



# SOUTHMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2017

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## From the Pastor



One of my projects for this year is to work on how we communicate with each other. I want to make sure that people know where to go to find the information they need in a timely fashion. To that end, you will note some changes to the various bulletin boards around the walls of the Fellowship Hall. Every committee and most organizations in the church now have their own board somewhere in that room. We've got large labels on each board identifying which group is using which board (thank you Connie Dainus for the signage!).

On the Session board, there will always be a two month calendar. This is being changed weekly, so it is always up to date. Want to know what's happening at the church on Tuesday evenings? The calendar on the Session board can answer that question. The most recent Session minutes will be posted there monthly. We will also post the monthly financial reports. When you hear about something happening connected to the Session, the definitive answer as to what is being done and under consideration is found monthly in those minutes.

Want to know about planning for the 2017 VBS? That would be the Nurture board. Plans for the 2017 church picnic? You should find that on the Fellowship board. The latest news on the Kinyon Tutoring project, check Expressions. Who is responsible for cleaning up the sanctuary can be found on the Deacon's board. You get the idea. Each group will be responsible for keeping their boards up to date, but I will be encouraging each group to use

these as a tool to keep everyone up to date on the life of Southminster.

Between the bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall and the church web site ([www.southmistertaylor.org](http://www.southmistertaylor.org)), you should be able to answer most of your questions about what, when and where in the life of Southminster. As always, if you're just not sure or need additional clarification, please don't hesitate to call me: 313-896-6441.

Happy Reading.

## Nurture

Wendy Woodley / Marnie Winkleman

HELP WANTED! Looking for a few more consistent volunteers to assist Marlene Jones in the Nursery during Discovery Zone or the worship service. Or, if you'd prefer watching a Veggie Tale movie during worship with children 4 through 7, we have openings available for that too. Please let Marnie or Wendy know if you are willing to help in one of these areas.

David and Goliath, David and Jonathan are the biblical contexts for the weeks of February in *Discovery Zone*. This is an informational in depth series on the life of King David. Beginning on the first Sunday in Lent, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Clint will be leading a 5 week series on *The Lord's Prayer*. This is an interesting, fun way for families and individuals to learn about prayer and the Lord's Prayer in general. He will also be including lessons for our

adults on Bible Study 101, Presbyterianism for Beginners and Church Polity during the upcoming months.

Youth ministry coordinator, Giovanna Savastano has an eventful schedule planned for the middle school through high school youth of the church. She has been doing a phenomenal job leading our teens. Entertainment activities this month are Souper Bowl Saturday and Hawk Island Snow Tubing. Both events are for the middle school and high school aged youth.

Souper Bowl Saturday will take place from Noon - 2:00pm on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The youth will be hosting this event in conjunction with the Fellowship Committee. Much like the Chili cook off of the past, this is a whole church event. Come and taste the soups entered and vote for your favorite. An informational hunger program will also be included during this event. Please bring a can or two of soup for donation to a local food pantry. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Hawk Island Snow Tubing Hill is in Lansing, MI and the sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited. They will meet at the church at 10:00am. A late lunch will be eaten in Lansing before returning back to the church around 5:30pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person for tube rental and money for lunch will also be needed. Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall on youth board.

The high school aged youth will meet for a regular meeting from 5:30- 7:00pm on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Friends in Christ, our kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth group will meet on February 10<sup>th</sup> for a Valentine Extravaganza 6:00pm at the church. The children will make Valentines, enjoy snacks and games. Valentines the children make will be sent to our shut ins. Sign-up sheet is in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation classes for youth wanting to join the church have gotten under way. This month the classes here at the church will be held on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. A church visit to another denomination will take place on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm the confirmands will observe the session meeting. Upon completion of classes and outings the group will then join the church on Easter Sunday.

## Expressions

Michele Hintz / Kandi Wood

The Expressions Committee met in January to begin planning for projects in 2017 that will show how Southminster is doing God's work in the community. Ongoing projects are listed below:

Grief Share is back in session at Southminster on Thursdays at 6:30pm. 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.

As the outreach portion stemming from the Tree of Life project, (modeled after 10% of what is raised for ourselves should be raised for outreach), the Ilturisho School in Kenya was sent approximately \$8500 in January. \$2000 of that was raised from within the congregation of Southminster, which was double of what our goal was, thanks to all your generosity! The remaining funds were donated to Southminster from outside sources (relatives of Pastor Clint) and all went over in Southminster's name. Starting out as a school with 2 pupils under a tree, they are growing to over 250 students and have their first 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year. This will greatly help them build/improve their classrooms.

We have hopes of establishing a long-term relationship with the school, rendering future opportunities to help and serve. This will be an on-going project, and anyone may continue to give to this project throughout the year if you would like to support.

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 a student 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 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.

Christ Child House /Filomena Savastano Senior Project – Expressions is sponsoring Filomena in her senior project for the Christ Child House – a home for behaviorally challenged boys that can't stay in foster homes. Among a number of one-on-one sessions to help these boys, she has asked the committee/ congregation to help her by collecting a specific supply item each week that the home needs to care for these boys. Lists were handed out after church a few weeks ago, listing one item each week that would be focused on for collection. There is a bin in the Fellowship Hall by the Expressions Bulletin Board where anyone wishing to donate can drop their items off. There are extra lists pinned onto the bin as well; there will be future lists as the time arrives for the next set of weeks. This project will run through late

spring. Please see Filamena Savastano or Michele Hintz for more detailed information.

Next meeting: Committee Day – February 5<sup>th</sup> at 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!

### Joyce Rowley

Brigid Fitzgerald, the main character, in *Woman of God* by James Patterson, was an almost unbelievable woman. The author portrayed her as a woman whose faith increased as the story progressed. Note the order of the books that will be read in the coming months:

February 10 – *Innocence* by Dean Koontz

March 10 – *The Whistler* by John Grisham

Just an advance notice that our April meeting will be on Friday, April 7, because the second Friday, April 14, is Good Friday.

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” 😊

## February Volunteers

Lay Liturgist

Nancy Gillespie

Communion Setup	All Deacons on Saturday, 2/4 @ 11:00 a.m.
Pew Patrol	Carla Long, Kandi Wood, Mary Cline
Coffee Clean Up	Kandi Wood, Sharon Puschaver
Communion Clean Up	All Deacons

## Session Motions and Notes

Connie Dainus  
January 15, 2017

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Connie Dainus as Clerk to Session for the year 2017. Motion carried.

Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to elect Susann Smith to the office of Church Treasurer upon her acceptance. Motion carried.

Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to nominate the following for corporation officers: Dale Simon for President, Connie Dainus as Secretary, and Susann Smith as Treasurer for the year 2017.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve the 2016 Annual Church Statistical Report. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to adopt the 2017 Session Covenant. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to adopt the committee structure detailed in the 2017 Southminster Organization Chart. Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship Committee to approve Communion on the following dates for 2017: Sunday 2/5 Distribution, Wholeness/Healing 2/12, Ash Wednesday 3/1 Intinction, Sunday 3/5



Distribution, Sunday 4/2 Distribution, Maundy Thursday 4/13 Intinction, Good Friday 4/14 Intinction, Easter Sunday 4/16 Intinction, Wholeness/Healing 4/30, Sunday 5/7 Distribution, Pentecost Sunday 6/4 Intinction, Sunday 7/2 Distribution Sunday 8/6 Distribution, Wholeness/Healing 8/13, Sunday 9/3 Distribution Camping weekend 8/26 Intinction, Sunday 10/1 Intinction, Sunday 11/5 Distribution, Wholeness/Healing 11/12 Sunday 12/3 Distribution, Christmas Eve 12/24 – Intinction, Sunday 1/7 Distribution, Motion carried.

Motioned by the Finance Committee to approve the purchase of \$50 gift cards for our four non-clergy staff members who are Anne Moody, Marlene Jones, Dave Calendine and Giovanna Savastano. Motion carried.

Motioned by the Finance committee to support two of the national offerings which are the Peacemaking offering and the Pentecost offering. Motion carried.

Motioned by the Finance Committee to send \$1,500 from the seminary support line item 5.1861 to Columbia Theological Seminary to support Katelyn Nutter-Dowling. Motion carried.

Motioned by Finance Committee to Re-allocate our church funds as presented by the Finance Committee:

1. Transfer \$30,000 from our Morgan Stanley accounts to our PNC checking. This includes \$9,515.00 from our Stryker (SYK) stock to pay for the tree project, \$5,000 from our Morgan Stanley cash account to pay for the remainder of the remodeling project, and \$13,985,00 from our Morgan Stanley cash account to our PNC checking account to be used as a buffer for managing our checking account this year. This \$13k will be used throughout the year to fill in the lows in giving.
2. Purchase a one year CD for \$30,000 which will act as our cash reserves. This will be used as an emergency fund.

3. Keep 100 shares of SKY stock currently valued at \$123 per share. This dollar amount will change on a daily basis.
4. The finance committee and our Morgan Stanley VP recommends investing \$147,000 in the following: \$50,000 in Franklin Income Fund, \$50,000 in JP Morgan Income Builder, \$27,000 in Century Link Communications, and \$20,000 in American Airlines Group.

Motion carried.

## **Senior Luncheon**

Kay Snaddon

Please join us on Monday, February 13th at 12 Noon. The menu will be Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, dessert and beverage. 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 are starting to have your newsletter placed in the room where lunch is held and you can pick it up at the luncheon. This will help defray mailing costs. Thank you!

MENU for March 13<sup>th</sup> will be Corned Beef and Cabbage beverage and dessert.

## **Calendar Notes**

### **Birthdays February**

Douglas Holmes	2-4	Mary Cline	2-21
Philip Hudson	2-5	Vickie Simon	2-27
Bryan Gillespie	2-9	Sandy Salowich	2-27
Bernard Nutter	2-10	Dominic Matthies	2-27

Marnie Winkleman 2-12

Pat Fraser 2-18

## **February Wedding Anniversaries**

Rich & Stephanie Pratt February 21

### **Thank You**

submitted by Jan Hinson

A big thank you to all who donated mittens, hats and scarfs to the Mitten Tree in Fellowship Hall during the Christmas Season. We were helped in this collection by Taylor Senior Center Christmas Day Meal Hat and Mitten collection. All the items collected were taken to Fish and Loaves Food Pantry to be distributed to their clients.

Thank you Southminster for the gift card at Christmas!  
Dave, Marlene, Giovanna and Anne

### **Memorials**

In Memory of Dorothy Jansen,

Kay Snaddon, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Ron & Dorothy Gillespie,  
Jerry & Bess Kirkland, Bruce Aue, Phyllis Fink, Bill & Jenny  
Cairns

In Memory of Dorothy Vierthales

Arnold & Shirley Aue

### **Upcoming Dates**

1. Feb 2,9,16,23 Thursday Grief Share 6:30-8:00 p.m.
2. Feb 4 Saturday Souper Bowl Saturday Noon-2:00 p.m.
3. Feb 4 Saturday Bowling 6:00 p.m.

4. Feb 5 Sunday Committee Day 3:00-6:00 p.m.
5. Feb 6 Monday Rachel Circle Noon-1:00 p.m.
6. Feb 6 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
7. Feb 8 Wed Ruth Circle 10:00-11:00 a.m.
8. Feb 10 Friday Book Club 10:30-Noon
9. Feb 10 Friday Valentine Extravaganza 6:00-7:00 p.m.
10. Feb 11 Saturday Confirmation Church Visit 6:00-8:30 p.m.
11. Feb 12 Sunday Deacon Meeting 11:30-1:00p.m.
12. Feb 12 Wholeness & Healing w/Communion 5:30 p.m.
13. Feb 13 Monday Senior Lunch Noon-1:00 p.m.
14. Feb 18 Saturday Snow Tubing 10:00-5:00 p.m.
15. Feb 18 Saturday Bowling 6:00 p.m.
16. Feb 19 Sunday Session 3:00
17. Feb 19 Sunday Confirmation Class
18. Feb 20 Monday Confirmation Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
19. Feb 22 Wednesday March Newsletter deadline
20. Feb 26 Sunday Youth Group 5:30-7:00 p.m.
21. Feb 26 Sunday Sarah Circle 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## **Building and Grounds**

Dave Bullion

Construction continues on the building. Bruce Aue will call Burt and tell him to suspend work on the Adult classroom for now. He is to concentrate on finishing the numerous "Projects" he has going on currently. These projects being , 1) framing in the doors, 2) complete all tile and grouting, 3) complete the trim work, 4) benches in the coatroom, etc. Once those are completed then move on to the Adult classroom.

Laurie Barclay requested the first payment check in the amount of \$3800 for the "Neuder Benevolence Tree" ( tree of life ). Once the check is received they will start working on

drawings to be submitted for our approval. Wood and leaf colors will have to be finalized and submitted to them for us to see a finished drawing.

We are planning on doing another “ Garage Sale”, with the hopes of making it an annual event. As there is not a lot left from last years sale we are thinking of taking donations from the membership. Discussions as to where the proceeds will go to ensue . The date of the garage sale will coincide with the Taylor Garage Sale weekend.

Finally, we have received an SOS from the kitchen. Discussions will continue but we are talking about mostly clean up, fresh coat of paint, doing something with the cabinets, etc. If nothing else we need to at least make the whole room the SAME color.

## **Fellowship**

**Dave Fraser**

Keep your summer schedule open for a Toledo Mudhens game and the Family Camp Out. Dates to be announced!

## **Youth**

**Giovanna Savastano**

For the month of February the middle and high school youth have some activities planned, as well as a confirmation class running.

For activities we are starting with an event called "Souper Bowl Saturday". This is an event open to the entire church congregation, and will be similar to the chili cook off with soups being brought in

and voted for. It will be on Saturday, February 4th from 12:00-2:00. The cost to get in is a canned good.

Our next event will be a trip to Hawk Island Snow Tubing Hill in Lansing, Michigan. This is an event for all 6th-12th graders. It will be on Saturday, February 18th. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and go from there. We will plan on snow tubing for a while, and then will get a late lunch/early dinner in Lansing before heading home. The cost will be \$8 to tube, and then money for lunch. We plan on being home sometime in the evening.

Our final event in February will be a youth group meeting for 9th-12th graders on Sunday, February 26th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

## Prayers

### For those healing in the hospital:

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood, Woodhaven)

### We pray for those healing at home:

Ken Renner, Pat Morton, Sharilyn Bullion, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Nan Bouchard, Arnold Aue, Don Hardy, Elda Moore, Laurie and Tim Barclay, Nancy Gillespie, Sue Landis, David Grove, John Field

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

Debra Creeach, 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 Lambrich); Kasey Morgan (daughter of Jackie Carlman); Sheila Morais; Dorothy Davies (friend of Judy Nowak); Barbara Willis and Ron Wilder (friends of Terri Donnan); Sue Landis; Kara Westra (awaiting liver transplant 15 yr.old); Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family (friends of Stephanie Pratt); Keith Oliver (Nancy

Gillespie's grandson); Chuck Stevens; Carol Barnard; Vorrey Holmes; Darcy Matthies; Miriam Soln (niece of Nan Bouchard); Ed Schenken (friend of Jean Page); Brian (friend of Gloria Olsow); Linda Solis (Sue Grove friend); John Ciado (nephew of Nan Bouchard); 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) Jay Warren (Dave Calendine friend) Patricia Epperson & Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker family); Kathy Jacobi (Karen Miller sister); Brendon Cozier-school God's perfect & peaceful plan; Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend); Alicia Bertine, Ron Torella,(Kandi Wood friends,); 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 Martnelli (Friends of Southminster); Sue Grove tests, Success and understanding and safe journeys to and from school Veronica Dor, Flora Kibong, Yvonne Ngong

**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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