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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

### August 10, 2018

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

UPDATE:

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all of you who have made an offering to help the Opothi family in a time of need.

After consulting an accountant, we decided that the best way to help them now and other refugee families in the future would be to establish a "Refugee Assistance Fund." If you already have made a contribution or if you do so in the near future, the check will be deposited in the fund before being used to help specific people. Therefore, a monetary gift can be counted as a charitable contribution to the church. If you still want to help this family, please do it soon. You can write the check to the church and put "Refugee Assistance Fund" on the memo line.

I'm sure that Ojulu, Abang, Bungire and Rachael appreciate your generosity. Their faith and determination helped them escape violence in Ethiopia and start a new life here. They are an inspiring family, and I'm so glad that they are members of Southminster.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Nancy*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ELDER/DEACON/STAFF RETREAT**

**Date:** Saturday, August 11

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

**Place:** Fairmont Presbyterian Church



### **GRIEF GROUP (SOUP GROUP)**

**Date:** Thursday, August 16

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** Coffee Corner

The doors will be unlocked for your convenience. Bring your own lunch and hot drinks will be provided. All are welcome!

### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT - PAINTING!**

**Date:** Friday, August 17

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Place:** Christian Fellowship Center

Please sign up [here](#).



### **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, & FALL FLING PICNIC**

**Date: Sunday, August 26**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary, CFC, Pavilion, & "A Great Start Preschool" facility.**

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".

Sign up [here](#).



## **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](#) at the church office.

## **THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING**

**Date: Sunday, 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 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

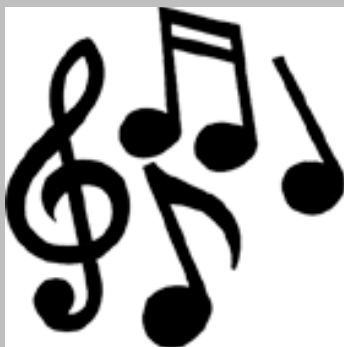
**Facilitator:** Marj Lawson

**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?

## **CHOIR NOTES**



**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!!

### **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)

## 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!!!

## THE CASTLE

August and September sign-up sheets for food donations for The Castle are available on the Mission Board in the Narthex. Please consider donating food items to this local mission.

## OFFICE NOTES



Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong will be on vacation next week and will return Sunday, August 26.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### YOUTH OUTING: POOL PARTY

End the summer with a splash! Youth are invited to come swimming at the Parker's house. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Youth program volunteers are welcome too! Please RSVP to Kim Catchpole by Sunday, August 12.

When: Sunday, August 19, 6-8 PM

Where: 9512 Moorgate Court, 45458



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	\$10,591	\$1,088
Year to Date	\$294,593	\$314,149	\$19,556

\* as of August 6, 2018

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

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