



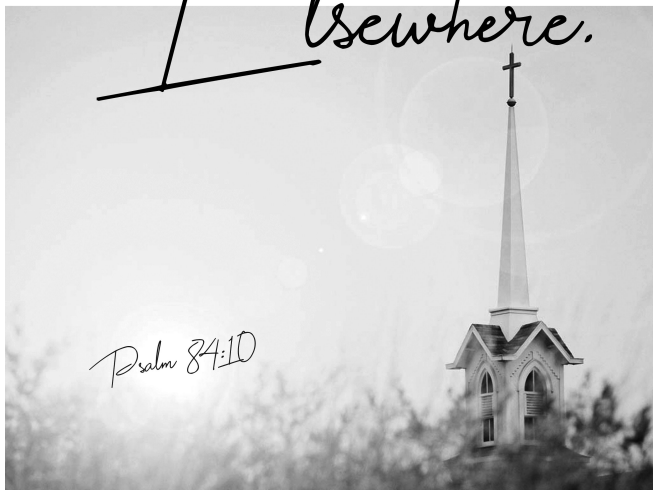
# SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2019

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*For a day in your  
courts is better than  
A thousand  
Elsewhere.*



*Psalms 84:10*

## From the Pastor

I do this every February: I make the case for paying *Per Capita*.



Affectionately known as the “Presbyterian Tax,” *Per Capita* is the way we pay for physical things and salaries in our denomination that are not directly related to mission. We make two different contributions to the larger Presbyterian church: we make a yearly shared mission contribution (used locally for things like supporting the Second Mile Youth Center) and we also ask each member to contribute

a set amount (this year \$28.55 per member) to pay for administrative costs. I like keeping these funds in separate categories: when I make a contribution to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ministry of the church, I like the idea that my dollars directly contribute to a specific need.

It’s easy to overlook the value and need for the administrative and organizational structures that the *per capita* funds. Why not just move all our contributions to shared mission? Why bother paying this separate “tax” or “offering” or whatever you want to call *per capita*?

Let me make a case for supporting the administrative and organizational work of the larger church through the *per capita* gift. First, Presbyteries support pastors. If you want healthy, spiritually vibrant and mature pastors, then the Presbytery is vital. Presbyteries are the pastor’s church, it is the group that is charged with caring for, teaching, developing and equipping pastors. Speaking personally, the small group in which I participate is

organized by the Presbytery. When I have a question, the people I call are most likely Presbytery resources. My day-to-day professional growth often finds its direction and stimulus in the presence of the Presbyter in my life. Healthy pastors need healthy (and reasonably resourced) Presbyteries.

The role of Presbyteries in training, equipping and supporting people extends beyond pastors and clergy. For example, in recent history two Southminster members have become Commissioned Ruling Elders and serve the church as lay ministers. It is the Presbytery that guides the preparation, training, examination and ongoing growth and support of those people. Without the Presbytery, their journey and ministry simply would not exist in its present form.

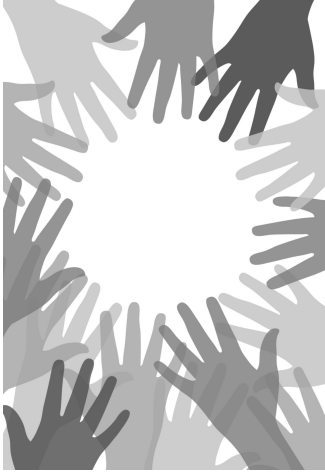
The Presbytery is also engaged in the question of what the Presbyterian church will be in the days to come. Those of you who have been at Southminster for a while will realize that the local church is always changing, adjusting and discovering new ways to speak to the culture at hand. In the local church, we focus on the day-to-day realities of ministry. It is the denomination (beginning with the Presbytery) that looks to the future to understand what we can and will need to be in the years ahead.

Your \$28.55 combines with the \$28.55 contribution of every member to make some very important things happen in the life of our church. Please consider using the blue envelope in your 2019 Giving Envelope box to make this important contribution to the life of our church. Thank you for supporting this practical and very necessary work.

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

# Nurture

## Wendy Woodley



The theme and context of the February Sunday school lessons are on the stories of one of the greatest prophets, Elijah taken from the book of First Kings. The Discovery Zone lessons being used are from the Rotation.org series “Elijah Super Set” begins on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and will conclude on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Pastor Clint is leading the adult Discovery Zone class in a discussion on the C.S. Lewis book the Screw Tape Letters through the beginning of

Lent. During Lent he will offer a Spiritual Discipline class.

Sunday evening youth group meetings have been combined for middle and high school. Everyone grades 6 through 12 meet from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings. No meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> due to Super bowl Sunday. Meetings this month are February 10<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6-7pm. Giovanna is always in need of additional adults to assist with the weekly youth group meeting, please let her know if you would like to help with one of the meetings.

February 16<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled 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.

The youth group will be attending the Winter Jam Tour at EMU Convocation Center on February 17<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at the church and go there instead of having the regular meeting. Doors open at 5:00pm the show starts at 6:00pm in Ypsilanti on the Eastern Michigan University campus. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door. Please let Giovanna know if you would like to go with them. Open to all contemporary Christian music lovers!

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> a family fun and fellowship winter event is planned. Families and all ages are invited to join with the youth in a day of snow tubing. Meet at the church at 10am and carpool to the Hawk Island Snow Tubing Hill in Lansing. The cost is \$8.00 per tube and they are available at the hill. Please bring money for a late lunch in Lansing before returning home. We should be back at the church around 5:00pm. The youth went last year and had a great time, please join us! All are welcome.

The 2019 Presbyterian Triennium event “Here’s My Heart” will be held from July 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> at Purdue University in Indiana. Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt have agreed to go as advisors with the youth group and Pat Fraser is going as a Small Group Leader. This is 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 \$645.00 for youth and \$665.00 for those 18 years and older. Deposits and commitment forms for the attendees were sent in on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham is handling Triennium paperwork and payment coordination for all of the Detroit area churches. The next payment of \$300.00 per person is due on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the national forms are also due at that time.

Thanks to all of you that saved your holiday recyclable cans and bottles for the youth Triennium fund, they made close to \$200.00 from those deposit returns! They will have another can and bottle drive this spring.

## Book Club

### Joyce Rowley

We gathered on January 11 to discuss Take Me With You by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Each of us enjoyed the story of a grandfather aged gentleman who experienced caring for two young boys, who eventually cared for him.



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

February 8 – The Next Person You Meet in Heaven

by Mitch Album

March 8 – The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

with Jeffrey Zaslow

We welcomed a new face who suggested “something new and different” for us to read. Perhaps in February we will see another new face with new suggestions for our reading in 2019.

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” ☺

## **Motions from Session Meeting**

**January 17, 2019**

### **Connie Dainus, Clerk of Session**

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to have Dave Bullion work up a contract with the AA Wednesday group. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to accept the committee structure in the 2019 organization chart. Motion carried.

Motioned by Michelle Hintz and seconded to approve Mary Denise Wright for ordination to the office of ruling elder. Motion carried.

Motioned by committee to commend the revised Pastor Terms of Call to the congregation. Motion carried.

Motioned by Administration committee to approve the budget. Motion carried.

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Motioned by Administration committee to pay \$3000.00 for the 2019 year for General Mission. Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee requesting permission to perform communion on the following dates:

Sundays: 1/6/2019, 2/3/2019, 3/3/2019, 4/7/2019, 4/21/2019, 5/5/2019, 6/2/2019, 6/9/2019, 7/7/2019, 8/4/2019, 9/1/2019, 10/6/2019, 11/3/2019 and 12/1/2019

Ash Wednesday 3-6-19

Maundy Thursday 4/18/2019

Camping Weekend 8/24/2019

Christmas Eve 12/24/2019

Motion carried.

Motioned by the Building and Grounds committee to spend up to \$500 for tires for the lawnmower. Funds to be taken from Long Term Repair. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Connie Dainus as Clerk of Session for the year 2019. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Susann Smith to the office of Church Treasurer for the year 2019 . Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to nominate the following for corporation officers: Dale Simon for President, Connie Dainus for Secretary, and Susann Smith as Treasurer for the year 2019. Motion carried.



## February Committee Jobs

### Rich Pratt

Pew Patrol	Mary Cline
Communion	Nancy Gillespie, Pat Tucker
Coffee Clean Up	Scott Barclay
Greeters	
February 3	Mark and Terri
February 10	Bill and Jenny
February 17	Candi Cash
February 24	Sue Smith

## 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 will start on Wed, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm and will run for 11 weeks. 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 – Southminster will again be supporting Christnet during the time that Allen Park Presbyterian will be hosting Christnet for two weeks (3/10 through 3/24). We have yet to determine which specific dates we will staff, but please stay tuned when more information is available. There are opportunities to help serve dinner, share an evening activity with the guests, or stay during either of the evening/night shifts. We will also be collecting items for them as follows:

- Toiletries
- Socks
- Underwear
- T-Shirts

➤ Sweats

Sizes needed for both Men and Women and from Small-XXXL for the clothes items listed above.

We will have a barrel in the Fellowship Hall to collect items.

Please watch for more details on dates and/or see anyone on Expressions.

Following our Jan meeting, Expressions has set aside some dates for 2019 events:

Christnet: March 2019

Block Party: May/June 2019

Animalpalooza: Sept 29, 2019

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

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

Inside/Out Dinner: Spring Break /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, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3pm

## Building and Grounds

### Dave Bullion



We have a game plan for the offices renovation. Since we will not be connecting the two offices , this will allow us to focus on completely finishing the new accounting office first. Making sure it is completely up and running. Then we will focus on Anne's office. This will be done in

two steps.

First we will do the drywall on the 2 ½ walls that are completely paneling. We will do this over a 3 day weekend ( Sat, Sun, Mon ). The second step will be new carpet, paint, desk , etc., and we will coordinate this while Anne is on vacation. We believe this will cause a minimal amount of upheaval in the office function.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

## Senior Luncheon

### Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, February 11th at 12 noon. The menu will be Amish Chicken Casserole,

mashed potato and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

## Memorials

In Memory Of

Judy Nowak

Jerry & Bess Kirkland

Ruth Conley

Phyllis Fink

## Anniversary

Rich and Stephanie Pratt      February 21      10 Years

## February Birthdays

Doug Holmes	2-4	Lilly Orosz	2-20
Philip Hudson	2-5	Susan Merriman	2-20
Bryan Gillespie	2-9	Mary Cline	2-21
Bernard Nutter	2-10	Vickie Simon	2-27
Marnie Winkleman	2-12	Sandy Salowich	2-27
Pat Fraser	2-18	Dominic Matthies	2-27

## Upcoming Dates

Sun Feb 3,10,17,24	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
	11:00 a.m. Worship
Sun Feb 3	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
	No Youth tonight
Mon Feb 4	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle

Tue Feb 5	6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Group
Tue Feb 5,12,19,26	8:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
Fri Feb 8	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Sat Feb 9,23	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes
Sun Feb 10,24	6:00 p.m. Youth Group
Mon Feb 11	Noon Senior Lunch
Wed Feb 13	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Sat Feb 16	8:15 a.m. Cass Community Social Services
Sun Feb 17	Youth <i>Winter Jam</i> EMU
	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Thurs Feb 21	7:00 p.m. Session
Fri Feb 22	Newsletter Deadline
Sat Feb 23	10:00 a.m. Youth Hawk Hill Snow Tubing

## **Prayers**

### FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Pat Wells, Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Denise Wright, Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Jan Waid, Dave Fraser, Jean Page, Marnie Winkleman, Dale Simon, Sue Smith, Del Wonnacott, Sue Landis

### PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Amanda Blanchet (Showlers), The family of Nan Bouchard on her recent death, The family of Michael and Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki brother) on his recent death, Jay Serene (Phyllis Hunt friend), Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsowy family), Marge Bernadine, Al and Barb MacDonald, Joan Watson, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore 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), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Elda Moore, Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Terry and Brenda Price (Candy Cash family), Joseph Michael, Ray Shulaka, McKenzie Markovich (Dave Calendine friends), Krystina Gollner, (Dave Calendine family), Sharilyn Bullion, Marlene Jones, her daughter, her sister Nancy and her friend, Evelyn Fiodorelis

#### THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody, Stacy Denise Cain, Kenny Trapp, Ryan Bies (home!)

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**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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