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## NEWS & NOTES

October 6, 2017

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **NANCY BIRDSONG WELCOMING EVENT**

**Date: Sunday, October 8**

**Time: 11:00am**

**Location: Narthex/Coffee  
Corner**



Sunday is our Welcoming Event for our new Pastor/Head of Staff, the Reverend Dr. Nancy Birdsong! It will be a casual event taking place right after Worship in the Narthex.

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!

### **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.

### **CALLING ALL FISHING ENTHUSIASTS!**

**Date: Sunday, October 15**

**Time: 11:30am (following Worship)**

**Location: St. Leonard's (Meet in the CFC to caravan)**

Don't have a pole? We have extras. Cabelas has been fantastic and donated poles, gear, and bait to the group.

### **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).



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

## **GROWTH GROUPS**

### **YOUTH PROGRAMS BEGIN OCTOBER 1**

**Began: 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](#).

## **JOIN THE PBnJ AND YOUTH GROUP SANDWICH!**

**Began: 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](http://www.theblessingcenter.org), or go to The Blessing Center on [Facebook](#), to become more acquainted with this way of companioning children, youth and adults.

## **SHARING GIFTS AND TALENTS**

**Date: Sunday, October 22**

**Time: Following Worship**

**Location: CFC**

Join us for the Sharing Gifts and Talents Event on **October 22** following Worship in the Christian Education Center. Come see for

yourself all the areas we can use YOUR talents. Pick up a booklet in the Narthex of all the church ministries and groups. Lots of opportunity for everyone - all ages!

## **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!



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

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

### **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](http://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**

### **A NOTE FROM MARGARET PLUNKETT**

I was so sad to miss Steve's last Sunday and the celebration brunch. And I cannot leave Southminster without a few words of my own to you. From our first day here, you have welcomed us with love and kindness. That has never changed over our two years here. It especially touched me when I had my first cancer surgery in December 2016 and then in July and August 2017 with my treatment for nasopharynx cancer. You have unfailingly prayed, sent food, cards and flowers, and otherwise showed spiritual support for me and Steve during those difficult times.

What a wonderful congregation you are! We will miss being here and being with you. But it is time for us to move on.

We are confident that you will extend the same love and kindness to Nancy as you have to us. Thank you for this time together and for many happy memories and friendships shared.

With much love,

*Margaret*

### **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!

### **IMPORTANT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**

If you have an event, a maintenance concern, or project you wish Jimmy to do, all requests must be submitted in writing to the Business Administrator. Please do not verbally request any event, maintenance concern or project directly from Jimmy. For events, go to our [website](#) to fill out your paperwork and turn it in to the Business Administrator for purposes of checking the calendar and planning set-up. Once the Business Administrator receives your request in writing, it will be prioritized and the Staff can answer any questions you may have and help you plan for set-up. Thank you.

### **A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR JEANNE SAVAGE**

will be held on **Friday, October 13**, at noon, in the Chapel. Pastor Jackie will officiate and those attending are invited to bring memories of Jeanne to share.

### **BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER IS LOOKING FOR YOU!**

Over 60 kids are waiting for a mentor, many of them boys. If you feel called to help the children of God in our local community, please contact Ty English, Enrollment Specialist at [tenglish@bbbsgmv.org](mailto:tenglish@bbbsgmv.org) or call (937) 401-0839.

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