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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 29, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

FALL ARTISTS RETREAT

Date: Friday-Sunday, October 6-8

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

Location: Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield, Ohio

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



ELDERBERRIES

Date: Friday, October 6

Time: 11:00am

Location: CFC*

Join us as we are entertained with a presentation on "Haunted Ohio." Debe Dockins from the Washington-



Centerville Library will take us on a creepy jaunt to some of Ohio's haunted locales. Come find out if these spooky places are somewhere near you. A \$7.00 donation is requested from those who can provide it. A brown bag lunch may be brought in place of lunch if desired. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and outside the church. Lunch menu is baked mostaccioli, tossed salad, garlic bread and lemon dessert.

*Christian Fellowship Center

NANCY BIRDSONG WELCOMING EVENT

Date: Sunday, October 8

Time: 11:00am

Location: Narthex/Coffee Corner



Mark your calendars! It's the event we have all been waiting for! October 8 will be a Welcoming Event for our new Pastor/Head of Staff, the Reverend Dr. Nancy Birdsong! It will be a casual event taking place right after the scheduled service in the Narthex, extending to the outside depending on the weather.

We are also encouraging members to look for the "Pictures for Nancy" sign that will be near the Welcome Center. Linda Wiggers and Pat Elliot have graciously volunteered their skills to take casual pictures of you and/or your family so that Nancy can learn who you are more quickly. Pictures will also be used for an updated church directory. There will not be a cost to our members for these pictures. How they will be distributed will be communicated after the directory is completed. Please plan on attending! We don't want anyone to miss out on this opportunity to welcome Nancy!

What can you do to help Nancy join our family? Share what you know and love about our community with her. Example: Best area doctor, best restaurants, best local places to visit, parks, best electrician, painter, furnace person, etc. We would like to provide Nancy a list of our members' best connections that will help her set up her new home with confidence while getting to know our city! There will be a box next to the "Pictures for Nancy" where you can put your treasured contacts. If you want to think on this, feel free to bring your note with you to church to drop it in. Thanks, everyone!!

FLU CLINIC

Date: Sunday, October 15

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm (immediately following Worship)

Location: Hospitality Room

Cough, Sneeze, Sniffle, Wheeze ...

Don't let the flu ruin your holidays. Southminster will again be hosting a flu clinic to help the community and members make sure they are vaccinated against the flu! Community and members welcome! Walk-ins only.

TRUNK OR TREAT - WE NEED YOU!**Date: Sunday, October 29****Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm****Location: Southminster Front Parking Lot**

Sign up to pass out candy. Email [Kim Catchpole](#) or call 937-433-1810 X104 (No sign up needed for trick-or-treaters).



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

GROWTH GROUPS

YOUTH PROGRAMS BEGIN OCTOBER 1**Begins: Sunday, October 1****Time: 11:15am****Location: Ark Room**

Confirmation class begins this Sunday. Youth registered for Confirmation, their mentors, and parents are required to attend the first class. PBnJ Puppet Ministry/Youth Group meets Sunday, October 1 at 6:00pm in the Community Room. For questions, contact [Kim](#).

THE UNQUENCHABLE FIRE: THE REFORMATION STORY**Began: 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

EXPLORE. DISCUSS. BE . . . AWED BY CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY LED BY PASTOR JACKIE

Dates: Sundays, October 8 and 15

Time: 8:45am - 9:45am

Location: Adult Lounge

These two weeks will be an introduction to the spiritual nurture of children, who are the church NOW, as well as in the future. Encouraging them in their faith development, listening to them pray, affirming God's presence with them, as individuals and in groups, helps children, and all ages, grow as followers of Jesus. Southminster's Christian Education Team has committed to spiritual nurture as an important component of growth in faith, beginning with our youngest children. Come get a taste of spiritual nurture using a blessing-based approach. See www.theblessingcenter.org, or go to The Blessing Center on [Facebook](#), to become more acquainted with this way of companioning children, youth and adults.

SOUTHMINSTER FALL SHOWCASE

Date: Friday, October 27

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Sanctuary

Please join us for a special music event!
Anyone can participate! All acts - singing,
instruments, dancing, acting, etc. Just contact
[Ruth](#) to sign up!



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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PEACE 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.

MAKE A DONATION TO ASSIST THOSE SUFFERING

Disasters have struck in many places in the last weeks, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) is responding through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Go to pda.pcusa.org and click on the disaster recoveries you want to assist. You can give directly on-line, or write a check to Southminster, directing your dollars go to the General Assembly PDA. If you want, you can name the particular recovery efforts you are assisting - Mexico, Puerto Rico and Caribbean Islands, Northwest Fires, Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma.

HELP WANTED

The church needs someone for Sunday morning duty. We are not asking you to give up your time to worship. But rather we are asking if you might know someone who does not worship on Sunday mornings and would like to earn some money. Hours for this position are approximately 8 AM to 1 PM. Duties include opening doors, turning on lights, setting the heat or air conditioning, monitoring the lower level doors during worship and then securing and locking up after services. This job is not difficult and could be done by anyone from college age to senior citizen as long as they are trustworthy and reliable. Please direct all inquiries to [Marj Lawson](#) of the Personnel Team.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Currently requesting office help to greet members and guests, answer phones, do light office work, and support staff with projects.

Currently seeking the following **afternoon** shifts: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Email [Lynn](#) or call the church office if you would like to join our office team!



INFORMATION OF INTEREST

SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

Christians around the globe break bread together around the Table of our Lord, reminding us that we do not worship only as a congregation, but are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Participating Sunday in worship leadership are Southminster members from the worldwide community of Christ. The skirt on the Communion Table was made in Cameroon, and is a gift of the Bolinji family.



SOUTHMINSTER WELCOMES NANCY BIRDSONG!

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on Monday. For the duration of the campaign, fun facts about Nancy will be revealed on our website and Facebook page so that our congregation and the community can learn the answer to the question, "Who is Nancy?" We encourage you to play along and keep your eyes open for "Who is Nancy?" banners, signs and flyers within the community. Don't forget to tell all of your friends, family and coworkers who Nancy is when they ask you! And by all means, invite them to come and find out for themselves on October 8th at 10 a.m. For those of you without Internet that would like to play along, here are a few fun facts about our new pastor, Nancy Birdsong.

Nancy is an animal lover. Some of her favorites include dogs, rabbits, doves, pandas, lions, tigers, and butterflies. Nancy is also an artist whose works have been displayed in professional galleries and exhibits. In addition to art, Nancy also enjoys music, poetry, drama and anything creative. Based on your knowledge about Nancy so far, can you guess what her favorite game is? Ask her after worship next week for the answer!

WELCOME GARTH ADAMS!

With Pastor Jackie's pending retirement at the end of October, the Session, acting on the recommendation of the Personnel Team and with approval by Pastor-Elect Nancy Birdsong and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, is pleased to announce the hiring of the Reverend Garth E. Adams as Transitional Associate Pastor.



Garth will serve under contract from October 9 to December 31, at 20 hours per week, with responsibility primarily for preaching one Sunday a month, supporting the Board of Deacons and the Invitation Team, and assisting Nancy with pastoral care as needed.

Get to know Garth through his [bio](#) and [statement of faith](#) and welcome him!

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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 30**.

CLAY CHALICES

We are clearing the clay chalices out of the Gallery. If you made one and would like to keep it, please remove it prior to **October 2**. Thank you!

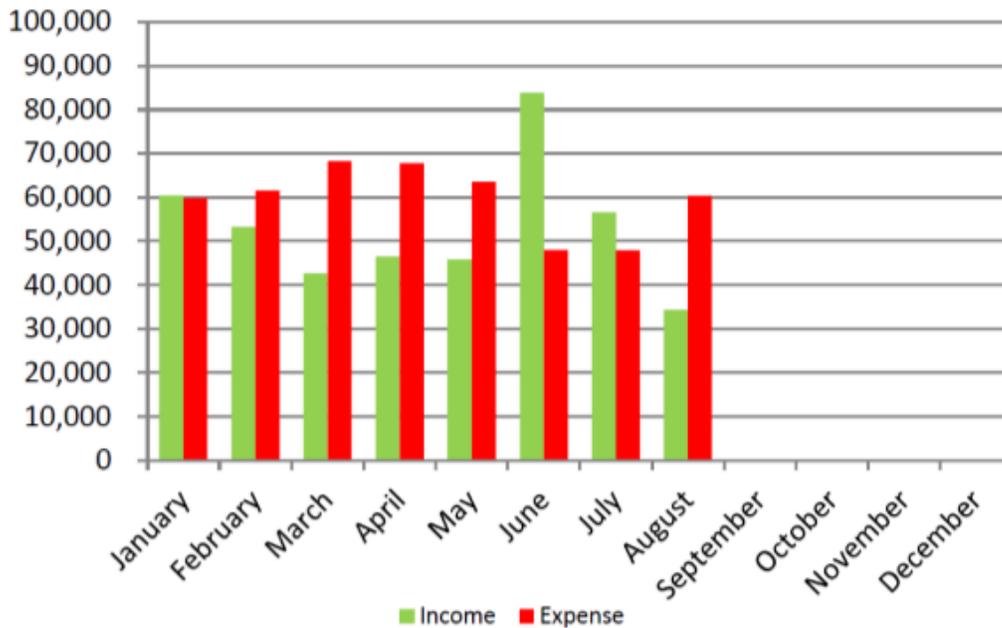
Southminster Contributions – 2017*

| Period | Budgeted Contributions | Actual Contributions | Excess/ (Shortfall) |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Last Week | \$11,310 | \$6,602 | (\$4,708) |
| Year to Date | \$441,038 | \$389,870 | (\$51,168) |

* as of September 25, 2017

Please give generously!

Southminster Monthly Financial Summary



| Period | Revenue | Expenses | Net Income |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| August 2017 | \$34,396 | \$60,339 | (\$25,943) |
| Year to Date | \$423,573 | \$477,158 | (\$53,585) |

* as of August 31, 2017

If you have questions or suggestions, please attend the Finance Team's meeting, held in the Hospitality room at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month

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