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NEWS & NOTES

November 27, 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

THIS SUNDAY during worship, Marilyn Kemper and her daughters will be lighting the first Advent candle. In loving memory of Marilyn's husband, Jack, the Kemper family gave us a new, freestanding brass Advent stand that holds a wreath and candles. Many thanks for this beautiful gift in memory of a beloved member of Southminster Presbyterian Church, from the memorial fund.

WE ARE ENTERING THE SEASON OF ADVENT. It is a time when we wait for the coming of the Lord. We take on an attitude of expectation in order to prepare our hearts to celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. We also look forward to the return of Christ when all things will be made new. I hope you will join us in worship during this meaningful season of the church year!

THIS SUNDAY

THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE

Date: Sunday, December 1

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

Location: Hospitality Room

This video-based growth group will explore the world of Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Cratchits through the lens of faith.

Facilitated by Steve Davis

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.

Facilitated by The Fellowship and Worship Teams

DECORATING THE GALLERY

The Worship Team, is asking you to bring in crèches (Nativity Scenes), this Sunday, for displaying in the Gallery. Let's work together to make our Church look festive, joyful and welcoming!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent Devotionals are now available! 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. You can [download the devotional here](#)

and print it off at home or read it on a tablet. If you requested a printed copy, they will be available on Sunday at the Welcome Desk.



EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS

ELDERBERRIES

Date: Friday, December 6

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: CFC

Come enjoy an afternoon with A Great Start Preschoolers, as they entertain with holiday songs and dance.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sign up and plan to join Southminster members, friends, children, youth and scouts for our fifth year of informal caroling for shut-ins. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Phyllis Strayer at phyllisstrayer@gmail.com

NOTES OF INTEREST

CHRISTMAS MUSIC DONATION

2018 Christmas Music Donation

Enclosed is my gift to the Music Fund to help provide music and instrumentalists for our Christmas music.

Your Dedication will be displayed in the Worship bulletin.

Circle one: in honor of in memory of as a gift

Name(s) of person/people you are honoring/rememorating:

Examples of Dedications:

*Mr. & Mrs. John Doe, in memory of Eleanor Doe.
Mary Smith, in honor of Jane Doe*

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to Southminster Presbyterian Church, put "Christmas Music 2018" on the memo line, and include the check with your order. (If you donate in **cash**, please attach it to this form.)

Deadline for donations is December 18, 2018.



CHRISTMAS STAFF HONORARIUM

Christmas greetings from the Personnel Team! As this important season rolls around, we all have an opportunity to contribute toward the Christmas Staff Honorarium. If you are able to contribute, please mark your check or envelope "Staff Honorarium." It can be placed with the Sunday offering, mailed or taken to the church office. All monies will be divided among the 11 members of our wonderful staff. Please have all contributions in by **Sunday, December 15, 2017**. Ron Kuker, *Personnel Team Chair*

POINSETTIA SALE

Order forms can be found at the Welcome Center or you can place your order by emailing Sharon at office@sminster.com. Please place your order by December 18.

TIME AND TALENTS

A recent mailing to Southminster members and friends outlined opportunities for sharing our time and talents with others--both at Southminster and in the community. **If you have not turned in your time and talents sheets you may put it in the offering plate or turn it into the Church Office.** If you need another sheet, you may pick one up in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Pledge sheets may also be deposited there or mailed to the

Church. Thank you for your commitment of time and talents to ministry in Christ's name!

OFFICE NEWS

PASTOR BIRDSONG WILL BE AWAY

Pastor Nancy Birdsong will be away November 25 - December 1
If you need pastoral care please contact Pastor Laura Nile, 433-1810.

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.

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](#)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Place: CFC

Get into the Christmas spirit by enjoying a yummy breakfast. Santa will arrive during breakfast and will be available for pictures (bring your own camera). For more information please contact Mark Locke at locke9233@gmail.com



CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$8,656	\$(527)
Year to Date	\$431,601	\$474,809	\$43,208

* as of November 25, 2019

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



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