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NEWS & NOTES

September 11, 2020

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

NOTES FROM NANCY



OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE!
Wednesday, September 16
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We will have an informal, in-person worship service in the back parking lot and green space of the church. I'm really excited about this, and I hope you will be, too!

WHAT TO BRING:

- **-Sunglasses:** *The sun will be low enough that you will want to have them on.*
- **-Folding Chair:** *We will have a few regular chairs available in case you forget to bring one.*
- **-Mask to wear:** *We will all wear masks and keep 6 feet apart.*
- **-Families with children:** *You can either sit in chairs or sit on blankets on the grass with your children.*

MUSIC

Art Nitsch will lead the music with Josh Sweeney's assistance. Songs will include: "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary," "What a Wonderful World," "How Great Thou Art," "Pass it On," "Let there Be Peace on Earth," and a special Benediction Response. We have been assured that singing is okay if we are outside, masked, and at least 6 feet apart.

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE MESSAGE, OR YOU CAN JUST LISTEN.

Instead of a regular sermon, Laura, Josh and I each will offer a few words on the following aspects of recognizing God's presence in our lives. Then, we will ask if anyone has some thoughts or a personal experience that they are willing to share about it. Someone will bring a freshly-sanitized microphone to each of our volunteer speakers. While we really hope some of you will offer brief comments, it is also fine if you prefer just listening to others. Here are some questions you can be pondering before the service:

1) God's Presence in Creation

Have there been times in your life when you especially had a sense of God's presence through nature/Creation? Think of a specific time or place in which you felt God's presence. Describe it. What were you seeing? How did you feel? What was your response?

2) God's Presence in Another

Has there ever been a time when you had a sense of God's presence through another person? What was going on at the time? What about that person reflected God to you? How did you feel? What was your response?

3) God's Presence in You

Have you ever been aware of God's presence within you and within your heart? What were you doing at the time? Why do you think you were aware of God at the time? How do you think you might open yourself more to the presence of God?

RAIN DATE: It isn't supposed to rain the night of the Wednesday, Sept. 16 service. However, if it does end up raining that evening, we will move the service to Thursday of the following week, September 24, at 6 p.m.

I hope to see you there!

Peace and blessings,
Nancy

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PARENT MEETING

After the outdoor worship service on Wednesday, August 16, we will be having an outdoor meeting for parents of children and youth in the Pavilion. The meeting will begin at about 7:10 p.m. and will last no more than 30 minutes. Josh and I are hoping you will come so that we can hear feedback from you about what times and modes (virtual or in-person) of gatherings you would like to see in this upcoming year. We are hoping to livestream the meeting for those who cannot attend. There will be childcare on the lawn for young children.

CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL WORSHIP TIME

Children's Worship will be this Sunday from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. It will be a time for the children to gather, check in with each other and maybe sing a song or two. Pajamas and breakfast always welcome! Please sign in with the Zoom link listed below.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92142261443?pwd=SkIjS2dIRDJvaFBseGJtVE5rK1g5QT09>

Meeting ID: 921 4226 1443

Password: 4BfMSd

YOUTH GROUP

Fall Youth Group for students 6th-12th grade begins on Sunday September 13 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on the Pavilion Lawn. This fall, we will be talking about a series, "Called by God" about many of the different people that are called by God in scripture. We will be joined by Covenant Presbyterian Church's youth group for the month. Bring a chair, a mask, and a friend! We'll

have games, a talk, and group discussion. We hope to see all our students there!

NEXT PHASES OF CHURCH REOPENING AND SAFETY MESSAGE

Currently service will remain online-only and groups of 10 or less can have meetings at Southminster.

Please check with the office to schedule gatherings inside or at the Pavilion.

Office hours are Monday - Friday 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for keeping yourself and everyone safe!

ADULT EDUCATION

NEW TESTAMENT GROUP GOES ZOOM

The Adult New Testament group will begin meeting by Zoom call. The meetings will occur on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and will be repeated on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The Monday meeting will cover the same material as the preceding Sunday's meeting. The group will begin by studying the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection as recorded in Luke and then move into the Book of Acts.

The next Sunday meeting is on September 13.

The Zoom format will provide a great opportunity for fellowship and interactive learning. If you're missing the Sunday morning group meetings (or wish you would have joined) or are just looking for a chance to beat the quarantine blues and visit with other folks, we have a place for you! If you're interested in participating, please contact Steve Davis by phone (937-885-0574) or email (steve.davis@thompsonhine.com).

Steve and Helen Davis will continue taping the group meetings and posting them on the private page of the website password: w1nd0w.

NOTES OF INTEREST

THE CASTLE

Dear Southminster Congregation,

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to provide monthly food donations to The Castle. This non-profit which is located at **133 N. Main Street in Centerville** is a “gathering place of trust and friendship which supports people with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence.” In a recent Dayton Daily News article was a list of items needed by The Castle.

- Paper Products : napkins, paper towels, paper plates and cups, plastic silverware
- Gift Cards: Sam’s, Kroger’s and gas cards
- Art Supplies: Sharpie markers, acrylic paints, sketch books, card stock, paint brushes, poster board
- Kitchen Supplies: Individual packets of cream & sugar, decaf coffee, drink mixes, gift cards for supplies
- Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be mailed to the above address.

Donations may be dropped off between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F. Please go to the back door on the porch.

Let’s continue to show Southminster’s support for our neighbors by donating to The Castle. Thank you!

WORSHIP TEAM FLOWERS

Have you been enjoying the flowers on the Communion Table on Sunday Mornings? You are invited to help provide them. You may choose a Sunday that is close to a special date you would like commemorated, or you can simply choose an open date to provide a bouquet to the Glory of God. The type of flower or color scheme can also be requested. The typical cost is \$40, which includes a discounted delivery fee of \$5. The following dates are available: October 18; November 8, 15, 22, 29; and December 6 & 27. Contact Liz Taylor or Lois Thorp at office@sminster.com for more information or to order a bouquet.

CONTRIBUTIONS

ELECTRONIC GIVING is a convenient, easy way to support Southminster Church. You can give anywhere at anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook again. There are several ways you can get started today!



- *Click [here](#) for full instructions.
- *Click [here](#) to donate on our website.
- *Contact Sharon Ark at Sharon@sminster.com for assistance.
- *Mail your check to the church at the address listed below.

Southminster Contributions – 2020*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$10,591	\$14,001	\$3,410
Year to Date	\$381,276	\$350,688	\$(30,588)

* as of September 7, 2020

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