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NEWS & NOTES

August 24, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

On August 11th, our Deacons, Elders and Staff took part in a retreat. We talked a little bit about the difference between rowboats and sailboats. A rowboat relies only on the person rowing it. A **rowboat church** decides that the progress and success of a church depends only on us, our circumstances, and how hard we work at it. A sailboat relies on both the person (or people) in the boat and the wind. A **sailboat church** remembers that we can do more than we could imagine when we keep listening for the calling and movement of the Holy Spirit.

In John 15:5, we read, "Apart from me, you can do nothing." I can't remember the source, but I resonated with the statement that, in the context of the church:

*Apart from God,
we have religious speeches, not preaching;
we hold church services, not worship;*

*we think about the Bible, but we do not come to faith;
we can do church work and good deeds, but not ministry and mission.*

During our retreat, we considered how we can keep reminding ourselves of ways to be more of a sailboat church. One first little step can be that, at the beginning of every meeting, after an opening prayer, we can state our church's vision:

*"To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ,
driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond."*

Instead of a vision of ministry based on what we lack, our vision is driven by a passionate commitment to Jesus Christ and the knowledge that "with God, all things are possible."

I was grateful for this time with our Deacons, Elders and Staff and for their thoughts and ideas. In future News and Notes, I will share more from our retreat.

Peace and Blessings,
Nancy

APNC ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The APNC is in the very first stage of the process of the search for an Associate Pastor. We have started working on the MIF (Ministry Information Form), and we hope to complete it by the time the Presbytery's COM (Committee on Ministry) meets near the end of October.

The APNC
Marianne Farmer, co-chair
Richard Jester, co-chair
Todd Hall, secretary
Mark Ferguson, Session representative
Cindy Battelle
Abby Locke
Abbie Campbell

Georgina Amegatcher
Shailendra Dwyer
Dick Adams

Marge Morgan, Presbytery liaison
Nancy Birdsong, ex-officio

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS SUNDAY!

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".



CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, September 9

Time: Following Worship

Place: Meet at Welcome Center

A tour of Southminster church will be offered by Hospitality Host Steve Davis following worship. Steve will meet people near the Welcome Center. The tour will take approximately 45 minutes. Advance registration is not necessary, but helpful and can be noted in the Friendship pad.

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@churchoffice.com) at the church office.

INTO THE WOODS, JR.

Date: Sunday, September 23

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall Theater/Panera Bread

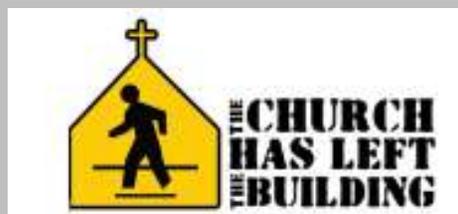
When a baker and his wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door, they embark on a quest for the special objects required to break the spell, swindling, deceiving and stealing from Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack and the Beanstalk. Senior theater tickets are available from Jacque Ryan for \$12.00. Following the show, those interested, will have dinner at Panera Bread, which is across the driveway from the theater.

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

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?

THE HATE YOU GIVE

Dates: Friday, September 21

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Facilitator: Lois Thorp

Location: Hospitality Room

Book Discussion Group: Anyone who enjoys a good book is invited to a discussion on “*The Hate U Give*”. This story is about a 16 year old African-American girl whose world falls apart when she witnesses the shooting death of her friend by a white policeman. It is a gritty portrayal of life through her eyes as she copes with the situation and the growing anger within her community, as well as her own emotional roller coaster. The book is very well written by 1st time author Angie Thomas. The language is often rough, but it comes across as real – not used simply for shock value. This book continues the on-going process, endorsed and supported by the Christian Education Team, of looking at social issues and injustices faced by people of color. Come, join in or listen to a friendly, serious, and lively discussion of the book, its issues and how they relate to us and to our world. Questions? See Lois Thorp, Gay Amos, or Pat Elliott.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A brief Congregational Meeting, for the purpose of electing Dale Berger to fill an opening on the Nominating Committee, will take place next Sunday, September 2, following worship.

THE CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR first rehearsals begin this week, **Wednesday, August 29th!**

Bell Choir: 8/29/19 @ 4:30 pm in Sanctuary.

Choir: 8/29/19 @ 7:00 pm in Sanctuary.

Want to join? Contact ruth@sminster.com.

THANK YOU

Dear Southminster Friends,

Thank you for all your support during my recent surgery and continuing recovery. Your flowers, cards, e-mails, phone calls, and--especially--prayers have sustained me and have warmed my heart.

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint. -- Isaiah 40

Blessings,
Marj Lawson

Children's Programs

On Sunday, **September 2** (Labor Day Weekend), we will be taking a break (no children's program mid-worship). **Sunday, September 9** begins our Christian Education program year, which includes Children & Worship and Sermon 2.0. Click [here](#) to see what will be happening this fall!

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 other is okay. Participants are paired so there is only one person each participant is responsible for contacting. No problem if you are out of town, have busy schedule, etc....just be certain your partner knows. Please contact **Judy Murphy @lucy1942@sbcglobal.net** if you have questions or would like to "sign up"!!

The Castle

The sign-up sheet for September donations to The Castle is available in the Narthex. Please consider donating food items to this local mission.

Soles4Souls

"Wearing out poverty one pair of shoes at a time."

Soles4Souls is a non-profit organization based in Nashville, TN that provides "gently" worn shoes to those who need them most, creates jobs to help families step out of poverty, and most importantly, gives children and their families hope for a better life. We will be collecting shoes of all kinds in October and November so start cleaning out your closets and tell family and friends about this wonderful opportunity to help those in need. Look for the collection boxes mid-September in the narthex and by the office. Questions? You can contact Tammy Caskey at 776-8417 or tkc1062@woh.rr.com.

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	\$21,115	\$11,612
Year to Date	\$313,599	\$342,799	\$29,200

* as of August 20, 2018

Our current estimated full year earnings shortfall is \$(55,000), excluding gain/loss from investments.

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