



# SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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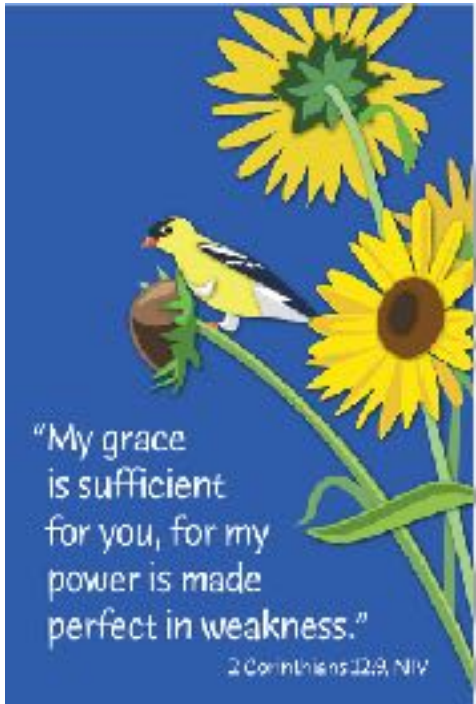
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Southminster Presbyterian Church  
21845 Wick Road  
Taylor, MI 48180

**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Family Worship Service 11 am  
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am  
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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## From the Pastor

Founders' Day is (for the most part) now a wrap. We've still got a time capsule to put in the mantle in the Sanctuary and the souvenir cups will arrive (hopefully) this week and be distributed over the next few weekends. For me, the best part of the weekend was watching people greet each

other. Walking through the church with one of the past ministers was like being in the presence of a rock star. A different set of people eagerly gathered around each past minister and tried to condense the years into a few paragraphs. Watching those exchanges take place was holy ground for me. If the weekend just encouraged the renewing of those bonds, it would have been a smashing success but it was so much more.

I had some apprehension about doing the interview with Rev. Nagy on Saturday night. After all, only NPR junkies can sit for 45 minutes and enjoy people talking. In the end, I decided to have the conversation I wanted with Fran Nagy and hope others would find some value in it. From what I can tell, we're a whole community of NPR junkies. Hearing him talk about the role of Wanzer Burnell, the early pioneers at Southminster, the challenges he faced sixty years ago was food for my soul. I was struck at how little things change over the years. Successful new churches are best birthed by healthy surrounding churches. That was true 60 years ago, and it's still true today.

Rare is the church that simply opens its doors and invites people to see and come to know Jesus for themselves. Far more "normal" (both sixty years ago and today) is a tribal church where someone must conform to the community norms before they can come in the door to explore Jesus. Rev. Nagy called communities

## Prayers

### We pray for those healing at home:

Joan Watson, Vorrey Holmes, John Fields, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie and Tim Barclay, David Grove, Jean Page

### We pray for those needing long-term and emotional support:

Kim & Sara Renner (Ken's daughter and grand daughter), 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), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family, 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), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend); Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friend), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster); Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner, Sue Landis, Steve Premo (Stephanie Pratt friend), Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family); Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family); Christine Simpson family

### We pray for those who serve our country:

Our President and Cabinet Officials, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody

5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth  
7:00 p.m. High School Youth

### Giovanna Savastano

October is a busy month for our youth! We start the month with an event for all people of the church called Bible Squares! This will be a take on the game show called Hollywood Squares, but with people from the Bible! It is October 14th, from 6:30-9:30. We are asking that everyone bring a dessert to share with the group! Again, this event is for EVERYONE in the church, so bring your whole family!

Next, the middle school youth will be going to the Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, October 22nd to serve a meal. We will be leaving the church around 11:00, and will be back no later than 2:00.

Also on the 22nd, the youth are putting on a fundraiser for our mission trip next summer, called Spooky Supper. The youth will be serving a meal in a different, fun and spooky way! More details on this to come, but mark your calendars for Sunday, October 22nd from 6:00-9:00.

Also, we will continue to meet as youth groups every Sunday. Middle School Youth Group will be from 5:30-6:30, with High School Youth Group to follow from 7:00-8:00 every Sunday. Thanks guys!

that threw open their doors and invited everyone to meet and know Jesus for themselves “invitational churches.” That’s a word we need to add to our vocabulary and our core values: Southminster must always strive to be a community that invites everyone to meet and know Jesus.

I had my doubts that a worship service woven together from old parts would have the kind of cohesion that makes for a meaningful service. Sunday’s worship reminded me again that worship isn’t about the particular words we use or the people who do the saying, serving, singing and praying: it is about the Holy Spirit speaking through the word spoken, seen and sung. By that measure, Sunday was holy stuff. There were moments from that service I’ll carry with me the rest of my life. Those parts became life-giving and affirming words for Southminster yet again.

We shouldn’t overlook the significance of last Sunday for the Presbyterian church in Wyandotte. While we were celebrating our 60th year, they were closing their current building after 161 years of service in their community. They are merging with the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, so they will live on as part of another community. As great as last Sunday was at Southminster, the experience of the Wyandotte community reminds us that to thrive, communities of faith must be in the business of constantly renewing themselves. When we stop forming and moving toward a future, when we cease being a people who are Reformed and always reforming, we too quickly lose our way.

So savor the Founders' Day weekend; enjoy the glow of new and old friends. Then together we need to roll up our sleeves and work toward that original vision of our founders: an invitational community where Jesus can be known and experienced by everyone (meaning everyone).

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## Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The first biblical studies of the fall *Discovery Zone* have been the Ezra and Nehemiah stories, *Return from Exile*. It's been a four weeklong series on the rebuilding of spiritual foundations. Beginning October 8<sup>th</sup> the focus will then turn to Jesus and an eight week series on the *Beatitudes*. A different Beatitude will be introduced every week. November 26<sup>th</sup> concludes the first two biblical series with a sing along and quiz sequence on the material covered during the first two rotations.



	1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
	5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
	7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Mon Oct 2	Noon Rachel Circle F H
Tue Oct 3	Building and Grounds 6:00 p.m. (this month only)
Sat Oct 7	6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Oct 8	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting D C
	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
	5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
	7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Mon Oct 9	11:30 am. Free Flu Shots
	Noon Senior Lunch
Wed Oct 11	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle D C
Fri Oct 13	10:30 a.m. Book Club D C
	1:00 p.m. Red Cross Training
Sat Oct 14	12:00 p.m. Red Cross Training
	6:30 p.m. Bible Squares
Sun Oct 15	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	3:00 p.m. Session
	5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
	7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Sat Oct 21	6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Oct 22	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	Congregational Meeting
	Noon Ronald McDonald House M.S. Youth
	6:00 p.m. Spooky Supper
	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Donnan's
Sat Oct 28	11:00 a.m. Trunk or Treat
Sun Oct 29	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	Noon Stewardship Kick Off Lunch

## Calendar Notes

### October Birthday

Hope Lambrich	10-3	Dave Bullion	10-22
Karla Puschaver	10-9	Bill Wonnacott	10-23
Norm Manders	10-21	Elda Moore	10-23

## Wedding Anniversaries

### October Wedding Anniversary

Preston & Elizabeth Storms	10-3	47 Years
David & Susan Grove	10-19	44 Years
Robert & Donna Gates	10-28	45 Years

## Memorials

In Memory of Antionetta Savistano:

Bert & Wendy Woodley, Jerry & Bess Kirkland, Bruce Aue, Kay Snaddon

In Honor of Ron & Pat Well's 50th Anniversary:

Arnold & Shirley Aue, Ron & Dorothy Gillespie, Joyce Rowley, Bill & Jenny Cairns, Tim & Laurie Barclay, Kay Snaddon

## Upcoming Dates

Sun Oct 1      10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone  
                    11:00 a.m. Worship

The Advent selection starts December 3rd and will cover Isaiah *Promised Jesus Fulfilled*. Our committee is always looking for volunteers. We're not asking for an entire year of commitment. If there is a particular series in this group that appeals to you, or if you'd like to help with games, cooking, art or music, please let us know.

During the *Discovery Zone* hour, Pastor Clint leads the gathering bible story time in Fellowship Hall. After the opening 15-20 minutes, the youth will then break in to their groups and the adults join Pastor Clint in the Sanctuary. This gives each of us the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together, learning the same message.

It is imperative that we have enough volunteers to weekly maintain two adults in every classroom, per church policy. The Nurture team is currently searching for an additional paid child care worker to assist Marlene in the nursery each week for two hours on Sunday morning. If you know of someone 18 years of age or older that might be interested in this position, please let Wendy or Marnie know.

The number of required volunteers exceeds the amount of volunteers we have. So, the children will remain in the sanctuary during the worship service. Children under second grade are being supervised at the small table located in the back of the sanctuary. For children older than second grade, the blue bags are available at the table and have coloring pages and work sheets inside to keep them busy. The weekly context of the learning material offered in them has the same biblical context as the *Discovery Zone* material.

The Middle School and High School Youth groups will be meeting every Sunday evening. The Middle School meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the High School meets from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Fellowship Committee and the Youth of the church will host the *Bible Squares Game Night*. The format for the game is just like the old TV show Hollywood Squares only using Biblical Characters for the boxes.

The fun begins at 6:30 and will wrap up around 9:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert to share.

The Middle School Youth will make their first outreach trip on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m. They will travel to Ronald McDonald House in Detroit and serve lunch to the families of children with serious illness that are patients at Children's Hospital. They will return to the church around 2:00 p.m.

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. join the Middle School and High School Youth in their first 2018 mission trip fundraiser. The Halloween themed "Spooky Supper" has a delightfully "spooktacular" menu selection and your hosts and hostesses will be in costume. Come join in the fun! Wear a costume if you'd like, but it is not required. The suggested donation for the meal is \$3.00 per person.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Middle School and High School Youth Lock In and overnighter at the church. Bring youth at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night and pick them up on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

- Motioned by Committee to accept a gift of LED lighting for the adult classroom from Dave and Sharilyn Bullion. Approved by consent.

## Senior Luncheon and Walgreen's Free Flu Shot

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The menu will be Barbequed Beef, salads, vegetables, dessert and beverage for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older. Another note for this day, Walgreen's will provide flu shots at 11:30 a.m. at Southminster before Senior Lunch. If you have children in need of a flu shot, bring them! Walgreen's Program "*Get A Shot, Give A Shot*" provides for these shots free, at no cost.

## Thank You, Southminster!



As I begin a new chapter in my life and re-locate out of the area, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Southminster for all the love and nurturing you have given me the last 20+ years. As I reflect on our journey together I am amazed at how kind, loving and supportive you have all been. Through illness, sadness and happiness I could always count on you. I will miss you all and I praise God for all the wonderful memories I will take with me to Mason, Mi.

God Bless and keep you, Judy Calderone

## Deacons

Submitted by Sharon Puschaver

Deacon's Duties for October

Communion set up ~~ Pat Tucker, Sharon Puschaver, Nancy Gillespie

Communion clean up ~~ All deacons present

Pew Patrol ~~ Pat Tucker

Coffee clean up ~~ Pat Tucker, Sharon Puschaver

## Session Motions August 20 2017

Submitted by Connie Dainus

- Motioned by Dave Bullion and seconded to approve the removal of the Sanctuary platform. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to approve up to \$5000.00 to obtain flooring for the sanctuary. Motion carried. (This motion was rescinded and replaced at Session Meeting on September 17, 2017)
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 22 for the purpose of electing elders and deacons to the class of 2020, church officers and the Nominating Committee for 2018. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Committee to receive a \$1000.00 non-restricted donation to be allocated to Building and Grounds.
- Motioned by Committee to receive a donation of \$450.00 from the bowling league. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Committee to approve the Sexual Misconduct Policy. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Committee to purchase another monitor for the Fellowship Hall not to exceed \$600.00 to be paid for from the Founder's Day budget, and to allocate the Bowling League donation of \$450.00 towards payment of the monitor.

## Expressions

Co-Chairs: Michele Hintz & Kandi Wood

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the Fish & Loaves Cereal Drive in August – many children in the Downriver area depend on the school food program for meals; when summer time comes and school is out, these children may not have access to any food. As a result, Fish & Loaves sees a great increase in children's needs during the summer, and asked Southminster to hold a Cereal Drive to help fill their shelves. The request was that each member supplied one box of cereal to make a difference and Southminster hit the target with delivering 122 boxes total!!

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – 1 – 4pm: This event will be open to the community and will center on a theme regarding being a good Steward of God's animals.

Activities will include on-site Clicker Training demo's, tips and information from staff at SPLISH SPLASH, homemade dogs treats (baked by our youth groups), as well as a time for our beloved pets to be blessed and a chance to mingle with other pets and their owners. Want to bring your pet dressed up?? Prize for funniest pet costume - be creative!!!! We will also have a drawing to win awesome pet goodies and baskets! This event will occur rain or shine - all pets are welcome however we do ask that you keep your pets in control for everyone's safety. (Thanks in advance)

Share this event with friends and family to come join us at Southminster to celebrate all of God's creatures!

Trunk or Treat Fall Event – Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – 11-1pm. The community is invited and welcomed to join us in this event. We will have some creatures of the night visiting us from Howell Nature Center again, as well as a craft, refreshments, a mini-spooky cave, and of course Trunk or Treat.

We will be doing the Trunk or Treat portion a little different this year, where it will be occurring continuously during this time (vs at a set time). We will need help with cars/people willing to participate with opening their trunks to pass out candy – last year we had over 250 in attendance so plan your candy stock appropriately!!! Please plan to have your 'trunk' parked in the taped off area before 10:30am for safety purposes.

Can't make it but want to donate some candy for others to pass out – see someone from the Expressions committee. Watch in the upcoming weeks for requests for help with this event as it moves closer to the date. Hope to see you there!

SAVE the DATE:

Christnet – week of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting: Committee Day – Oct 8<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm – we would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn how YOU can help spread God's plans for helping our community needs!

## Book Club

Joyce Rowley

### Southminster Book Club



We gathered on September 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the books that we had read over the summer months. We touched on a variety of subjects and authors, from mysteries to stories of different cultures.

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

October 13 – Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

November 10 – Slow Way Home by Michael Morris

Please join us, helping us make decisions regarding future books we would enjoy reading in December and 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” ☺