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## NEWS & NOTES November 8, 2019

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

### NOTES FROM NANCY

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)*



When we realize that every good thing comes from God who loves us beyond measure, our grateful response is to use the resources of our time, talent, treasure, relationships and influence for God's purposes in the world. If we only think of stewardship in terms of finances, we are missing the big picture. As Christians, we are called to give priority to God in all things and to let faith guide our day to day decisions. The stewardship theme this year is *"Growing in Faith, Gratitude and Generosity."* These are areas of lifelong spiritual development, acts of worship, and ways to acknowledge God as the center and ground of our being. Thank you for all the ways that you are, already, faithful stewards!

### EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS

#### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Date:** Friday, November 15

**Time:** 6:30-9:00pm

**Place:** CFC

**RSVP:** Kim Catchpole at [kim@sminster.com](mailto:kim@sminster.com)

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

### **OFFICER TRAINING**

**Date: Saturday, November 16**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: Community Room**

New Elders and Deacons who are starting on Session and the Board of Deacons in 2020 will have an officer training class. We will have some breaks along the way and lunch at the end. Please plan to eat breakfast ahead of time, and bring your own lunch and drink so that we can end our time together in fellowship around the tables. You can park in the upper lot and come through the door closest to that room. Please note that **you also need to come, for a brief time, to the beginning of the Session meeting the following Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.** so that the current Session can fulfill their requirement per the PC(USA) Book of Order.

### **STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY**

**Date: Sunday, November 17**

In gratitude to God for all of life's blessings and to support the ministry and mission of Southminster, please prayerfully consider returning a pledge card on or before Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 17, when pledges will be dedicated to the glory of God.

### **STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU LUNCHEON**

**Date: Sunday, November 17**

**Time: 11:15 a.m. following Worship**

**Location: CFC**

A carry-in luncheon will be held after the Service on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a side dish. Chicken & cake will be provided.

Please sign up at [www.sminster.com/thankyoudinner](http://www.sminster.com/thankyoudinner)

Sponsored by the Stewardship Team

**ADVENT**

### “Advent Devotionals Coming Soon”

This year, Southminster is offering an Intergenerational Illustrated Advent Devotional. The Devotional is titled “In Light & Darkness” and is inspired by Barbara Brown Taylor’s book [Learning to Walk in the Dark](#). There are special editions for families with children that include a daily calendar and craft. The devotional will be available digitally for you to print out at home. If you would like the church to print out copies for you, we would be happy to do so. You can [request a printed copy](#) (the print is small, so we will also have a large-print copy available) and they will be available for pick-up November 24th and December 1st.



## 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

**GUSTAFER YELLOWGOLD** returns! A free concert of story-songs and hand-drawn videos by Grammy Nominated Artist Morgan Taylor. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Fish Food Pantry.



Saturday, November 30, 11:00 AM  
Located in the Christian Fellowship Center

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS

## Southminster Contributions – 2019\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$10,927	\$1,744
Year to Date	\$404,052	\$443,538	\$39,486

\* as of November 4, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$83,400** over the budgeted contributions YTD.

For convenience, you can [pay on-line](#) at our website.

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