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NEWS & NOTES

September 15, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! TONIGHT!

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](#).



FALL ARTISTS RETREAT

Date: October 6-8

Time: Arrival 3:00 pm/Dinner 5:00pm

Location: Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield, Ohio

Go [here](#) for more information and to register.



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

GROWTH GROUPS

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

Begins: Sunday, September 10

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

On Sunday, September 10th, the Christian Education Team began 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 is time for coffee, laughter, learning and reflection. This group will follow the Sunday school calendar (Sept-May) and meets 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.

JOIN THE PBnJ AND YOUTH GROUP SANDWICH!

Begins: Sunday, October 1, 2017

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Community Room

Calling all youth in grades 4 through high school! The Proud Believers in Jesus (PBnJ) puppet ministry and the Youth Group are merging for one delicious opportunity. We'll start each session with games and ice breakers, practice puppets, and close with faith formation. Come to the first meeting on **October 1, 6-8 pm** in the Community Room to learn what it's all about.

Session 1: October 1 – November 12

Session 2: January 7 – February 11

Session 3: March 4 – 18

Session 4: April 8 – May 20

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

UPCOMING PARKING LOT BUILD

Dates: September 22-24, 2017

We will once again frame a house in our south parking lot. Please help us aid families who need housing and have fun continuing to grow and strengthen our ministry at Southminster. WE NEED YOU!!



Activity Times:

Friday, 5:30pm – Dusk:

Cut Session & Team Leader Training
(over 18 yrs. or age.)

Saturday, 8:00am - 2:30

pm*: Breakfast/Construction/Lunch/Construction

Saturday, 7:30am - 1:00 pm*: Food-service

Sunday, 10:00am – 1:00pm*: Dismantling Frame/Load for Transport
(following worship)

*It is not necessary to work entire shifts to participate but please sign up so we can plan for breakfast and lunch supplies!

For more information visit: www.sminster.com/thebuild

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Did you know that **FISH Southeast Food Pantry**, is Southminster's oldest local mission project? Begun in 1979, partnering with the Dayton FoodBank to provide emergency food to those in need, we have served over 700 people, over 10,000 meals so far this year!

Be part of this vibrant ministry. Volunteer Opportunities include: Callers, Deliverers, Bread Stocker, Computer Data Entry, Food Donor, Monetary Donor.

We are currently in need of spaghetti sauce and paper bags. We don't need egg cartons. Monetary donations may be made at Southminster; please specify that it is for FISH Southeast Food Pantry so that it is credited correctly.

We will be in the food pantry after each worship service in September. Bring your coffee down and talk to Cheryl Hartman or Jean Clements about opportunities for you to become involved in this ministry, or contact Jane Kessler at fishsoutheast@yahoo.com.

PEACH AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

“He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.” - Ephesians 2:17

We are called to live in peace with both those who are near and those who are far away. We must live in peace—and by peace, we must mean truly reconciled peace and unity. The Peace & Global Witness Offering is the proclamation of the Church that we believe this work is important and part of our life as Christians. Please give generously to

the offering on **October 1st**. Southminster will keep 25% of this donation to fund local efforts toward Peacemaking in our communities.

THE CASTLE

Sign up sheets for October and November are available in the Narthex. Please see Rules for Donating to [the Castle](#) at our website.

UNDIES FOR EVERYONE

Our neighbor church in Centerville, Zion Lutheran Church, is joining us in collecting new packs of underwear for [Undies for Everyone](#) to ship to Houston. If you would like to donate kids and adult underwear, please drop them off in the donation box in the Narthex or the office. You can also make a donation at the link above, or you can mail them directly to:

Undies for Everyone
1700 Bissonnet Street
Houston, TX 77005

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session hereby calls a Congregational meeting for **October 1, 2017**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing five elders and five deacons for the class of 2020 and one replacement for the class of 2018.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF THE NEW SMINSTER.COM!

The SPC Communications team would like your feedback on the new Southminster web site before it goes live. For the most part, what you will see is the same content we had on our old site - just presented in a modern, attractive way. However, there are a few new additions you may want to review: [Staff Bios](#), New [events calendar](#), [News and Notes Archive](#), [Team listing](#) (under construction)

You can click on the "Check out our new site" button on the current sminster.com site or you can go directly to the new site at <http://www.sminster.com/wordpress/>

You can email your feedback to communications@sminster.com or use the "Feedback" link that appears at the bottom of our web site.

Note: the new platform makes it very easy to change the site. Nothing is cast in stone. We are looking forward to your feedback, ideas and corrections!

Thank you for your help, ideas and support!
[Southminster Communications Team](#)

PASTOR-ELECT NANCY BIRDSONG'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

A candidate for an ordained position in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) must include a statement of faith as part of the Pastor Information Form (resume). Your Pastoral Transition Team encourages you to get to know Nancy through her [statement of faith](#).



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

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



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Attention Parents of College Students: If you would like your student who is attending college away from home to receive a care package to let them know members of their home congregation are thinking of them, we need their school address. Please send their name and address to either [Laura Torres](#) or contact the church office before September 30th.

Southminster Contributions – 2017*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$11,310	\$11,777	\$467
Year to Date	\$418,418	\$378,509	(\$39,909)

* as of September 11, 2017

Please give generously!

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