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NEWS & NOTES

November 15, 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 INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE REV. LAURA NILE will be Sunday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m. We will still have our usual 10 a.m. worship service, but please come back for this special time of worship when the Miami Valley Presbytery will officially welcome Laura into ministry among us as our Associate Pastor. This is a special event in the life of any pastor, and I hope you will be there to support and affirm Laura's calling to Southminster.

NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS AND DEACONS:

Our **training class is tomorrow**, Sat., Nov. 16 from 9 to 12:30 in the Community Room. Remember to bring your lunch. Also, you will need to come to the Adult Lounge on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m for a **brief meeting with the Session.**

THIS SUNDAY

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, we hope you have taken time to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2020. This Sunday, we will dedicate those pledges and our future ministries to the glory of God.

THANK YOU LUNCHEON

Please join us for the Thank-you Luncheon in the CFC after worship as we celebrate the many blessings we have here at Southminster. Please bring a side dish. Chicken & cake will be provided. Please sign up at www.sminster.com/thankyoudinner
Sponsored by the Stewardship Team

NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY AFTER WORSHIP:

Steve Davis' New Testament Bible Study will not meet Sunday so that you can go to the Thank-you Luncheon. Please join us the following Sunday when the class will continue.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not be holding Children and Youth Sunday School this week so that everyone can enjoy the Thank You Dinner, immediately following worship.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

“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 on December 1st.



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

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

GRIEF GROUP (SOUP GROUP)

Date: Thursday, November 21

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Coffee Corner

"Christ led fellowship, support and information for a grief journey."

Please bring your own lunch and hot drinks will be provided. Anyone who has had a loss is invited to this gathering for fellowship and learning about the grief journey.

THANK OFFERING

Date: Sunday, November 24

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Sanctuary

The Thank Offering helps to provide education, safe-housing, food, clean water, health care and more to people in need both locally and around the world. In a recent year, "The Castle" in Centerville was one of the nationally chosen projects. On Sunday, November 24, you are invited to contribute to this special offering. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women of the PC(USA)

HANGING OF THE GREENS AND FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION!

Date: Sunday, December 1

Time: Following Worship

Place: Sanctuary/CFC

Come to worship on this first Sunday of Advent and stay after to help us hang the greens! When the decorating is done, we will head down to the CFC for lunch. Although reservations are not required, please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend so that we can provide enough pizza. Additionally, we are asking Congregation members to bring in creches (Nativity Scenes) for displays in the Gallery. You may drop them off in the Welcome Center or the Office after November 24th. Let's work together to make our Church look festive, joyful and welcoming!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.

HAMS! The Epiphany Feast isn't until January 5th, but we will need donated hams that are pre-cooked, boneless, and packaged. Sales on hams often start before Thanksgiving, so if you see a sale and want to donate a ham early, just leave it in the freezer across from the large walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen with a label for the Epiphany Feast, and let the office know that you have donated it.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE TEXTS OF ADVENT This class (facilitated by Steve Davis) will take a fresh look at the scriptures which proclaim the coming of Jesus into the world. It will meet in one session on Sunday, November 24, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., in the Hospitality Room. Join us for a stimulating discussion of these familiar passages!

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 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	\$17,694	\$8,511
Year to Date	\$413,235	\$461,232	\$47,997

* as of November 11, 2019

To have a break even year in 2019, we need to have collected **\$85,300** over the budgeted contributions YTD.

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

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