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NEWS & NOTES

December 22, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

(4th Sunday in Advent)

Date: Sunday, December 24, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Location: Sanctuary

This service will have a special emphasis on the children but will also include meaningful worship for adults.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Date: Sunday, December 24, 2017

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Sanctuary



CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2018

Time: 11:15am

Location: Meet at 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. Advance registration is not necessary, but helpful and can be noted in the Friendship pad.

THE EPIPHANY FEAST

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2018

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Christian Fellowship Center (CFC)



Join us for this special time of fellowship and worship for the whole family!

We will celebrate with a candlelight dinner, singing, and a procession of the magi as we hear their story from Scripture. Start off the New Year with this truly beautiful and meaningful experience.

Ham, rolls, drinks, & the special Epiphany Cake will be provided.
(If you can donate a ham in advance, please contact the church office.)

PLEASE BRING a vegetable or other side dish *(no desserts, please.)*

IF YOU CAN: Lend us candleholders or a candelabrum for the occasion.

Bring them a day or 2 in advance with your name taped to the bottom. We need plenty of them, and we will keep them safe. You can take them home again after the event.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE

so we will know how much ham to bring and how to set up the tables!!!

Call the church office 937-433-1810, or email us at lynn@sminster.com. Include your name, number of adults and children, and let us know if you will be lending us candlesticks or a candelabrum.

What IS the Epiphany Feast?

Epiphany is the celebration of the glory of God revealed in the world. It is a time when we remember the story of the journey of the magi who traveled to see the Christ child and left “by another road” to share the message of God’s love and to be bearers of God’s light to the world.

The EPIPHANY FEAST will include music, dinner and worship. Whoever gets one of the 3 almonds in the cake will become one of the magi. (We also will have a cake for those allergic to nuts.) We will have a brief time of worship with scripture, song, and candle lighting as we remain gathered around the tables. The Epiphany Feast has something that should appeal to **all ages**. (*Most children will enjoy the experience, but we will have someone in the nursery if they prefer to go there after dinner.*) Come and add this special holiday tradition to enrich your experience of faith and fellowship.

I hope to see you there!

Nancy

WE NEED YOUR HAMS!

Grocery stores sometimes give away or offer good deals on hams for Holidays. Having enough ham for the Epiphany Feast (on January 7th) can be expensive. Therefore, if you acquire a ham you might contribute to the feast, please let us know. We can label it and keep it in the CFC kitchen freezer.



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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MISSION TEAMS

are joining efforts this Advent season to bring you our Reverse Advent Calendar. What is a Reverse Advent Calendar you ask? Each day in December, instead of receiving a treat or opening a tab, you pick one of the items listed on the calendar to donate for that day. Bring your items to the church, and they will be donated to one of the many missions Southminster supports. Donations will be collected by the children and youth each Sunday in the Narthex. Please join us in helping make this Christmas special for our community.



THE CASTLE

The Castle will not be picking up donations in December due to Christmas being on the 4th Monday. If you wish to donate items this month, please take them to The Castle. Outdated items will not be given to the Castle at the January 22 pick-up.

CLOTHES THAT WORK

Volunteers are needed for a three month commitment to see that the clothing donated for Clothes That Work be taken either to the Clothes That Work location at Edwin C; Moses Blvd. or to the Boonshoft Center for Jewish Culture and Education on Versailles Dr. which is off Loop Road. Usually there are two volunteers per quarter. If you are willing to volunteer for this mission, please contact Mary Stahley at 401-8667 or email Mary at: mstahley@aol.com.

MEDIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help out running Media Shout in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? If so, please contact [Elizabeth Davis](#) for information and to sign-up.

SUNDAY GREETERS WANTED

The Invitation Team is seeking Greeters for the 2018 calendar year. Please email [Adrienne Dickson](#) if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember to submit your final 2017 contributions to Southminster no later than **Friday, December 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

Contributions received after **December 29, at 11:00 a.m.** will be recorded as 2018 contributions.

OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed **Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1.** The office will reopen on **Tuesday, January 2.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Sign up for this fun overnight for grades 6-12. Our theme is Looking In, Reaching Out. Join us for games, a mission project, an evening workshop with other local Presbyterian youth, and participating in the Dayton Martin Luther King Day March.

When: January 14-15

Cost: \$5

Deadline To Sign Up: Monday, January 1 (minimum 5 youth)

To Sign Up: Contact [Kim Catchpole](#)

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE DEADLINE APPROACHING

A friendly reminder to families with youth who will be in grades 9-12 in 2018. The deadline to sign up for the Montreat Youth Conference is January 7. Please contact [Kim Catchpole](#) to sign up and submit your \$100 deposit to secure a spot. **Conference Dates:** June 3-9

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

CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

Southminster Contributions – 2017*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$11,310	\$16,579	\$5,269
Year to Date	\$576,758	\$505,775	(\$70,983)

* as of December 18, 2017

Please give generously!

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