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NEWS & NOTES

August 16, 2019

NOTES FROM NANCY

WELCOME, LAURA!

This week, Laura Nile began serving as our new Associate Pastor. I hope you can come this Sunday to give her a warm Southminster welcome at the reception after the 10 a.m. worship service! (She will be preaching on the following Sunday, August 25.) This is an exciting time in the life of the church, and I look forward to all the ways Laura will share her gifts for ministry with us!

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Back in June, when the Pumpkin Festival Committee approached Washington Township to inquire about a permit for the event, we were told that we just needed to fill out an application. Then, late last week, we were told that they had discovered that in 1960, Southminster was zoned as residential rather than

commercial. Therefore, we would need to go to a court hearing on September 23 to see if we could be approved.

Since we can't be 100% sure that our request will be granted, the festival committee decided that we can't risk having to make last-minute cancellations on food vendors, bands, and the farm where we order the pumpkins. We had been so excited about having the event at Southminster this year, but the "glass-half-full" is that, with all the extra time to plan it, next year's Pumpkin Festival should be even better!

If you are willing to help with this committee, please contact me. Thus far, the group includes: Pat Bethel, Herb and Sherri Swiger, Dale Berger, Jan Hohenstein, Phyllis Beal, Cheryl Hartman, Brandon McFarland, and Karen Nitsch.

EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR PASTOR LAURA

Date: Sunday, August 18

Time: Following Worship

Location: Narthex/Coffee Corner

Join us after Worship for a reception with Laura Nile, our new Associate Pastor. Light and fresh summer refreshments and desert will be provided. Since Laura is new to the area, she could use good advice on where to go for dependable services. If you would like to recommend your dentist, doctor, hair dresser, auto mechanic, electrician, plumber, specialty store, or anything else that you think would be helpful, bring that information to the reception as well. There will be index cards at the reception if you need them. Also, if you have a favorite day trip or afternoon hike location, that would be nice to share with her as well.

LOOKING AHEAD

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND FALL FLING

Date: Sunday, August 25

Time: During and Following Worship

Location: Sanctuary/CFC for lunch

Everyone is encouraged to come to the August 25 Blessing of the Backpacks service followed by the Fall Fling in the CFC. Enjoy a

delicious lunch, meet preschool families, and tour a Great Start Preschool. This is a great opportunity to show our support to students beginning the school year and for the children and families of A Great Start Preschool. **RSVP by calling the office at 433-1810 by Tuesday, August 20.**

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Sunday, September 15

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall Theater, Centerville

The Elderberries are going to the Town Hall Theater to see the children perform in Disney's "Frozen Junior." Tickets normally cost \$16.00, but for us to go as a group, the tickets will be only \$12.00 if you get them from Jacque. If anyone is interested in attending, at the group rate, please contact Jacque Ryan at 435-5847. Following the performance, a group will go to Panera Bread. This promises to be a fun time for all.

For other upcoming events, be sure to visit our website.

GROWTH GROUPS

FAITH OF A MOCKINGBIRD

Facilitated by Steve Davis

Dates: Sunday mornings through September 1

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

For more information, go to our [website](#).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Three new Sunday School classes for children and youth are beginning Sunday, September 8! Classes will be available for 3 age groups:

- 4 years - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 12th grade

Children and youth will leave for class during the last hymn in worship. Class ends at 11:30 a.m. A small snack will be provided. Parents are encouraged to enjoy fellowship in the coffee corner during this time.

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND FALL FLING

During the lunch following Worship next Sunday, please sit with the young parents and their children and make them feel welcome. On the tables in the CFC, there will be colored bags for the children and their parents. Inside are crayons, coloring sheets and fun things to do. There is also information about Southminster inside. Please encourage families to pick up the bags as they leave.

HELLO GOOD MORNING

In August 2010, a new ministry at Southminster began called "Hello-Good Morning"! This successful ministry is still very much thriving and we'd like to bring it to your attention if you are a single person living alone! The purpose is to connect 2 individuals who will check on each other briefly by phone every day to be certain each is okay. Participants are paired so there is only one person each person is responsible for contacting. Out of town? No problem. Have a busy schedule? No problem. Just be certain your partner knows you will be unavailable for a period of time. If you are interested in learning more or signing up to be a part of this ministry, please contact Deanna Brewer @ 937-271-0167.

WANTED: E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS

The only requirement to join the other 94 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 (937-433-4449) or email her at lucy1942@sbcglobal.net to be added to the email prayer chain. "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY." Luke 11:1

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We do have a few T-Shirts still available in select sizes if anyone would like to buy one. They are \$12.00 each. Please contact Tammy Caskey at tkcaskey@yahoo.com or call the church office if interested 433-1810.

FALL INQUIRER'S DAY

Interested in Membership? Interested in learning more about Southminster? If so, please email office@sminster.com or speak to someone at the Welcome Desk on Sunday.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$4,821	\$(4,362)
Year to Date	\$293,856	\$346,803	\$52,947

• as of August 12, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$60,900** over the budgeted contributions YTD. Many people have already paid their full year pledge

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