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NEWS & NOTES

September 1, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOMETHING NEW AT SOUTHMINSTER - TONIGHT!

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 THIS SUNDAY

Date: Sunday, September 3

Time: 11:15am

Location: Meet at the Welcome Center

A tour of Southminster Church will be offered this 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

Please join us after Worship next Sunday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. for a brunch where you will have the opportunity 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!



SEE WHAT'S NEW THIS FALL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Christian Education begins September 10 with additional programs beginning October 1. Visit [our website](#) for full details.



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 CFC. Lynda Bragg will be speaking about Erma



Bombeck. Rolls, dessert and beverages will be provided. Just bring a salad!

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!
(FORMERLY DATE NIGHT)**

Date: September 15

Time: 6:30-9pm

Location: Christian Education Center

This is an opportunity for parents to get a free evening out on a regular basis while the children have a fun evening at Southminster. Children can bring their own sack dinner or fast food. The littlest ones will hang out in the nursery while the older kids (usually 3 years and up) play in the CFC. Available 3rd Friday of the month Sept – May.



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.

***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.

THE UNQUENCHABLE FIRE: THE REFORMATION STORY

Begins: Sunday, September 24

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Hospitality Room

The past is never dead. It's not even past. --William Faulkner

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg Germany—and forever changed the world. This 8-week class will explore the Biblical and theological foundations and history of the Protestant Reformation: What happened? Why? What were the dividing issues? How does it still matter to us (five hundred years later) as 21st century Christians? The study will include an examination of John Calvin and the reformed tradition. Led by Steve Davis.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

ERIN DICKERSON is on medical leave for approximately two weeks. For any immediate concerns, please contact [Kim Catchpole](#).

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 4, 2017 for the Labor Day holiday.

PASTORS STEVE AND JACKIE REQUEST that if you have boxes you are willing to donate that can hold books, please drop them off at the office.

HURRICANE HARVEY

The Presbyterian Church Disaster Assistance (PDA) office has up-to-date information about how we can help those whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Keep the people of Texas in your prayers, make a donation through PDA, consider signing up for a work team eventually, when restoration begins. For more information, go to <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/tropical-storm-harvey/>.

WHAT'S THE PASTORAL TRANSITION TEAM?

Formed at the request of and reporting to the Session, the Pastoral Transition Team (PTT) is made up of the following Southminster members: Ralph Adkins (chair), Bill Barlow, Jane Barlow, Ron Kuker, Marj Lawson, Judy Murphy, and Linda Wiggers. Marge Morgan, liaison to Southminster from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, actively supports the Team.

The Team is charged with assisting the Session in the pastoral start-up process, with the following goals:

- to support Nancy Birdsong in all areas related to her relocation to Dayton and the start of her ministry at Southminster as Pastor/Head of Staff on October 1;
- to plan and coordinate welcome events for Nancy;

- to serve as an advisory support group for Nancy during her initial six months at Southminster;
- to plan and coordinate a celebration of the interim ministry and retirement of Pastor Steve Plunkett and the support of his wife Margaret (brunch farewell set for Sunday, September 10, 11:30 a.m., as previously announced);
- to plan and coordinate a celebration of the ministry and retirement of Associate Pastor Jackie Nowak, following one month of transitional support to Nancy (farewell plans to be announced);
- to assure preaching coverage one Sunday per month immediately following Pastor Jackie's retirement and, longer term, to support Nancy's and the Session's staffing design plan including an ongoing full-time Associate Pastor.

The Pastoral Transition Team is meeting weekly and is excitedly moving forward toward its goals. Stay tuned for more announcements and periodic updates.

SEEKING PROPERTY TECHNICIAN

Southminster Presbyterian Church is seeking a Property Technician to assure the opening of the facility for evening and some Saturday/Sunday events and to secure the building at their close. Responsibilities for 20 hours per week include setting up rooms and testing meeting equipment prior to events, patrolling the building during scheduled meetings, and performing routine maintenance as needed. Submit cover letter and resume with references by September 12 to [Charlie Tapp](#).

Southminster Contributions – 2017*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$11,310	\$4,740	(\$6,570)
Year to Date	\$395,798	\$356,425	(\$39,373)

* as of August 28, 2017

Contributions over past 7 weeks are down significantly.
Please give generously!

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