



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

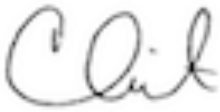


For the period between Easter and Pentecost (called “Eastertide” in church speak), we will be exploring the connection between the resurrection and hope. Jesus entered a world oppressed by power, position and superstition. He was so obviously different that those who opposed him, people like King Herod, Pontius Pilate, and the various religious leaders with whom he regularly sparred, realized that he was a substantial threat to the status quo. For those whose interests were thwarted by Jesus’ declaration of God’s rule in the here and now, Good Friday was their response. On Saturday, there was only eerie silence as the images of the preceding day replayed themselves again and again, only silence remained. Then Easter morning: rumors swirl, light swallows up darkness, conversations take place, bread is broken, hope is born. The resurrection of Jesus, the reality of Jesus in the lives of his followers in the days after his crucifixion, was above all about hope.

In the Gospel accounts, this hope is expressed in different ways. For Thomas, who could not believe the witness of others, hope was about an encounter with the Risen Lord. For Peter who’s dreams had been shattered, Easter brings the hope of reconciliation. For Jesus’ followers who were just a huddled handful, the resurrection was coupled with Jesus’ command to take his story out from the narrow confines of Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside into every place and city and corner. There is the hope that the king who arrived on Palm Sunday, God’s messenger, would bring God’s way of being into the here

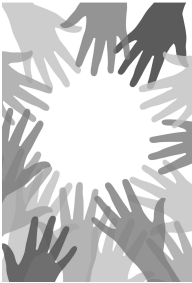
and now. Suddenly there is the hope expressed in the Lord's Prayer that heaven can be experienced on earth.

We mistakenly think of Easter as a single Sunday, but it isn't. Easter is the time between Resurrection Sunday and Pentecost. It's that long because the hope it brings is so amazing and life-changing that it takes a while to get our arms around it; hope has broken in, and now everything has changed whether we realize it or not.



Nurture

Wendy Woodley



The Discovery Zone children have been exploring the rotation.org series “Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus” and it will conclude on May 5th. The Great Commission and Ascension stories will begin on May 12th and continue through June 2nd. On June 9th the Pentecost story “Wind, Fire and Faith” will conclude the Discovery Zone programming until September 8th.

Pastor Clint is leading the adult Discovery Zone class in discussion on New Testament meditations taken from the sermon text of the previous Sunday's sermon. The group will save their bulletin and meditate and reflect during the week on the New Testament

lesson and then will discuss the following Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join them at any time.

May 19th has been designated Youth Sunday. All of the Southminster youth will play a part in leading the morning worship service. The biblical context will be taken from Daniel 3 and the older youth will be putting their own twist on the story.

Please join us immediately after the 11:00 worship service on May 19th for a light luncheon and cake being held in honor of Giovanna Savastano. This will be a time of family fellowship for recognition and appreciation of the outstanding role Giovanna has played in the lives of our youth during her time here as Coordinator of Youth Ministries. This is not a goodbye, just recognition for the wonderful job she has done with the Southminster youth. She will be leaving us in August and moving to the University of Illinois, Chicago campus for a graduate program in Occupational Therapy.

The youth overnight lock-in will be on May 10th from 7:00pm until 10am Saturday morning. All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to attend.

Everyone grades 6 through 12 meet from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings for youth group. One meeting this month on May 19th and this will be the final meeting with Giovanna. An ice cream social will be held.

The first Stake holder task force meeting was held on April 16th. The task force will begin to develop and plan for youth nurture. The intent is for families with children and teens participate in the conversation on how we will program and staff youth nurture for the next three years. There are several changes happening within the current nurture team this year and an in depth look into how we move forward is necessary.

Attention 2019 graduates we need your help! Please let Wendy, or the office know that you are graduating, the school from which you are graduating, and the degree you have attained. Recognition of graduates will take place on June 9th during the 11:00am worship service. So far we have two high school graduates, Kaila Hamilton graduating from 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 three college graduates so far. Terresa Savastano graduating from Northern University with a Bachelor of Biological Science concentration in zoology with a minor in integrative science. Emma Cozier is graduating from University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree, major in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience. Brendon Cozier is graduating from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in sports management.

Several things will be happening on June 9th at the 11:00am worship service. We will be collecting a scholarship offering, recognizing 2019 graduates, commissioning the local Triennium group and recognizing our Discovery Zone teachers.

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. Many volunteers will be needed, please let Wendy know if you are willing to help out. The next planning meeting will be held on May 8th at 7:00pm please join us! We will be compiling a list of needed supplies and snacks which will be posted on the Nurture board in fellowship hall. Anything you can do to help is deeply appreciated!

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. Final payment for the trip was made on April 25th. On May 18th from 10-12, there is a mandatory meeting for all Triennium attendees at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham.

Attendees will coordinate to meet at the church and carpool to First Presbyterian Birmingham.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley



We gathered on April 12 to discuss That’s Why I Am Here by Chris Spielman. We would recommend the book to everyone. It is the true story of Chris and Kelly Spielman and their shared battle with Kelly’s breast cancer. Their story communicated the life story that something you may think is the most important part of your life, is not that important when we meet a life and death situation. God, Faith, Love are definitely exemplified thru the Spielman’s life story.

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

May 10 – Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

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

March 27, 2019

Motioned by Dave Bullion and seconded to put together a youth task force. Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee to approve a scholarship fund collection on graduation Sunday June 9. Motion carried.

Motioned by the Worship committee to upgrade the sanctuary and church office WIFI infrastructure using Jet Enterprises per their quote, not to exceed \$900 to come from memorial fund. Motion carried.

Motioned by Expressions committee requesting to use the special Easter offering to go towards the establishment of a Stephens Ministry at Southminster. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to have Jet Enterprises install security cameras on the church property not to exceed \$2500 to be taken from the Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

Financial Picture

Connie Dainus, Clerk of Session

March 2019

Year to Date:

Income:\$15,285.00

Income:\$39,191.00

Expenses:14,321.84

Expenses:41,638.91

\$1,710.71

Balance\$ -548.58

May Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt

Sanctuary Duties	Set Up	Clean Up
Communion May 5	Nancy Gillespie, Mary Wright	Nancy Gillespie Mary Wright
Pew Patrol		Sue Frederick
Coffee Clean Up		volunteer needed
Greeters		
May 5	Donnan's	

May 12	Mary Wright	
May 19	Gloria Olsowy	
May 26	Nancy Gillespie	

Help Wanted - Church Jobs

Mary Cline

There are many great jobs for Sunday service waiting to be filled for the coming year. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall with more information. We need greeters, communion helpers, and coffee cleanup help. Please see the worship board and commit to as many weeks as you can.
Thank you so much!

Expressions

Denise Wright

Micro Clothes Closet: (continuing) - Utilizing the Faith in Action Phase I Grant received from Presbytery, we continue coordinating with Kinyon Elementary to provide 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.....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. The winter session will be held at Allen Park Presbyterian Church and is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm and will run through April. This is open to the community so please extend the opportunity to all that may need some extra support while grieving a loved one.

FAITH IN ACTION – PHASE II: Downriver Clothing Connection – We had a very good turn-out to celebrate the unveiling and dedication service for this community project on Good Friday (Apr 19) at 7pm at Allen Park Presbyterian Church. As Jesus left us and commanded us to continue his work, this was an appropriate time to celebrate continuing to do God’s work with the DCC starting with Good Friday.

One of the next steps is to gather folks who like to do construction projects from both congregations and begin a remodel of the rooms at APPC that we will be using. If you are handy with projects and interested in helping, please see Michele Hintz for more details. We also have cards available to take and consider what ways you would like to participate in this project moving forward – they are located on the table in the Narthex. Please take one and continue to pray for the DCC and how you will participate.

2019 events:

Block Party: August 11th

Clothes Swap Week of August 19th

Animalpalooza: Sept 29th

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

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, May 5th @ 3pm

Church Life

Gus Cline

Easter week found your Pastoral Care team visiting some of our members who are unable to make it to church on a regular basis. Conversation, Communion and a nice Easter Lily were all part of the visit. We would like to thank Janice Waid and Dale Simon for joining Pastor Clint in some of these visits. Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion

The office remodel is complete. It was an ambitious project to try and finish in the week while Anne was on vacation, but we did it. It takes many hands to accomplish something this large so I would like to take the time to say



thanks to those on the B&G committee for all your help. I'd also like to take the time to give a huge thank you to Tim Barkley and Bruce Aue for lending their time and special talents to the project. Everyone who helped out is/are truly a valuable asset to not only the B&G committee but to our entire church family.

We now have a video system in place. There had been random talks of getting a system off and on for a couple of years. There became an actual need earlier this year as signs of vandalism to our property became apparent. The system covers the entire parking lot, baseball field and office entryway door. This will NOT stop the vandalism BUT it will give us a video record of any suspicious events to give to the police for legal action. It also allows those working in the church to better see just who is at the door before allowing them entry.

Our spring clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at 10am and should be complete around noon. If you are so inclined come on out.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, May 13th at 12 noon.** The menu will be Hamburgers with all the trimmings and make your own Sundae for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

May Anniversary

William and Mary Wonnacott 5-12 68 Years

George and Suzanne Smith 5-27 52 Years

May Birthdays

Sharon Walker	5-4
Antonio Savastano	5-5
Daniel Pratt	5-8
Robert Barclay	5-14
Bethany Hamilton	5-27

Upcoming Dates

Sat May 4	10:00 a.m. Spring Clean Up 6:00 p.m. Skore Lanes Bowling
Sun May 5	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon May 6	Noon Rachel Circle
Tues May 7,14,21,28	8:00 p.m. Band rehearsal
Wed May 8	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting
Fri May 10	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Mon May 13	Noon Senior Lunch
Thurs May 16	7:00 p.m. Session
Sun May 19	Youth Sunday 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Wed May 22	June Newsletter Deadline

PRAYERS Ron Gillespie (Regency Rehab)

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Center, Woodhaven)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Norm Manders, Jerry Kirkland, David Grove, Don Hardy, Dale Simon, Sue Landis

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Smith Family (friends of Cash family), Lociano Family (friends of Greg and Jean Walker), Marnie Winkleman, Marlene Jones, Cynthia Johnson, Evelyn Langlands, Marge Bernadine, Joan Watson, Vorrey Holmes, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Sheila Morais, Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brenda and Terry Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Elda Moore, Ken Renner, Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Sharilyn 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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