



**SOUTHMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From The Pastor

Several years ago, Phillip Yancey wrote *The Jesus I Never Knew*. It was about his exploration as a young journalist of the historical person of Jesus of Nazareth. Yancey was a skeptic when he started the investigation, and was a committed follower of Jesus when it was finished. His life changed when he came to understand that the person we meet in the New Testament left a mark beyond the pages of Scripture. For Yancey, that was surprising evidence that moved Jesus into time and space, into his world. If we didn't have the New Testament, we would still encounter a Galilean prophet named Jesus, son of Joseph, in the first century. He would still be a doer of miracles, a master of the chaos of the world. One of the "things" that reading and contemplating the Gospels does for us is to move Jesus into real places and among real people. This isn't the story of a god who lives on a mountain top. This is a god who likes us lives in time and space.

The other side of the coin is one of my favorite Christian artists from a couple of decades ago, Steve Taylor. One of his best songs was titled simply *Hero*. The song is about growing up, and as a young boy reading comic books full of stories about noble heroes that change the world and fix the broken. In the song, the boy grows up and is disappointed to learn that heroes are comic book creations. Heroes die when they are bought out and are sold out, when they are betrayed and double-crossed, when they grow old and weary and sell out. The song asks, where do we go to find a hero in our very anti-hero world? Then, it talks about opening a Bible and in the pages of that book finding the one who says "I want to be your hero." Taylor locates Jesus in the stuff of heroes and legends. C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien will point to this Jesus that we desire, the one whom we are expecting.

Both of these, the Jesus of time and space and the Jesus of hero story, are part of the picture of Jesus painted in the Gospels. If the Roman Emperor was the hero who wasn't (Savior of the World, Redeemer, Son of God are all titles used first of the Emperor then of Jesus), then Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph, was the "real" hero, the real legend.

As we explore Jesus, as we listen and look at the picture the Apostles paint for us of Jesus in the Gospels, we are looking at a three dimensional picture. He is both one of us, and he is the one for who our hearts yearn and our eyes scan the horizons in expectation. It takes time and silence and openness to see the full picture. Those who see it will never be the same.

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## Children's Nurture Team

Rich Pratt

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on January 10th to discuss *Finding Chika*. Thru reading this true story, we were made aware that we are of the love, the care of, and the importance of children in our lives. "Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work." Found on page 171 of *Finding Chika* by Mitch Albom



We were pleased to welcome an additional reader to our small group ☺. During the last 2+ years, we have welcomed 4 additional readers who have contributed greatly to our discussions!

The following books were chosen for future reads:

February 14th – When You’re Gone

by Brooke Harris

Please join us, helping us make decisions regarding future books we would enjoy reading in 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” ☺

### Session Motions

Connie Dainus

January 16, 2020

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

Motioned by Administration committee to approve the 2020 Corrected budget. Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee to request permission to perform communion on the following dates: 1/5/2020, 2/2/2020, 2020, 2/26/2020, Ash Wednesday by intinction, Maundy Thursday 4/09/2020 by intinction 3/1/2020 intinction, 4/5/2020 Intinction, Easter: 4/12/2020, 5/3/2020, 6/7/2020, 7/5/2020, 8/2/2020, 9/6/2020, 10/4/2020, 11/1/2020 and 12/6/2020, Christmas Eve 12/24/20, and camping weekend. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Connie Dainus as

Clerk of Session for the year 2020. Motion carried.

Motioned by Gus Cline and seconded to elect Susann Smith to the office of Church Treasurer for the year 2020. 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 2020. Motion carried.

### Financial Picture

Connie Dainus

December 2019  
Income: \$ 12,821.25  
Expense: \$ 12,968.38  
Balance: \$ - 147.13

End of Year  
Income: \$158,945.35  
Expense: \$162,261.26  
Balance: \$ - 3,315.26

### Building & Grounds

Dave Bullion

We will be completing the lighting project. The fellowship hall is the last area that needs to be done. We will be replacing the plexiglass lenses as well as the bulbs. They are brittle, cracked, discolored and generally.....well it’s time. I am hopeful it will be completed by mid February. We also have some other plans but most are on the smaller side.

## February Sanctuary Duties

Pat Fraser/Mary Denise Wright

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Clean Up</u>
Feb 2	Nancy Gillespie	Donnans	
Feb 9			
Feb 16		Mary Denise	
Feb 23			

### Church Life

Gus Cline

We are starting to plan upcoming events for 2020 and would appreciate input as well as help from any in the congregation who have ideas and time to help us plan upcoming activities. Right now we are thinking about a Game Night in mid March to get us out of our Winter doldrums! More info to come as that time gets closer.

### Pastoral Care

Gus Cline

We continue to monitor members and friends in different stages of care. Please keep the family of Marge Bernadine in your prayers as Marge recently went to be with the Lord. Plans are for the Funeral to take place on Sat. Feb 8th with a lunch to follow. More info to come as that gets closer. We would like to thank Vicki Simon for her many years of coordinating our card ministry and welcome Janice Waid to that position.

## Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, February 10th at 12 noon. The menu will be Spaghetti and all the sides for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.



Senior Luncheon

## February Birthdays

Doug Holmes	2/4
Philip Hudson	2/5
Bryan Gillespie	2/9
Bernard Nutter	2/10
Marnie Winkleman	2/12
Pat Fraser	2/18
Lilly Orosz	2/20
Mary Cline	2/21
Zoey Stiles	2/25
Vicki Simon	2/27
Sandy Salowich	2/27

## February Anniversaries

Rich & Stephanie Pratt	11 Years	2/21
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## Upcoming Dates

Sun Feb 2,9,16,23	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth
Mon Feb 3	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Tue Jan 5	6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team
Tue Feb 4, 11,18,25	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Sat Feb 8	11:00 a.m. Marge Bernadine Memorial
Sat Feb 8,22	6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Feb 9	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon Feb 10	Noon Senior Lunch
Wed Feb 12	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thur Feb 13	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Fri Feb 14	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Sun Feb 16	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle @ Pat Fraser's
Thur Feb 20	7:00 p.m. Session
Sat Feb 22	March Newsletter Deadline

## PRAYERS FOR OUR FRIENDS HOSPITALIZED

Pat & Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Ctr., Woodhaven)  
Jerry Kirkland (Henry Ford Hospital, Taylor)  
Bill Wonnacott (Beaumont Hospital, Taylor)

## FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Sue Landis, Ken Renner, David Grove,  
Don Hardy

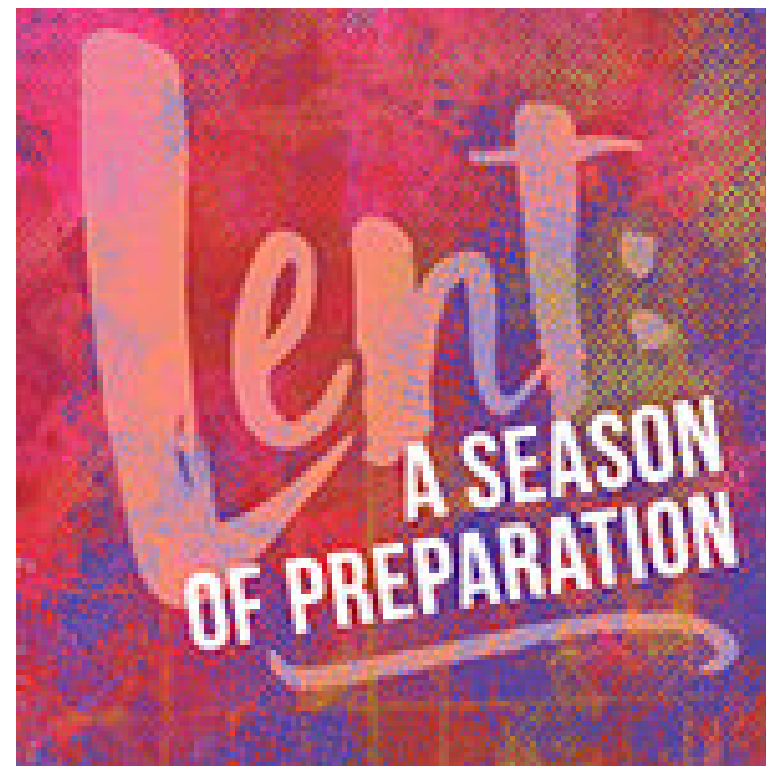
## PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Marnie Winkleman, Joan Watson, Jackie Shiel (Vicki Simon sister), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Chuck Stevens and family, Darcy Matthies and family, Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Nancy Stanhope (Marlene Jones family), Joan Tetz, Chantal Huggins (friend of Woodleys), The families of Andrea Held and Marge Bernadine on their recent deaths.

## THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

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

Where does your road go?



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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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