



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2018

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HE WILL BE *our peace.*
MICAH 5:5, NIJ





From the Pastor

Worship should be memorable every time we gather, but some Sundays are just more memorable than others. Last Sunday was one of those “more memorable” days. Dave Calendine (our wonderfully talented organist) was out of town, and so we had Greg Walker and a group of contemporary musicians leading the music and liturgy in our service. For whatever reason, there were a lot of younger kids (pre-third grade) in worship, and they had been very energetic all morning long. For their energy level, they were fine during the service. The final song was *Shine Jesus Shine*, which is known and familiar in this congregation. Somewhere, you learned to insert clapping into the chorus. I’ve heard that song done in more churches than I have fingers, and you’re the only place I’ve experienced it that claps in the chorus.

Then it happened. One of our younger members, who had been at the back table during worship and was looking forward to getting out of the sanctuary and into some serious playtime, heard the clapping. She froze, pivoted to face me and looked in amazement. I’m sure most of our worship is for her just a series of unrelated (and rather boring) things; but here was something she understood, something she could DO. She couldn’t read music, she didn’t know the words to the song, but she COULD clap.

As the song continued, she stayed focused on me. She never does that, and at first I didn’t understand why she was locked on me.

Eventually, we returned to the chorus, and when she saw me raise my hands, she raised hers. When I clapped, she clapped . . . both times in the second chorus. The look on her face was amazing, she was so happy she glowed. I dropped my hands and continued to sing. Now she was engaged, and even though she didn't know the words, she could dance. Liturgical dance usually isn't my particular cup of tea, but this was beautiful and wonderful. It was her way of entering into our worship, and the joy of (finally!) being able to participate in "big" worship was priceless.

I have no idea in the years ahead whether she will remember that moment. I am sure that when in the future people talk about worshipping together, she will remember more than being "shushed" every Sunday as a kid. The most holy thing we do at Southminster is come into God's presence, those moments when, for just a flicker of time, heaven and earth are joined and we experience God. She, at the very beginning of her journey, has experienced that. Her face was glorious and radiant, like Moses coming down from Sinai after being in God's presence.

It was a truly holy moment, and being there to see it was in itself a memory I'll carry as long as I have memory to recite.

2018 Bible-in-a-Year Journey

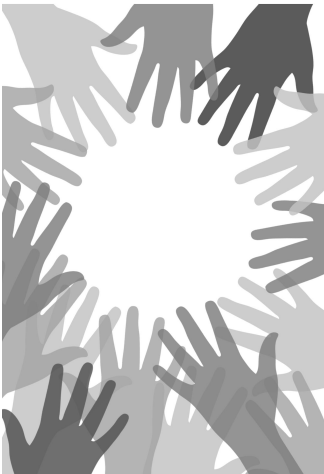
Thursday November 1	Jonah 3-4
Friday November 2	Micah 1-2
Saturday November 3	Micah 3-4
Monday November 5	Micah 5-6
Tuesday November 6	Micah 7

Wednesday November 7	Nahum 1-2
Thursday November 8	Nahum 3
Friday November 9	Habakkuk 1-2
Saturday November 10	Habakku 3
Monday November 12	Zephaniah 1-2
Tuesday November 13	Zephaniah 3
Wednesday November 14	Haggai 1-2
Thursday November 15	Zechariah 1-2
Friday November 16	Zechariah 3-5
Saturday November 17	Zechariah 6-8
Monday November 19	Zechariah 9-11
Tuesday November 20	Zechariah 12-14
Wednesday November 21	Malachi 1-2
Thursday November 22	Malachi 3-4
Friday November 23	Isaiah 1-2
Saturday November 24	Isaiah 3-4
Monday November 26	Isaiah 5-6
Tuesday November 27	Isaiah 7-8
Wednesday November 28	Isaiah 9-10
Thursday November 29	Isaiah 11-12
Friday November 30	Isaiah 13-14

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The Nurture team is seeking additional volunteers to assist at the back table during worship. There are six children under six years old, every week. For these children under second grade, we're asking that two people team up to supervise and instruct them at the table. Learning materials are provided for them each week. Another opportunity available is during the 10am Discovery Zone program. Do you enjoy teaching, games, crafts, cooking, science, drama or music? We would love to have you to join us in the experience, the materials are also provided several weeks in advance. Show us your talents! We are happy to work around your schedule. This is not a commitment for the entire year, just one rotation series at a time or one week at a time. Currently there are not any nursery aged children in regular weekly attendance so, Marlene Jones our child care worker has been assisting our team with the younger group. She remains available for nursery care when the need arises.



Discovery Zone lessons for the month of November include the parables from the book of Luke, chapter 15. The Parable of the Lost Sheep on November 4th, the Lost Coin on November 11th and the Prodigal Son on November 18th. Discovery Zone will not be held on November 25th as Pastor Clint is on vacation that day. The Advent series, Jesus is Born begins on December 2nd and will conclude on the 23rd. Discovery Zone will not be

held on December 30th either.

Pastor Clint has been instructing the adult Discovery Zone group in steps on how to effectively study the bible.

Still on the Journey through the Bible in a year? The daily self-study reading plan continues through the remainder of 2018. Every Sunday, the selected weekly reading plan is printed in the bulletin. You only need to pick up your bible and join in the experience, it's never too late. This has been an amazing journey! If you are having difficulty staying focused on the material, purchase a copy of the Message by Eugene Peterson. This is the bible in contemporary language, an easier read and a much easier text to understand.

Pat Fraser will once again be directing the annual Christmas play. The play will be performed on December 16th during the worship service. All of our young people will be encouraged to be involved in playing a part in this production.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for middle and high school are combined and meeting at the same time, so everyone grades 6 through 12 meet from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings. When there is an Expressions or another event on Sunday afternoon, the youth group will not meet. Meetings this month are November 4th, 11th and 18th from 6-7pm. Giovanna is always looking for additional adults to assist with the weekly youth group meeting, please let her know if you can help out with one of the meetings.

Mission outreach at Cass Community Services will be on Saturday morning, November 24th. This is a monthly outreach program done by the youth on the fourth Saturday of the month through December. Meet at the church at 8:15am and return at 12:30pm. Anyone interested in mission work is encouraged to join the youth

in this endeavor. Service work is executed in a different way every month.

Friday night November 9th the youth will meet at the church at 7:00pm for an overnight Lock-in. They can be picked up at 10:00am on Saturday morning. Youth sixth grade through twelfth grade are invited to attend.

The Holiday Tea slated for November 9th has been cancelled by the youth.

The 2019 Presbyterian Triennium event “Here’s My Heart” will take place July 16th through 20th at Perdue University in Indiana. Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt have agreed to go as advisors with the youth group. Triennium is open to youth that are entering freshmen through graduating seniors. This is 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. Cost is \$645. for youth and \$665. for those 18 years and older. Registration packets will arrive this month. Fundraising efforts to offset expenses have gotten under way.

Please join us on November 29th from 4-10pm at the Texas Roadhouse located at 14660 Pardee Road in Taylor. Present a flyer (distributed at church) to the wait staff and the youth will receive 10% of your food bill. Holiday gift cards can also be purchased at this time with the flyer and the youth will also benefit the 10% from that. A bake sale will also be taking place in the lobby that evening. If you would like to help out with baked good donations for this bake sale, please have them at the church on Wednesday evening November 28th so they can be prepackaged for the event. Let Giovanna know if you are interested in helping with this.

November 4 Daylight Savings Time

Thank You Southminster

Thank You

On behalf of my daughter, Ann, and her family, I would like to thank all of the Southminster Faithful for their prayers during these past, almost 3 years of my daughter's battle with breast cancer. Be the Good Lord willing, she has had her last and final breast surgery on September 5th and returned to work on October 3. I will always believe that God does what God knows is best and in God's time. This battle took a little longer than anyone expected, but with the prayers of many people near and far, at this point in time, the battle is over 😊.

Blessings,

Joyce Rowley

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” ☺

Church Life

Gus Cline

Church Life Committee is working closely with Expressions committee to bring you an exciting Christmas dinner this year. Please keep the evening of Sunday December 9th open as we put a little different spin on our dinner that we hope will bring about a real sense of Christmas within our church and our community. More info and details throughout the month of November!



Pastoral Care Committee

Mary Cline

Your Pastoral Care Committee is busy helping 20 members and friends who have various needs from Hospital, Rehab facility, Home Medical to Homebound. We are currently meeting twice a month to keep track of those in need and add others as needed. We would welcome anyone to our team who would be interested in helping us in our mission to minister to others.

Expressions

Michele Hintz

Micro Clothes Closet: Fall 2018 (continuing) - Utilizing the Faith in Action Phase I Grant received from Presbytery, we have begun coordinating with Kinyon Elementary on providing 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.



We have done one delivery to date, with another planned for just prior printing of this article– the list they sent us included some socks, underwear, pants, tops, umbrellas as well as sanitizing wipes and tissues for all the classes. They were grateful to receive these deliveries and we will look for this to expand as the months move forward, particularly with the cold weather and need for extra layers of clothing.

Watch for postings on how you can help the committee with purchasing items and delivering them – we will continue to use the grant money as far as it will take us, and then will be asking for donations from the congregation.

Grief Share - Fall 2018(continuing) – 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. This fall it is being hosted at the Allen Park location, and Southminster will host the next sessions in the winter. Grief Share sessions are on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm at Allen Park. This is open to the community – please share with those that might be in need of this support.



Faith in Action Phase II Grant – Fall 2018 – Southminster is partnering with Allen Park Presbyterian Church on applying for the Faith in Action Phase II grant that we had brought forward to the congregation during the summer. The project we are submitting will be a

Community Clothes Closet, with a distribution center model to distribute clothing needs to the local schools as they need items. The “Closet” will also be open at set times for anyone in the community to come and pick out clothing they may need. This project will be a multi-year project, and will require participation from the entire congregation(s) to help with the different tasks that this will entail. We also have commitment from other area churches to help with the Items stocked/volunteer time such as the AP Hungarian Reformed Church and Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church. This is a very exciting time to have the possibility of launching a much needed resource for the community right in our neighborhood. Continued prayers are needed as we move through this application process with hopes of being selected in Jan 2019 to do God’s work in our neighborhood!

Christmas in the Neighborhood: This year we will again be focusing on being God’s Disciples in our church’s neighborhood by helping out 5 families in need that live near the church and/or have children attending the neighborhood elementary school. We are working with Principal Sweet at Kinyon to receive information for some families that need help at this time (and aren’t receiving help from other groups).

We will help in the form of clothing, food, toys, toiletries, crock pots, and any other specific item, such as pet food if they own a pet, if it is needed. This would encompass the entire family – adults included. We are planning to have the names and information out by Sun, Nov 4th – please watch for updates. We will ask for items to be returned back to the church by Sunday, Dec 2nd, with delivery sometime the following week. Please let anyone on the Expressions team know if you would like to help in more depth with this project.

Inside/Out Christmas Dinner – Sunday, Dec 9th – working in tandem with the Church Life committee, we are co-hosting a Christmas dinner where we will be inviting guests from the neighborhood from our Adopt a Family program and also clients from Fish & Loaves who may be food insecure, and sharing our traditional Southminster dinner with them. Please see the details on the dinner itself from the Church Life article – we hope you are planning on attending with your family and can share the joys of the season with others.

Next meeting: Committee Day – November 4th @ 3pm

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!

Deacon and Greeter Schedules

Mary Cline

From the Deacons

Deacons Duties **November**

Communion Setup - Nancy Gillespie, Sue Frederick

Communion Cleanup - All Deacons

Pew Patrol - Mary Cline, Shirley Petlicki -

Coffee Cleanup - Scott Barclay

Greeters - November 4 Mary Cline November 11 Gloria Olsow

November 18 Pat Tucker November 25 Nancy Gillespie

Deacons Duties **December**

Communion Setup - Kandi Wood

Communion Cleanup - All Deacons
 Pew Patrol - Shirley Petlicki, Nancy Gillespie
 Coffee Cleanup - Scott Barclay
 Greeters - December 2 Mary Cline December 9 Pat Tucker
 December 16 Kandi Wood December 23 Nancy Gillespie
 December 24/30 Mary Cline

Session Motions

October 18, 2018

Connie Dainus, Clerk

Motioned by the Expressions committee for Southminster to apply for the Presbytery of Detroit Faith in Action Phase 2 Grant, in partnership with Allen Park Presbyterian Church. The project submitting for the grant is a Community Clothes Closet. Motion carried.

Financial Picture

Southminster Financial Picture as of Sept. 30, 2018			
Giving	\$13,942.00	YTD Giving	\$110,945.97
Sale of Stock	\$5,860.00	Sale of stock	<u>\$5,860.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$18,052.00</u>		\$115,055.97
YTD Expenses	\$116,495.67		
YTD Income	<u>\$115,055.97</u>		
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Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion

Fall clean up day was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are looking at Oct. 20 to do clean up and some repairs that need to be done. Some of these repairs are directly connected to the office renovation we will be starting later this year (drywall) and finishing next year.

It is still in the planning stages but we are definitely looking to expand the office thru the closet and into the former deacons storage room. This will help to streamline Annes' part of the office and give Kay and Connie their own area to handle the bookkeeping needs. The drywalling part will be done over a



weekend (Sat., Sun., Mon.) so there will be little to no disruption to the office. The weekend is still yet to be decided. We are also mindful that the holidays are coming up so we will strive to not interfere with any activities that may be planned.

Part 3 of the sign planting project is complete. I know it is out of sequence, but I got a great deal on the mums and I made the decision to go ahead and purchase and plant them. So, if they haven't started blooming yet (or even if they have) enjoy the fall colors. They are hardy mums so they should continue to bloom for years to come. no motions

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, November 12th** at 12 noon. The menu will be Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, potatoes, vegetable, pumpkin and apple pie for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

Memorials

In Memory of Wauline Tunesi Shirley Aue

November Birthdays

Megan Gillespie	11-1	Cierra Tetz	11-16
David Grove	11-1	Jan Hinson	11-16
Gus Cline	11-4	Stephanie Pratt	11-21
Michele Hintz	11-5	Bess Kirkland	11-28
Owen Hamilton	11-14		

Upcoming Dates

Thurs Nov 1,8,15,29 8:00 p.m. Band
Sat Nov 3,16 6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes
Sun Nov 4,11,18 10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 6:00 p.m. Combined Youth Groups
Sun Nov 4 Daylight Savings Time begins

	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon Nov 5	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Wed Nov 7,14,21,28	6:30 p.m. GriefShare Allen Park Presbyterian, Parlor
Fri Nov 9	10:30 a.m. Book Club 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Lock In
Sat Nov 10	9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry
Mon Nov 12	12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch
Wed Nov 14	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thur Nov 15	7:00 p.m. Session
Thur Nov 22	Newsletter Deadline

Upcoming Dates

Thur Nov 22	Thanksgiving Holiday office closed until Monday Nov 26
Sat Nov 24	8:15 a.m. Cass Community Social Services
Sun Nov 25	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Thur Nov 29	4-10 p.m. Youth Triennium Fundraiser Texas Roadhouse Taylor

Prayers

FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL)

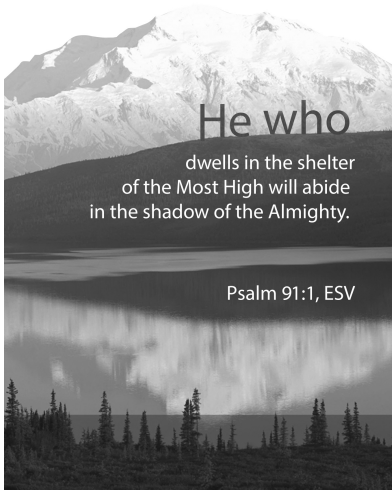
Rich Kokila (Oakwood, Dearborn) Mark & Terri friend
Joe Viesthaler in Intensive Care, Aue & Barclay family

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Denise Wright,
Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Jan Waid,
Dave Fraser, Jean Page, Marnie Winkleman, Dale Simon, Sue
Smith, Judy Nowak, Del Wonnacott, Sue Landis,

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Laura Fowler (Carol Jones family), Marge Bernadine, Barb MacDonald, Joan Watson, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry



Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsowy friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's

daughter), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner & Sue Landis, Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Terry Price (Candy Cash father), Joseph Michael, Ray Shulaka, McKenzie Markovich (Dave Calendine friends), Krystina Gollner, (Dave Calendine family)



THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

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