that particular issue, but as we make other improvements, we are bound to have a few glitches again.

We wanted to provide you with some alternative ways to access the live service in case there are issues in the future. There are 4 different ways you can access the Livestream on Sunday mornings:

1. Follow the link in the Saturday email
2. Click on the link on the “[Livestreamed Services](#)” page of the church website
3. Type in “Southminster Presbyterian Church” into YouTube
4. Subscribe to [our YouTube Channel](#) and the videos should pop right up when you go to YouTube on Sunday mornings.

Should all else fail, recordings of the previous broadcasts can be access from [our Worship Videos](#) page or [our YouTube channel](#). Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to evolve this ministry!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Thanks to all those adults and youth who joined us to help make our first ever Virtual VBS a success! The kids learned of different ways to show compassion. We all learned as we went and had a great week which was topped off by a cookout picnic!

ADULT EDUCATION

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.**

*Watch for updates as we get nearer this date. 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. To be in compliance with the Governor's latest order, **everyone** entering the building 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

VACATION

Laura is currently on vacation through July 19. Sharon will return to the Office on Monday, July 13.

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