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NEWS & NOTES

August 23, 2019

NOTES FROM NANCY

HELP SOUTHMINSTER SHOW HOSPITALITY!

Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see information about this Sunday being "Backpack Sunday," followed by the "Fall Fling" lunch in the CFC downstairs.

Last year, the Fellowship, Invitation and Christian Education teams all did a wonderful job of planning a nice lunch and games for the children, but I wish more congregation members had taken the opportunity to share that time of fellowship with the children and their families. It is a simple way to show them that we have a warm, friendly congregation that cares about them and is interested in getting to know them.

Since we all would like to see more families with young children in the church, this is a chance to share a little about your experience of Southminster. If you come, you (or you and a friend) could seek out a table with a Preschool family instead of sitting with all of your usual

buddies. You could point out the table with the gift bags or bring them one. Hope to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we have a connectional system. We work with other churches in our area Presbytery, with other regional Presbyteries in our Synod, and with all the Presbyteries in the country in the General Assembly. As a Presbyterian congregation, we are expected to pay a Per Capita assessment of \$48.20 per individual member (not per family) to help these bodies of the church do their work of mission and congregational support. You may be asking, "Why don't you just take it out of my pledge?" The challenge of that is that we very much need your pledge for the mission and work of Southminster. We will have to take the money out of our own funds to pay for members who do not pay for themselves. The Per Capita assessment is a separate sort of "dues" that we pay the larger church, with the primary portion given to our local Presbytery.

Have you paid your Per Capita?

Thus far, we don't even have a quarter of what we owe, so if you haven't done so, please consider paying your Per Capita for 2019. Be sure to mark your check (or cash donation) that it is specifically for this purpose.

SHHH.... IT'S A SURPRISE!

This Saturday, August 24, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room, **Betty Mickey's** family is having a surprise party for her 95th birthday. They asked me to let her friends in the church know about it, and I thought this would be the easiest way since Betty gets the hard copy of News and Notes after the weekend.

LINES FROM LAURA

As I'm settling into my job here at Southminster, I've been thinking about what I would like to share with you on a regular basis. One of my favorite things to observe is the way that Christian faith is lived out and depicted in pop culture. Many American Christians think that Christianity only gets negative depictions in pop culture, but I have found that to be far from true! I'd like to share videos, podcasts, or articles that I think you might find interesting and useful.

This week, I'm listening to Duke Divinity professor Kate Bowler's podcast "Everything Happens." Kate was in her 30's when

she got diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and her whole world was turned upside-down. She published a beautiful [memoir](#) and now has a podcast where she talks to people about what they have learned in dark times in their lives. The latest episode is with the director of Sesame Street and it is about [how to talk to kids about hard things](#). One of the first conversations I had after the Oregon District shooting was someone asking, “how do I tell my kids about this?” If you are a parent or grandparent or you just love the littlest members in our community, I think you might like hearing about their insights on how to talk to kids about the hardest parts of life.

EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK

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.

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. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

THE PARABLES

Facilitated by Steve Davis

Dates: Sunday mornings beginning September 15

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

This small group study will examine 6 of Jesus' best-loved parables including (among others) the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, the Rich Man and Lazarus and the Shrewd Manager. We will use the books *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine and *Parables from the Backside, Volume 2* by J. Ellsworth Kalas as resources and starting points for the discussion. The group will meet for 7 weeks.

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 (Room 202)
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade (Room 206)
- 6th Grade - 12th grade (Ark Room)

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

7 WAYS TO FEEL MORE GRATEFUL

Want to be happier? A grateful heart can lead to greater happiness. Here are seven easy ways to practice gratitude.

THE GALLERY

The Gallery is already planning for Christmas. Please let Elizabeth Davis know if you have a Nativity creche you wish to show off this holiday season. Elizabeth Davis can be reached at 937-701-4603 or Elizabeth.davis4035@my.sinclair.edu.

THE CASTLE

September and October donation sign-up sheets for The Castle are now available in the Narthex. Providing food for The Castle is Southminster's way of caring for its neighbors. Please consider being a provider for September or October.

THE FOOD PANTRY has requested donations of medium sized jars of strawberry and grape jelly.

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

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	\$3,814	\$(5,369)
Year to Date	\$303,039	\$350,617	\$47,578

• as of August 19, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$62,800** over the budgeted contributions YTD. Many people have already paid their full year pledge

For convenience, you can [pay on-line](#) at our website.

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