




SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2020

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The only thing that counts is

faith
expressing
itself through
love.

Galatians 5:6, NIV



From The Pastor

We have a lofty mission statement at Southminster that starts out: The mission of the church is “to participate in what God is doing in our world by” This mission statement is built on two assumptions: God is still at work in our world, and the “business” of the church is to discern where God is at work and work alongside and within that work. We’ve put this into practice this Advent season. The local schools know what is happening with families in the community; we asked them “is there anyone who needs help this Christmas season and what do they need?” The response was a list of families who could use a little help in this season. Those lists were very specific: clothing, practical needs (food, gas, home items), and some toys for the children. Just when we thought we had our list, they approached us again and said “wait, one more family please!” I can’t tell you as a pastor how wonderful it was to see the people of Southminster respond to that request. You came up with creative ways to stretch your buying dollars, people from beyond the Southminster family got involved. We did exactly what we said we would do: we listened, we discerned, we acted.

For a number of years Southminster has participated in ChristNet over the Advent / Christmas holiday season. During the time I’ve served as pastor, we’ve helped facilitate a week at Journey of Hope Church in concert with several other churches in our community. This year we received a call from ChristNet, “we’re really having trouble finding someone to host the shelter for those who don’t have a place to sleep and eat over the Christmas holiday. Would you be willing to help?” Again we listened, discerned, and Session quite bravely said “yes” and set our acting into motion.

Most of the time, mission statements tend to be lofty words on paper or at best aspirational statements about the future. To be a small part of a community that moves beyond the aspirational and theoretical into the practical, to live out our mission statement over the past Advent season has been profoundly satisfying. Thank you for your willingness to listen, to discern, and to act. Together we have offered food, housing, fellowship, and hope. We have been Jesus’ presence in our community for some people who

needed that presence in this season. When we listen, discern, and act, we become God’s presence in our world. We give time and place to Emmanuel, the God who takes up residence among us.

Thank you.

Children’s Nurture Team

Rich Pratt

Happy New Year!

Discovery Zone will not be held on December 29th or January 5th 2020, as our church will be hosting Christnet warming center for the homeless. Discovery Zone Children’s Sunday school will resume on January 19th at 10am.

The adult Sunday school group are reading the book of Acts by N.T. Wright and will self-facilitate the discussions from their reading on Sunday morning at 10am.

Discovery Zone for the lower level through high school will be doing a four week study on the Temptations of Jesus beginning on January 19th continuing through February 9th.

We appreciate the volunteers that have signed up to assist our child care worker Marlene Jones in the nursery. Many weeks, your help has not been necessary due to the lack of nursery aged children in attendance, but please don’t stop volunteering. The requirement is for one additional person from 10-11am and one additional person from 11am-12pm, assist Marlene. If you are willing to share one hour a month with our littlest members, there is a sign-up sheet available in fellowship hall on the Nurture board, opportunities to help are still available. Please sign up for January and February.

Appreciation also goes out to those volunteers that have signed up

to help with the children at the back table during worship. Children under second grade move to the back table after children's time in the worship service at 11am. It is suggested that two people team up and supervise them at the table. Sign up for your week in fellowship hall on the Nurture board, additional opportunities are still available. Youth volunteers may also sign up to assist our volunteers at the back table one week a month. Please sign up on the board in fellowship hall for January and February.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for the middle and high school aged youth are from 6-7:30pm. Rich Pratt is also the youth group director. The youth group has named itself the "Daring Disciples." 50 shirts have been ordered for the t-shirt fundraiser, in white with the logo imprinted on the front. The price is \$20. each. The shirts should be in soon, see Rich if you pre-ordered one. For those wanting tie dyed shirts, the youth will meet with Nik Stiles and Brittany Drumm for a tie dye session, the color of flames red, yellow and orange will be used for the tie dye shirts.

The Women's circles are hosting a bake sale on the first Sunday of each month. Sarah Circle meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm in the Donnans home. Rachel circle meets the first Monday of the month at noon, and Ruth circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on December 13th to discuss *The Girl They Left Behind*. The setting for this book was in Romania during and after World War and was basically a true story of the author's mother and grandparents. We enjoyed a very thought provoking discussion about how fate (or was it God?) played a part of the family's lives.

We were pleased to welcome an additional reader to our small group. During the last 2+ years, we have welcomed 3 additional readers who have contributed greatly to our discussions!

The following books were chosen for future reads:

January 10th – *Finding Chika* by Mitch Album

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"

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Session Motions

Connie Dainus

December 19, 2019

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to adopt the following structure for 2020: Admin Team (Dale Simon), Expressions Team (Denise Wright), Children's Nurture Team (Rich Pratt), Worship Team (Pat Fraser), B & G Team (David Bullion), Church Life Team (Gus Cline), Nominating Committee (TBD). Motion carried.

Motioned by Mary Wright and seconded to schedule all Ministry Team meetings on the afternoon of the second Sunday of the month between 3 and 6 PM in the afternoon. Variations must be approved by Session. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve March 15 to 21 as study leave with Rev. Kevin Johnson preaching on the 15th. Motion carried.

Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to approve April 19 to 25 as pastor's vacation time with Elder Charon Barcony

(Presbytery of Detroit Associate Executive) preaching on the 19th.
Motion carried.

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to approve the use of Building by Jennifer German for the dates of Dec. 28, 2019 and January 18, 2020 from 12:30 to 4:30 PM and on March 13, 2020 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Motion carried.

Financial Picture

Connie Dainus

November, 2019

Year to Date:

Income:\$16,531.16

Income:\$146,124.10

Expenses:13,153.13

Expenses:149,292.88

Balance:\$ 3,378.03

Balance:\$- 3,168.78

Building & Grounds

Dave Bullion

We are currently finalizing plans for the 2020 year. Some of the projects under consideration are, complete the lighting project (only the fellowship hall lights remain), drywall the mail room to eliminate the gaps in the wall, paint the blue side of the double classroom, remove and replant tree at Constance Cook memorial. Just to name a few.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Just remember after December 31 everyone can throw away their glasses....cause we will all be seeing 2020.

January Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Clean Up</u>
Jan 5	Nancy Gillespie	Donnans	
Jan 12		MacDonalds	
Jan 19			
Jan 26		Nancy	

Church Life

Gus Cline

Our thanks to all who attended and helped with our Christmas Dinner and Program. About 120 Church members and guests enjoyed kid's crafts, a social time, a great meal topped off with a Joyce Rowley Christmas story and a pop up Nativity play with lots of audience participation!! This was truly an Event that had our church reaching out to and hosting people in our community of all ages in a festive gathering celebrating the birth of our Savior. We would appreciate any feedback you might have for us to think about for future dinners.

Pastoral Care

Gus Cline

The week before Christmas found Pastor Clint and members of the Pastoral Care team out visiting many of our members who couldn't be with us to celebrate this time of year. Communion, a Christmas plant and fellowship made for some very nice visits.



Senior Luncheon

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Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, January 13th at 12 noon. The menu will be Swedish Meatballs and all the Thanksgiving trimmings for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

January Birthdays

Chris Moore	1/1
Veronica Dor	1/1
Nancy Fraser	1/3
William Cairns	1/5
Nick Stiles	1/8
Don Hardy	1/14
Pat Borieo	1/20
Alexandra Fraser	1/22
Phyllis Hunt	1/31

Upcoming Dates

Wed Jan 1-5	ChristNet
Sun Jan 12,19,26	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
Sun Jan 5,12,19,26	11:00 a.m. Worship

Sat Jan 11, 25	6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Jan 12	*3:00 p.m. Committee Day
*Per Session, Committee Day is moved to 2 nd Sunday of the month	
Sun Jan 5,12,19,26	6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth
Mon Jan 6	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Tue Jan 5	6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team
	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Tue Jan 7, 14,21, 28	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Fri Jan 10	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Mon Jan 13	Noon Senior Lunch
Wed Jan 8	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thur Jan 9	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Sun Jan 19	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
	Service for Christian Unity
Thur Jan 16	7:00 p.m. Session
Wed Jan 22	December Newsletter Deadline

PRAYERS FOR OUR FRIENDS HOSPITALIZED

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Ctr., Woodhaven)
 Pat Holmes (Beaumont, Trenton)
 Jerry Kirkland (Belle Fountain Rehab, Riverview)
 Andrea Held (Beaumont, Taylor)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Sue Landis, Ken Renner, David Grove, Sharilyn Bullion,
Don Hardy

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

Marnie Winkleman, Marge Bernadine, Evelyn Langlands,
Joan Watson, Jackie Shiel (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), Johnnie Jones (Marlene Jones family), George
Smith, Randal Doss (Pratt family), Alissa Smith & Luke
Belamy (Cash family), Susan Zavaleta, Joan Tetz, Nancy
Stanhope (Marlene Jones sister), Chantal Huggins
(Woodley's friend), Cheryl Bachman (Greg & Jean Walker
friend), Amanda Blanchett (Larry & Carol Showler)

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.

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