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

## **NEWS & NOTES**

### **August 30, 2019**

### **NOTES FROM NANCY**

#### **CHANGES**

August has been a month of changes and adjustments. We said “good-bye” to Steve and “hello” to Laura; some members saw their children off to college while others took their little ones to preschool or kindergarten for the first time; and as we are still enjoying wearing shorts and flip-flops, Autumn seems just around the corner. You also have seen information about some upcoming changes in Sunday School this year.

Change can be challenging, but at the same time, it can be absolutely wonderful! I hope you join me in my excitement over all the possibilities ahead for Southminster! Together, we can answer God’s call to be a church of faithful disciples who seek to be the “head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ” in this world.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Laura Nile's day off will be on Fridays, and mine will continue to be Mondays. Our Business Administrator, Lynn Grubb is no longer in the office on Fridays. The office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

### **HAVE YOU SEEN?**

One of our members lost a pair of good, prescription sunglasses, possibly in the Sanctuary and possibly elsewhere. If you find them, please put them on the high counter at the entrance to the church office or give them to someone at the Welcome Desk.

### **HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy a relaxing, renewing Labor Day!

## **LINES FROM LAURA**

Over the past few weeks, an [Anderson Cooper interview of Stephen Colbert](#) has been widely shared on social media. Stephen Colbert is perhaps one of the most well-known Catholics in entertainment today and has often spoken about his faith in public. In the interview with Anderson Cooper, the two men share about being changed by grief as they both were 10 years old when their fathers died. Part way through the interview, with tears in his eyes, Anderson asks Stephen about something he'd recently said—"[what punishments of God are not gifts?](#)" It's a challenging and beautiful conversation about grief, tragedy, and how we approach God in the midst of suffering that I think many of you will enjoy listening.

## **EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK**

### **CHURCH TOUR**

**Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Place: Meet at Welcome Center**

Steve Davis will offer a tour of the church, following Worship. Meet him at the Welcome Center for this tour which will take about 45 minutes.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

## **MOM TO MOM**

Mom to Mom is a time of fellowship for Moms to discuss the joys and struggles of parenting, and raising children within the Christian faith. Childcare is provided in the Nursery. Mom to Mom meets from 9 – 11 am, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays September - May. The first Mom to Mom gathering is **Friday, September 13**.

## **GROWTH GROUPS**

### **THE PARABLES**

**Facilitated by Steve Davis**

**Dates: Sunday mornings beginning September 15**

**Time: 8:45-9:45am**

**Location: Adult Lounge**

Go to our [website](#) for more information.

## **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**

### **THE GALLERY**

The Gallery is already planning for Christmas. Please let Elizabeth Davis know if you have a Nativity creche you could share with us for the gallery display this holiday season. Elizabeth Davis can be reached at 937-701-4603 or [Elizabeth.davis4035@my.sinclair.edu](mailto: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.

## **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PER CAPITA?**

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. Please consider paying your Per Capita for 2019. Be sure to mark your check (or cash donation) that it is specifically for this purpose.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

## Southminster Contributions – 2019\*

| Period       | Budgeted Contributions | Actual Contributions | Excess/ (Shortfall) |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Last Week    | \$9,183                | \$11,152             | \$1,969             |
| Year to Date | \$312,222              | \$361,769            | \$49,547            |

• as of August 26, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$64700** 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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