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From the Pastor

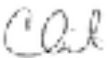
A couple of notes as we move into the Easter season. First, we haven't said much about collecting the per capita offering for 2017 but your help with this would be much appreciated. Our denomination tries to draw a distinction between the funds used to meet day-to-day operational support and the resources directed to missional causes. It is important that when someone participates in *One Great Hour of Sharing* or *The Peacemaking Offering*, the funds raised go to the designated causes. On the other hand, there is the very real cost of operating the various agencies and bodies that comprise the network of the PC(USA). The solution is something called the per capita offering. The cost of operating the denominational bodies and agencies is divided across the entire membership of the denomination then collected. This year, that cost is \$25.93 per member. As we move through the year and use denominational resources, everything from prayers we use in worship to curriculum we use for study, \$25.93 turns out to be a great investment in our church life. Please, if you haven't made your per capita contribution for 2017 yet, this would be an excellent time to do so. Some of you may be able to help with members for whom an additional \$26 contribution constitutes a very real hardship. If you can help by making additional per capita contributions, it would be greatly appreciated.

Following Easter, we will be exploring the *Songs of the Resurrection* in both adult Discovery Zone and Sunday morning worship. The resurrection of Jesus at Easter reoriented the lives of his followers; they expressed that sense of everything changing in their worship. While continuing to participate in the life of the Temple and

synagogue, they found new ways to celebrate the light of Easter breaking into the world. While we don't exactly know that they were songs, there are whole series of texts in the New Testament that give poetic expression to Easter's new life.

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Our conversations about worship normally center on a series of rather pragmatic questions: what kind of music do we use, how do we order our worship, when do we meet and for how long? Easter interjected a new “why” into the worship life of Jesus’ followers. Worship had always been about telling God’s story, but after the resurrection, Jesus’ followers had a renewed sense of the arc of God’s activities in the creation and the response called forth by the resurrected Christ. Come and join in the conversation as we think about how the resurrection of Jesus should inform and shape our worship. Discovery Zone will meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday of Eastertide, with worship at 11 a.m. I look forward to being part of this conversation.

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Nurture

Wendy Woodley / Marnie Winkleman

Looking for a few more consistent volunteers to assist Marlene Jones in the Nursery during Discovery Zone or the worship

service. Extra help is definitely needed on April 23rd and May 7th, so that Marlene can enjoy time off with her family.

If you'd prefer watching a Veggie Tale movie during worship with the children aged 4 through 7, we have available spots for you also. Please let Marnie or Wendy know if can help in one of these areas.



JUST FOR KIDS



On Palm Sunday, April 9th Gina has an exciting day planned with the children of the church. Extended families and friends are welcome to join in. Festivities will include a parade, music and lots of fun. The fun starts during the worship service and concludes with an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Fellowship committee

after church.

On Easter Sunday, Discovery Zone will not be meeting. The Easter Pancake Breakfast will take place instead from 9:00 to 10:45am. Pancake breakfast will be provided by Chef Rich and



the Middle school through High school youth. Donations to the breakfast will support the 2018 youth mission trip.

Pastor Clint has been leading a series on the Lord's Prayer for families during Discovery Zone at 10a.m. A small group study for adults on the Lord's Prayer has been offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00p.m. and then again on Sunday morning led by Pat Fraser during Discovery Zone. The adults are studying the book by N. T. Wright, *The Lord and His Prayer*.

April 9th through April 23rd during Discovery Zone, lessons on Jesus from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection will be the biblical context. April 30th through the end of May the lessons will then be taken from the book of Daniel; Shadrach-Meshach and Abednego will be covered in this series.

Youth ministry coordinator, Gina Savastano has a roller skating activity planned for the Middle school April 22nd to go to Skateland in Woodhaven. We meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. and will return to around 3:30 or 4:00p.m. Admission is \$5.00, skate rental either \$2.00 or \$4.00.

The Middle and High school youth group will also meet for an outreach event on April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Youth will lend helping hands for the 4th Annual Taylor clean up event in Heritage Park. Friends in Christ are also invited to join in with the older youth. A lunch will be provided in the park around 11:00 a.m. at one of the pavilions, so there will be enough time to get back to Southminster for the Skateland trip.

High school youth will host a Texas Roadhouse of Taylor fundraising event on Tuesday, April 25th from 3:45p.m -10p.m.

Come to Texas Roadhouse, present a flyer to your server and 10% of your total bill will be donated to the Southminster Youth 2018 Mission Trip. Tell your friends and family, neighbors or bring them in with you to dine. Youth will also have a bake sale table going on in the lobby. Have a great meal, help the youth and then take home dessert.

Sunday April 30th after church both youth groups are invited to go to the Detroit Historical Museum. Lunch will be provided at church, prior to the museum trip. Admission to museum is free. Youth will return to church around 4:00p.m.



The current confirmation class; Owen & Bethany Hamilton, Samantha Shinavier, will meet with Session on Monday, April 10th at 6:00pm for session examination. On Easter Sunday, they will be joining the church. Samantha Shinavier will also be baptized during the worship service. We welcome these new young members to our congregation, they have really studied hard these past few months!

Attention 2017 Graduates! We are aware that there are many of you graduating this year, please let us know from what High school or University you are graduating. We will recognize all 2017 graduates in June but would like to have a complete list of graduates by the middle of May. If you, your child, grandchild or

another family member deserves recognition for a job well done, let Pastor Clint, Marnie, Wendy or the office know. We do not want anyone being left out.

Friends In Christ

submitted by Pat Fraser

Friends in Christ had a great time at Skore Lanes in February. They did us proud using bumpers and an alligator for the youngest set, regular lanes for the older grades and we even let older siblings and parents join in the fun! We had hot dogs, fries and a pop with our bowling entertainment. All 12 (and dad helpers too) said they had a great time.

For April, all three youth groups have the opportunity to participate in the Heritage Park Clean-Up Saturday, April 22nd. It's from 9a.m. to 11a.m. (they need less time this year because it's looking soo good! Huzzah!!!). Then we will have a picnic lunch and some play time afterwards.

The details:

The older youth groups (Disciples/Disciples & Lamp Lighters) will go with the 1 adult for every 5 kids criteria in our church policy. Due to the nature of the event (potentially all over the park) we are requesting a higher ratio for the Friends in Christ, especially the lower L. If parents or grandparents can bring their children and stay with us, we would appreciate you help. And anyone else willing and able to join in the fun is very, very welcome.

Lunch donations: (please sign up on the youth board or with Pat Fraser or Gina Savastano) A bag (or plate) of sandwiches (quartered) – please see what kinds are requested/needed (PBJ, bologna, tuna, ideas) (Dave is making toasted egg salad because

his are to die for. Thanks Dave!) or a large bag of chips/snacks, or a box of the 2.5 oz. bags boxed drinks or pop

Many thanks



May 19th, from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. – Retro cartoon night; Bugs Bunny and Bullwinkle the Moose for your viewing pleasure. There will be popcorn and snacks and drinks. The cost: Kids are \$1.00 and Adults are \$1.00 & a bag of chips or a 2-liter of pop. Money will go towards our continued support of the

school in Africa

Look to June for a game night and/or miniature golf and ice-cream at “the Barn”. We will keep you posted.

Thanks a bunch,

Pat

Expressions

Michele Hintz

[LOCAL OUTREACH]

Grief Share is back in session at Southminster on Thursdays at 6:30p.m. This is open to anyone who has lost a loved one – please share and invite anyone who may benefit from this opportunity as it is open to the community. There is no cost for this program but registration is helpful to plan for enough materials. For further information, please contact Kandi Wood or the church office.

***Also, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to be in the building with Kandi while the GriefShare session is running – you are welcome to participate in the program if you choose but are

not required. We ask that you be available at church from opening Southminster to welcome guests and to stay during the duration of the program and to help lock up. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for the upcoming weeks/dates that still need a volunteer to help fill the spot.

The Kinyon Elementary School project is now in full swing. We are aiding the school with hopefully both a reading and math assistance program. We currently have 5 Reading Advocates that are paired up with students needing extra



assistance with reading. Each Advocate meets with the student one day a week for a half hour session during school hours. The days and times can vary; we are still looking for more volunteers. If you are available during the weekday and are interested in helping, please see Nancy Gillespie or Michele Hintz. You will need to get clearance via the school district, etc..... but we would love to have more Advocates to help!! We are excited to move forward and hope to expand more in the upcoming months.

SPRING COMMUNITY EVENT – Save the date for Saturday, May 6th as a Creation Celebration Nature Event that will be open to the Community. We will have Howell Nature Center here to offer their Raptor Program (live Birds of Prey on site doing demonstrations), as well as the Nature Bus, funded by a grant offered by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, started in memory of Alexandria Bennett. The foundation’s mission is Connecting Children to Nature (more info at www.spiritofalexandria.org) and we are excited to be a recipient of this grant



to further the love of nature and God's Creation to the children in our community. The Bus will offer hands on experiences of nature, in addition to the raptor program. We also will have a Petting Farm on site, complete with a pony offering rides to children, a bubble machine, crafts, games and snacks. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks, as we will also be asking for help in hosting an event this size. Pass the word around, and keep May 6th open in your calendar!!!

[INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH]

LENTEN/EASTER OUTREACH PROJECT: "LIVING RIVERS IN THE DESERT" -

For the Lenten/Easter Season, we will be running our "Living Rivers in the Desert" project. Continuing on in the Maasai Mari region in Africa, which includes the Iturisho School that we have supported— a group from Montana has discovered a way to effectively bring water to the villages in the surrounding area. Due to gravity fed methods, water will soon be able to be delivered 3.5 KM (2.1 mi) in to these villages which previously required walking that distance to the main tap, and then carrying the water back home. The costs are ~\$10K; over \$3K has already been raised from other sources. As we see this as the Holy Spirit truly at work, we are excited to help assist with the build for clean water.

There are the Fish collection boxes available to any family that wishes to participate; we are asking that during each week of Lent, instead of eating out for one meal that you take that money instead and put it in the collection box. On Easter, we will be collecting all the boxes, as well as the Easter Offering, and all will go to the "Living Rivers in the Desert" Project to help bring clean water to God's people. Be sure to pick up your box! Any

questions please see any member of the committee or Michele Hintz.

Next meeting: Committee Day – April 2nd @ 3pm – we would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God’s plans for helping our community needs!

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We enjoyed our March 10th discussion of The Whistler by John Grisham. We agreed there were some surprises and twists and turns as the story unfolded.

Note the order of the books that will be read in the coming months:

April 7 – No Meeting

May 12 – The Light Between the Oceans

by M. L. Stedman

June 9 – Underground Railroad

by Colson Whitehead

Sometime between March 10 and April 7 we plan to see the movie, “The Shack”, which was the first book to be read by the Southminster Book Club. More than likely we will have enjoyed the movie outing by the time you are reading this ☺

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are

happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” ☺

Thank You

Jean Page

To my Church Family: Thank you all so much for your prayers and cards and calls. It means so much to me before and after the surgery. Looking forward to seeing you all! God’s Blessing and love always,
Jean Page

Deacons

submitted by Nancy Gillespie



Easter Basket requests for the needy have been on the decline over the past few years and Southminster has been donating our supplies to other food pantries in the area. This year the Deacons have voted to delete the Easter Baskets and replace them with other food projects to benefit the needy in our

community.

When people in need come to our door during Church Office hours with a food request we always give them addresses and phone numbers of where they can go to get assistance. Many of these people are in dire need of something to eat immediately.

Two suggested projects for 2017:

The Deacons will make up several small boxes with food that can be eaten immediately to hand them along with the list of places they can go for a larger supply of food

The Deacons are asking permission from our Session to build and maintain an outdoor Yard Based Food Pantry with items that the needy can have access to 24 hours a day. It would be restocked with donations from our church family and eventually it will become a community supported pantry and a way that people can feel like they are making a difference.

April Volunteers

Lay Liturgists Volunteers: April 2 Giovanna Savastano, April 16 Filomena Savastano, April 23 Megan Gillespie, April 30 Kaila Hamilton

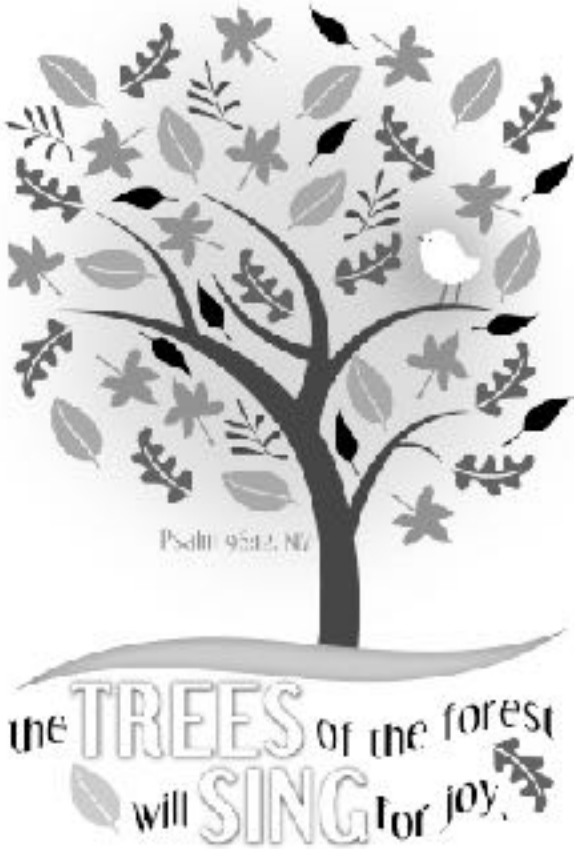
Communion Setup	Tony & Giovanna Savastano (Intinction)
Holy Thursday	Nancy Gillespie (Intinction)
Good Friday	Nancy Gillespie (Intinction)
Pew Patrol	Tony & Giovanna Savastano
Coffee Clean Up	Nancy Gillespie, Scott Barclay
Communion Clean Up	All Deacons

Session Motions and Notes

Connie Dainus

March 19, 2017

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to amend the



previously approved motion to remove the next to the last row of pews on the east side of the sanctuary (Page 1985 in the record book) to read: remove the last row pews on the east side of the sanctuary. Motion carried

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee that the official name of our Narthex design be: "Tree of Hope". Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to send the aforementioned motion back to the Building and Grounds committee for a discussion on messaging in naming the tree. Motion carried.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

Please join us on Monday April 10th at 12 Noon. The menu will be Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, beverage and dessert. The usual donation of \$3.00 is appreciated to help defray the cost. It is always nice to get together with our friends and share this wonderful meal. We started placing newsletters in Fellowship Hall for those who join us for lunch to help keep postage cost at a minimum. May menu will be either Sloppy Joe's or Hoagies, beverage and dessert.

Calendar Notes

April Birthday

Vorrey Holmes	4-1	Albert Ettore	4-14
Ellen Savastano	4-4	Teressa Savastano	4-16
Nancy Rand	4-6	Judy Calderone	4-16
Nannette Bouchard	4-8	Eric Gillespie	4-17
Jean Walker	4-8	Kaye Bullion	4-25
Marilyn White	4-13	Jean Page	4-30

April Wedding Anniversaries

Gerald & Patricia VanHook 4-26 60 Years

Memorials

In Memory of Dorothy Jansen Joyce Rowley

Upcoming Dates

1. Apr 1, 15, 29 Bowling 6:00 p.m. Thunderbowl Lanes
2. Apr 6, 20, 27 Thursday Grief Share 6:30-8:00 p.m.
3. Apr 2 Committee Day
4. Apr 2 Deacon Meeting 12:30
5. Apr 3 Rachel Circle Noon
6. Apr 4 *The Lord and His Prayer* 7:00-8:30 p.m.
7. Apr 9 Palm Sunday
8. Apr 2, 9, 23, 30 10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
9. Apr 9 Easter Egg Hunt 12:15 p.m.
10. Apr 10 Senior Luncheon
11. Apr 10 Confirmation 6:00 p.m.
12. Apr 12 Ruth Circle 10:00 a.m.
13. Apr 13 Worship Committee 6:30 p.m.
14. Apr 13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
15. Apr 14 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.
16. Apr 16 Easter Sunday
17. Apr 16 Easter Breakfast starts serving at 10:00 a.m.
18. Apr 22 Clean Up Heritage Park 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
19. Apr 22 Roller Skating 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.
20. Apr 22 May Newsletter deadline
21. Apr 23 Sarah Circle 6:30 p.m.
22. Apr 25 Table Talk with Pastor Clint 7:00 p.m.
23. Apr 30 Detroit Historical Society 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
24. Apr 30 Wholeness and Healing 5:30 p.m.

Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion

The narthex remodel is in the home stretch. It may even be completed as of this reading. The tree drawing has been up for a few weeks. If/when session approves everything connected to the project the second installment (along with any changes to the drawing) will be sent in for work to begin on the actual “ tree “.



We will be having a spring cleanup on Saturday May 6 2017 at 10 am. All are welcome to attend.

The date for the garage sale is May 20, 2017. The week before we will be accepting donations. There will be someone there to accept them .Time to be determined and announced at a later date.

Youth

Giovanna Savastano

For the month of April we have a few things going on for the middle and high school youth. First, we will be cooking Easter breakfast for the congregation on Easter morning. We will serve at 10:00, but will begin cooking earlier that morning. Times will



be announced as we get closer to Easter. On April 22nd, we are meeting for the clean up at Heritage Park. It begins at 9:00, and we will be finished at 11:00. That afternoon, the middle schoolers

are meeting at the church at 12:30 to go to Skateland in Woodhaven. We plan to be back around 3:30-4:00. Finally, on April 30th, the high schoolers will be going downtown to the Detroit Historical Museum. We will meet right after church for a light lunch, and then leave from there. We plan to be back around 4:00p.m.

Prayers

For those healing in the hospital:

Joan Watson (Glacier Hills, Ann Arbor)
Revallee Hutchens (Heartland, Allen Park)

We pray for those healing at home:

Vorrey Holmes, John Fields, Terri Donnan Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Arnold Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie and Tim Barclay, David Grove, Jean Walker, Jean Page, Evelyn Langlands

We pray for those needing long-term and emotional support:

Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe

Kurish (daughters and son of Elda Moore); Katherine Hutchinson; Laura Mount (daughter of Fred Mount); Jerry Pawelczyk (friend of Shirley Petlicki); Ralph Schall (uncle of Hope Lambrix); Kasey Morgan (daughter of Jackie Carlman); Sheila Morais; Dorothy Davies (friend of Judy Nowak); Barbara Willis (friends of Terri Donnan); Sue Landis; Kara Westra (awaiting liver transplant 15 yr.old); Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family (friends of Stephanie Pratt); Chuck Stevens; Carol Barnard; Darcy Matthies; Ed Schenken (friend of Jean Page); Brian (friend of Gloria Olsowy); Linda Solis (Sue Grove friend); Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter); Brenda Price (Cash family); Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter); Sandy Tipshus



(Vicki Simon sister), Nancy (Marlene Jones family), Patricia Epperson & Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker family); Kathy Jacobi (Karen Miller sister); Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend); Carol Politi, Carol Drumm (Shirley Aue friends); Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend); Wayne Tetz (Terri Donnan family); Dave Consiglio (Sue Frederick friend); Andrea Green, Karen S. (Daniel Bartok friends); Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend); William and Brenda Martelli (Friends of Southminster); Sue Grove tests, Success and understanding and safe journeys to and from school Veronica Dor, Flora Kibong, Yvonne Ngong; Ken Renner & Sue Landis; Elda Moore; Nan Bouchard; Steve Premo (Stephanie Pratt friend); Jack Tyre; Sue Ingesolian (Walker family); Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family)

We pray for those who serve our country:

Our President and Cabinet Officials; Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service	11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time)	10 am
Middle and High School Groups	10 am

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