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NEWS & NOTES

November 22, 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

THANK YOU to the Fellowship Team and their helpers for hosting a lovely "Thank You" luncheon for the congregation last Sunday! What a nice way to enjoy good food and each other's company while celebrating all the ways our members and friends share their gifts and talents in and through the church!

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR SMILING FACES! Join us for the following services and events for Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

A HOLIDAY CALENDAR: ¶

Thanksgiving Worship Service	→	Nov. 24 @ 10 a.m. ¶
Installation Service for Laura Nile	→	Nov. 24 @ 4 p.m. ¶
Gustafer Yellowgold (for children)	→	Nov. 20 @ 11 a.m. ¶
Hanging of the Greens (& lunch)	→	Dec. 1 @ 11:00 a.m. ¶
Breakfast with Santa	→	Dec. 7 @ 9-11 a.m. ¶
Caroling	→	Dec. 15 @ 4 p.m. ¶
Lessons and Carols Service	→	Dec. 22 @ 10 a.m. ¶
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:	→	Dec. 24 ¶
.....Especially for Children:	→	@ 6 p.m. ¶
.....Traditional Service	→	@ 8 p.m. ¶
Epiphany Feast	→	Jan. 5 @ 5:30 p.m. ¶

A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Many thanks to all who brought in their pledge cards on or before Stewardship Dedication Sunday. Thus far, we have received only about half the funds we need for next year's budget, so we hope that others will bring in their pledge cards. You can take them to the church office, mail them, or send an email to Sharon Ark at sharon@sminster.com. This is an important opportunity to share your gratitude for God's blessings and to support the ministries and mission of Southminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generosity.

THIS SUNDAY

THE TEXTS OF ADVENT

Date: Sunday, November 24

Time: 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Location: Hospitality Room

This class will take a fresh look at the scriptures which proclaim the coming of Jesus into the world. Please join us for a stimulating one session discussion.

Facilitated by Steve Davis

THANK OFFERING

Date: Sunday, November 24

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Sanctuary

A day when Presbyterian Women encourage us to give a second mile offering of thanks to our Lord. The offering is used for grants to fund worthy projects in the USA and Internationally. These grants provide the tangible love of Christ through food for children who are hungry, education for women who seek it, support for immigrants who need friends, shelter for those without beds and homes, and healing for patients at home and abroad. It is through our offerings and our ministry to others that we demonstrate the power of God's love throughout the world.

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE REV. LAURA NILE

Date: Sunday, November 24

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Sanctuary

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, November 24

Time: 11:15 a.m. following Worship

Location: Meet at Welcome Center

Guests, newer members, and long-time members --**all!**--are invited to tour our wonderful facility Sunday, November 24. Learn about the history of Southminster as we travel along following worship for the 45-minute tour.

Facilitated by Marj Lawson

DECORATING THE GALLERY

The Worship Team, is asking you to bring in crèches (Nativity Scenes) for displaying in the Gallery, as part of the decorating. You may drop them off at the Welcome Center Sunday or the Office. Let's work together to make our Church look festive, joyful and welcoming!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

This year's Advent Devotional is titled "In Light & Darkness" and is inspired by Barbara Brown Taylor's book Learning to Walk in the Dark. The devotional is designed to be intergenerational and has creative opportunities for all ages. We will be sending the devotional digitally for you to print out at home but 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 copies available) and they will be available for pick-up in the Narthex on December 1st.



EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS

LGBTQIA YOUTH GROUP

Date: Tuesday, November 26

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Ark Room

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.

Facilitated by Kim Catchpole Kim@sminster.com and Rev. Michelle Wilkey, David's United Church of Christ, michelle@davidsucc.org

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.

Facilitated by The Fellowship and Worship Teams

OFFICE NEWS

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Wednesday November 27 at Noon - Friday November 29

PASTOR BIRDSONG WILL BE AWAY

November 25 - December 1

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We need a Volunteer Coordinator for members who are making meals to take to those recovering from illness. Contact Sherri Swiger, Moderator of the Deacons, or the church office.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE is based on the classic Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol*. This video-based growth group will explore the world of Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Cratchits through the lens of faith. Class meets from 8:45 to 9:45 in the Hospitality Room on Sunday mornings in Advent **December 1 - December 22**. Class includes a viewing of the movie *A Christmas Carol* starring George C. Scott as Scrooge. The course book will be available for purchase through the church office for \$8.00. Steve Davis will facilitate.

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	\$4,922	\$(4,261)
Year to Date	\$422,418	\$466,153	\$43,735

* as of November 18, 2019

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