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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 23, 2018

EVENTS

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. 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!

CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, December 2

Time: Following Worship

Places: Meet at the Welcome Center

Marj Lawson will offer a tour of the church, following worship. Meet her at the Welcome Center for this tour which will take about 45 minutes.

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 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. Questions or ideas? Contact Phyllis Strayer at 433-2133 or phyllisstrayer@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Date: Monday, December 24, 2018

Times: 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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

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.)

GROWTH GROUPS

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!

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Celebrate advent by giving to those in need. The children and youth of Southminster will again be collecting items for the reverse advent calendar. Calendars with donation suggestions will be available in the Narthex. The children and youth will

collect items beginning **Sunday, December 2.**

DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, December 2

Advent Kick-Off, Ark Room

11:30 – 12:30 AM (for middle school and high school youth)

Sunday, December 8

Breakfast with Santa: making breakfast and helping with crafts, CFC.

8:30 – 11:30 AM (for middle school and high school youth)

Saturday, December 15

Caroling with the Choir & Christmas Party

Caroling: 4:00 PM, Meet at SPC back parking lot

Christmas Party: 7:00 PM, Meet at the Ferguson's Home
(for youth of all ages and their families)

Sunday, December 23

Advent Round-Up, Ark Room (for middle school and high school youth) 11:30 – 12:30 AM (for middle school and high school youth)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

YOU HAVE MAIL!

Thanks go to the Stewardship Team for their work coordinating another successful stewardship campaign this year. An important part of the campaign is the stewardship letter that gets mailed out early in the campaign to everyone in the congregation. Did you receive your Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card in your mailbox this year? We have recently learned that some households may have been missed this year with this mailing. If you or someone you know did not get the Southminster stewardship letter or pledge card in the mail, please let the [office](#) know so we can make sure our mailing list is accurate and up to date. Thank you. - *Pastor Steve*

SOLES4SOULS: What a success!!! **715** pairs of shoes were delivered to the drop-off location in Cincinnati on November 19, 2018. A big "Thank You" to all of you that brought in shoes, and to the preschool who also made this mission project such a success. The donated shoes will help out so many around the world. Thank all of you for your support. - Tammy Caskey

STAFF VACATIONS: Pastor Nancy Birdsong and Kim Catchpole are on vacation through November 25. If you need anything during this time, you can contact Pastor Steve.

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 for instructions on accessing the Private page.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2018*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,503	\$6,193	\$(3,310)
Year to Date	\$437,138	\$472,873	\$35,735

• as of November 19, 2018

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

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