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NEWS & NOTES

August 25, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHMINSTER FALL FLING FAMILY BBQ!

Date: Sunday, August 27, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Location: Christian Fellowship Center/Pavilion

The Southminster congregation, guests and our Great Start Preschool family are invited to fellowship together and celebrate the beginning of a new season. The fun begins at 10:00 A.M. with Worship and the Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by a BBQ lunch, GAMES and PRIZES and a Preschool Open House.



FREE BACKGROUND CHECKS AVAILABLE

Date: Sunday, August 27

Time: 11:00am

Location: Christian Fellowship Center

The Mentoring Collaborative of Montgomery County will again provide free background checks for anyone who will be involved with children

and youth at Southminster. Screening will take place during the Family Barbecue on Sunday, August 27th. Please bring two forms of identification. Contact [Kim Catchpole](#) or [Erin Dickerson](#) with any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Date: Thursday, August 31

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal will begin Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. Contact [Ruth](#) for more details.



SOMETHING NEW AT SOUTHMINSTER

Date: Friday, September 1

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Christian Fellowship Center

Bring your family and friends for a "blanket" movie night in the CFC. Movie showing will be "The Sandlot." A snack bar will be provided because we all know how important snacks are for a movie. All you need to do is bring your blankets, chairs, and pillows then stretch out! If you like the idea of different themed family nights (first Friday of every other month) to provide our congregation a fun environment to get to know each other, please let us know! This is a work in progress so we are open to ideas or suggestions. We plan on seeing you on September 1st at 6:30 pm!

Jane Barlow/Adrienne Dickson/Mary Baez



CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, September 3

Time: 11:15am

Location: Meet at the Welcome Center

A tour of Southminster Church will be offered next Sunday, September 3 by Hospitality Host Marj Lawson, following worship. Marj 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.



PLUNKETTS' FAREWELL CELEBRATION!

Date: Sunday, September 10



Time: 11:30am

Location: Christian Fellowship Center

As you now know, Pastor Steve's last official day with us is Friday, September 15. The help and guidance he has provided during this period of transition has been immeasurable for Southminster.

Therefore, we would like to celebrate and reflect on Steve and Margaret's time with us. We are asking you to join us after the service on Sunday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. We will have a brunch with time for you to personally thank the Plunketts.

If you are planning to join us or believe you will be attending, we would ask that you sign up via www.sminster.com/farewellsteve/ or the sign-up sheets in the narthex or by contacting the office at (937) 433-1810. Also, you will have an opportunity to contribute to a cash gift for Steve and Margaret. If you choose to participate, please place your contribution in an envelope clearly marked *Farewell Gift for the Plunkett's* and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the office, or give it to Lynn Grubb, Business Administrator. We hope to see you there on September 10th!

SAVE THE DATE!

WOMEN'S SALAD SUPPER

Date: Wednesday, September 13

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Christian Fellowship Center

Come join the Presbyterian Women of

Southminster for our fall kickoff! We are

having a Women's Salad Supper on Wednesday, September 13 at

5:30 p.m in the Christian Fellowship Center. Lynda Bragg will be

speaking about Erma Bombeck. Rolls, dessert and beverages will be

provided. Just bring a salad!



ELDERBERRIES - THE LION KING

Date: Sunday, September 17

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Town Hall Theatre

Anyone 55 years old and over is invited to join

Elderberries on Sunday, September 17 at 3:00

p.m. at Town Hall Theatre's presentation of "The Lion

King." Afterward, everyone is invited to join us for dinner at Panera

Bread next door to the theater. Please contact [Jacque Ryan](#) for

discounted theater tickets at \$12.00 each.



GONE FISHING!

Date: Sunday, September 24

Time: 11:30am

Location: Grace Church, 401 E. Social Row Rd., Dayton, OH (Meet in CFC)

Questions? Contact [George Lawson](#).



For additional upcoming events, be sure to visit our [website](#)

GROWTH GROUPS

Please Note Pastor Steve has concluded his Year With The Bible class.

SHARING A STORY OF ABUSE: BEING VULNERABLE

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Nowak

Dates: Sunday, August 27 and September 3

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

Through the sharing of a personal story, this group will begin an exploration of ways the church can be a safe healing place.

Child care will be available. This is the class postponed from August 13 and 20. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and outside of the Office.

***NEW* GROWTH GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Begins: Sunday, September 10

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

Beginning Sunday, September 10th the Christian Education Team will be offering a Growth Group opportunity for parents of children and youth. After dropping your kids off at Sunday School, join with other parents in fellowship from 8:45-9:45am. There will be coffee, laughter, and time for learning and reflection. This group will follow the Sunday school calendar (Sept-May) and meet during Sunday School hours. Nursery care will be provided for children under 4 years old. Contact Adrienne or Kevin Dickson for more details.

For additional Growth Groups, be sure to visit our [website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

COLLECTION FOR LOVE PACKAGES AND MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES THROUGH AUGUST 27

Christian Literature, DVDs, CDs, curriculum and Bibles, for Love Packages, a ministry out of Lebanon, Ohio and Pill Bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries, Cincinnati. Bring securely boxed/bagged materials to Pastor Jackie's office. More information can be found on bulletin boards around the church.

UPCOMING PARKING LOT BUILD

Dates: September 22-24, 2017

Remember how much fun you had framing that house in our last Parking Lot Build? Well then... its almost time to measure (twice), cut, swing, serve and eat!! Southminster's



continued focus on this mission occurs September 22nd - 24th. This church-wide community event needs **YOU**. Your Build team will even guarantee great weather... (it never rains in the CFC.) More details can be found at www.sminster.com/thebuild

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH SECURITY

The church office and the Building and Grounds Committee have been receiving multiple reports that church doors (mostly the Education Building door and the Community Room doors) are being propped open and/or left unlocked overnight. **Please do not prop or unlock doors. Be sure all doors are locked upon exiting the building.**

If a church group is meeting, rather than unlock or prop a door, have one member stand at the door and allow others into the building. You can also share cell phone numbers and text a friend when you are outside of the building. If you need a key issued to your group or if you have any questions about security, please contact the [Business Administrator](#) at 937-433-1810.

Southminster Contributions – 2017*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$11,310	\$6,421	(\$4,889)
Year to Date	\$384,488	\$351,686	(\$32,802)

* as of August 21, 2017

Contributions over past 6 weeks are down significantly.
Please give generously!

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