



SOUTHMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2019

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YOUR THRONE,
O GOD,
IS FOREVER
AND EVER.

PSALM 45:6, ESV



From The Pastor

Advent 2019

In the next few weeks, we will bid farewell to Dave Calendine who has been our organist for as long as many of us can remember. When I arrived four years ago, Dave was a great source of what I call “institutional memory”, his service reaching back to my predecessor’s predecessor. He always knew the musical tendencies and preferences of this particular group of people. As we branched out a bit in worship, Dave’s support and advice helped us step into the unknown with the background information we needed. He has a wonderful ability to interject something really “special” into our worship. We didn’t need to spend a lot of time thinking about how to weave civic holidays into worship, that was something Dave did instinctively and energetically.

It has been clear for several years that Dave’s relationship to Southminster in his capacity as organist might change. He plays important roles in more organizations than I can track as well as having a regular and expanding series of concerts in places both close and far. Behind the scenes, Dave has with increasing frequency arrived from a concert or meeting late on Saturday night only to play for us in worship the next morning. We have tried to extend as much scheduling flexibility as is possible always knowing that the day would come when he would not be able to balance all the demands on his time. That day has sadly arrived.

It is important right now that we express what Dave’s ministry means in our lives. If Dave’s gifts have helped you to experience God’s presence in worship, now is the time to let him know. If you’ve appreciated his energy, enthusiasm, and musical excellence, please play a role in thanking him for the investment he has made in Southminster over the years. His contributions have helped shape and interject continuity into our worship life. It is important that as he goes out from here, he knows the impact his work and artistry have made.

Grace and Peace.

Nurture

Wendy Woodley

The Discovery Zone’s first fall rotation was a six week study on the parable of the Good Samaritan. This lesson helped to define and gain a better understanding of who our neighbors are and shown us that our actions are an important way to honor God. We can put His love for us into action by helping a person in need. The morning starts off in fellowship hall by watching a short animated video, singing a couple of songs and then we break into age related study sessions around 10:15am. Art, music, games, video, stories and cooking are the ways used with the children to reinforce the main idea of the lesson. We would love to have you join us in this experience. On October 13th the children had a Good Samaritan medical guest visitor, Robert Barclay explain to them about simple first aid. Thank you Robert for sharing your experience with our children. The Joy of Stewardship rotation.org series began on October 27th and will conclude on November 10th. On November 17th the children will do a one lesson series on Christ the King. Discovery Zone will not be held November 24th. December 1st is the beginning of Advent and the rotation.org series Jesus is Born will be studied for four weeks.

Pastor Clint has been leading the adult Discovery Zone class in the Book of Confessions. The group has been digging into the creeds and discussing them, and will continue to do so until about Advent.

Thank you to the volunteers that have signed up to assist our child care worker Marlene Jones in the nursery. The required need is for one additional person from 10-11am and one additional person from 11am-12pm. If you are willing to share one hour a month with our littlest members, there is a sign-up sheet is available in fellowship hall on the Nurture board, opportunities to help are still available.

Thanks also goes out to those 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. We’re asking for two people to team up and supervise them at the table. Learning materials such as work

sheets, coloring pages and simple crafts are provided for you each week. Sign up for your week in fellowship hall on the Nurture board, additional opportunities to help are still available. Youth volunteers can also sign up to assist our volunteers at the back table one week a month.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for the middle and high school aged youth are from 6-7:30pm. Rich Pratt has taken the lead as youth group director. The youth group has named itself the Daring Disciples. A youth group lock in night will take place on Friday evening, November 1st until 10am Saturday morning November 2nd.

The Women's circles will once again be hosting a bake sale on the first Sunday of each month. Their combined mission project this year is to provide socks and underwear for children in need at McDowell Elementary School. Sarah Circle meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm in the Donnans's home. Rachel circle meets the first Monday of the month at noon, and Ruth circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am.

A multi-generational game night will be hosted by the church life committee on November 9th from 6-9pm in fellowship hall.

Nurture committee will meet on November 3rd, at 3:00pm. Anyone interested in youth programming is always encouraged to join us.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on October 11th to discuss *The Seven Longest Yards* by Chris and Emily Norton. Chris and Emily, with God's helping hand, overcame injuries, disabilities, depression and were able to open their hearts and home, giving love and care to children who were "hurting".

The following books were chosen for future reads:

November 8th – *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

December 13th – *The Girl They Left Behind* – by Roxanne

Veletzos

January 10th – *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” ☺

Session Motions

Connie Dainus
October 2019

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to accept with regret Dave Calendine's email of resignation. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dave Bullion and seconded to call a congregational meeting (as per bylaws) on the final Sunday of the month (Oct.27) for the purpose of electing church officers for the coming year. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to invite the Committee on Ministry to make Southminster available as a neutral pulpit on Sunday morning, October 27. Motion carried.

Motion from the Nurture committee to approve a t-shirt sale youth group fundraiser. Motion carried.

Motion from Nurture committee to allow a youth lock in for middle school and high school aged students on Friday November

1st until 10am Saturday morning November 2nd.
Tentatively requesting a raised fire pit bonfire in a location agreed upon by the building and grounds committee. A variance from the Child Safety Policy is requested. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to accept the bid (\$125 salt per application. Plowing \$135 2in+/\$215 over 6 in.) from Northern Grounds for our snow removal needs for the 2019/2020 season. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds

Dave Bullion

Fall Clean Up will be on November 2 at 10 am. All are welcome!

November Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Clean Up</u>
Nov 3	Nancy Gillespie	Donnans	
Nov 10			
Nov 17			
Nov 24		Nancy	

Church Life

Gus Cline

Please join us Saturday November 9th from 6-9 for Church game night. All ages are welcome as we try our hand at an inter generational game night. The first 30 minutes will be playing a game you have never played before with a group you might not normally play with. Experienced gamers will be on site to explain how to play and it will be a game designed for multiple generations.

Shared experience and fun as everyone is learning together. After the first 30 minutes you can continue playing new games or go back to normal group and games. Snacks and Pop/Water provided. So that we can get an idea as to how many will be attending we ask that if you plan to attend to sign up in fellowship hall after service.



Sunday, Dec 15 @5:30 will be our Christmas Inside/Out party. A catered meal, storytelling, crafts, music and possibly a visitor from the North Pole will provide our church family and families from the community with a festive evening celebrating the birth of our Lord.

Pastoral Care

Gus Cline

We are currently caring for 18 our church family in Rehab and Home Medical facilities and at home. Committee meets twice a month to report in on how everyone is doing.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon



Senior Luncheon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, November 11th at 12 noon. The menu will be Turkey 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.

November Birthdays

David Grove	11/1
Megan Gillespie	11/1
Gus Cline	11/4
Michele Hintz	11/5
Owen Hamilton	11/14
Jan Hinson	11/20
Stephanie Pratt	11/21
Bess Kirkland	11/28

Memorials

In Memory of

Carolyn Koziol given by Joyce Rowley, Bruce Aue, Darvin & Carla Long, Shirley Aue, Jerry & Bess Kirkland, Tim & Laurie Barclay

Upcoming Dates

Sat Nov 2	10:00 a.m. Fall Clean Up
Sat Nov 2,16, 30	6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Nov 3,10,17,24	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
Sun Nov 3,10,17,24	11:00 a.m. Worship
Sun Nov 3	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
	6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth
Mon Nov 4	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Tue Nov 5	6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team
	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Tue Nov 5, 12,19, 26	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal

Wed Nov 6, 13, 20	6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Fri Nov 8	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Mon Nov 11	Noon Senior Lunch
Wed Nov 13	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thur Nov14	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Sun Nov 17	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Thur Nov 21	7:00 p.m. Session
Fri Nov 22	December Newsletter Deadline
Sun Nov 24	Christ The King Sunday
Mon Nov 25	6:30 p.m. GriefShare "Surviving The Holidays"
Wed Nov 27	Church Office Closed Reopens Tue Dec 3

PRAYERS FOR OUR FRIENDS

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Ctr., Woodhaven)
Jerry Kirkland (Belle Fountain Rehab, Riverview)
Ken Renner (U of M, Ann Arbor)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Don Hardy, Sue Landis, David Grove, George Smith,
Sharilyn Bullion

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), Ken Renner, 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), The family of Carolyn Koziol on her death, Harper Oliver (Nancy Gillespie grand daughter), The family of Rhea Stevens Chuck Stevens, Jr. daughter) on her recent death.

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II,
Kevin Moody, Stacey 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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