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*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 16, 2018

### A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



An attitude of thanksgiving is basic to a life of faith because it is the recognition that all of our gifts are from God. Stewardship is a covenant to use those gifts in God's service as we share Christ's light and love with the world.

I'd like to invite you to use the following prayer, written by Joyce Rupp. After each of the 10 phrases, you can respond by praying, "***The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.***" Then, meditate on just how you might do that.

- 1) *You have received mercy, kindness, and unconditional love from God...*
- 2) *You have many physical, emotional, mental and spiritual abilities that can be used to better the lives of others...*
- 3) *You have people in your life who have believed in you when you did not believe in yourself, people who stood by you in your difficult times...*
- 4) *You have a heart capable of great compassion, empathy, and tenderness...*
- 5) *You have inner strength, the gift of hope, and the desire for good...*
- 6) *You have food on the table, clothes in your closet, and a roof over your head...*

- 7) You have access to medical care, an education, music and the arts, and numerous sources of communication...
- 8) You have religious freedom, the power of free speech, advocacy groups, and structures for promoting justice and protecting citizens...
- 9) You have a marvelous planet on which to live, with beautiful forests, rich soil for growing food, priceless minerals, and precious creatures of all kinds...
- 10) You have the opportunity for spiritual renewal, growth, and maturity in your relationship with God...

Gracious Giver, so much has been bestowed upon me. Continue to teach me to appreciate what has come as blessing and gift. Challenge me to share what I have, that I might give generously and freely. Lord, receive the thanksgiving of my heart. Amen.

Peace,  
Nancy



**THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE THIS  
SUNDAY**

Our 10:00 a.m. worship service this Sunday will be a Thanksgiving

service. Please join us!

If possible, bring a few cans of food for the Food Pantry. You can place them on or around the Communion Table when you come to worship.



This Sunday, November 18 is "Thank Offering Sunday. Through the Thank Offering, Presbyterian Women of the PC(USA) provide food and water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, promote health, and improve the lives

of women, children and men throughout the world in many other ways.

**One of the 12 national projects the PC(USA) chose to support this year is Centerville's own "The Castle" which helps those with severe and persistent mental illness work toward socialization and recovery through training and development.**

You can make a donation by putting it into the special envelope or mention Thank Offering on a plain envelope and on your check.

## SOUTHMINSTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



If you haven't yet sent in a pledge for 2019, please send one as soon as possible. Southminster Presbyterian Church needs your help to support and sustain our ministry and mission as well as our staff and building. We continue to operate at a deficit budget, taking funds from our investments. If we keep drawing from those funds, in just a few years, there will be none left and we will have to make difficult decisions about cutting programs or staff.

Please prayerfully consider what, for you and your particular circumstances, is a generous offering in response to God's blessings in your life. You can fill out a card and return it to the office or simply email your pledge information to Lynn Grubb at [lynn@sminster.com](mailto:lynn@sminster.com).

## ATTENTION: THOSE WORKING ON "LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA"



Your Mission Team wants to ship all the “Little Dresses” to Michigan, and they will send them on to villages in Africa with the most need. Some of you were kind enough to take some material home to finish some dresses. Please get them back to us by December 2 so we can ship all of them out together. Thank you so very much for all of your work in support of this wonderful project.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

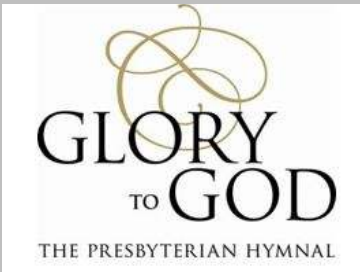


This year’s EPIPHANY FEAST will be on Sunday, January 6th at 5:30 in the CFC (fellowship hall). If you came to it last year, you probably realized that preparing for the Epiphany Feast takes a lot of work and preparation. If you can help with set-up, kitchen work or clean up, please contact that church! If you will be able to bring us some greens for the table decorations, please contact the church to let us know you are bringing them, and deliver them to the church by that Saturday. (We will keep them outside to keep them fresh.)

## WHAT IS YOUR TALENT?

**DID YOU FILL OUT A NEW TIME AND TALENTS FORM?**  
If not, please use [this link](#) to go to the Website for the form and turn it in to the church as soon as possible.

## GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL



If you are willing to help us obtain the current hymnal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) called *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* by purchasing one or more books, please fill out a form and send a check with “new hymnal” on the memo line. Each book costs \$20 and can be given:

- in honor of people you know,

- in memory of a loved one or friend,
- or just as a gift you want to present to the church.

*Bookplates with this information will be added to the front page of each hymnal.* The deadline for contributions is Monday, December 17. Please see more information as well as the order/dedication form by following [this link](#) to a form on our website.

## EVENTS

### ORDINATION OF ANNE FYFFE

**Date: Sunday, November 18**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**Place: Sanctuary/Narthex**

Anne Fyffe's Ordination is this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We are honored to be able to host Anne's ordination and celebrate her pastoral calling. All members of the congregation are encouraged to support Anne by coming to the service.



### GUSTAFER YELLOWGOLD

**Date: Saturday, November 24**

**Time: 11:00am**

**Place: CFC**

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.



### ANGEL NIGHT

**Date: Thursday, November 29**

**Time: 5:00-9:00pm**

**Place: Calvary Cemetery**

"An Evening of Song and Celebration"

A free, family friendly event, featuring fifteen, illuminated, Victorian angels which you can view by walking trail, wagon, trolley or van. Live music in historic St. Henry Memorial Chapel. Cookie decorating and children's craft area. Free parking. Boy Scout Troop 516 will be volunteering at this event.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS AND FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION!



**Date: Sunday, December 2**

**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 and a little singing. Please bring a salad or dessert and leave it in the kitchen before worship. Although reservations are not required, please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend so that we can provide enough pizza. Thank you!

### **ELDERBERRIES**

**Date: Friday, December 7**

**Time: 11:00am**

**Place: CFC**

The Kettering Show Choir will entertain us as we enjoy fellowship and a delicious lunch of roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, green vegetable, jellied cranberry salad and Christmas cookies.

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**Date: Saturday, December 8**

**Time: 9:00-11:00am**

**Place: CFC**

Get into the Christmas spirit by enjoying a yummy breakfast with the big guy. Santa will arrive during breakfast and will be available for pictures (bring your own camera). Teens are invited to come help with the breakfast crew (be there by 8:30 AM). For more information, contact Mark Locke at [locke9233@gmail.com](mailto:locke9233@gmail.com) or (937) 748-9233.



### **FA LA LA! TIS THE CAROLING SEASON!**

**Date: Saturday, December 15**

**Time: 5:00-7:00PM**

**Place: Off-site**

Sign up and plan to join Southminster members, friends, children, youth and scouts for our fourth year of informal caroling for shut-ins. Sing on key or off but come (song sheets provided). If you play the guitar, uke, mandolin, etc., plan to use it! Also, we would like some ideas for simple ornaments to give to our audiences. We will go to 2 or 3 retirement communities and perhaps some homes to sing the familiar carols. The group will travel in the Scout bus. Sign up in the narthex or outside of the church office. Details will follow but immediate questions and ideas should be directed to Phyllis Strayer, 433-2133 or [phyllisstrayer@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisstrayer@gmail.com).

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

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## GROWTH GROUPS

### **THE HATE U GIVE MOVIE OUTING, SUNDAY 11/18**

All are welcome to join us Sunday afternoon to see the movie, "The Hate U Give," which will be attended as a group at Regal Cinema, Fairfield Commons at 3:40 PM. Coffee and conversation afterward are optional. Questions? Ask Kim.

### **ADULT EDUCATION ADVENT STUDY NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH**

**Dates: Sundays, November 25-December 23**

**Time: 8:45-9:45am**

**Location: Adult Lounge**

Wonderful Counselor. Mighty God. Everlasting Father. Prince of Peace. All are used by the Prophet Isaiah to describe the coming Messiah. But how did people in Isaiah's time understand these titles, how did Jesus fulfill or not fulfill them and how do Christians view Jesus as representative of each title? This 5-week Advent study facilitated by Steve Davis will explore these questions using the book *Names for the Messiah* by renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. All are welcome!

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

## INFORMATION OF INTEREST

**STAFF VACATIONS:** Pastor Nancy Birdsong is on vacation November 19-25, and Kim Catchpole will be on vacation November 21-25. If you need anything during this time, you can contact Pastor Steve.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November, 23.

## WHAT'S NEW AT SMINSTER.COM?

We are constantly adding and updating information on our website! Below are a few recent additions, with links to help you get to the pages.

- We have updated the "Welcome!" text on [our home page](#)
- Upcoming church events are now available at the bottom of [our home page](#)
- You can now fill out a new hymnal dedication online [on our "Policies and Forms" page](#)
- You can download a Time and Talents form from [our Policies and Forms page](#). (Online version coming soon!)
- The Ministry Information Form being used in our Associate Pastor search is available on [our Policies and Forms page](#)
- Highlights from the Session Meeting of 9/25/18 on our Private Page\*

\* Contact [communications@sminster.com](mailto:communications@sminster.com) for instructions on accessing the Private page.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Southminster Contributions – 2018\*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,503	\$11,028	\$1,525
Year to Date	\$427,635	\$466,681	\$39,046

• as of November 12, 2018

**Our current estimated full year earnings shortfall is \$(68,600), excluding gain/loss from investments and capitalized assets.**

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