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NEWS & NOTES

August 3, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



THANK YOU, ERIN!

Dear Friends,

August 5th will be Erin Dickerson's last Sunday with us. While I know some people are on vacation, I hope as many as possible will be here

on Sunday and will stay afterwards for the reception. It is an opportunity to thank Erin for being a wonderful *Interim Director of Children's Ministries* and to wish her well as she ventures into her new calling as the *Director of Education* at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church.

In a time of transition, Erin stepped into her ministry with us, eager to learn new things and to support and encourage our children in their

journeys of faith. It is a rare Sunday that I don't see Erin in the narthex, cradling someone's child in her arms. She has welcomed our parents, comforted little ones, created events that are educational and fun, and become a trusted friend to little ones and adults alike. The Vacation Bible School that Erin coordinated this year was stellar. I hung out for a little while with the various groups, and it was clear that the children were learning much about what it means to be at peace with yourself and with others. At the same time, they were having a blast, and the parents were hoping we would offer VBS for more weeks during the summer.

Erin's love for children and the ways she reached out to them will continue to have an impact on their lives for years to come. I am sad to see Erin go and grateful for all the ways that she has shared her gifts with us. Although the Presbytery has certain rules about pastors staying away after leaving a congregation, this doesn't apply to Erin. She is a beloved member of the Southminster congregation. We will still see her children when they can get here, her in-laws are members, and we hope to see Erin at special events.

Please feel free to write Erin a card or a note. If you would like to offer a monetary gift, you can send it directly to her or add it to the other envelopes for her this coming Sunday. Although this will be her last Sunday, it will not be her last day of employment. Therefore, if there is a reason you can't be here, you can still send it to her at the church address. We will be sure she gets it.

Blessings,
Nancy

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH TOUR - This Sunday!

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 - This Sunday!

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



Our next fishing outing will be August 5 at Rosewood Park. This park is part of the Centerville-Washington Township Park District, encompassing 13.047 acres located at 475 Roselake Drive. This park includes a large open area for sports, a fishing pond, woods to explore and run through. Play equipment includes a climber, slide, belt swings, and infant swings. Lunch will be provided and served 12:00 pm noon (bring your own drinks). Sue and Walt Schenk's home address is 440 Island Lake Ct. and is adjacent to the park. There is limited parking on Island Lake Ct. If anyone needs a fishing pole, please contact George Lawson at 307-5940.

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



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: 10:00 a.m.

Southminster's annual Blessing of the Backpacks & Fall Fling Picnic will be held in the **Southminster's Sanctuary, CFC, Pavilion, & "A Great Start Preschool" facility.**



Join us as we honor and bless students and teachers at this important time of year. As students young and old start journeys in search of knowledge and wisdom, may God's Blessings help them find new beginnings and fresh starts.

The day will start with Worship and the children's Blessings in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am, followed by a Picnic Lunch in the CFC/Pavilion, Games on the lawn next to the pavilion and an opportunity to tour "A Great Start Preschool".
WORSHIP, FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP are all provided.
Don't miss this event. SIGN-UP in Narthex or Online (coming soon).

SUPPORT FOR THE OPOTHI FAMILY

Congregation members will be receiving a "Constant Contact" message from Pastor Nancy about helping to support the Opothi family in a time of need. That message explains their situation. They are members of our congregation who were refugees from violence in Ethiopia about 5 years ago. If you want to make a donation to help them out, you can write a check to the church and put "Opothi Family" on the memo line. If you want to know more, talk to Pastor Nancy or George Lawson.



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) at the church office.

CHOIR SECTION LEADER SEARCH

Southminster is looking for 2-3 paid choir section leaders - soprano, mezzo soprano, and tenor/baritone preferred.

Compensation: Negotiable based on degree level

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in music or higher OR working towards a degree in music preferred

Job Description:

- Rehearsals - Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm September-May
- Sundays - 9:30-11:00 am September-May

Contact: If interested, email resume and cover letter to Ruth (ruth@sminster.com)



**The Church Has
Left the Building
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 “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.***

**Please click the following [link](#) to
to learn more...**

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

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

You may register [here](#) or via the registration form in the Narthex.
Who did God create and gift you to be?

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!!

SOLES4SOULS

Soles4Souls: "Wearing Out Poverty" one pair of shoe's at a time...It's a great opportunity to start cleaning out your closets and setting aside your GENTLY worn shoes of all kinds (young and old, all shoes are needed.) More details to come!!!

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.

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*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,503	\$3,259	\$(6,244)
Year to Date	\$285,090	\$303,558	\$18,468

* as of July 30, 2018

Our current estimated full year earnings shortfall is \$(66,000)

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