



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor



This was going to be a Lenten season just like all the other Lenten seasons I've participated in as a pastor. The theme was set, the Worship Team was working hard to coordinate daily activities related to the themes for each week and I felt that I had enough energy to make it through the spring cycle of church life. Just another ordinary part of the cycle of my life. In

the days leading up to Ash Wednesday, I wandered into my dermatologist complaining of a rash on my arms. By the time she was done, she had taken two biopsies and rushed them off for expedited lab work. As I write this, I'm missing my second consecutive Sunday at Southminster (thank you First Pres Ann Arbor for supplying this week's guest preacher!) and reshuffling my calendar to create a workload that I can manage in the weeks ahead.

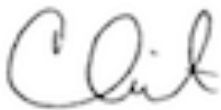
The good news is that the kind of skin cancer they found is very treatable and not at all aggressive. The bad news is that it was a recurrent growth first removed five years ago. That called for a fairly aggressive removal, with major work to be done by the plastic surgeon on my left temple during a second procedure. That second surgery involved the skin close to my left eye which, as a result, was swollen shut for several days. For the first time in my adult life, I couldn't read anything of substance for an extended period. Combine the need to recover from two procedures that close together with the complications that came from swelling, and it became at a minimum a very unexpected (and unwanted) journey.

So, what have I learned? First, the world got along quite nicely in my absence. Worship took place, special services happened,

committees met, decisions were made, Cathy kept her regular cycle of work and family commitments. I was surprised at just how smooth everything went without my participation. I was also surprised at the people that I reached out to. Family members with whom I talk only sporadically became priority conversations; I learned a bit about the relationships I really value and want to nurture in the days to come. I've always known that Cathy was a strong and independent person, but I am amazed at her focus through the last month. She moved methodically from one task and appointment to the next, balancing my need for her time and support with her professional life. She both nurtured, cared and prodded me all at the same time with insight and grace.

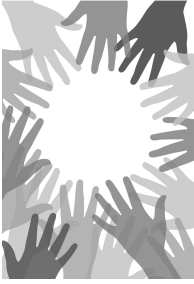
Lent is supposed to be a time of self-reflection, a time when we come to understand our own limitations so that we can truly appreciate God's grace extended to us in the gift of God's Son. The limitations we come to know in Lent help us marvel at the resurrection and God's invitation to us to become part of a new creation that transcends the limits of the old. Those are things I know in my head, but this Lent for me isn't about what I know in my head. It is about the events of life that reminded me of my own frailty, my own limits, my appreciation of the people who help me to see God in my life and of God's promise of a new creation that will pour forth from the Easter tomb.

It wasn't the Lent I planned out months ago, but it was I'm sure the Lent that I need.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris".

Nurture

Wendy Woodley



The Discovery Zone children have been exploring the rotation.org series “Jesus raises Lazarus”. The Lazarus stories will conclude on April 7th. The Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter stories “Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus” will go through May 5th. The Great Commission and Ascension stories will begin on May 12th.

Pastor Clint is leading the adult Discovery Zone class in a discussion on the book by Thomas a’Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*. The book is a devotional and religious classic. It offers comfort and understanding for the spiritual life of Christ in a physical world. Anyone is welcome to join them at any time.

Everyone grades 6 through 12 meet from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings for youth group. Meetings this month are April 7th, April 14th, and April 28th. Giovanna is always looking for additional adults to assist with the weekly youth group meeting, please let her know if you would like to sit in on one of the meetings.

April 20th is the next scheduled mission outreach scheduled at Cass Community Services in Detroit. Meet at the church at 8:15am and return at 1:00pm. Anyone interested in local mission work is invited to attend.

Upon returning from Cass Services on April 20th the youth will stay at the church and prep for the Easter breakfast. All sixth

through twelfth grade youth are asked to help with the preparations.

Two Triennium fundraising events will take place this month. On April 21st, the Easter Pancake Breakfast will once again be hosted by Rich, Tony, Giovanna and the youth beginning at 9:30am. All donations will support the local Triennium delegation youth fund.

Proceeds from a “Who Dun It Dinner” will also benefit the Triennium fund. Pat Fraser has written another murder mystery to be solved while enjoying a catered dinner. The event is scheduled for April 26th at 6:00pm and youth will begin taking reservations on April 7th after church. The suggested donation amount for dinner and the entertainment is \$15.00 per person.

Attention 2019 graduates we need your help! Please let Wendy, the office, or a member of the Nurture team know if you are graduating, school from which you are graduating, and the degree you have attained. Recognition of graduates will take place on June 9th during the 11:00am worship service.

The 2019 Vacation Bible School theme has been selected by the Nurture committee. This year’s theme is an African Safari; the curriculum is called “Roar, Life is Wild God is Good.” A five evening program will be hosted by us on June 24th through June 28th from 6:00pm until 8:30pm here at Southminster. Many volunteers will be needed, please let Wendy know if you are willing to help out. The first planning meeting will be held on April 10th at 7:00pm please join us!

The 2019 Presbyterian Triennium event “Here’s My Heart” is July 16th through 20th at Perdue University in Indiana. Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt are going as advisors with the youth group and Pat

Fraser is attending as a Small Group Leader. Five days of conversation, recreation, worship, learning and fun. The youth will learn what it means to serve Christ with intelligence, energy, imagination and love. Cost is \$645. for youth and \$665. for those 18 years and older. Final payments for the trip will be made on April 25th. May 18th from 10-12, there is a mandatory meeting for all Triennium attendees at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley



We gathered on March 8 to discuss *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow. We definitely recommend the book to everyone. It is a very thought-provoking read, with life lessons that can be helpful to people of all ages. *The Last Lecture* was a means of expression and a way to teach his children, long after Mr. Pausch was gone.

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

April 12 – *That’s Why I Am Here* by Chris Spielman

May 10 – *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

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” ☺

Financial Picture

Connie Dainus, Clerk of Session

February 2019

Income:	\$13,233.80
Expenses:	<u>14,854.14</u>
Balance:	- 1620.34

Year to Date:

Income:	\$25,606.36
Expenses:	<u>27,865.65</u>
Balance:	- 2,259.29

April Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt

Sanctuary Duties	
Communion 4-7,18, 21	Nancy Gillespie, Mary Cline
Pew Patrol	Sue Frederick
Coffee Clean Up	Mary Cline
Greeters	
April 7	Donnan's
April 14	Cairns
April 21	Jan Hinson, Josephine Jamison
April 28	Mary Wright

Help Wanted - Church Jobs

Mary Cline

There are many great jobs for Sunday service waiting to be filled for the coming year. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall with more information. We need greeters, communion helpers, and coffee cleanup help. Please see the worship board and commit to as many weeks as you can.

Thank you so much!

Expressions

Denise Wright

Micro Clothes Closet: (continuing) - Utilizing the Faith in Action Phase I Grant received from Presbytery, we continue coordinating with Kinyon Elementary on providing clothing items and other supplies that the school needs during the year. We will fulfill their 'wish list' that they will be sending monthly to us by purchasing the items and delivering to them.

As these lists are continuing into the New Year.....we are asking for help from the congregation on doing the shopping and delivering. If you are interested in this mission, please let someone from the Expressions committee know you would like to help!!!!!!!

Grief Share – Winter 2019– Southminster is partnering with Allen Park Presbyterian Church on holding joint Grief Share sessions. This will add to the resources we have available to run the program as well as expand the locations to host them. The winter session will be held at Allen Park Presbyterian Church and is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm and will run through April. This is open to the community so please extend the opportunity to all that may need some extra support while grieving a loved one.

Christnet – March 2019 – We would like to thank everyone who participated in helping with Christnet this round, whether serving dinner or staying up all night – all is greatly APPRECIATED!!!!!!



FAITH IN ACTION – PHASE II: As we continue to analyze the details for which direction we will head to make the most use of our grant money, we will celebrate an Unveiling service for this community project on Good Friday (Apr 19) at 7pm at Allen Park

Presbyterian Church. As Jesus left us and commanded us to continue his work, this is an appropriate time that we continue to do God's work with this community project starting with Good Friday.

One of the first steps following the service is to gather folks who like to do construction projects from both congregations and begin a remodel of the rooms at APPC that we will be using. If you are handy with projects and interested in helping, please see Michele Hintz for more details and a future date to start the project.

2019 events:

Block Party: August 11th

Animalpalooza: Sept 29th

Halloween Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat: Oct. 27th

Christmas in the Neighborhood/Kinyon Families: Nov/Dec 2019

Inside/Out Dinner: Advent 2019

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 in our Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there!

Next Meeting – Committee Day – Sun, April 7th @ 3pm

Church Life

Gus Cline

Spring so that means it's time to think Baseball! We are looking at a couple of events involving the Detroit Tigers and Toledo Mudhens in June and July. We are finalizing plans and dates and will have those out soon so watch upcoming newsletters and Church Sunday slides for more details.

Doing a little something different with our annual church picnic which will involve the surrounding community that should be exciting. More news on that coming soon as will dates for our Camping weekend and Christmas get together.

Pastoral Care

Our team is busy ministering to 20 of our members and friends in various stages of need. This Easter season we will be visiting with Pastor Clint and celebrating communion.

Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion



The new office is now complete and its tenants are moved in and seem happy. There are many people to thank for their help. Without them it would be truly impossible to tackle such renovations. To each and everyone of you I thank you from the bottom of my heart. On a special note... a personal thank you for your support and understanding

as we (Sharilyn and I) have been dealing with some health issues as of late.

The plans to renovate Annes office are going full speed ahead. She will be on vacation the first week of April. We are confident that we will have it complete upon her return. It is a tight schedule but an attainable one.

Spring clean up is going to be on May 4 @ 10am.

NO MOTIONS

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, April 8th at 12 noon. Our menu will be Beef Stew, dessert and coffee for just \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older

Memorials

In Memory Of

Delores Nagy

Given By Tim and Laurie Barclay

April Anniversary

Gerald & Patricia VanHook 4/26 62 Years

April Birthdays

Vorrey Holmes	4-1	Teressa Savastano	4-16
Ellen Savastano	4-4	Judith Calderone	4-16
Nancy Rand	4-6	Eric Gillespie	4-17
Jean Walker	4-8	Kaye Bullion	4-25
Marilyn White	4-13	Genet Spears	4-27
Charles Stevens	4-13	Jean Page	4-30
Albert Ettore	4-14		

Upcoming Dates

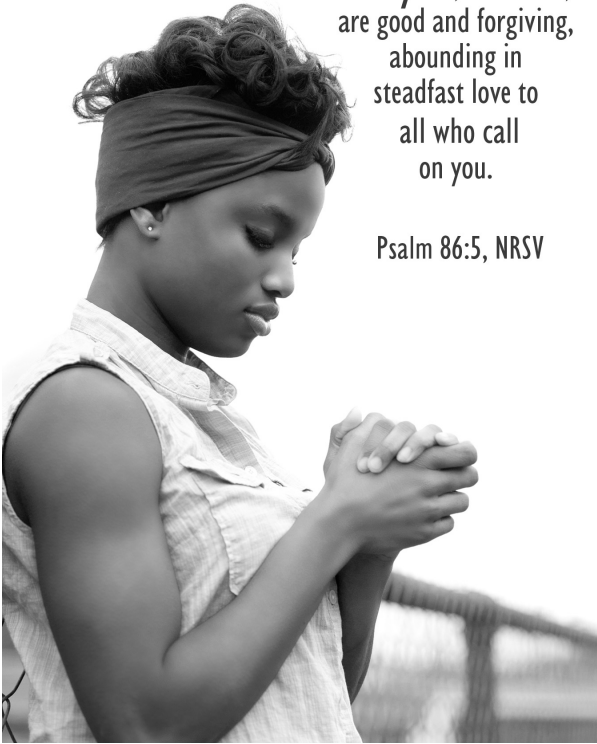
Mon April 1	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Sat April 6,20	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes
Sun April 7	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon April 8	Noon Senior Lunch
Sun April 7,14,21,28	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
	11:00 a.m. Worship
Sun April 7,14,28	6:00 p.m. Youth tonight
Tue April 9,16,25,30	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wed April 10	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Fri April 12	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Thur April 18	7:00 p.m. Session
Sat April 20	8:00 a.m. Cass Community
	Social Services Combined Youth
Sun April 21	Easter Sunday He Is Risen!
	9:30 a.m. Youth Easter Breakfast
Mon Apr 22	May Newsletter deadline
Fri April 26	6:00 p.m. "Who Dun It?"

Sun Mar 17

Dinner Fundraiser
6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle

For you, O LORD,
are good and forgiving,
abounding in
steadfast love to
all who call
on you.

Psalm 86:5, NRSV



PRAYERS Ron Gillespie in Regency Rehab & Dorothy,
Marge Bernadine

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Norm Manders, Marnie Winkleman Jerry Kirkland, Pat
Morton, David Grove, Don Hardy, Dale Simon, Sue Landis

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Marlene Jones, Cynthia Johnson, Jackie Sue & Greg, Tilley
family (Cash's friends), Evelyn Langlands, Marge Bernadine,
Joan Watson, Vorrey Holmes, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon
sister), Elda Moore and children, Laura Mount (Fred Mount
daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph
Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Barbara Willis
(Terri Donnan friend), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey
Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends),
Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken
(Jean Page friend), Brenda and Terry Price (Cash family),
Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula
Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsow
family), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick
friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda
Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue
friend), Elda Moore, Ken Renner, Gordon Watson (Joan
Watson family), Sharilyn Bullion

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II,
Kevin Moody, Stacy Denise Cain, Kenny Trapp

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service 11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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