



# SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From the Pastor

### *The Sabbath Year*

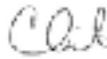
Summer is officially here! The nights here in Michigan may still be cool, and the days are not quite warm enough yet for shorts, but Memorial Day is upon us. Summer is the closest most of us will ever come to a

Sabbath Year in the Old Testament sense. Ancient Israel included in their legal code the requirement that once every seven years, the farmers should stop planting and the money-changers should let things go back to normal. The Sabbath Year was about two things: rest and reset. Not many of us can celebrate a Sabbath Year, but we certainly have summer, our once-a-year one quarter of the year time of rest and reset.

We need rest. Not just time off but time away from the constant stimuli and deadlines that are the tapestry of modern life. The past year has been nothing but one nonstop breaking news cycle. Church and school events follow each other in relentless succession. Before we wrap up one holiday season, the next is impending. In order to keep up with that kind of intense cycle, we need to step off the treadmill every now and then and find a more natural pace. Rest is more than a physical thing. We need silence so that we can hear our inner voice, we need calm so we can choose our pathway, we need to hear hushed whispers rather than loud clamoring. What “rest” looks like is as individual as our fingerprints. For some, rest is an epic journey to see yet-unexperienced sites. For others, rest is an author or a genre of literature yet unexplored. For a few, rest is the space and quiet needed to put new words on paper (or screen), or play new sounds from familiar instruments. Summer is the time to do this, it is the season of rest.

Life seems to have its own momentum, it's a bit like a rollercoaster in that once the motion starts you're in for the ride. Too often we discover that a part of our life takes on unexpected twists or involves unforeseen responsibilities and challenges. More than once I've pondered, "How did I get myself into this?" Too often the answer is that I thought I was getting into one thing, and it morphed into another. Summer is the time when we lay things down, look at what we do and make decisions about where we will or will not invest ourselves.

Over the next few months, my pastoral counsel is simple: please take a break. Find rest, whatever that looks like for you and in your setting. Understand summer as your Sabbath Year, a time to give up some things and embrace some others. The time to pick things up again will come soon enough, for now my prayer for you (and for myself) is that we can find rest and reset our inner compass for the journey ahead.



## **Nurture**

**Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley**

Looking for a few more volunteers to assist Marlene Jones in the Nursery during the worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall on the Nurture board or in the Nursery.

If you'd prefer watching a Veggie Tale movie during worship with the children 4 through 7 or if you just want to spend an hour with our younger folks, we need you. Additional volunteers are needed during the summer months, so that our regulars can enjoy vacation time away. During the summer months, the children will go to Fellowship Hall after children's time of the worship service. The volunteers of the week may choose whatever activity that they would like to do

with the children. Sign-up sheet is on the Nurture board in fellowship hall.

We are excited to say that much was accomplished in Christian Education during the 2016-2017 Discovery Zone learning experience. Lessons on Moses, the 10 Commandments, the Parables, Jesus Birth Through Joseph's Eyes, David and Goliath, The Lord's Prayer, Palm Sunday through the Resurrection, Daniel and the Lion's Den, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and Pentecost were the biblical selections. The children's lessons included cooking, art, games, music and drama as an alternative way of storytelling reinforcement. Adults were instructed in the same biblical messages with a vast array of other relational topics. The children and adults had a wonderful time learning together, the program was very well attended. Thank you Pastor Clint for facilitating this wonderful educational hour. The music, the stories and the video clips made this an enjoyable time for all.

The last Discovery Zone biblical lesson covers Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday, is June 4<sup>th</sup> and it will conclude the Discovery Zone educational series. until mid-September. On Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> the summer worship schedule drops back an hour to 10:00 a.m.

Thanks to all of you that helped make this program a success. Our instructional leaders and volunteers were essential to this educational process. We would like to recognize: Tony Savastano master of games, Nancy Gillespie master chef, Gloria Olsowy art projects, Giovanna Savastano for music and drama, Stephanie Pratt for senior high youth and Pat Fraser assistant facilitator. Marlene Jones, Sue Frederick, Marnie Winkelman and other weekly volunteers for dedicated service in the Nursery. Monthly volunteers in the Rainbow room, Worship Video volunteers: Missy Head, Mary Cline, Pat Fraser, Stephanie Pratt, Nancy Gillespie, Giovanna and Tony Savastano. A big thanks to Rich for making sure we were set up and ready to go every Sunday. Thanks to Carolyn, Kay, Michelle, Connie, Jan, Pat Tucker and any others we may have missed for being willing to help out.

Attention 2017 Graduates! Please plan on attending the June 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. worship service. All 2017 graduates will be recognized.

Giovanna Savastano Bachelors of Psychology, double major with honors from Wayne State University.

Philomena Savastano J.F. Kennedy High School Graduate.

Samantha Shinavier, J.F. Kennedy High School Graduate.

Ian Walker, Cleveland Institute of Arts Bachelors in Fine Arts/ Illustration.

Flora Kilbong, Wayne County Community College.

Leeann Nutter, Allen Park High School Graduate.

Katelyn Nutter-Dowling, Columbia Theological Seminary degree in Divinity and Christian Education.

Our youngest youth, Friends in Christ will meet at the church on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm for Putt Putt Golf and ice cream at the barn on Ecorse Rd. They will return to the church around 3:30pm.

The senior high youth group will meet on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm at the church for a regular meeting.

On Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> the middle school through high school aged youth will go to Fish and Loaves from 8:30am-1:30pm. Anyone wishing to go with them on this outreach program may meet at the church at 8:30am and carpool over.

The planning sessions for vacation bible school have begun. The 2017 vacation bible school theme is Cave Quest Following the Light of Jesus. Vacation Bible School will take place July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a five evening program running Monday through

Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our next meetings are June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

## **Friends In Christ**

submitted by Pat Fraser

Look to June 20th for miniature golf and ice-cream at “the Barn”.

Thanks a bunch,

Pat

## **Fellowship**

Dave Fraser

We have some exciting things coming up. The church picnic is June 4th, right after service. The Deacons will be supplying hot dogs with all the works. The rest will be pot luck.

We are going to see the Toledo Mudhens again on Sunday, July 2nd. We will be deciding on whether to stay for the fireworks or not.

Last but not least we have the Family Campout Weekend August 25 to 27. Come for the weekend or come Saturday and join us for the day and pot luck dinner followed by a Communion service.

Sign ups for all 3 events will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Keep the date of Dec. 10 open for our Family Christmas Party. Details will be coming in the future.

## **Expressions**

**Co-Chairs: Michele Hintz & Kandi Wood**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that helped out with *Animalpalooza* last month – it turned out to be a big hit, and it couldn't have happened without all the workers and volunteers that offered their time and efforts. You are greatly appreciated!!

There are a variety of events/projects in the upcoming months that the Expressions Committee will be preparing for; these are listed as follows with the dates to keep in mind...

Children's Clothes Swap : Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - This will be open to the community and will encourage parents/grandparents to bring in gently used, clean, outgrown clothing in exchange for clothing in the kids 'new' sizes. We will have drop off times the week prior and will be asking for much help in the sorting and organizing of bundles. Please watch for more details in the upcoming months – just remember to save the clothes your kids and grandkids have outgrown this year!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

In celebration of Southminster's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, we will be celebrating Founder's Day on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Planning is currently underway for the events that will take place over these 2 days. Core Committee is Phyllis Fink, Dorothy Gillespie, Mark Donnan, Michele Hintz & Pastor Clint. More info to follow as details begin to take shape – please watch for further updates in the upcoming weeks.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – This event will be open to the community and will center on a theme regarding being a good Steward of God's animals. Activities for the afternoon may include a low-cost vaccination clinic, on-site training demo's, tips from groomers, as well as a time for our beloved pets to be blessed. Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming months.

Trunk or Treat/Fall Event – Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Save the Date!!!

ChristNet – week of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting: Committee Day – June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm (or following the picnic)– 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!

## Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We enjoyed our May 12<sup>th</sup> discussion of *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. Each character gave us cause to have sympathy for them as the story developed. The ending reminded us that we all have choices in life. We would definitely recommend the book to anyone who has not yet read the book.

Our last meeting for the season will be on June 9, when we will be discussing *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

During the months of July and August, we will read books of our choice and will share our “reads” when we resume our gatherings on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, (except during July and August) 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”





## Deacons

submitted by Sharon Puschaver

Deacon's Duties for June

Communion set up ~ ~ Nancy Gillespie

Communion clean up ~ ~ All deacons present

Pew Patrol ~ ~ Mary Cline

Coffee clean up ~ ~ Tony, Gina

## Session Motions and Notes

May 21, 2017

Connie Dainus

Motioned by Marnie Winkeleman and seconded to contribute \$200 from the Scholarship Fund (#3.500) to the Taylor Ministerial Alliance to help fund the two scholarships they are extending this year (a “Making a Difference” scholarship for community involvement and a “Church Ministry” scholarship for a high school graduate pursuing ministry training).  
Motion carried.

Motion by Michele Hintz and seconded to rescind last month’s (April 23) motion (Page 1995 in record book):  
To approve July 2 to July 29 (4 weeks including 4 Sunday’s) as vacation time. I also have three weeks of continuing education in 2017 (1 week carried over from last year). I would like to take one week of continuing education before July, timing to be determined by available pulpit supply and retreat plans. Motion carried.

Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to approve Pastor Clint’s vacation from July 9 to July 29 (3 weeks).

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to gift Katelyn Nutter Dowling with a stole not to exceed

\$175. Monies to be taken from the Nurture budget.  
Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee to receive a gift of praying hands figure from Phyllis Hunt. Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee to accept a gift of a ceramic cross from Scott Fraser. Motion carried.

Motioned by the Administration Committee for permission to transfer the two amounts of the International wire fees from the special Offerings fund # 3.2250 not to exceed \$250. Motion carried.

Motioned by the Administration committee to send Nik Stiles to Church Sound Boot Camp. Monies to come from Worship budget. Motion carried.

Motioned by Wendy Woodley to take the monies for the Founder's Day event from the Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

Motioned by committee to request a budget for the Founder's Day Event not to exceed \$4000, to be taken from the Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to accept the bid of \$500 from **A-lot Asphalt Maintenance and Repair** to seal cracks in parking lot. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds that the monies from the garage sale to go to Youth summer trip next year. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building & Grounds committee to remove the middle pew in last row on east side of sanctuary. This area to be designated as "handicapped/wheelchair" area. (with signage). Motion carried.

## Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

Please join us on Monday June 12th at 12 Noon. Our menu will be Hoagies and Homemade Sundaes. 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. This will be the last Senior Luncheon until September. Have a restful Summer!

## Calendar Notes

### June Birthday

Candi Cash	6-3	Kandi Wood	6-18
Cordelia Matthies	6-4	Allan MacDonald	6-18
Ron Wells	6-7	Avery Cash	6-19
Jan Waid	6-7	Patricia Morton	6-27
Beverly Kamensky	6-7	Kaila Hamilton	6-28
Stephanie Sauve	6-11	Sharilyn Bullion	6-29
Patrick Holmes	6-11	Dale Simon	6-30
Barbara Ettore	6-16		

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Darvin & Carla Long                      48 Years

## Memorials

In Memory of Revalee Hutchens Nancy Rand, Jerry & Bess  
Kirkland, Joyce Rowley, Mark Donnan, Nancy Gillespie, Bill &  
Jenny Cairns, Arnold & Shirley Aue  
In Honor of George & Suzanne Smith's 50th Anniversary  
Kay Snaddon, Ron & Dorothy Gillespie

## Upcoming Dates

1. June 2 Parking Lot Repair
2. June 4 Discovery Zone, Pentecost Sunday, Church Picnic, Committee Day
3. June 8 Worship Committee 6:30 p.m.
4. June 9 Book Club 10:30 a.m. see you in September!
5. June 10 Session Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.
6. June 11 Graduation Sunday, Deacon Meeting 12:30 p.m., HS Youth 5:30 p.m.
7. June 12 Senior Lunch, see you in the Fall!
8. June 14 Ruth Circle 10:00 a.m.
9. June 18 Father's Day, Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
10. June 19 Session 6:00 p.m.
11. June 19-24 Kitchen Refresh Project Signups: Fellowship Hall
12. June 20 F.I.C. Putt Putt Golf and Ice Cream @ The Barn 1:00 p.m.
13. June 20 VBS Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.
14. June 25 Sarah Circle 6:30 p.m.
15. June 28 Middle and High School Youth Fish & Loaves 8:30 a.m.

## Upcoming Community Events 2017

Mark your calendars!

"Cave Quest" VBS July 31st through August 4  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Clothes Swap Saturday August 5  
Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 1  
Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 28

## **Building and Grounds**

**Dave Bullion**

Our Narthex renovation is mostly complete. We anxiously are awaiting our Tree of Life to put the finishing touches on this project. We have also cleared off some other projects. Items such as spring clean up, garage sale and the like. We will begin a new project.

The new project is the refreshing of the Kitchen and Adult Classroom. We are NOT going to contract this out . We prefer to do this all in house. We are looking for volunteers to help us out. Firstly, the date is June 19 thru June 24. We will be removing items from the Kitchen and Adult Classroom. Cleaning as necessary, painting and refacing the cabinets in the kitchen are our agenda items. We are going to replace the counter top on the kitchen island then, returning items back to their proper place. If any of this sounds like it might interest you..... come on out. We have signup sheets available in Fellowship hall.

## **Youth**

**Giovanna Savastano**

For the month of June we've scaled back a little bit. First, we have a Youth Group meeting on Sunday, June 11th for 9th-12th grade youth at 5:30-6:30 at the church. Then, on Wednesday, June 28th, all 6th-12th grade youth are invited to go to Fish and Loaves food pantry to volunteer and work in their facilities. We are meeting at the church at 8:30, and plan to return around 1:30.

Something big and exciting that is happening in July is that we are taking a group of youth to the Howell Nature Center to experience their Global Village Program. This is a hands-on program to explore the different diverse ways in which people live in different regions of the world. It is an overnight camp in the village, with the second afternoon spent on the high ropes course at the Howell Nature

Center. We will be going July 12th-13th. The cost is \$75 per person for the camp. If you or your children are interested, please let me know! Space is limited.

We are always looking for adults to volunteer and work with our amazing kids, so if any of these events sound fun to you, or you just want to spend more time with our Southminster youth, please let me know! You are always welcome, and we'd love to have you!

## Prayers

### For those healing in the hospital:

### We pray for those healing at home:

Joan Watson, Shirley Aue, Vorrey Holmes, John Fields, Terri Donnan Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Arnold Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie and Tim Barclay, David Grove, Jean Page, Evelyn Langlands

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

Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe

Kurish (Elda Moore children); Katherine Hutchinson; Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter); Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend); Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle); Sheila Morais; Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend); Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister); 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 Olsoway friend); Linda Solis (Sue Grove friend); 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 sister); Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend); Wayne Tetz (Terri Donnan brother); 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); Sue Grove tests; Success & understanding in school and safe travels (Veronica Dor, Flora Kbone, Yvonne Ngong); Jack Tyre; Nan Bouchard; Elda Moore; Ken Renner; Sue Landis; Steve Premo (Stephanie Pratt friend); Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family) Kim Renner (Ken Renner daughter); Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family); Katelyn Nutter as she completes her PIF and considers her first call; Christine Simpson family; Tera Savastano traveling mercies Africa

**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 10 a.m.

Middle and High School Groups 10 a.m.

**Return Service Requested**