

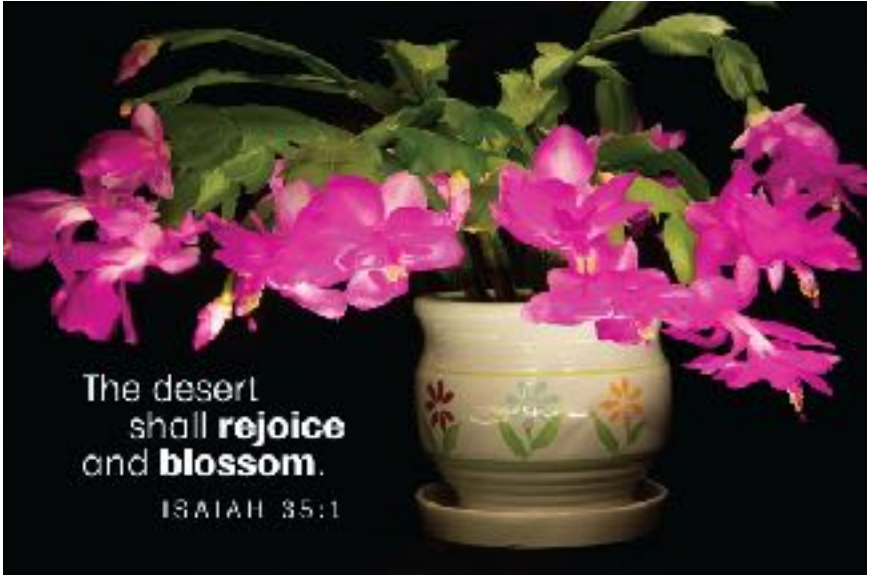


# SOUTHMINSTER

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2016

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## From the Pastor



By the time you read the next newsletter, we will be in Advent season and looking forward to 2017. This November will be jammed with activities: the election of church officers, the Advent Tea, the Thanksgiving holiday and associated family travels; oh yes, and the presidential election taking place in a week. The United States is the only

country in the industrialized world that has an election cycle as long as the one we've just endured.

Rumors of who was or was not swinging through New Hampshire was a news item in the weeks following the 2012 election. We've had political debates and town halls on TV for so long that it feels like a regular part of network programming. How will we live without them?

In a week, it will be decided (or so we hope)! Given the long journey that we've taken, you may not appreciate my observation that the end of this election cycle is just the beginning of some very hard work. If we've learned anything over the past two years, it is that too many people feel powerless, frustrated, overlooked and unappreciated in our national life. That welling up of frustration happens from time to time, but is one of the strongest drivers in our national life right now. We are bound together by a shared history and an understanding of how we will live with each other. When our histories diverge, when enough people feel the understanding of how we live together is no longer equitable, then it tears at the very fabric of our nation.

It is ironic that, following one of the most vitriolic and partisan political periods in living memory, the way ahead will be marked by listening and perhaps dialogue. It is only by hearing each other, by

understanding the welled up frustration and powerlessness felt by many among us, by choosing to come out of our respective corners and converse, that we will forge a new understanding of how we can live together. Only by hearing the stories of those beyond our particular corner will we have the capacity to weave together a communal identity broad enough to include everyone, or at least everyone who chooses to participate.

There is a lot of chatter right now about the “Christian” vote. I’m far more concerned that we take Jesus’ teachings about justice, grace, reconciliation and redemption and express them in our lives. Living as Christians in a diverse community gives us a wonderful opportunity to put action to belief, to give expression to some of our most cherished ideas. How we live as Jesus’ followers in our larger community is the real question, or so it seems to me.

The only recommendation I have to offer in this election season is this: on November 8th, vote your conscious (but only once). On November 9th, be prepared to live out your faith in the life of our collective community in the days, weeks, and years ahead. Jesus said that his followers were the salt of the earth; they were the thing capable of both preserving and infusing wholeness into the world. Salt is the need of this hour and will be our need for the foreseeable future.

## Nurture

Wendy Woodley / Marnie Winkleman

Thanks to all of the volunteers that have helped us out during Discovery Zone and Worship service with the children, we really appreciate your help. There is a continual need of additional people every Sunday to assist Marlene in the Nursery. If you can

share an hour or two with the little ones, they'd be delighted to have you join them.

An additional person is needed for a few weeks during the worship service to assist a nurture team member with the children under second grade in the rainbow room. They see a movie, have a snack and do a coloring sheet. Two adults are always required in every educational area. Tony has 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Gina 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Mary Cline and Missy Head 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Pat 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and Steph and Nancy G. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Kid's second grade and older are asked to stay with parents during worship. There are five activity bags available in the narthex, to keep older children busy during the worship service.

Rotating learning stations are used in the Discovery Zone hour for children. Pastor Clint does the opening Bible story and then the children break out by age group and move to one different station every week. They have tried five different rotation stations. Cooking, Science, Art, Drama/Music, and Games. In the three Parable lessons of the Wise and Foolish Builders, the Unforgiving servant and the Five Talents a Building Lab, Science and Drama are being used. Jesus through Joseph's Eyes is the Advent series. The stations of Cooking, Games, Art and Drama will be used. There will not be Discovery Zone on Christmas or New Year's Day. Worship only at 10am on those days.

The visit to the Calder dairy farm has been rescheduled to November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Cost is \$9.50 per person, we would like to have at least 15 persons sign up for the dairy tour. We can meet at the church and carpool. Families are welcome to join us on this event. The trip includes a dairy tour, petting of animals, milking of cows and is followed up with fresh ice cream to eat. Any senior citizens, or others interested are welcome to join us. There is a

sign-up sheet on the back wall of fellowship hall. Please sign up and also let Pat Fraser know if you plan on going.

A youth ice cream social is scheduled on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the middle school and high school aged youth. This is an informational and planning meeting with Gina Savastano. Other November events include a visit to the Ann Arbor Science Museum on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the greening of the church on November 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Advent Tea at 4:00 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.

Children's Illustrated Bibles have been given out to elementary aged children that had not previously received a bible from Southminster. The targeted age group was 4 through 9 years old, as the bible selected is an easy read, picture bible. However, we may have missed a child or perhaps there is a child in need of this bible, please let us know. We will be happy to present any child in need with a bible.

Pastor Clint will be forming a Confirmation class this month for youth wanting to join the church. He will lead a several month discussion and learning time for confirmands. Gina Savastano will also assist in mentoring the class. Upon completion the youth would be joining the church in the spring. This age group will receive a NLT Teen Life Application Bible from the church. Please let Pastor Clint know if you have a young person interested in confirmation class.

## **Senior Lunch**

Kay Snaddon

Our menu for November will be Turkey Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. We will meet on Monday, November 14 at

Noon for a fine meal and fellowship. The cost is a donation of \$3.00. See you then.

## **Presbyterian Women**

Jan Hinson

The November Gathering will be Wednesday, November 2nd at Second Mile Center, 18391 Morang, Detroit, Mi. 313-245-5252. Time: 9:45 through lunch. The program will be Information and Resources to Prevent Gun Violence presented by the Detroit Presbytery Gun Violence Prevention Work Group consisting of Rev. Barb McRea, Rev. Kevin Johnson and Pam Frucci. Your donation to attend this meeting is a non perishable food item for Second Mile Center Holiday Food basket.

## **Expressions**

Michele Hintz / Kandi Wood

Griefshare is being held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the library. Please contact Mark or Terri Donnan if interested in attending or for more information.

In October we visited Fish & Loaves for a tour of the facility. We will be coordinating a holiday project with them. Our goal is to supply at least 50 of their clients, with a crock pot baskets. More details to follow in November.

Our next committee meeting will be held at 3pm on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Everyone is welcome!

clothing left after the swap will be donated to one of the local organizations.

## Youth Ministries

Giovanna Savastano

My name is Giovanna Savastano and I have recently been given the opportunity to work with our youth as the Youth Ministries Coordinator. Our goal is to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and to have so much fun while doing so! We will meet weekly for activities, community outreach and learning. Our journey begins on Sunday November 6th for a Kick-Off Ice Cream Social at 4:00 p.m. here at the church! It's open for all 6th-12th grade students, and should be a lot of fun! Thank you so much for this opportunity, and I'm so excited moving forward! Have any questions or want to volunteer? Please feel free to contact me by phone 313-520-5532 or email [giovanna8895@gmail.com](mailto:giovanna8895@gmail.com)

## Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on October 14th to discuss *The Girl on the Train*. It was interesting to note that not all the characters were as they first appeared to be. We are always impressed with the way an author adds twists and turns to the characters' personalities. It was decided to see the movie, *The Girl on the Train*, to note the differences between the book and the movie.

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

November 11 – Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

December 9 – A Christmas themed book of your choice

January 13 – Woman of God by James Patterson

February 10 – Innocence by Dean Koontz

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” 😊

### **November Volunteers**

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Lay Liturgist      | Terri Donnan                 |
| Communion Setup    | Mark & Terri Donnan          |
| Pew Patrol         | Mary Cline & Nancy Gillespie |
| Coffee Clean Up    | Mary Cline & Scott Barclay   |
| Communion Clean Up | All Deacons                  |

### **Session Motions and Notes**

Connie Dainus

1. Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve the minutes of the Sept. 25 meeting of the congregation and corporation. Motion carried.
2. Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to accept with regret the letter of resignation from session from Nancy Rand. Motion carried.
3. Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to host a Presbytery meeting on Saturday March 25, 2017. Motion carried.



4. Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to approve three days of Continuing Education (October 19 to 21) which will be invested in worship planning (Winter 2017) and sermon prep work for Advent. Motion carried by consent.
5. Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve a shift in published office hours to Tues - Thur 9 am to noon. Other times by appointment. Motion carried by consent.
6. Motioned by Marnie Winkleman and seconded to ask Building and Grounds and Expressions committees to bring a combined motion on the memorial project and an outreach project. Motion carried.
7. Motioned by Dave Fraser and seconded to schedule a congregational meeting on November 6, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons. Motion carried.

## **Calendar Notes**

### Birthdays November

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|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| David Grove      | 11-1  | Cierra Tetz     | 11-16 |
| Megan Gillespie  | 11-1  | Janice Hinson   | 11-20 |
| Gus Cline        | 11-4  | Stephanie Pratt | 11-21 |
| Michele Hintz    | 11-5  | Carter Matthies | 11-23 |
| Revalee Hutchens | 11-7  | Joyce Showler   | 11-25 |
| Drew Matthies    | 11-12 | Bess Kirkland   | 11-28 |
| Owen Hamilton    | 11-14 |                 |       |

## **Memorials**

In Memory of Norman W. Johnston:

Nancy Rand, Ron & Dorothy Gillespie

## Upcoming Dates

1. 11- 2 PWPDP meeting at Second Mile Center. Information & Resources to Prevent Gun Violence. More details in F H
2. Wednesday 11-9 Grief Share 7:00 p.m.
3. Monday November 21-Wednesday November 23 Westminster Church of Detroit Thanksgiving Day meal set up and volunteer.

## Prayers

### We pray for those healing at home:

Ken Renner, Pat Morton, Sharilyn Bullion, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Nan Bouchard, Arnold Aue, Don Hardy, Elda Moore, Laurie and Tim Barclay

### 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); Barbara Willis and Ron Wilder (Terri Donnan friend); Sue Landis; Kara Westra (awaiting liver transplant 15 yr.old); Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends); Keith Oliver (Nancy Gillespie's grandson); Chuck Stevens; Carol Barnard; Vorrey Holmes; Darcy Matthies; Miriam Soln (Nan Bouchard niece); Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend); Brian (Gloria Olsowy friend); Linda Solis (Sue Grove friend); Carol Serene (Phyllis Hunt friend); John Ciado (Nan Bouchard nephew); 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); Jay Warren (Dave Calendine friend); Patricia Epperson (Pat Tucker's sister-in-law); Kathy Jacobi (Karen Miller sister); Brendon Cozier-school God's perfect & peaceful plan; Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend); Alicia Bertine, Ron Torella (Kandi Wood friends); Carol Drumm, Carol Politi (Shirley Aue friends); Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend); Katelyn Suski (Larry & Carol Showler granddaughter); Wayne Tetz (Terri Donnan brother); Linda Dingman (Barb MacDonald friend); Dave Consiglio (Sue Frederick friend); Andrea Green; Karen S (Daniel Bartok friend); Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend) The family and friends of Norman W. Johnston who passed away; William & Brenda Martinelli (Southminster friends); The families and friends of the Bastuba and Giraud on their recent losses (Pat Van Hook and Kandi Wood relatives)

We pray for those who serve our country:

Our President and Elected Officials; President, Robert Fraser (Nancy Fraser grandson), Bradley Schleicher II (Dave and Sharilyn Bullion grandson), Kevin Moody (Jim & Anne Moody son).

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**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Discovery Zone         | 10 am |
| Family Worship Service | 11 am |

**Return Service**

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