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NEWS & NOTES

August 14, 2020

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. STEVE SCHUMM, our previous Interim Associate Pastor, for officially having moved his ministry membership into the Presbyterian Church (USA)! As you may remember, when Steve was with us, he was still a Mennonite pastor, and he was working through the requirements to transfer into the Presbyterian Church. In a special Zoom meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley this past week, Steve presented his statement of faith and statement of call. With eloquence and in his usual down-to-earth way, he answered the questions of the Presbyters. They voted unanimously to approve him as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder) in the PC(USA). Everyone was excited, and after it was all over, Steve said he was feeling giddy. It was great to see him so happy! As he thanked those who helped him on his journey, he included his time with all of you. A few months after leaving Southminster, Steve began serving as the stated supply pastor of the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle, OH. If you want to send him a card, you can send it to him at the church address: 212 Jefferson St, New Carlisle, OH 45344

THANK YOU to Jackson Pinchot, (member of Boy Scout Troop 516), who spearheaded an effort to deep clean the pews and vacuum the cushions in the Sanctuary! He worked with John Woods and the Buildings and Grounds Committee to plan this Eagle Scout project, and he did a wonderful job. It was a particularly nice gift to Southminster Presbyterian Church during this COVID-19 pandemic. Jackson and his crew wore masks and were careful

and thorough in their work. We wish him well as he gets to the final stages of becoming an Eagle Scout. *{See pictures of Jackson and his helpers at the end of this edition of News and Notes.}*

THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES OR CONFINED TO THEIR OWN HOMES

I imagine all of us are getting tired of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is particularly hard on those who live in nursing homes or are confined to their own homes. With no visitation (or only limited visitation) allowed, it can be lonely and depressing. If you know someone, in the congregation or beyond it, who falls in this category, I encourage you to make that extra phone call or to send a card now and then. It doesn't take much to bring a little light into someone else's world.

Peace and blessings,
Nancy

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL WORSHIP TIME

Children's Worship starts this Sunday at 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. It will be a time for the children to gather, check in with each other and maybe sing a song or two. Pajamas and breakfast always welcome! Please sign in with the Zoom link listed below.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92142261443?pwd=SkIjS2dlRDJvaFBseGJtVE5rK1g5QT09>

Meeting ID: 921 4226 1443

Password: 4BfMSd

*Outdoor
Backpack
Blessing*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Blessings of the Backpacks will be outdoors this year on August 30. If you would like to drive up and receive a blessing please come from 12-12:30 p.m. There will also be a walk up time for a blessing from 12:30-1:00 p.m. We would love to see you there and please invite someone to join you.

GRANT PARK OUTING

All Children are invited to Grant Park on Saturday, August 22, for a time of fun and fellowship at a safe distance. We'll plan to meet at the Chimney Area of Grant Park from 10:00 a.m.

to 12:00 p.m. We'll have soccer games, kids can play by the water, and more (safely masked!) fun-filled activities for the morning!



A GREAT START PRESCHOOL



FALL PRESCHOOL

A Great Start Preschool is now enrolling for fall preschool for ages 2-5. Please call 937-312-1621 to sign up.

NEXT PHASES OF CHURCH REOPENING AND SAFETY MESSAGE

**Currently groups of 10 or less
can have meetings at Southminster.**

**Please check with the office
to schedule gatherings inside or at the Pavilion.**

Service will remain online-only

until Montgomery County goes down to a Safety Level II (orange) long enough for our Safety Team and Session to approve re-opening.

We will continue livestream even when the Sanctuary is open.

Office Information

The office hours are currently M-F 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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.)

Currently in Phase Two: Limited Office & Small Group Opening

- 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, or contact with those who have tested positive for Covid*).
- 2) **Anyone in the church is required to wear mask in public spaces,**
 - a. Make every effort to 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!

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION - MONDAY NIGHT DISCUSSIONS

GOD AND THE PANDEMIC

In the midst of a global pandemic, is there room for faith, hope and love? How should we think about God? How can Christians respond to this crisis? How do we recover? What does the crisis teach us about ourselves and how we relate to God and one another?

If you're concerned about these questions, please join us on **Monday, August 17 from 7:00-8:00 P.M.** for a virtual discussion over Zoom facilitated by Steve Davis. Prior to the discussion, please read this summary of key points from the best-selling book [God and the Pandemic](#) by New Testament scholar N.T. Wright. No registration is necessary, just come ready to share and learn from others.

To join the Zoom meeting, [follow this link](#) or call in using this information

Meeting ID: 965 476 1297

Passcode: Pandemic

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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

ACCESSING THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE

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!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Nancy and Laura and all the people at Southminster for their prayers and cards for Polly. I miss her so much, but she is doing what she always did, serving God and that is what makes her happy.

Love to all,
Jim Combs



NOTES OF INTEREST

BELL CHOIR

Did you miss the bell choir perform last week?

Watch their performance below!



We are so excited to have ensemble music at Southminster once again. If you or a loved one misses creating music with a church, community, or school ensemble, the bell choir is accepting new members! Bell choir is a safe, easily socially distanced music ensemble that requires no prior experience and all ages are welcome! Contact Ruth at ruth.mappes@gmail.com if interested.

WORSHIP TEAM NOTICE FLOWERS! FLOWERS! FLOWERS!

We have decided it's time to again have flowers on the Communion Table on Sunday Mornings, and we are inviting you to help provide them. You may choose a Sunday that is close to a special date you would like commemorated, or you can simply choose an open date to provide a bouquet to the Glory of God. The type of flower or color scheme can also be requested. The typical cost is \$40, which includes a discounted delivery fee of \$5. The following dates are available: August 30; October 11 & 18; November 8, 15, 22, 29; and December 6 & 27.



If you signed up on the Flower Calendar in the Narthex earlier this year, someone will be contacting you ahead of your specified date. For more

information, or to contribute a flower arrangement, please contact Lois Thorp at lois.thorp51@gmail.com; or Liz Taylor at elizabethtaylor333@yahoo.com.

WANTED: EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS!

The only requirement to join the other 100 people on the email prayer chain is the desire to pray for others! When you receive the prayer request via email, there is no need to pass it on.....ONLY TO GOD! JUST PRAY!! All prayer requests are confidential.

Please call Judy Murphy (937-433-4449) or email her at lucy1942@sbcglobal.net to be added to the prayer chain.

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Luke 11:1



CONTRIBUTIONS

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*Click [here](#) for full instructions.

*Click [here](#) to donate on our website.

*Contact Sharon Ark at Sharon@sminter.com for assistance.

*Mail your check to the church at the address listed below.

Southminster Contributions – 2020*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$15,513	\$4,922
Year to Date	\$338,912	\$307,632	\$(31,280)

* as of August 10, 2020

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



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