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From the Pastor

And so the journey begins: the coming year will bring us many opportunities, but one that is in front of us at the beginning of the year is to join in the Bible-in-a-Year reading journey. It's one of the larger things I've ever been part of, a commitment that will span the whole year and ask each of us to develop new patterns and habits. Why of all the things we could invest our time in during the coming year should this be the "thing" that gives shape to our life together?

We are, at the end of the day, followers of Jesus; in a very real sense we are Jesus' people. We don't worship scripture or church authority or tradition, we worship Jesus. In that statement is one of the great paradoxes of our faith: Jesus is too easily reduced to a projection of our best or idealized selves, someone we construct in our own image. The only way we can break out of the cycle of projecting ourselves on to Jesus is to intentionally listen to the voices of those who knew and touched him. The early church placed immense weight in the picture the apostles paint for us of Jesus in the pages of the New Testament. We can only understand Jesus' world and message by being familiar with the Old Testament and the journey through which the people of God had passed before the coming of Jesus. We worship Jesus, but the final and authoritative picture of Him and of the world in which he moved comes to us from the pages of our bible.

Reading the bible isn't a quest for knowledge or some way to "prove" our love for God. We read the pages of the Old and New Testament so that we can come to know God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. Our journey will be successful only if we come to know God, only if we hear God's voice in the pages and stories

through which we will journey. If at the end of the year the Jesus we know has more definition, is less abstract and more personal, than the Jesus we knew when we began, the journey will be time well invested. We undertake the journey so that we can know Jesus, the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering, and become more like him.

Let us begin.

2018 Bible -in-a-Year Journey

Monday	Jan	1		Genesis 1-4
Tuesday	Jan	2		Genesis 5-8
Wednesday	Jan	3		Genesis 9-12
Thursday	Jan	4		Genesis 13-16
Friday	Jan	5		Genesis 17-20
Saturday	Jan	6		Genesis 21-24
Sunday	Jan	7		
Monday	Jan	8		Genesis 25-28
Tuesday	Jan	9		Genesis 29-32
Wednesday	Jan	10		Genesis 33-36
Thursday	Jan	11		Genesis 37-40
Friday	Jan	12		Genesis 41-44
Saturday	Jan	13		Genesis 45-48
Sunday	Jan	14		

Monday	Jan	15		Genesis 49-50, Exodus 1-2
Tuesday	Jan	16		Exodus 3-6
Wednesday	Jan	17		Exodus 7-10
Thursday	Jan	18		Exodus 11-14
Friday	Jan	19		Exodus 15-18
Saturday	Jan	20		Exodus 19-22
Sunday	Jan	21		
Monday	Jan	22		Exodus 23-26
Tuesday	Jan	23		Exodus 27-30
Wednesday	Jan	24		Exodus 31-34
Thursday	Jan	25		Exodus 35-38
Friday	Jan	26		Exodus 39-40, Leviticus 1-2
Saturday	Jan	27		Leviticus 3-6
Sunday	Jan	28		
Monday	Jan	29		Leviticus 7-10
Tuesday	Jan	30		Leviticus 11-14
Wednesday	Jan	31		Leviticus 15-18

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

Happy New Year 2018!

The whole church family is invited to join together in reading through the entire Bible this year. It means that you will read four chapters a day, six days a week for fifty-two weeks of the year. Discovery Zone and Sunday worship will both synchronize to this

reading plan. The Bible reading program begins on January 1, in the book of Genesis and then reading the books of Exodus and Leviticus will round out the month. Pastor Clint will distribute the reading plan, please let him know if you will be participating in this challenge.

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

We are actively seeking an additional paid child care worker 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 and local Day Care centers for help.

Children 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 in the back of the sanctuary at a table just for them. If you would like to help supervise the children in the Sanctuary during worship, you're always welcome 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. All weekly context of the learning material has the same biblical content as the current Discovery Zone.

The Middle School and High School Youth Groups are now meeting with Giovanna every Sunday evening. Middle School will meet from 5:30-6:30p.m. and High School will meet from 7:00-8:00p.m. Additional volunteers are needed to assist Giovanna at a Youth Meeting or to accompany them on an outreach event, please let her know if you are interested.

Plans are currently under way for Youth Mission Trip 2018. Giovanna and Youth are looking at urban and rural programs offered in Canfield, Ohio for late July. The average trip costs about \$200. per person for 6 days and 5 nights. Both Middle School and High School Youth are included.

All Youth and their families are invited to meet at church on January 2nd at 12:30p.m. for Family Swim Day. Swimming at the Romulus Recreation Center will take place from 1-3p.m. Dining on pizza will follow up swimming, the place to be determined. Contact Pat Fraser for more information.

Everyone is invited on January 20th for Harry Potter Mania Day. The day begins at 10a.m. with “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone”. Concluding that movie there will be a break for lunch and discussion. After lunch, the second movie shown will be “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets”. Contact Pat Fraser for more information.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We had an absolutely delightful time sharing our Christmas themed stories on December 8!!! Some were Christmas stories about trains and lights and secrets, and one story was about an

Amish community. All were stories for people of all ages, and all the stories were enjoyed!!!!

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

January 12 – The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

February 9 – Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

March 9 and April 13 – All the Light We Cannot See by

Anthony Doerr

Please join us, helping us make decisions for the books we would enjoy reading in May and June. 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” 😊

Expressions

Michele Hintz

The Expressions Committee would like to THANK the entire Southminster Community for their help and overwhelming generosity for our 2 Holiday projects supported during this past 2017 Holiday season: CHRISTNET and CHRISTMAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

This past season we supported Christnet with our neighbor churches (St. Constance, St. Paul's, Journey of Hope) which were housed the week of Dec 10th at Journey of Hope Church on Pardee. The program had 29 participants which were housed and fed each evening/morning for the full week. The participating churches each took one of the night(s) – Southminster hosted 2 nights – Monday and Wednesday, as well as each church providing one individual to staff the Saturday evening celebration meal with Journey of Hope being the main host. We also provided funds for the overall cost of the program for the week (laundry, U-Haul costs to transport bedding to the next location, etc.)

We had a Cooking/Food crew, which made and provided food for each evening, breakfast the next morning, and a sack lunch for the following day. We even used the leftovers from the Family Christmas dinner for part of the Monday night dinner, and everything each night was cleaned up. It was so delicious!!!

Southminster also provided staffing for serving the evening meal and preparing the following morning/day meals, as well as staffing for the building the entire night and morning until the clients left for the day. It is greatly appreciated for ALL of those that volunteered their time, talent and own sleeping hours to participate in this wonderful service for our less fortunate friends.

The other project for the 2017 holiday season was our Christmas in the Neighborhood. Being disciples of God, we need to begin looking to our neighborhoods to help those near to us. By working closely with the principal at Kinyon Elementary School (just down the road from the church on Monroe), we asked for information for 5 or 6 families in need, that were not being helped by other groups already. This included adults, children and pets in the family, with ages, sizes and interests of each. The principal graciously got that information to us, and we ‘decorated’ the new candelabras in the Narthex with tags containing the info needed for each and every family member. When all tags were removed from each arm, we would add the candle and have it lit.

The list of items to purchase was to cover needs for the entire family for the holiday season, and included the following:

- Food Basket (food and toiletries) and \$50 Aldi’s Gift card – provided by Deacons
- Pet Food and Treats
- Clothes – Shirts, Pants, Shoes for every single family member, and other various special requested items like socks, hats, and some gloves
- Toys/Hobbies/Interests – for each and every child and also for each adult if info was provided.
- Toys for pets
- \$25 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$25 Gas Card

- \$20 Jets Pizza Gift Card
- Crockpot, Utensils and Spices, along with the Southminster Crockpot Recipe booklet (used from last year's project)
- Box of Chocolates and Bag of Candies
- Various random items such as coloring books, stuffed animals, etc....

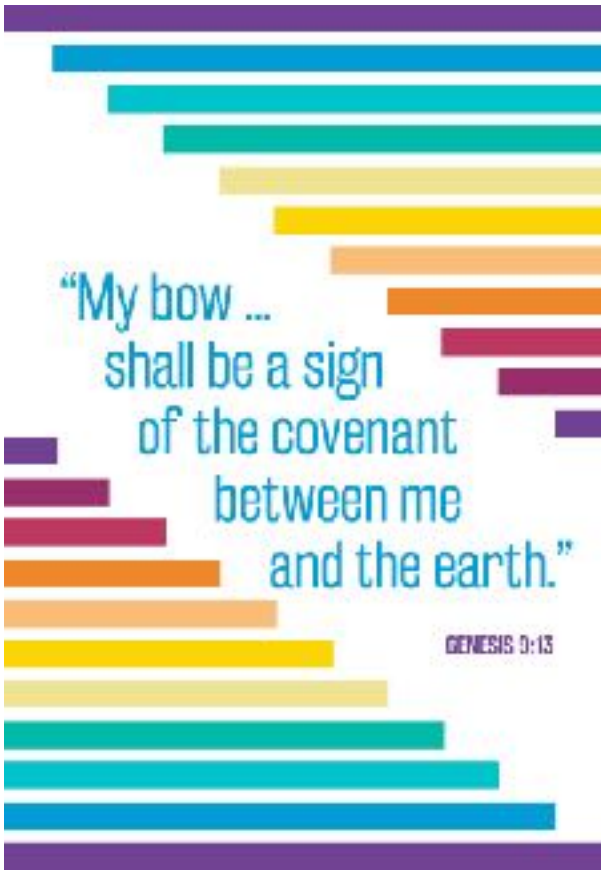
Due to the huge hearts and generosity of the Southminster community of friends and family...ALL ITEMS listed above were donated, or purchased later by the committee with monetary donations, for each of the 6 families that we adopted!!!! We had 6 tables marked in the Fellowship Hall for items to be returned to within a fairly short time period, and the site of the overflowing tables was amazing! There are pictures on the Southminster Facebook page and website of this, as well as you can check the Expressions Bulletin Board to see them posted.

The items were delivered to the families on Wed evening, Dec 20th by groups of volunteers and the experience has left everyone involved overwhelmed – these families were more than appreciative for the help they were receiving from us at a time when they really needed it!!

The Expressions committee wants to THANK everyone involved, whether it was your generous donations and/or your help in the logistics of deliveries – as always Southminster went above and beyond expectations, and this truly shows us how we can help those in need right in our own Neighborhood and be a disciple of God!!!

Next meeting: Committee Day – January 7th @ 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 in our



Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there!

Deacons' Duties in January

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

*Please take coffee carafe to the Counters

November Session Motions Connie Dainus

Motioned to give Kay Snaddon and Gus Cline voice at the meeting.

Motioned to approve Pastor Clint's request for vacation in the last week of the year (December 25 to 31, 2017).

Motion to approve a hymn sing and readings service on December 31, 2017.

Motion to approve the ordination and installation of Officers on Sunday January 7, 2018

Motion to express gratitude to the First Presbyterian Church Wyandotte for the donation of a pulpit, paraments, piano and candle stands. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the donation of a pulpit, paraments, piano and candle stands from First Presbyterian Church Wyandotte.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, January 8th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Spaghetti 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.

Calendar Notes

January Birthday

Veronica Dor	1-1	Don Hardy	1-14
Nancy Fraser	1-3	Pat Borieo	1-20
Bill Cairns	1-5	Alexandra Fraser	1-22
Nikolai Stiles	1-8	Ashley Nowak	1-22
Carolyn Koziol	1-14	Phyllis Hunt	1-31

Upcoming Dates

Tue Jan 2	12:00 Rachel Circle Fellowship Hall 12:30 Swimming Romulus Rec Center 8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Sun Jan 7	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m. Worship Election of Deacons/Elders 3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon Jan 8	12:00 Senior Luncheon Fellowship Hall
Tue Jan 9	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Wed Jan 10	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle Double Classroom
Fri Jan 12	10:30 a.m. Book Club Double Classroom

Sat Jan 13	6:00 p.m. Bowling Thunderbowl Lanes Allen Park
Sun Jan 14	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting Double Classroom
Tue Jan 16	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Thur Jan 18	Week of Prayer Christian Unity
Sat Jan 20	10:00 a.m. Harry Potter movies at church
Sun Jan 21	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m. Worship
Mon Jan 22	Newsletter Deadline February
Tue Jan 23	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
Sat Jan 27	6:00 p.m. Bowling Thunderbowl Allen Park
Sun Jan 28	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sanctuary
Tue Jan 30	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal Sanctuary

Prayers

For the family of Kathryn Hutchinson who passed away December 21, 2017.

We pray for those in the hospital: John Fields, Jr. Heartland Allen Park, Jerry Kirkland Heartland Drbrn Hgts.

We pray for those healing at home:

Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Terri Donnan, Connie Dainus

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

Jean Page Amy & Roger Gassman, Bill Cuthbert, Lina Laurin, Joan Watson, Ed & Sandy Tipshus, Donna Barnes, Chris Newsom, 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, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), 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 Olsow friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), 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

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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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