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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

July 13, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Have you noticed what has happened to our parking lot? No longer do you have to make your way past all the little potholes, especially as you drive around the corner! Every part of the large parking lot on all sides of the church has been either resurfaced and/or sealed. It looks great!

We have two people to thank for enabling us to do this. Dan and Phyllis Strayer came to me a few months ago, mentioned how much this needed to be done, and volunteered to pay for the whole thing. Since we are operating from a deficit budget right now, I can't imagine how we would have paid for it without their generosity. Chuck Dickerson agreed to oversee the project along with Dan, and in between all the rainy days, they succeeded in giving us our new parking lot. I hope that many of our members will find an opportunity to thank the Strayers for their wonderful gift!

Please note that, in the area near the Sanctuary, we have added 4 parking spaces that are designated for Visitors. This is a way to let them know that we are a friendly, inviting church.

Peace and Blessings,
Nancy

ELDER/DEACON/STAFF RETREAT

Our currently serving Deacons, Elders and Staff will have a retreat on Saturday, August 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fairmont Presbyterian Church has graciously agreed to let us meet in their building at no cost to us.

The primary purpose of the retreat is to:

1. consider our sense of being called and led by the Spirit of the Living God in all that we do in the life of our church;
2. to work on communication skills and consider ways to help unify our congregation as one in the Body of Christ.

Please RSVP to Lynn as soon as possible so that we will have accurate numbers for lunch, supplies, and other needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF GROUP (SOUP GROUP)

Date: Thursday, July 19

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Coffee Corner

The next Soup Group will be held in our former home, the Coffee Corner. Please bring your own lunch and I will provide coffee and tea. I look forward to seeing everyone and discussing some topics from Dr. Wolfelt. Blessings, Jane Hancock.

GAME NIGHT! A CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR ALL AGES

Date: Friday, July 20

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Christian Fellowship Center

Sign up [here!](#)



CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

Date: Sunday, July 22

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Place: Community Room

Join Kim and Erin to brainstorm ideas for the 2018-19 program year here at Southminster. Lunch will be provided. Children and youth are encouraged to participate.

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

Calling all Elderberries! Come and enjoy a “cookout” lunch. Following the meal, our very own talented Gay Amos will lead us in a “Name that Tune” segment and a “Golden Oldies” sing-along. The menu will be hamburgers, coleslaw, potato chips and ice cream sandwiches. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the mission table in the Narthex or outside of the office. You can also email the office.



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Time: 8:30am - 2:00pm

Place: Fairmont Presbyterian Church

Please RSVP to Lynn.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT - PAINTING!

Date: Friday, August 17

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Christian Fellowship Center



AED TRAINING

Date: Wednesday, August 22

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Place: Christian Fellowship Center

If you are a currently trained in AED usage, please let the office know. If interested, please email Jeannette Woodworth or call her at 937-765-0908 by August 19.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, FAMILY BBQ AND PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Date: Sunday, August 26

Time: Following Worship

Place: Christian Fellowship Center



INQUIRER'S CLASS

Date: Sundays, September 9 and 16

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Community Room

Interested in membership? Interested in just learning more about Southminster? If so, please join us after worship at 11:30 a.m. for a gathering with the pastor and members of the church who would like to listen to your questions and share their perspectives on our congregation. Our meeting should last about an hour and a half, so grab some coffee and a treat and join us! If interested, please email Lynn Grubb at the church office.

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 15th 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.



WHO DID GOD CREATE AND GIFT ME TO BE?

Dates: Sundays, September 9-October 28

Time: 8:45am

Facilitator: Marj Lawson

Location: Adult Lounge

Who did God create and gift you to be? How has he molded your interests, life experiences, and gifts together?

OFFICE NOTES



Pastor Nancy will be away this coming week, July 16-22.

KIRKMONT CENTER

Kirkmont is in need of female and male counselors for Adventure/Discovery camp, July 15-20 and Adventure/Sports camp, July 22-27. You must be 18 years old. Please contact Jake if you are interested or would like more information, or you can text or call him at (734) 625-9860.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER



The elements in the Stephen Ministry logo - the circle, the cross, broken person, whole person - and their position in the graphic tell a story. The official description is that a Stephen Ministry care receiver, someone who is fractured or maybe just frayed around the edges, (they stand behind the cross) has been made whole by Jesus (they stand

in front of the cross); that, no matter what, we are surrounded by the circle of the love of God.

Note that there is no symbol in the logo that represents a Stephen Minister! However, one might propose that the white space within the circle represents the time and the quiet that a Stephen Minister holds for their care receiver, making room for that person - who feels sad, overwhelmed, angry, afraid, in despair, broken - to return to hope. Making room for light. Making room for Jesus.

THE CASTLE

July and August sign-up lists for food donations for The Castle are available on the Mission Board in the Narthex.

EXCITING SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITY

CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH: ENTRUSTED WITH THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

Dates: Friday and Saturday, September 21-22, 2018

Times: Friday 7:00pm-9:30pm; Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm

Location: Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Ohio

Richard Blackburn, Executive Director of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) will lead a workshop to help anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community. You can find more information [here](#).

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 to be added to the email prayer chain.

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.” Luke 11:1

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH OUTING: FC CINCINNATI SOCCER GAME - WEDNESDAY JULY 18

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 to sign up.



YOUTH OUTING: POOL PARTY AUGUST 19, 6:00-8:00pm

Join your youth group friends for the final fun outing of the summer. Friends are always welcome. Grades 4-12 Contact [Kim](#) to sign up.

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	\$8,031	\$(1,472)
Year to Date	\$256,581	\$280,597	\$24,016

* as of July 9, 2018

Please give generously!

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