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NEWS & NOTES December 6, 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

Thanks to everyone who helped with "Hanging of Greens" led by Janet Hall and Holly Woods last Sunday and thanks to the Fellowship Team for providing lunch! The church looks beautiful!

Southminster has some wonderful events and services planned for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Your experience of these sacred seasons will be enhanced by your participation, so please join us!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

If you have not yet given a pledge card to the church, we hope you will prayerfully consider filling one out soon. We use the pledged amount to help us budget for the year, and if we don't have enough for the budget, it could affect programs and ministries.

Extra pledge cards can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex and on the counter as you enter the office.

Pledged for 2020 to date: 86 members for a total of \$336,150

Total that was Pledged for 2019 122 members for a total of \$434,111

In addition, we made up a deficit budget with around \$100,000 that was donated to the church but not pledged.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent Devotionals are still 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

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

GRACE CIRCLE

Date: Sunday, December 10

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Chop House

Grace Circle will be having their Christmas dinner on December 10.

If you would like to join them please contact Jane Hancock

jhan820@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Date: Sunday, December 15

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

Location: Meet in the parking lot

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

SHOEBOXES FOR VETS

Date: Monday, December 16

Time: 9:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Location: CFC

It's time for our congregation to remember our local veterans at the VA Med Center. Look for the Christmas tree in the Narthex containing ornaments showing what items are needed for our Vets. Take an ornament, shop for that item and return the ornament, your purchase and a plastic shoebox and place under the tree or drop off at the church office. Do not wrap your purchases. All items must be returned to the Church by Sunday, Dec. 15! If you would like to help in filling the shoeboxes on Monday morning Dec. 16 at 9:30, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Brenda and Joe Ricketts at 623-1689 or 885-2477.

BLUE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Stephen Ministry Team will again have a *Blue Christmas Tree* as a means of support for those with less joyous hearts this Christmas Season. Our tree will be set a little away from the other decorations in the Sanctuary. There will be paper 'ornaments' there for you to write prayer requests or even just a name of someone dear, or for whom you have concerns. Members of the Stephen Ministry Team will take these names and requests and offer up prayers of support to God on your behalf or theirs, to help you through sadder or worrisome moments. So on a Sunday Morning, take a few quiet moments to sit by our *Blue Christmas Tree*, then hang an ornament in honor of your loved one.

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, 2019**. 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.

YOUNG ADULT MEETING

If you are a young adult under the age of 40 and are interested in gathering to discuss the future of young adult community life at Southminster, please come to the Sanctuary Lounge from 9-9:30a.m. this Sunday for donuts and fruit. Come ready to share about what you'd like to see and be a part of. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura." laura@sminster.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

GREETERS AND TOUR GUIDES NEEDED FOR 2020

The Invitation Team is looking for friendly faces on Sunday mornings to serve as Greeters by the entrances in the Narthex and Lower Level. The role of a Greeter is to welcome all to worship with a warm

smile and a handshake. Please contact Adrienne Dickson if you are interested adrienne.dickson@icloud.com. In addition to Greeters, Tour Guides are also needed to conduct building tours the first Sunday of each month, following worship. This is an opportunity to become an expert on the history of our building and share your love of Southminster with Guests and New Members. Training will be provided. Please contact Marj Lawson if interested lawsongm@aol.com.

MEAL COORDINATOR

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$8,360	\$(823)
Year to Date	\$440,784	\$483,169	\$42,385

* as of December 2, 2019



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