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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 27, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Sunday, October 14

“Don’t just GO to church, BE the church!”

Southminster’s Vision Statement says that we seek “to be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God’s love for our church and the world beyond.”

Every Sunday, as we worship together in the Sanctuary, we pay attention to the part of that statement that engages our head and heart. Our Mission Team is challenging us to take a Sunday when we focus on being the “hands” (and I would add, “the feet”) of Christ, reaching out in love to the world beyond our doors.

On October 14, instead of our regular worship service,
OUR SERVICE WILL BE OUR WORSHIP
as we answer Christ’s call to love the neighbor that we don’t even know.

We will be sending some of you out into the community to help others. Those who prefer to stay at the church will be here working on projects that benefit those beyond our building.

“The Church Has Left the Building” includes ALL AGES, so children and youth will be involved as well as adults. Nursery care will be available.

As soon as we have all the projects worked out, we will have sign-ups in the narthex and in the office. While we still have some projects to organize, this is what we have planned thus far:

OUT OF THE BUILDING PROJECTS:

House of Bread: 10 to 12 volunteers will make and serve a hot meal to those who are hungry.

Partners in Community Living: 9 or 10 volunteers will either paint, do yard work, or engage with the residents in one of the Dayton area’s homes for developmentally challenged adults.

Free Cook Out for neighbors in a low-income neighborhood

IN THE BUILDING PROJECTS:

“Little Dresses for Africa”: Sewing pillow case dresses to send to little girls in African Villages. Some of us will be running sewing machines while others can be pressing, cutting or pinning fabric.

St. Vincent de Paul, Gateway Homeless Shelter: Making casseroles at Southminster that can be taken to the shelter and frozen for future use. (No pre-cooking necessary.) Volunteers will chop and mix ingredients and put them in containers.

Mailing for a Non-Profit: We will either be preparing a mailing for a non-profit like Hannah’s Treasures or another organization.

SOME THINGS WE WILL NEED AHEAD OF TIME FOR “LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA”

Sign Up To Bring on Oct.14:

- a portable Sewing Machine
- a pair of scissors with your name on them

Materials Donated Ahead of Time

- Standard sized pillow cases (with bright, cute or pretty fabric)
- ¼ inch elastic and ½ inch elastic
- ¾ inch ribbon and 1 inch ribbon (takes about a yard per dress)
- Needles, thread, straight pins, safety pins
- Ric-rac or other decorations



On the day of “The Church Has Left the Building,” we will start with a prayer and then worship God as we serve in various ministries. Greeters will be up in the narthex to explain what is going on to any first time visitors.

I’m excited about this new opportunity for our whole congregation to come together in mission and service. I hope you are, too!

Peace and Blessings,
Nancy

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).



CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, August 5

Time: Following Worship

Place: Meet at the Welcome Center

Facilitated by: Marj Lawson

Hospitality Host Marj Lawson will offer a tour of Southminster Church today following worship. Marj will meet people near the Welcome Center. The tour will take approximately 45 minutes.

FAMILY FISHING GROUP

Date: Sunday, August 5 (weather permitting)

Time: Right after worship (about 11:30 a.m.)

Place: Rosewood Park, right behind Walt and Sue Schenk’s home at 440 Island Lake Court, Centerville

Kids, it's time to go fishin' again! Bring your mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, and/or other adult for a light cookout and then some fishin' fun. Poles and bait will be provided (but bring your own pole if you have one). To make a reservation, contact George Lawson at 434.8614 or lawsongm@aol.com.

ELDER/DEACON/STAFF RETREAT

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 8:30am - 2:00pm

Place: Fairmont Presbyterian Church



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

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.

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

Save the date!



INQUIRER'S CLASS

Date: Sundays, September 9 and 23

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Adult Lounge

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](mailto:Lynn_Grubb@churchoffice.com) 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.

NO ONE EVER ASKED

Date: Friday, August 17

Facilitator: Pat Elliott

Times: 10:00-11:30am

Location: Hospitality Room



Join us for a one time discussion of the novel No One Ever Asked by Katie Ganshert led by Pat Elliott. This is part of our effort to become more aware of the racism which persists, still, as a cultural norm and how that impacts our own actions. Bring suggestions for fiction or non-fiction for future sessions and/or volunteer to facilitate. Please contact the [office](#) if you need child care.

WHO DID GOD CREATE AND GIFT ME TO BE?

Dates: Sundays, September 9-October 28

Time: 8:45am

Facilitator: Marj Lawson

Location: Adult Lounge

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living. . . – Ephesians 1:11

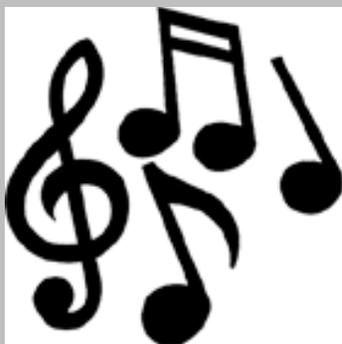
Who did God create and gift you to be? How has he molded your interests, life experiences, and gifts together?

God created you to be like Christ. The purpose of this powerful, interactive course is to help you discover your gifts and understand how to use them for a more fruitful and fulfilling life.

The eight-week course will begin on September 9 and run through October 28. It will be held at 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the Adult Lounge and will be facilitated by Marj Lawson. You may register [here](#) or via the registration form in the Narthex.

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A MESSAGE FROM RUTH MAPPES



THE CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR season are starting soon! First rehearsals will occur **Wednesday, August 29th!**
Bell Choir: 8/29/19 @ 4:00 pm in Sanctuary
Choir: 8/29/19 @ 7:00 pm in Sanctuary
If you have interest in joining either ensemble please contact [Ruth](#). Cannot wait to start the new music season!!

THE CASTLE

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

FAREWELL TO ERIN DICKERSON

To honor and thank Erin Dickerson for her service as Interim Director of Children's Ministries, a reception will be held on Sunday, August 5, following worship, in the Coffee Corner. Also, for the next two

Sundays, blank cards and a basket will be available in the Narthex, for placement of your remembrances, gifts and good wishes for her future ministry.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Kim Catchpole is on vacation and will return Monday, August 6, 2018. **Erin Dickerson** is on vacation and will return Sunday, August 5. **Lynn Grubb** will be out of the office Monday, July 30-Thursday, Aug 2. Please call the office or the pastors if you need any assistance.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH OUTING: POOL PARTY

Celebrate the end of summer with a splash! Youth and your friends are invited to a pool party at the Parker's House. Grades 4-12. Friends are welcome! RSVP to Kim by Friday, August 19.

When: Sunday, August 19, 6-8 PM

Where: The Parker's House



Visit our website for information about Southminster's [Children's ministry](#) or [Youth ministry](#)

CONTRIBUTIONS



While many of us are on vacation in the summer, the church still has to pay the bills for utilities, staff and other expenses. If it is possible, please consider continuing to keep up with your pledge during the summer months.

Southminster Contributions - 2018

The information presented below is the current status of our church finances and a finance team forecast of expected year end results. The forecast is based on actuals thru 7/16/18 and assumes all remaining pledge funds committed are met and the prorate remaining expenses occur by year end.

Period	Budgeted	Actual	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Contributions			
Last week	\$9,503	\$11,732	\$2,229
Year to Date (AS OF 7/23/18)	\$275,587	\$300,299	\$24,712

TOTAL CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2018

	Budgeted	Projected	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Receipts	\$632,397	\$707,125	\$74,728
Expenses	\$742,099	\$773,913	\$31,814
Excess/ Shortfall	\$(109,702)	(\$66,788)	

The plan is to provide an updated forecast monthly to inform everyone of the current status of the projected 2018 shortfall which is currently at \$66,788. Please give generously!

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