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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 27, 2019

#### NOTES FROM NANCY

##### **THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING, *Day of Service***

Please see the update on the October 13<sup>th</sup> "*The Church Has Left the Building*" *Day of Service* below. Under each project, I have listed how many volunteers are still needed. (There is also a list of items still needed for Backpacks for the Homeless.)

Please note that **2 Tornado Recovery projects have been added** to the list! If you can't help with these projects, but you **have a chainsaw that we can use** to cut up fallen tree branches, please contact the office.

We say that the congregation of Southminster hopes to be the head, heart and hands of Christ. This is an opportunity to take that last part seriously and try to be the hands of Christ in our world as we engage in acts of compassion.

Hope to see you there!

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

At our Congregational Meeting, right after worship this Sunday, we will be voting on Elders and Deacons as well as on the revised by-laws of Southminster Presbyterian church. If you have a chance, please note that you can go on the private part of the church's website to read through the revised by-laws ahead of the meeting.

Note: Sunday School for children and youth has been cancelled so that everyone can be there for the meeting.

## **CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING**

### **Number of ADDITIONAL Volunteers Still Needed for Projects**

**Ronald McDonald House** (*Kathy Jester, leader*), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**need 5 more volunteers** Leave from Southminster in carpools at 8:30 a.m.  
Go to the project and make lunch for 30 people, serve & clean up  
You will be feeding the families of children with serious illness.

**Parks: Tornado Recovery** (*Gretchen Cleaves, leader*) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**need: 6 volunteers** Leave from Southminster in carpools at 8:30 a.m.  
Clean up trash and litter, cut down small pockets of brush, paint small bridge,  
plant some flowers. Each of these tasks will be in a different park. (There are 3  
parks in total.)

**Homes: Tornado Recovery** (*Robert Fyffe, leader*) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**need: 10-12 volunteers** Leave from Southminster in carpools at 8:30 a.m.  
Use chainsaws to cut up tree branches & trunks, then drag them to a nearby  
location for pick-up. These are for 2 neighboring properties, and one home  
owner is disabled.

**House of Bread 2<sup>nd</sup> shift** (*Jean Gaffney, leader*) 11:30 a.m. to 2 .p.m.  
**need: 6 more volunteers (leave from Southminster 10:45 a.m.)**  
Serving lunch to people in poverty and cleaning up after the meal.

**Making Casseroles for the Homeless** (Tammy Caskey, leader ) 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

**need: 4 more volunteers** Meet in CFC and Kitchen to make casseroles for a homeless shelter that they can freeze and use for meals.

**Help with the Nursery** (Jenny Miller, leader) 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**need: 1 volunteer** (for all or any part of the day)  
Help in the nursery with the little ones while their parents work on projects

**The Castle (still need a leader)** (9 a.m. – noon)

**need: 2 more volunteers** Cleaning and organizing sheds and closets at this center for young people with mental illness

**Little Dresses for Africa** (Jean Clements, leader) 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

**need: 3 to 6 more volunteers** (lunch provided), meet in Community Room  
Sewing dresses for girls in poverty-stricken African Villages. Not everyone has to work at a sewing machine. You can also pin, cut and press.

**THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE FULL:**

**Hannah's Treasure Chest Mailing** (Mary Stahley, leader)

**House of Bread 1<sup>st</sup> shift** (Sharon Boyko, leader)

**Assemble Backpacks for the Homeless**, Kathy Hodges, leader

**YOUTH:** Please sign up for one of the above projects

**CHILDREN:** will meet Kim Catchpole near the nursery at 9 a.m. and go to do their own projects.

## EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK

### GRACE CIRCLE

**Date:** Tuesday, October 1

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hospitality Room

For more information, contact Jane Hancock at [jhan820@gmail.com](mailto:jhan820@gmail.com).

### ELDERBERRIES

**Dates:** Friday October 4

**Time:** 11:15

**Location: CFC**

Lisa Elam will present a program about Bill's Donuts.

**CHURCH TOUR**

**Dates: Sunday, October 6**

**Time: 11:15 following Worship**

**Location: Meet at Welcome Center**

Facilitated by Marj Lawson.

## GROWTH GROUPS

**THE PARABLES**

**Dates: Sunday mornings**

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

**Location: Adult Lounge**

Facilitated by Steve Davis. Go to our [website](#) for more information.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**CALLING ALL KIDS! WE NEED YOU!**

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday, which is celebrated around the world. The Worship Team would like to decorate the Sanctuary with pictures of people from other cultures, so we are asking all children and youth to search for pictures in magazines and newspapers, cut them out –be sure to ask permission- and bring them in to church. Find as many as you can because we have a big space to decorate. You can leave your pictures at the Welcome Center in the Narthex any time up to and including October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

## INFORMATION OF INTEREST

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CANCELED ON 9/29/19**

Children's and Youth Sunday School is canceled Sunday so that all may participate in the Congregational Meeting. Please do not send children to the nursery during the meeting. There will be a coloring station during the meeting and we look forward to resuming Sunday School next week.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting is called for this Sunday, September 29 after the worship service, to approve the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Team and to approve the revised by-laws. Please read a copy of the bylaws before Sunday at the [private page](#) of the website. If you need the password, you can call the church office at 433-1810 during business hours.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like weekly or monthly offering envelopes for 2020, please contact [Sharon@sminster.com](mailto:Sharon@sminster.com) to request a box no later than October 31. Please indicate whether you prefer weekly or monthly.

**Lynn Grubb, Business Administrator**, will be on personal leave for two months and will return, Monday, December 2. If you have any scheduling or other needs during that time, you can call the office at 433-1810, email a volunteer at [office@sminster.com](mailto:office@sminster.com), or email Sharon Ark at [Sharon@sminster.com](mailto:Sharon@sminster.com). Please note we are not scheduling any more private events for the 2019 calendar year. 2020 private events will be scheduled after Lynn's return.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Southminster Contributions – 2019\*

| Period       | Budgeted Contributions | Actual Contributions | Excess/ (Shortfall) |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Last Week    | \$9,183                | \$14,749             | \$5,566             |
| Year to Date | \$348,954              | \$398,043            | \$49,089            |

• as of September 23, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$72,000** 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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