

Ken Irwin

From: Southminster Presbyterian Church <office@sminster.com>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 11:00 AM
To: communications@sminster.com
Subject: News & Notes for November 3, 2017



To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond.

NEWS & NOTES

November 3, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

After being with you for almost a month, I have discovered that you are a wonderful, friendly, caring congregation. It is a joy to get to know you. Thank you so very much for the warm welcome you have given me and for the beautiful ways that you showed Jackie your love last Sunday.

I wanted to explain two things that seem to be causing some questions and confusion:

1) "Who is going to do pastoral care, now?"

While this has not been a primary area of ministry for your previous senior pastors, it has always been and will continue to be what I see as the most important aspect of my calling. Every single one of God's children is given certain spiritual gifts, and the strongest gifts God has offered to me are in the areas of compassion, pastoral care and mission. Jackie, being the person of grace and integrity that she is,

had already told the Pastoral Nominating Committee (early in their process) that she was planning to retire when the new pastor arrived. Therefore, the PNC let me know that the church would be open to my stepping in to that caregiving role and later changing the associate pastor role to cover some other aspects of ministry.

I never want “busyness” to get in the way of caring, listening and being there for you, so please don’t ever hesitate to contact me if you need counseling or just to lean on a shoulder. If you are in the hospital, I hope you will let me visit you, and if you let me know when and where you are having surgery, I will be happy to go to the hospital and have a prayer with you before they take you into the operating room. I will be there for memorial services, baptisms, weddings, and all the other occasions in your lives where a pastoral presence is helpful to you. While I can share all these things with an associate pastor, they will mainly be my responsibility.

2) When will we have team meetings?

Before I arrived at Southminster, Pastor Steve came up with the idea of trying to have all the teams meet on one night because he hoped it would foster better communication between groups in the church, give me a chance to meet all of the teams at once and might keep me from having a different meeting every night.

After all the teams met on October 9th, the Session discussed it and found some positives and negatives. The most positive thing was that two different teams avoided misunderstandings and confusion because they were able to ask someone else from a different group down the hall to come and explain more about certain events. Also, if I am not at a different meeting each night, it will give me more time to get involved in ecumenical and interfaith groups through which I can better identify ways we might expand our mission in the community. The difficulty was in finding one night that everyone could be available, and it didn’t give me much time with each group. The Session decided that, for November, we would try splitting the meetings into two nights, letting each team decide whether they want to meet on Tuesday, November 14 or Thursday, November 16. The chair of each team will contact me or the church administrator to let us know which night was chosen by their particular team. **Please let us know in advance if we need to provide child care.**

Peace and Blessings,
Nancy

Important Announcement:

A brief Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, November 12** immediately after Worship for the purpose of electing Ralph Adkins to fill a vacant Chair on Session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPPORTING FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES WITHIN THE FAITH COMMUNITY - TOMORROW

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Zion Evangelical Church, 5550 Munger Road, Dayton, OH 45459

Join Facilitator Lynn Grubb to learn about the following topics: birth stories versus adoption stories, losses for adoptees, closed adoption, open adoption, mythology in adoption, adoption in the media, stigmatization and glamorization of adoption, adoption today, challenges for faith communities, and faith community supports. Books, documentaries, support group suggestions, and personal stories will be shared. A complimentary breakfast will be served. Hope to see you there!



CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2017

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Location: Welcome Center

A tour of Southminster Church will be offered by Hospitality Host Marj Lawson, following Worship this Sunday. Marj will meet people near the Welcome Center. The tour will take approximately 45 minutes. Advance registration is not necessary, but helpful and can be noted in the Friendship pad.



SOUTHMINSTER COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Narthex



The Pastor Transition Team invites you to join us for an open house where we will introduce Nancy to the community! There will be music and fun for the kids along with some light snacks for the entire family to enjoy. A number of leaders of our local partners in mission, business owners and government officials will be in attendance. Come and help us show off all Southminster has to offer!

GUSTAFER YELLOWGOLD

Date: November 25, 2017

Time: 11:00am

Location: CFC

Gustafer Yellowgold will be back again this year to present his entertaining, enjoyable music and characters to the children of Southminster and the community at large. Invite your friends!! If you have any questions, you can contact [Erin](#) for more information.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - SAVE THE DATE!

Date: December 2

Location: CFC

More information to follow!



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

GROWTH GROUPS

For Growth Group information, be sure to visit our [website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CASTLE NEWS

Please consider providing food items for The Castle in November. The sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We will not be providing donations in December due to the Christmas holiday. If you have any questions, please call Mary Stahley at 401-8667.

REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

On Sunday, **November 19**, please bring in your non-perishable food items . We will be placing them on the Communion table prior to Worship. The items donated will be given to the food pantry to support those in need. Non-perishable items include: peanut butter, pasta, rice, canned meats, spaghetti sauce, and canned fruits and vegetables. If you bring items from your pantry, please check the expiration date. Thank you for sharing your gifts! *The Worship Team*

WANTED: EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS

The only requirement to join the other 71 people on the email prayer chain is the desire to pray for others!! When you receive the prayer request there is no need to pass it on - ONLY TO GOD! JUST PRAY! All prayer requests are confidential. Please call Judy Murphy at 433-4449 or email [her](#) to be added to the email prayer chain. "Lord, teach us to pray." LUKE 11:1

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION

Families with high school age youth, please join us on the evening of Sunday, **November 5** to learn about the [Montreat Youth Conference](#). Susie Burns, Youth Outreach Director, from Montreat will be joining us to share information about the 2018 Youth Conference (conference flyer [here](#)). We will begin at 5:30pm in the community room, and pizza and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to [Kim Catchpole](#) by Friday, November 3.

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

To the Congregation:

A deep and heartfelt thank you to all, for the very generous gift, for the party, and for the loving wishes written by so many, young and older, at Southminster.



I am moving into retirement with a full heart, with deepened faith and skills and have found many blessings with you.

As you partner with Pastor Nancy, Southminster will find ever expanding opportunities to be the head, heart and hands of Jesus, for a world in need of love-in-action.

I am grateful for all we have shared and for where you are heading.

God's blessings,
Jackie

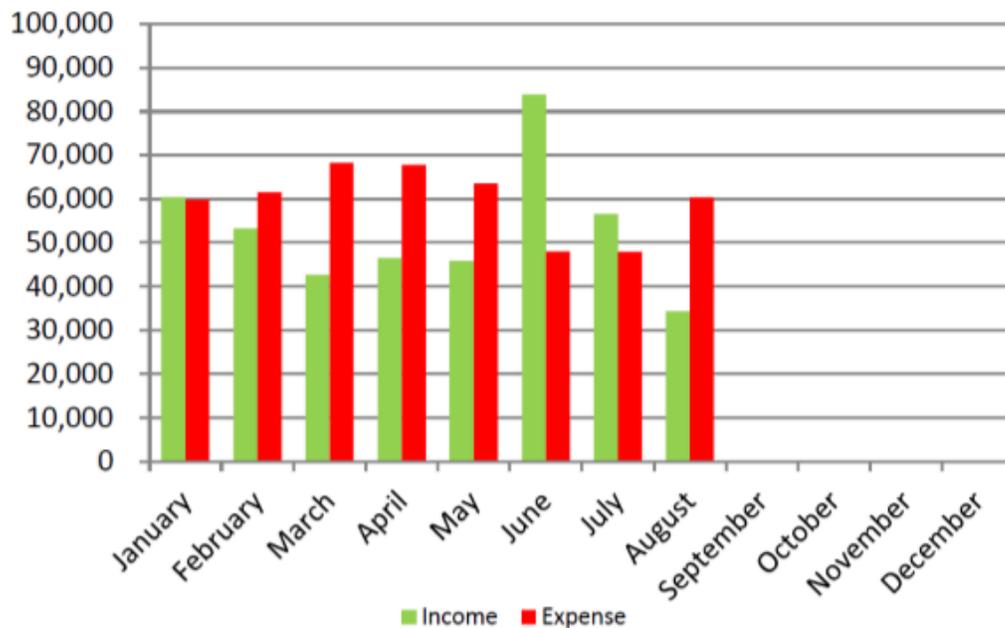
Southminster Contributions – 2017*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$11,310	\$7,043	(\$4,267)
Year to Date	\$497,588	\$432,075	(\$65,513)

* as of October 30, 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

Stay Connected: Find us on Facebook and visit our [website](#)



Southminster Presbyterian Church | 7001 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, OH 45459

[Unsubscribe communications@smminster.com](mailto:unsubscribe@smminster.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by office@smminster.com in collaboration with

Constant Contact

Try it free today