



# SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June, July, August 2019

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## From the Pastor



By the third Sunday in June, the paraments in the Sanctuary will all be green and we will have moved into “Ordinary Time.” The church calendar is a cycle that combines intense bursts of celebration and activity with long periods of “Ordinary Time.” Advent/ Christmas is its own special season, followed by a couple of months of

Ordinary Time at the beginning of the calendar year. The next cycle is Lent / Easter / Pentecost around the spring followed by another long stretch of Ordinary Time that stretches across the summer and into the fall. There are minor variations each year, but the same basic pattern is always there of intense bursts of activity followed by a return to the more “ordinary” pattern.

This ancient cycle suggests something about our lives: we live in cycles that depend on each other. Some seasons (both in our lives and in our communities) are full of things to do, rituals to keep, milestones to celebrate and calendars that are too full; other times in life are more ordinary, the cycle less defined. Summer, for me, as always been that “less defined” season. For the next four months, our rituals and cycles are our own to make. Let me suggest that as we enter into the Summer of 2019, we have a few priorities:

First, get some rest. Fall will be here soon enough and then comes the busy and ordered sequence. It’s important to find the time and space each of us needs to rest, recharge, be creative and reflect a bit. For some of you, that means adventures in places far away: happy travels! For others, the summer is about enjoying families that will too soon change as college and career calls loved ones away: enjoy your family while they are close. Some of us are facing

major events and transitions in the fall and need to prepare in the summer months: may your labor bring rewards. Invest the next couple of months wisely, remember we only get so much unstructured “Ordinary Time.”

As you travel and explore in the weeks ahead, please remember your support of Southminster. During my four years here, we have a bit of a habit of coming out of summer with a significant budget shortfall. We make up some of that ground in the fall, but usually not all of it. Look for information on electronic giving in the weeks ahead. Supporting Southminster through your financial gifts should be as easy as any other regular transaction. We are together a generous and faithful people, let’s intentionally make that our story over the summer months.

Finally, during Ordinary Time church committees and work groups are busy planning the fall and Advent events. If you’re a part of one of those planning groups, please take advantage of your phone and computer to participate in conversations even if you’re out of town. We don’t have to be in the same location to put the fall and winter events together. If you’re interested in how people who are out of town can participate in conversations taking place this summer, drop into my office. There are great tools that allow us to work as teams no matter how far flung we find ourselves.

So, let’s step into Ordinary Time with intentionality this year. Find rest, renewal, refreshment. Invest the time well in preparation for the seasons when the days pass too quickly and there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish everything.

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

We’ll be back in touch this fall!

# Nurture

## Wendy Woodley



The Discovery Zone children have been exploring the rotation.org series “The Great Commission and Ascension stories through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Pentecost story “Wind, Fire and Faith” will conclude the Discovery Zone programming until September. On June 16<sup>th</sup> the summer hours begin, just worship at 11am. The back table will not be staffed during the summer, children are welcome to use the back table if supervised and accompanied by an adult family member.

Pastor Clint has most recently led the adult Discovery Zone class in discussion on New Testament meditations taken from the sermon text of the previous Sunday’s sermon. The last adult class will also be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Pastor Clint for this learning experience and facilitating the adult discussions and book reviews.

The first Youth Stake holder task force meeting was held in April. This task force will begin to develop and plan for youth nurture. The intention is for families with children and teens participate in the conversation as to how we will program and staff youth nurture for the next three years. Several changes are occurring within the current nurture team this year and an in depth look into how we move forward is necessary. Due to our busy schedule, further meetings have been temporarily on hold.

Recognition of 2019 graduates takes place on June 9<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00am worship service. We are proud to announce four high

school graduates, Angel Gates graduated high school in Arizona, granddaughter of Barb and Al McDonald and Bob and Donna Gates, Alex Gillespie, graduating from Southgate Anderson, Kaila Hamilton graduating from Kennedy/Taylor High and attending Wayne State University in the fall. Megan Gillespie graduating from Annapolis High and attending Henry Ford Community College in the fall. There are also three college graduates. Teresa Savastano graduated from Northern University with a Bachelor of Biological Science concentration in Zoology with a minor in Integrative Science. Emma Cozier graduated from University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree, major in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience. Brendon Cozier graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Sports Management and is working with a baseball program in Fargo, North Dakota. Please join us for cake after the 11am worship service to congratulate and recognize the graduates.

A scholarship offering will be collected during the worship service on June 9th. Commissioning of the local Triennium delegates, chaperones and group leader will also be done during this worship service.

Recognition of the 2018-2019 Discovery Zone teachers also takes place on June 9th. We would like to recognize Tony Savastano/games, Gloria Olsowy/art, Giovanna Savastano/music and drama, Nancy Gillespie/cooking and science, Stephanie Pratt senior high, Michelle Hintz senior high assist, Pat Fraser middle school, Sue Frederick middle school assist, Marlene Jones nursery, Alexandra Fraser nursery. Rich Pratt for setup and technical support, Pastor Clint for facilitating the adult class, facilitating the opening music clips, bible background video and getting the kids warmed up. Thanks to all of you, we appreciate the time and effort that

everyone has given to make this program a wonderful learning experience for all! The instructional leaders and additional volunteers are essential to its success.

The 2019 vacation bible school theme is an African Safari called “Roar”, Life is wild God is good. A five evening program will be hosted by us on June 24th through June 28th from 6:00pm until 8:30pm here at Southminster. A light dinner meal will be served at the beginning of each evening. The next planning meeting will be held on June 12th at 7:00pm, please join us! A list of needed supplies and snacks is posted on the Nurture board in fellowship hall. Anything you can do to help in the way of donation is deeply appreciated! The mission focus of the program will support the Ilturisho School in Kenya. Set up for VBS will take place June 23rd at 2:00pm. The VBS youth will be asked to sing at the 11am worship service on June 30th. VBS take down will be on June 30th.

The 2019 Presbyterian Triennium event “Here’s My Heart” is July 16th through 20th at Perdue University in Indiana. Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt are going as advisors with the youth group and Pat Fraser is attending as a Small Group Leader. 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. There was a mandatory meeting for all Triennium attendees at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Southfield last month but another meeting date will be announced as there were many that weren’t able to attend that meeting. Date and time to be announced.

# Book Club

## Joyce Rowley



We gathered on May 10 to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The novel takes place in the marsh land of North Carolina, telling the story of young girl who, alone, survives from childhood to adulthood, meeting people who truly care and those who falsely care....all the time learning to tell the difference.

Note the book we will be reading in June:

June 14 – Let the Laughter Begin – a Treasury of Great Jewish

Humor and What It All Means by Michael Krasny

(Readers may read the entire book (or just one section), chose a story to share with us, and perhaps tell us what it means 😊)

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 13.

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**

**May 16, 2019**

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve September 4 to 11 as vacation time (out Sunday, Sept 8) for Pastor Clint.

Motion carried

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve September 30 to October 7 as vacation time (out Sunday, Oct. 6) for Pastor Clint.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Nurture Committee to accept a donation of toys for the nursery from Becky and Jeff Johnson. They are in excellent condition and have been sanitized. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to accept the bid from Trugreen to spray/fertilize our lawn. The bid is for \$1932.14 ( same as last year). Motion carried



## **Finance Report**



# Financial Picture

## Connie Dainus, Clerk of Session

April 2019

April 2019

Income:\$12,016.10

Expenses:13,461.07

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Year to Date:

Income:\$53,655.01

Expenses:55,648.56

Balance\$ -1,993.55

### June July August Sanctuary Duties

Jun Communion Set up 2nd & 9th	Jul Communion Set up	Aug Communion Set up
Nancy & Mary W.	Nancy &	Nancy &
Jun Communion Clean Up	Jul Communion Clean Up	Aug Communion Clean Up
Mary Wright	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer

## Jun July August Greeters

Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 30
Donnan's			N. Gillespie	
Jul 7	Jul 14	Jul 21	Jul 28	
Donnan's	Long's		N. Gillespie	
Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25	
Donnan's	Long's		N. Gillespie	

## Expressions

### Denise Wright

**SOUTHMINSTER BLOCK PARTY** : Southminster will be hosting its first ever neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-5pm. Plan will be to invite all the neighborhoods surrounding the church for a hotdog lunch, activities, programs connected w/city, obstacle course bouncer, face painting, etc.... much more to be detailed out, but please save this date on your

calendar to come and help us open our doors to the neighbors and be more welcoming!!



**Children's Clothes Swap:** Our annual children's clothes swap will be a little different this year – we are currently finalizing

details to have Kinyon Elementary School host the swap in their gym the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Clothes collection dates will be

Aug 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (Mon-Wed) and the Swap will be on Thurs and Fri that same week, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please watch for more details in the upcoming months as the event gets closer – this will also work to help seed clothes for our Downriver Clothing Connection in the Fall!

# Downriver Clothing



# Connection

Downriver Clothing Connection: As we are beginning to get ready for the summer months, we are also just starting to organize the area for the DCC. As of the time of this article, Allen Park is in the process of recovering from water/flood damage from the heavy rains in early May which delayed anything being able to get done on the third floor rooms. We hope to get back on track early June to discuss the cleaning out of the items in the rooms before we can move forward with any remodeling. We will be sure to share when the time comes for needing many handy helping hands to get this rolling – if you are interested, please let Michele Hintz know if you haven't already gotten your name in.

Animalpalooza: Celebrating God's creations on earth will be Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will again have this community event featuring Chamberlain's Petting Farm, Howell Nature Center,

Blessing of the Animals, among other activities – be sure to Save the Date!!!

2019 events:

Block Party: Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Animalpalooza: Sunday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Inside/Out Dinner: 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, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 3pm

## **Church Life**

### **Gus Cline**

We are shooting for a Sunday July 21st Toledo Mudhens game and have a few things to finalize and will get sign up info out to all via the Church slides and announcements. We are hoping to utilize the Allen Park church busses to keep costs down.

Also the annual church camping weekend will be Friday August 16-Sunday August 18th which is a week earlier than usual for those that want to book their sites. Our Summer Picnic will be in



August this year instead of June and watch for more info on that as it gets closer as The Expressions and Church Life committees are working together on a new twist to this event. Have a great summer!!

## June July August Anniversary

Darvin & Carla Long	6-28	50
Ron & Jacqueline Jensen	7-22	47
Dale & Victoria Simon	7-24	43
Tim & Laurie Barclay	7-15	41
Albert & Barbara Ettore	7-20	28
Chadrick & Darcy Matthies	7-14	25
Brian & Michele Hintz	7-29	24
Jerry & Bess Kirkland	8-13	59
Ronald & Patricia Wells	8-25	52
David & Patricia Fraser	8-19	25
Gary & Candi Cash	8-30	22

## June July August Birthday

Candi Cash	6-3	Darvin Long	7-18
Cordelia Matthies	6-4	Terriann Donnan	7-23
Ronald Wells	6-7	Ian Walker	7-25
Janice Waid	6-7	Chadrick Matthies	8-1
Patrick Holmes	6-11	Emma Cash	8-1
Barbara Ettore	6-16	Pamela Hutchens	8-3
Kandi Wood	6-18	Patricia Tucker	8-4
Allan MacDonald	6-18	Mark Donnan	8-6
Avery Cash	6-19	Melissa Gillespie	8-7
Patricia Morton	6-27	Giovanna Savastano	8-8
Kaila Hamilton	6-28	Frederick Mount	8-8
Sharilyn Bullion	6-29	Genevieve Cairns	8-10
Dale Simon	6-30	Susan Landis	8-13
Gregory Walker	7-5	Patricia Wells	8-19
Gregory Walker II	7-7	Mia Cates	8-19
Gloria Olsowy	7-7	Dave Calendine	8-20
Sophia Olsowy	7-8	Wendy Woodley	8-22
Margie Hudson	7-8	Dorothy Gillespie	8-25
Nancy Gillespie	7-13	Scott Barclay	8-29
Filomena Savastano	7-14	Suzanne Smith	8-30
Joyce Rowley	7-18		



## ChristNet “Test Drive” Fundraiser

ChristNet Gorno Ford Test Drive

Gorno Ford of Woodhaven has generously invited ChristNet Services to participate in a fundraiser “Test Drive” event. This opportunity is **FREE** to all who attend. For each individual who participates, Ford Motor will donate \$20 to ChristNet. If we have 20 people, they will donate \$400 - If we have the **300 maximum** participants allowed, we will receive \$6,000.

This is a one day event on Thursday, June 20, 2019, from 12 noon - 8:00 p.m. It will take place at **Gorno Ford**, 22025 Allen Rd., Woodhaven and will take approximately 15 minutes of time to register and drive. There will be a choice of newer models to select your test vehicle from!



The event is limited to one person per household address and participants must be over 18 years of age and show a valid driver's license.

The ChristNet Fundraising committee is very excited about this great opportunity and we hope you will help us meet our goal of 300 participants. Contact your ChristNet Coordinator for more information and to sign up or look for the posted flyer. Advance sign up is encouraged, but not required.

As we approach completion of the renovation of our new Daytime Center, the kitchen still awaits completion!

## Memorial Giving

In Memory of Ronald Gillespie

Given by: Joyce Rowley, Tim & Laurie Barclay, George & Suzanne Smith, Jeff & Lori Pochran, Gerald & Ann Lambrix, Ron & Pat Wells, Bruce Aue, Shirley Aue, David & Hope Lambrix, Bert & Wendy Woodley, Kay Snaddon, Jerry & Pat VanHook

## June Upcoming Dates

Sun Jun 2	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Tues Jun 4,11,18,25	8:00 p.m. Band rehearsal
Sun Jun 9	Graduate Sunday-Pentecost Discovery Zone Summer Vacation See you in September!
Wed Jun 12	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting
Fri Jun 14	10:30 a.m. Book Club

Sun Jun 16,23,30	11:00 a.m. Worship
Thurs Jun 20	7:00 p.m. Session
Sun Jun 23	VBS Set Up
	6:30 Sarah Circle
Mon Jun 24-28	6:00 p.m. VBS

### **July Upcoming Dates**

Sun Jul 7	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Wed Jul 10	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Tue Jul 16-20	Presbyterian Youth Triennium
Thurs Jul 18	7:00 p.m. Session

### **August Upcoming Dates**

Sat Aug 3	2:00 p.m. Church Block Party
Sun Aug 4	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Wed Aug 7	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Thurs Aug 15	7:00 p.m. Session
Mon Aug 19-23	Clothes Swap

### **Prayers For Our Friends**

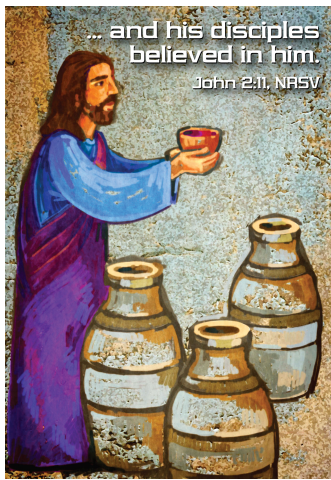
IN THE HOSPITAL

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Ctr., Woodhaven)

HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Don Hardy, Sue Landis, Del Wonnacott, David Grove, Phyllis Hunt, Bess Kirkland, Bethany Hamilton

## NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



Family of Ron Gillespie on his recent death, Dakota Adams, (Kandi Wood nephew), Marnie Winkleman, Marge Bernadine, Evelyn Langlands, Joan Watson, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Lina Laurin

(Gloria Olsowy family), Ken Renner, Sharilyn & Dave Bullion

## THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody, Stacy Denise Cain, 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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