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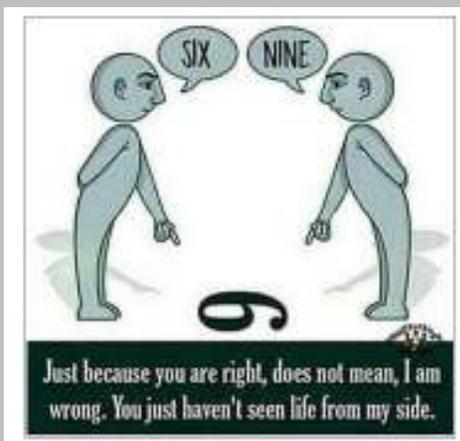


To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NEWS & NOTES

September 2, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



(Elder/Deacon/Staff Retreat, part 2)

One of the topics in the August retreat was the importance of good communication in a healthy church. Staff members offered skits that reflected the confusing and troublesome outcomes of imaginary scenarios in which there is poor communication. A few key points that kept coming out of our discussions about the skits were the following:

Don't Triangulate: If you have a concern about another congregation member, officer or member of the church staff, go directly to that person to state your concern. When you go to someone else to talk

about it, you are triangulating. This sets up all sorts of unfortunate dynamics and misunderstandings.

Let Go of Your Need to Control: Try to let go of your need to control or to make everything “perfect” by your own definition of that word. In a church, people are more important than perfection. If someone else is volunteering to do something, it is less important that they do it to your satisfaction and more important that they get satisfaction from offering their time, gifts and talents to God. Yes, we work together to do a good job on our various projects and events, but when someone becomes controlling, it more often causes resentment instead of the desired goal.

Listen and Clarify: When we aren’t really listening well, we misunderstand what someone has said and end up passing on that poor information to someone else. If you aren’t sure of what the person is telling you, ask for clarification.

Keep Others in the Loop: In a church setting, there are many different teams and groups. If we communicate with each other about what we are doing, we don’t risk duplicating our efforts. If we get out of our “silos” and learn more from each other, we can better work together as a family of faith.

We are a friendly, compassionate congregation, trying to serve God by loving our neighbor. Thank you for all the ways you strive to answer that calling every day!

Blessings,
Nancy

PER CAPITA GIVING FOR 2018

If you have not done so already, please consider paying your **\$45.98 PER CAPITA apportionment.**

What is Per Capita?

This is the amount that the church pays to the larger body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on your behalf. It is a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church and goes to fund our local, regional, and national mission through the

Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. In 2018, Southminster is expected to pay \$35 to the local Presbytery, \$3.25 to the Synod and \$7.73 to the General Assembly for a total of \$45.98 per person. **Our Treasurer is asked to pay this amount for every member (not per family, but per individual), whether or not you contribute to it.**

This is not a part of your pledge to our particular church. It supports the work of our connectional system of government and the mission of the PC(USA). If you are willing to contribute your Per Capita, please make your check out to the church and put "Per Capita" on the memo line. Thank you for your contribution.

APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee)

Due to the time commitments of former co-chair, Marianne Farmer, another member of the team, Cindy Battelle, agreed to take over that position. Marianne is still on the committee. Therefore, Cindy Battelle and Richard Jester will now be our co-chairs, Todd Hall is the secretary and Mark Ferguson is the Session liaison.

NEW WEBSITE UPDATES

MEMBER PHOTO DIRECTORY AND SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Communications Team would like to thank Linda Wiggers and Pat Elliot for their time, effort and outstanding work in putting together the updated Southminster Member Photo Directory. This directory is now available on our website. Additionally, Session has approved the posting of monthly meeting highlights to the website. Due to privacy concerns, the Communications Team has chosen to create an area of the website that is private in which to house the member photo directory and monthly Session highlights. In order to access this private and secure area, we are communicating the website location here in News & Notes and will communicate the password in a separate email (just as you would receive a separate mailing for a debit card and associated pin number).

The secure area of the website can be found here
<https://www.sminster.com/private/>

Please check your email for a separate message containing the password for this private area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 learning more about Southminster? Possibly interested in membership? 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@Southminster.org) at the church office.

INTO THE WOODS, JR.

Date: Sunday, September 23

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall Theater/Panera Bread

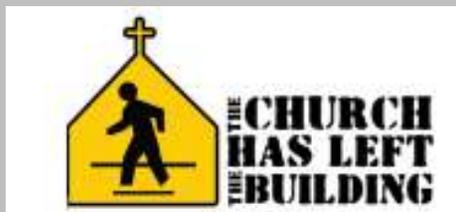
When a baker and his wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door, they embark on a quest for the special objects required to break the spell, swindling, deceiving and stealing from Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack and the Beanstalk. Senior theater tickets 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

SENDING, GATHERING, SENDING AGAIN: THE HEARTBEAT OF THE MISSION OF GOD

Date: Sunday, September 2

Time: 8:45am

Facilitator: Steve Davis

Location: Hospitality Room

Steve Davis will lead a one-time adult class this Sunday, September 2. The class will explore a basic pattern in the Christian life and the life of congregations: God sends us out, gathers us back in and then sends us out again, in each case by the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

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.

Visit our website for information about Southminster's [Children's ministry](#) or [Youth ministry](#)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

On Sunday, **September 2** (Labor Day Weekend), we **will have** Music with Ruth for the children during the sermon (contrary to earlier communications). **Sunday, September 9** begins our Christian Education program year, which includes the following:

Multi-Age Sunday School

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Room 202

In this multi-age Sunday school, children will join together as one class and use the *Shine: Living in God's Light* curriculum. This class will be led by Cindy Battelle and Holly Woods. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Kim Catchpole.

Growth Group For Parents

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Room 219 (Hospitality Room)

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.

Children and Worship

Time: Following Children's Time

Location: Room 225 (Children and Worship Room)

A Sunday worship experience for children ages 4-9. Children will hear a biblical story and respond to the story with a variety of mediums. In the event of a baptism or communion, children will return to the Sanctuary and sit together. Parents are to pick their children up following worship.

Sermon 2.0

Time: Following Children's Time

Location: Room 219 (Ark Room)

Youth in grades 3 through 6 will enjoy activities and discussion from the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum. Youth will return to sit with parents following worship.

Click [here](#) for additional programs for Children and Youth.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 30

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 30, following worship.

COOKING CLASSES

Jean Clements will be teaching four Thursday cooking classes in October for a small group of parents. She is seeking volunteer assistance. Please contact Jean at jclem1402@gmail.com or 545-3286.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2018*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,503	\$6,807	\$(2,696)
Year to Date	\$323,102	\$349,606	\$26,504

* as of August 27, 2018

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

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