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NEWS & NOTES

DECEMBER 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:

I hope everyone had a wonderful, joy-filled Christmas! The sermon for Sunday, December 29 is called "A New Year and a Wonderful Life." As we say "good-bye" to 2019 and "hello" to 2020, what are some things you need to let go, and what are some things to which you want to hold on?

EPIPHANY FEAST AROUND THE CORNER

The Epiphany Feast is just about a week away! I hope you will come to this special event and let us know you are coming by signing up on the bulletin insert or in the Narthex on Sunday, or emailing the church office. Look for more information in today's News & Notes!

IMPORTANT OFFICER RETREAT

Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are a Deacon or Elder serving in 2020,

please plan to join us for this retreat. We are fortunate to have Terry Kukuk, the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, as our leader!

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DATE SET

Sunday, February 9

We will ask people to bring something for a potluck meal that will start right after the worship service. Near the end of the meal, we will have the annual meeting. Please join us!

IN THE COMING WEEKS

EPIPHANY FEAST

Date: Sunday, January 5

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: CFC

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 for the whole family.

Ham, rolls, drinks, & the special Epiphany Cake will be provided.



PLEASE BRING,

a vegetable or other side-dish (no desserts, please)

IF YOU CAN,

_____ **Donate a HAM (pre-cooked, packaged, boneless)** by January 2.

Contact the office. It can be left in the large walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen no later than Thursday, Jan. 2.

_____ **Lend candlesticks or candelabra** no later than noon on Jan. 3. *(Tape your name to the bottom. They will be kept in a safe place.)*

_____ **Bring cut live evergreen greenery** to the church by Jan 3. *You can leave it in a plastic bag under the pavilion.*

_____ **Help set up tables** on Fri., Jan. 3, at 10 a.m.

_____ **Help slice the hams** on Sat., Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.

_____ **Help cook the hams at the church** on Jan. 5, at 3:30 p.m.

_____ **Help with decorating.** On Sun, Jan. 5, at 3:30 p.m.
If possible, bring garden gloves & cutting shears.

_____ **Stay to clean up** the fellowship hall and/or the kitchen.

If anyone can bring me some straw for the manger, please contact me at nancy@sminster.com or at (732)208-3280.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE so we will know how much ham to bring and how to set up the tables. You can sign up in the Narthex or at office@sminster.com. *Include your name, number of adults and children, and let us know if you will be helping us with any of the items listed under "IF YOU CAN" above.*



CHURCH TOUR

Date: Sunday, January 5

Time: 11:15am

Place: 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.

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Date: Sunday, January 5

Time: 11:15am

Place: Chapel

Lead by Steve Davis

THE CASTLE

Date: January and February 2020

Place: Sign up in the Narthex

2020 is another year in which we as members of Southminster can serve our neighbors up the street. Located at 133 N. Main Street, "The Castle is a gathering place of trust and friendship which supports adults with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence." For years our church has donated food items monthly to The Castle and we plan to continue this mission in the new year. The January and February sign-up sheets are now available on the Mission Board in the Narthex. Please consider donating to such a worthy mission.

CALLING ALL BABY BOOMERS

Are you interested in joining a new social group, with friends to get together, once a month for faith, fun and fellowship? If so, there will be signup sheets in the Coffee Corner and a meeting after worship on January 19 at 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary Lounge. If you have questions please see Tammy Caskey, Kathy Jester or Holly Woods.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

OFFICE NEWS Sharon Ark will be in the office on Tuesday, December 31, at noon, to make the last deposit of the year. Nancy will be around but sometimes on visits. You can contact her at 732-208-3280 and leave a text or voicemail if she doesn't answer.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Group and Youth Sunday School will return on Sunday January 12th. Children's Sunday School resumes on Sunday January 5th.

WORK OPPORTUNITY

A GREAT START PRESCHOOL is in need of Substitutes! On occasion, we know in advance when a sub is needed, but sometimes a call off is inevitable and we make a 7 a.m. call. If you are interested in applying for a sub position, please contact me to schedule an interview.

Morning hours- approx 8:30ish-11:30ish
Afternoon hours- approx 11:30ish-2:30ish
Both a.m. and p.m.- approx 8:30-2:30ish

Kindergarten- approx 11:30ish-3:15 *Must have bachelor's degree or higher in education to sub for kindergarten
This year, it has been difficult to find subs, especially in the case of call offs. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please send them my way! Although hours aren't guaranteed, we already know of several dates in March and May that a sub is needed, and I am sure there will be plenty more.

If you are interested, email Christina [at this link](#)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Southminster Contributions – 2019*

Period	Budgeted Contributions	Actual Contributions	Excess/ (Shortfall)
Last Week	\$9,183	\$12,175	\$2,992
Year to Date	\$468,333	\$517,338	\$49,005

* as of December 23, 2019

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

Happy New Year from Southminster's Staff

Nancy, Laura, Kim, Ruth, Jim, Jenny, Katlin, Sharon, Jerry and Christian



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