



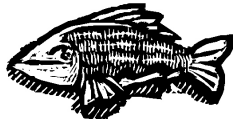
SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2019

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Follow Me,
and I
will make you



become
fishers
of men.

Mark 1:17, NKJV



From the Pastor

A year ago, the Southminster Church community was asking a really simple question: “can we add new people to our church?” We were coming off a very successful 60th Anniversary celebration, we had just approached our local elementary school to find families that we could help over Christmas. Lots of fresh activity was taking place in the Fall of 2017, but under it all was a gnawing question: “could we add new people or were we a closed community?” Last January the Session gathered for a planning day and though we worked for six hours, there was only one critical question that came out of that work: “could we begin to see new faces at Southminster?”

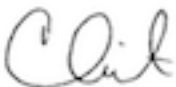
Flash forward to the Advent season just past. Lots of new faces and families, a mix of what Taylor and the Downriver region was when the church was birthed three generations ago and what it is today. I don’t know that any single “thing” explains the journey from last year to now, but I’m convinced that the question we should be asking has changed. We know that we can have guests joining with us in worship, fellowship and service on a regular basis. We know that because that is now part of our experience.

The question for 2019 in my mind is “how can we participate in forming intentional followers of Jesus?” Today, when someone decides to participate in a church community, they may (but most likely don’t) have a background in “church culture and behavior.”

Some of us have been in church our whole lives. Things like praying, studying the Bible, meditating, fasting, the giving of gifts and offerings and personal worship are just part of who we are. We understand that being an intentional follower of Jesus is way more than setting aside one hour a week to come to church (or two, if we make *Discovery Zone* part of our weekly pattern). What for some is just a “way of life” is unknown by others. “Becoming an intentional follower of Jesus” is the way we talk about learning the things that make us the spiritual descendants of Jesus’ disciples and connect us with them as we follow our Lord.

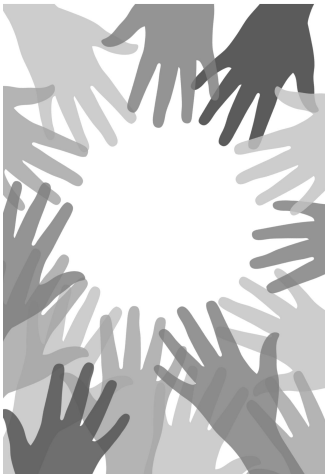
A generation ago, the process of moving people from casual inquirers to intentional followers of Jesus was expressed in church programming coming from denominational centers. Today, that process is so distinct in each community that denominational programs no longer even attempt to define, much less resource, the journey. “How do we participate in what God is doing in our world by helping to nurture and grow intentional followers of Jesus” is a question that only Southminster can answer for the people that make up our community. I believe this is THE question for 2019. We should measure any answer we offer by how much growth we experience in things like personal worship, prayer, meditation, stewardship.

So, as we begin 2019, I would encourage each of you to ask the question I’m asking of myself in planning my year to come: “how can I become a more dedicated follower of Jesus, what can I do in my life to deepen my commitment to Jesus, to help those around me to see and know Jesus through my life?” I think that’s the necessary question now and in the journey ahead.

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

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley



Happy New Year from your Nurture Committee! Many thanks to everyone that helped with our young people throughout 2018, we appreciate your help and continued support of the youth.

The 2019 Sunday school lessons begin on January 6th, the day of the Epiphany of our Lord. The theme and context of the January lessons will be on thanksgiving. The Discovery Zone lessons used are from the Rotation.org series “Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers” and will conclude on January 27th.

Job well done to those of you that continued the daily self-study reading plan throughout 2018. What a great accomplishment for those of you that hung in there! Thank you Pastor Clint for guiding us on that amazing and enlightening journey.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for middle and high school are combined and meeting at the same time, everyone grades 6 through 12 meet from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings. Meetings this

month are January 6th, January 13th, January 20th, and January 27th from 6-7pm. Giovanna is always seeking 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.

The 2019 Presbyterian Triennium event “Here’s My Heart” will be held from July 16th through 20th at Perdue University in Indiana. Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt have agreed to go as advisors with the youth group and Pat Fraser will go as a Small Group Leader. Triennium is open to youth that are entering freshmen through graduating seniors. 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. for youth and \$665. for those 18 years and older. Deposits and commitment forms for attendees are due on January 17th. Committed attendees please have everything turned in by January 13th. One check from the church will be issued to First Presbyterian of Birmingham noted Triennium.

Please drop your recyclable holiday deposit bottles and cans off at the church on January 5th from 10-Noon. If you can’t get them here on Saturday please bring them on Sunday, January 6th. We will be more than happy to pick them up if those days just don’t work for you. Let Wendy or Giovanna know if you desire pick up service.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on December 14 to share a variety of Christmas Stories. While we shared and listened, we enjoyed milk and cookies...isn’t that what should be done when you share children’s stories



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

January 11 – Take Me With You by Catherine Ryan Hyde

February 8 – The Next Person You Meet in Heaven

by Mitch Album

Please join us, helping us make decisions regarding future books we would enjoy reading in 2019. 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” 😊

Church Life

Gus Cline

A great time was had by all at our “Inside Out” Christmas dinner in December. Our Church family was joined by a few families from the community for a night of great food, fellowship, crafts, singing, a wonderful story and of course Santa joining us to the delight of young and old.



We would like to thank all who attended and helped out to make it such a nice night. It was a pleasure to work with the Expressions committee on this event.

Committee Jobs

Mary Cline

January	February
Pew patrol Susan Frederick	Pew patrol Mary Cline
Coffee cleanup Mary Cline	Coffee cleanup Scott Barclay
Communion Nancy Gillespie and Pat Tucker	Communion Nancy Gillespie and Pat Tucker
Greet	Greet
Jan 6-Donnans	Feb 3-Donnans
Jan 13-Cairns	Feb 10-Cairns
Jan 20-Candi Cash	Feb 17-Candi Cash
Jan 27-Sue Smith	Feb 24-Sue Smith

Pastoral Care

Mary Cline

The month of December found our committee joining Pastor Clint on visiting some of our Homebound folks with a gift and Communion during the Holiday season. It was especially nice for us (and hopefully them too!) to talk with them and hear their news and share with them happenings in the life of the church. It really makes you realize the important connections our church has with so many people who call Southminster home.

Expressions

Michele Hintz



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. Please watch for more details on specific dates/times and location for the winter Grief Share program as they become available.

The entire Expressions Committee would like to THANK everyone who helped with the numerous events we had during this past holiday season. Here is a recap:

*Christmas in the Neighborhood – Southminster adopted 6 families total and delivered clothing, toys, gift cards for food/gas/Home Depot/pizza, and a Crock Pot with supplies.

*Inside/Out Dinner - Cohosted with Church Life committee – during our regular Southminster Christmas dinner, we invited families provided to us from Fish & Loaves. We also sent these families home with a Crock Pot, spice and spoon supplies, and an Aldi's Gift card.

*Christnet – Hosted with Journey of Hope church – Dec 26th & Dec 28th. Dinner provided both evenings as well as staffing throughout the evening/night/morning; lunch and breakfast we provided as well. Many thanks to those serving and those staying awake during the overnight hours while everyone else was sleeping!!!!!! (Especially to our college kids home on break that took some of these shifts!!!!!!)

Thank you to all – and looking forward to what work we can do for God in 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!

Financial Picture

Southminster Financial Picture December 2018	
Income:	\$11,962.00
Expenses:	\$11,834.29
Balance:	<u>\$127.71</u>
YTD Income:	\$158,761.52
YTD Expenses:	<u>\$156,815.35</u>
Balance:	\$1,626.17

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, January 14th** at 12 noon. The menu will be Roast Beef, 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 Thomas Tucker

Given By:

Mary Jo and Bradley Schleicher

Carol S and Earl F Knedgen

Carol Pates

January Birthdays

Chris Moore	1-1	Don Hardy	1-14
Veronica Dor	1-1	Pat Borieo	1-20
Nancy Fraser	1-3	Alex Fraser	1-22
Bill Cairns	1-5	Elizabeth Storms	1-23
Nik Stiles	1-8	Ashley Nowak	1-26
Jackson Dingess	1-12	Melissa Dingess	1-26
Carolyn Koziol	1-14	Phyllis Hunt	1-31

Upcoming Dates

Tue Jan 1	Happy New Year
Wed Jan 2	Church office opens
Thurs Jan 3,10, 17, 24, 31	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Sat Jan 5	Bottle Drop Off
Sun Jan 6,13,20,27	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m. Combined Youth Groups
Mon Jan 7	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Wed Jan 9	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Fri Jan 11	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Sat Jan 12	11:00 a.m. Judy Nowak Memorial
Sat Jan 12,26	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes
Mon Jan 14	12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch

Sun Jan 20
Tue Jan 22

6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Donnan's
Newsletter Deadline

Upcoming Dates

Sun Jan 27

Annual Meeting

Prayers

FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL)

Gavin (Friend of Greg Walker)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary 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, Abby Graves (friend of Larry & Carol Showler)

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsow family), The family of Judy Nowak on

her death and Ken Renner on the

death of his brother, Laura

Fowler (Carol Jones family),

Marge Bernadine, Al and Barb

MacDonald, Joan Watson, Sandy

Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister),

Debra Creeach, 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), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), 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), Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner & Sue Landis, Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), 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

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

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

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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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