

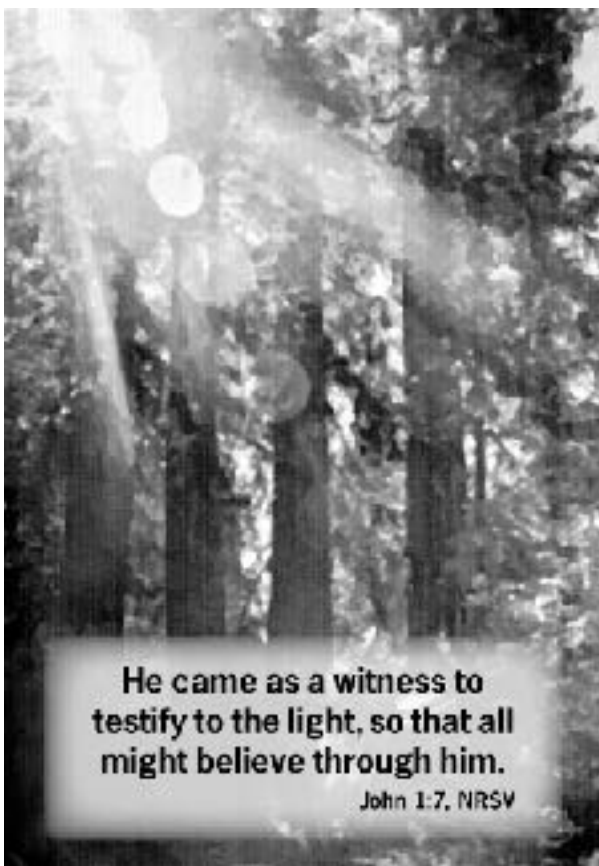


SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2017

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Southminster Presbyterian Church
21845 Wick Road
Taylor, MI 48180

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Return Service Requested

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From the Pastor

Big things are planned for Southminster in 2018! This is the year that we will, as a community, read through the Bible together. If you read just four chapters a day, six days a week (even God took a day off every week to rest) for fifty-two weeks, you can read through the Bible cover to cover in a year. Why, you might ask, should I invest that much time (something like 20 minutes a day, 130 hours total) in any church related activity? At the heart of the Protestant church is the belief that God gave us the Bible so that we could individually come to know God and what God wants in our world. Scripture alone is God's word to us, not the Bible plus a commentary or curriculum or teacher, but Scripture along with the Holy Spirit (given to each follower of Jesus) is all we need to know God as well as God's design for our lives and our world.

We go into our local Christian book store, or browse the Bibles pages on Amazon, and we almost drown in a sea of choices. It's easy to miss just how blest we are to have God's word available to us in our language and cultural idiom. We forget that William Tyndale gave his life for the "sin" of translating the Greek and Hebrew Bible into the English language as it was spoken in the time of Henry VIII. We forget that a century before Tyndale, John Wycliffe came under intense persecution for making the first

(Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsowy 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 sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friend), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi, Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner, Sue Landis, Steve Premo (Stephanie Pratt friend), Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Patricia Epperson, Phyllis Marken, Carl & Carol Linke, Christine Simpson family

We pray for those who serve our country:

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

Prayers of Sympathy:

We pray for those who are recovering in the hospital

John Fields, Jr (Heartland, Allen Park)

	7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Sun Dec 10	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting D C Southminster Family Christmas Dinner
Mon Dec 11	Noon Senior Lunch ChristNet
Tue Dec 12	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Wed Dec 13	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle D C ChristNet
Fri Dec 15	6:30 p.m. Friends In Christ Caroling
Sat Dec 16	6:00 p.m. Bowling Allen Park
Sun Dec 17	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Session 5:30 p.m. Middle & H.S. Youth Christmas Movie Night
Tue Dec 19	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Fri Dec 22	January 2018 Newsletter Deadline
Sun Dec 24	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship Christmas Eve
Mon Dec 25	Christmas Day <i>Unto us a Savior is born.</i>
Tue Dec 26	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Sat Dec 30	6:00 p.m. Bowling Allen Park
Sun Dec 31	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayers

We pray for those healing at home:

Joan Watson, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie and Tim Barclay, David Grove, Terri Donnan

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

Ed Tipshus, Donna Barnes, Chris Newsom, Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Katherine Hutchinson, Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk

translation of the Bible into the English tongue of his time. We've lost the sense of the Bible being something special, something life changing, a message from God to us.

The only way I know of to discover just how special, how transforming and life altering the Bible can be, is to spend time in it. We're asking our community, those who worship here regularly, those who pray for Southminster and support it from afar, those who have been a part of the Southminster family and keep tabs on what's happening in our life here, to join together in 2018 in a community journey. Our themes in worship will be coordinated with this Through-the-Bible-in-a-Year journey; likewise, *Discovery Zone* will support the Bible-in-a-Year journey. Over Lent, we'll have groups that will meet in homes, and on-line, to talk about what we've read and heard from God in the Bible. 2018 will be the year that many of you read the Bible through for the first time, and that will be exciting!

The reading plan we've developed connects the Bible to the liturgical church year. During Lent, we'll be reading the stories about Jesus, during the period from Easter to Pentecost, we'll follow Jesus' followers as they spread the Good News that Jesus is Lord through the known world. We'll worship with the Psalmist, we'll hear the wisdom of Solomon in the Proverbs, we will sit at the feet of the prophets as they talk about their vision of who God is and what God is doing in the world.

If we let it, this journey will transform us. We want YOU to be a part of what we're doing. You'll note a signup box in the weekly check in tab in the worship bulletin. If you're not able to join us in worship, but want to be part of the Through-the-Bible-in-a-Year journey, drop us an email (pastor.clint@southminsterchurch.org) or call the office (313-291-0122) and let us know you want to join

us in this journey. Four chapters a day, twenty minutes or less. You can read all four chapters in the morning, two in the morning and two in the evening, or all four at night, do it any way that works for you; but make 2018 the year when we do it, we read the Bible. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. May our prayer in 2018 be that God will increase our faith through our journey through the word.

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Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

It's hard to believe Advent time is already here and 2018 is fast approaching. We'd like to take this time to thank everyone that has helped us with the Youth during 2017. Discovery Zone Leaders, Vacation Bible School, Nursery and Worship Volunteers, and Youth Chaperones we appreciate all that you have done. Without your continued support we could not serve the youth of this congregation, our neighbors, or our friends. THANK YOU! Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

The Advent selection for Discovery Zone begins on December 3rd and the context is Isaiah "Promised Jesus Fulfilled." Discovery Zone will not be held on December 24th or December 31st, there is only worship service on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

In January, the whole church family is invited to join together in reading through the entire Bible in a year. It would mean that you read four chapters a day, six days a week for fifty-two weeks of the

Bruce Aue 12-15 Shirley Aue 12-25

Calendar Notes

December Anniversaries

William & Genevieve Cairns 12-27 65 Years
Michael & Patricia Lalinsky 12-17 13 Years

Memorials

In Memory of Barney Barclay:
Bruce Aue

In Honor of Ron & Pat Well's 50th Anniversary:
Al & Barb MacDonald

Upcoming Dates

Sat Dec 2 10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church
6:00 p.m. Bowling Allen Park
Sun Dec 3 10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
11:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Committee Day
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Mon Dec 4 Noon Rachel Circle F H
Tue Dec 5 8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Fri Dec 8 10:30 a.m. Book Club

This year our study book is “Who Is Jesus”. In this study we are examining the question of who Jesus was through the lens of how the four gospel writers portray Jesus, and how the apostle Paul describes Jesus to the members of the early church. Please feel free to join us at any time in one of our circles.

Sarah Circle meets on the 4th Sunday at 6:30 at the home of Terri Donnan

Rachel Circles meets on the 1st Monday of the month at the Church at 12:00p.m.

Ruth Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Church at 10:00 a.m Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, December 11th at 12 noon.** The menu will be Roast Beef with all the trimmings and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older. Merry Christmas!

Calendar Notes

December Birthday

Patricia VanHook	12-6	Gary Cash	12-19
Susan Grove	12-7	Shirley Petlicki	12-20
Michelle Nutter	12-10	Scott Fraser	12-20
Tim Barclay	12-13	Jackie Carlman	12-20
Ken Renner	12-14	Mary Wright	12-24
Samantha Shinavier	12-15	Andrea Held	12-25

year. Discovery Zone and Sunday worship will both synchronize to the reading plan. Southminster, are you up for this spiritual challenge?

We are happy to announce that Discovery Zone will be adding a Middle School class in January. All sixth through eighth grade youth and their friends are invited to attend this class. Instructors are Pat Fraser and Rich Pratt.

The Nurture team is always in need of additional volunteers. If you'd like to assist with games, cooking, art, music or drama, please let us know. In the Discovery Zone hour, Pastor Clint leads the gathering bible story time in Fellowship Hall. The opening is about 15-20 minutes, the youth then break in to their groups and the adults join with Pastor Clint in the Adult Classroom. Everyone is given the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together, learning the same message.

An additional paid child care worker is being sought out to assist Marlene in the nursery each week for two hours on Sunday morning. If you know of someone 18 years of age or older that might be interested in this position, please let Wendy or Marnie know. We are currently checking with the local colleges inquiring if they have students in need of child care credits.

Children will remain in the sanctuary during the worship service. After the children's time portion of the worship service, kids under second grade are being supervised at the table located in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to help with the children in the sanctuary during worship, you're always welcome to join them at their table. For children older than second grade, blue busy bags are available at the door, they have coloring pages and work sheets inside. The weekly context of all learning material is the same biblical context as the Discovery Zone material.

The middle school and high school youth groups are now meeting with Giovanna every Sunday evening. The middle schoolers meet from 5:30-6:30pm and the high schoolers meet from 7:00-8:00pm. However, they will not be meeting on Dec. 24th or 31st this month. If you would be interested in sitting in with Giovanna on a youth meeting or accompanying them on an outreach event, please let her know. She is always looking for adult volunteers to join them.

The middle school and high school youth will be doing an outreach event at Fish and Loaves or Santa's Magic Forest on December 9th, the time to be determined.

All youth are invited to go Christmas Caroling on December 15th at 6:30pm. Meet at the church and caroling will take place at The Lodge of Taylor. Cookies and Hot Cocoa back at the church following caroling.

December 17th is middle school and high school Christmas Movie Night here at the church. Youth are invited to meet at the church from 5:30-8:30pm. Wear your pajamas, one Christmas movie will be shown, popcorn, snacks and hot chocolate will be consumed.

All youth and their families are invited to meet at the church on January 2nd at 12:30pm for family swim day. Swimming at the Romulus Recreation Center will be from 1-3pm. Pizza will follow up swimming, place to be determined.

Fellowship

Submitted by Dave Fraser

The family Christmas party is December 10 at 5:00 p.m. Chef Randy is preparing the dinner. I believe our Dave Calendine will

October Session Motions Connie Dainus

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve the use of building on Nov.18 for MacDonald party. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt to form a task force on developing policies for inclusion in the the Tree of Life, and function as initial screening group under the auspices of Building and Grounds with members to be determined. Motion carried.

Motion by committee to accept the donation of a video camera. Motion carried.

PWPD Circles

submitted by Connie Dainus

First of all I would like to inform everyone that I have agreed to be the Moderator for our PWPD women's group. I'm new at this, so please excuse any errors I may make as I learn this new position. Our circles collected \$293.00 in items for the Ingathering this year. We purchased underwear, socks for both adults and children; 2 craft kits, and school kits. Nancy Gillespie and I delivered the items to the Presbytery on Oct. 16. It was awesome to see how many items the PWPD circles in our presbytery had collected.

During the month of November our circles collected the annual "Thank Offering". Since 1888, Presbyterian women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, and justice for women, and so much more.



January 12 – The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

Please join us, helping us make decisions regarding future books we would enjoy reading in February and the following months. We are always looking for something new and different to be reading.

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” ☺

Deacons

Deacons’ Duties in December

- Communion set up ~ Pat Tucker, Nancy Gillespie
- Communion clean up ~ All deacons present
- Pew Patrol ~ Mary Cline
- Coffee clean up ~ Mary Cline

*Please take coffee carafe to the Counters

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- Communion clean up ~ All deacons present
- Pew Patrol ~ Mary Cline
- Coffee clean up ~ Pat Tucker

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be there to provide music. We are also expecting a visitor from the Great White North. Hope to see everybody there.

Expressions

Michele Hintz

CHRISTMAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: This year’s congregational holiday project will focus on being God’s Disciples in our church’s neighborhood by helping out 5 or 6 families in need that live near the church. We are working with the principal at Blair Moody Elementary School to receive information for some families that need help (and aren’t receiving help from other groups).

We will help in the form of clothing, food, toys, toiletries, crock pots, and any other specific item, such as pet food if they own a pet, if it is needed. This would encompass the entire family – adults included.

At the time of print of this article, we are currently awaiting the size/age/number in family unit information from the principal; once that is known, we will put the items on the tree in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to take who would like to participate. The Deacon’s will also be contributing the main food portions to this project.

We will designate a spot to collect items purchased, as well as a return date. Please stay tuned for the latter details to transpire. Any questions please see a member from the Expressions Committee.

CHRISTNET: We will be supporting ChristNet with our neighbor churches (St. Constance, St. Paul’s, Journey of Hope) being housed this year at Journey of Hope on Pardee the week of Dec.

10th. Southminster has contributed their share of the costs for the week, as well as 'staffing' 2 of the 7 nights. Our evenings to cover are MONDAY, DEC 11th and WEDNESDAY, DEC 13th. We will be providing meals for both nights, as well as breakfast the following mornings and a sack lunch for them to take. We still need help covering shifts on both evenings as follows:

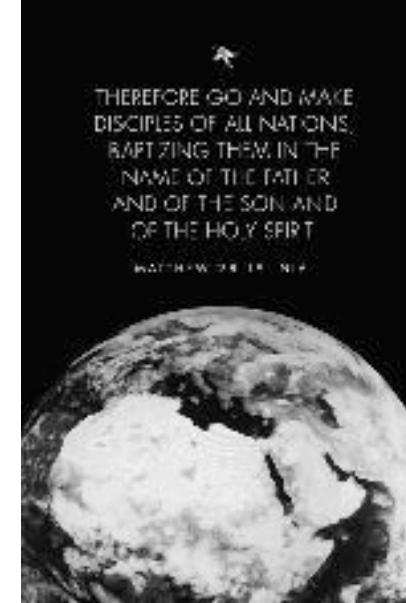
Mon, Dec 11th – 2 women for the 12am-7am shift, as well as a few more food servers/clean-up crew Monday evening.

Wed, Dec 13th – 2 men for the 6pm-12am shift, as well as a few more food servers/clean-up crew Wednesday evening.

If you are available to help, please contact Michele Hintz (313-268-2594 or michele.hintz@biomerieux.com) to sign up for a slot – help is greatly appreciated as many hands can lighten the work load!!! It's a very rewarding experience helping those less fortunate.

Next meeting: Committee Day – (Postponed) Dec 3rd @ 3pm – due to many committee members not able to be present on this particular day, we decided it would be best to arrange to meet a bit later and closer to when we'll need to work on assembling the items collected. It will be announced when we have a new date.

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 gathered on November 10th to discuss Slow Way Home by Michael Morris. It was an interesting discussion of the love and sacrifice that grandparents will give and make for a grandchild. It was a story that each of us could relate to in some way. This is a book we would recommend.

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

December 8 – We will share Christmas stories/books that we each have read. (We did this last year.)