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NEWS & NOTES

October 18, 2019

NOTES FROM NANCY

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's "The Church Has Left the Building" Day of Service! What a wonderful day of Presbyterians working hard and making a difference in the community and beyond! You are amazing!

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

In Protestant Churches, "Saints" are seen in a different way than in the Catholic tradition. Saints are not people who are perfect or especially deserving of praise. Rather, Saints are ALL people (past, present and future) who trust in God and seek to be faithful disciples of Christ.

On Sunday, November 3, along with many other Presbyterians, we will celebrate "All Saint's Day." Your Worship Team thought it would be nice to have people bring in a picture or memento of a

loved one and add it to a table that will be in the Narthex. This will be a reminder of all the Saints who have gone before us. You are welcome to bring your item to the office earlier that week or just bring it that morning, place it on the table, and take it home after the fellowship time.

LAURA AWAY FOR ORDINATION

Exciting News! Our new Associate Pastor, Laura Nile, will be ordained on Sunday, October 27th. She will be going back to her home church, Bethany Presbyterian in Seattle, Washington for this special event in her life, and she will be away October 22nd through 30th. Please keep Laura in your prayers and, perhaps, send her a card, acknowledging this affirmation of her calling to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

LINES FROM LAURA

On the Sundays between Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly known as Columbus Day) and Thanksgiving, we will begin the services with a land acknowledgement, recognizing the Native Tribes whose land we are on. We acknowledge that we gather at Southminster on the traditional land of the Shawnee, Osage, and Miami Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit as well."

EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Date: Friday, October 18

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: CFC

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 Please R.S.V.P. to Kim Catchpole at kim@sminster.com

FLU CLINIC

Date: Sunday, October 20

Time: 11:15 a.m. following Worship

Location: Hospitality Room

The flu shot is covered by most insurance for a zero copay, so bring your insurance card. However, if you are not covered by insurance, there is a cost.

Facilitated by Victorine Alobwede

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: 11:15 a.m. following Worship

Location: Meet at Welcome Center

Are you a guest? A newer member? A long-time member? Then the church tour is for **you!** It's a history lesson as well as a geography lesson. Learn more about our architectural treasure, the faceted-glass window. Find out which structure was the first to be built--in what year, at what cost, and for how many members. See where the children go and how they learn when they're dismissed for Children and Worship. Check out our theater. (Did you know we have one?)

The next tours are set for November 3 and December 1, after worship, beginning and ending at the Welcome Center, and will take about 45 minutes. Come!

Facilitated by Marj Lawson.

TRUNK OR TREAT **new location*

Date: Wednesday, October 30

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Chevy Chase Park Apartment

We would like for some congregation members to donate candy (including some peanut-free) and others to decorate their trunks and show up to the event. While we are also inviting children from Southminster and the Preschool, the event will be held in the Chevy Chase low-income housing complex in Centerville.

Facilitated by Kim Catchpole

GROWTH GROUPS

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS NOVEMBER 3

Dates: Sunday mornings

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Chapel

This study will feature a combination of lecture and discussion. The goal is to enable adults to become familiar with the books of the New Testament. Even if you have never read the Bible before, this course is for you! The course book (*A Guide Through the New Testament* by Celia Brewer Marshall) is available for purchase for \$15 in the church office. Please join us for a fun time of learning and sharing! Facilitated by Steve Davis. Go to our [website](#) for more information

HELP NEEDED

Meal Coordinator for people recovering from illness.

When someone is first home from the hospital or going through treatments, it is often hard to make meals, especially if the person lives alone. When needed, various members of the congregation sometimes make meals for them. Our previous coordinator of these meals can no longer do it, and we need a new coordinator. This mostly involves putting out the word when a need arises and directing people to an online site that allows them to sign up for particular days. If you are willing to consider this, please contact Sherri Swiger, Moderator of the Deacons, or the church office.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Did you know that LGBTQ youth who have at least one accepting adult in their lives are [40% less likely](#) to attempt suicide? A new ministry from the Blessing Center provides a welcoming and safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in the Miami Valley. Youth support one another through listening, creative expression and of course building friendships and having fun. We affirm that we are all beloved children of God just as we are and we welcome those of all faiths and of none. This Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning October 22.

When: 4th Tuesday of the Month (Beginning October 22)

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Southminster Presbyterian Church, Ark Room

Please RSVP to: Kim Catchpole

Board Member, The Blessing Center kimcatchpole@gmail.com

Rev. Michelle Wilkey

David's United Church of Christ, michelle@davidsucc.org

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE NURSERY

Thank you for considering donating gently used clothing for children in the nursery to borrow in the case of spills and accidents. We could use a few of each of the following items. Donations can be dropped off in the nursery.

*Onesies in size newborn to 24 months

*Shorts, pants, and shirts in sizes 2T to 5T

*Boys and Girls underwear

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$18,265	\$9,082
Year to Date	\$376,503	\$434,026	\$57,523

*as of October 13, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$77,700** 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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