

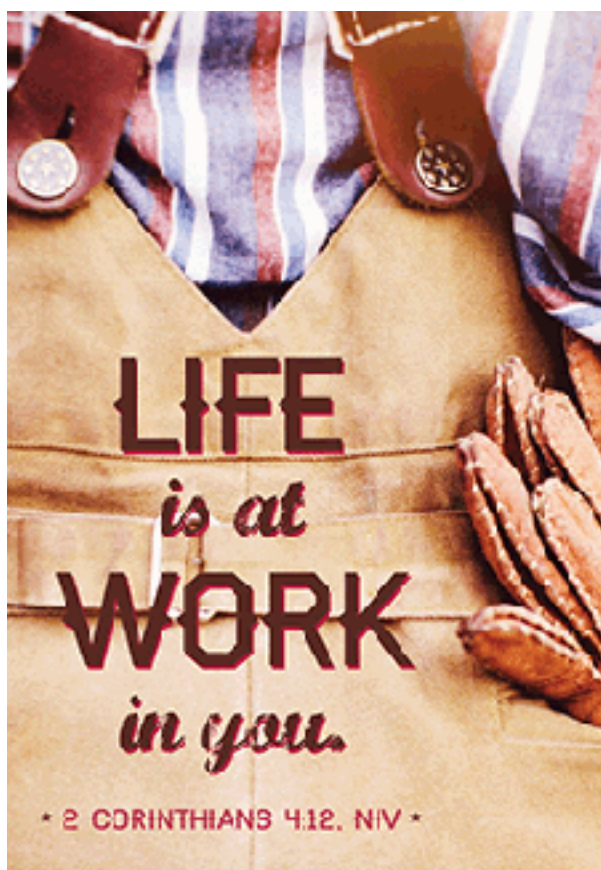


SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2018

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From the Pastor



For the next four weeks, our worship will focus on the theme *The Essential Jesus*. Throughout the year, it is necessary for church communities to have many different conversations: worship can touch on the mission of the church, stewardship, or the application of faith to life for example. These topics and many others are all a part of our conversation across the year. It seems

to me that we could use to simplify things a bit and focus more on Jesus and less on the institutional part of who we are. The next four weeks will focus on Jesus in the big picture. How does Jesus fit into history, what is the evidence for Jesus of Nazareth in first century Judea? Can we really talk about what Jesus taught; is there some center to his teachings or are they just a grab bag of moral or spiritual sayings? At the center of our understanding of Jesus is his death, so we will ask, “why did he die?” Was he just another powerless peasant offered in sacrifice to the Roman Empire, or did he have a self-understanding of what he was doing?

I know we have “church” answers to these questions, but for the next four weeks I would like to explore them from the perspective of a twenty-first century person trying to make sense of events a very long time ago. Hopefully, this series will allow people to explore what Jesus means in our world and why he still matters. If you know someone who is exploring Christianity, or who has more questions than answers about faith and Jesus, this would be a great time to invite them to join us in worship.

I have a favorite painting of Jesus, it’s by Rembrandt and it captures something in Jesus that few images convey. In the

painting, I always sense a Jesus with feelings and emotions, a Jesus who has a history and a life's story. There is in his eyes something of a visionary, a person moving towards a definite and concrete end. My hope is that this series will help all of us to experience the Jesus of Rembrandt's painting: a person of flesh and blood, of feelings and emotions, of passion and purpose.

2018 Bible-in-a-Year Journey

Monday October 1	Jeremiah 41-44
Tuesday October 2	Jeremiah 45-48
Wednesday October 3	Jeremiah 49-52
Thursday October 4	Lamentations 1-5
Friday October 5	Ezekiel 1-4
Saturday October 6	Ezekiel 5-8
Monday October 8	Ezekiel 9-12
Tuesday October 9	Ezekiel 13-16
Wednesday October 10	Ezekiel 17-20
Thursday October 11	Ezekiel 21-24
Friday October 12	Ezekiel 25-28
Saturday October 13	Ezekiel 29-32
Monday October 15	Ezekiel 33-36
Tuesday October 16	Ezekiel 37-40
Wednesday October 17	Ezekiel 41-44
Thursday October 18	Ezekiel 45-48

Friday October 19	Daniel 1-4
Saturday October 20	Daniel 5-8
Monday October 22	Daniel 9-12
Tuesday October 23	Hosea 1-4
Wednesday October 24	Hosea 5-8
Thursday October 25	Hosea 9-12
Friday October 26	Hosea 13- Joel 3
Saturday October 27	Amos 1-4
Monday October 29	Amos 5-8
Tuesday October 30	Amos 9- Obadiah
Wednesday October 31	Jonah 1-2

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The Nurture team is seeking more volunteers for the back table during worship. There are six children under six every week. For these children under second grade, we're asking that two people team up and supervise them at the table. Learning materials are provided for them each week. If we have enough volunteers you may possibly only have to do this once every four to six weeks. 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. There are currently zero nursery aged children in regular weekly attendance so, Marlene Jones our child care worker has been assisting our team with the younger group. She will remain available for nursery care as the need arises.

Discovery Zone resumed on September 9th at 10am. The studies of the September rotation were about Jesus calling the Disciples. This is a family oriented time, our children and adults learn the

same biblical context every week. Pastor Clint is instructing the adult group in steps for each individual on how to effectively study the bible. Give it a try, you'll be pleasantly surprised. This month the story of Jesus and Nicodemus will be explored.

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. Haven't tried it yet, or gotten way behind? Just pick up the bible and join in the experience, it's never too late. This has been an amazing journey!

Sunday evening youth group meetings for middle and high school will resume on October 7th from 6-7pm. The middle school and high school groups will be 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 October 7th, 14th, and 21st. Giovanna is always looking for additional adults to assist with the weekly youth group meetings, 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, October 27th. 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 done in a different way every month.

Youth will meet on the evening of October 26th for the Silent Movie night fundraiser hosted by worship committee. Phantom of the Opera is the silent movie selected, Dave Calendine will

provide organ accompaniment to the movie and youth will be selling concessions. Mark your calendar this should be very cool, fun night for all ages.

October 28th the Expressions group will host the Trunk or Treat event from 3:00-5:00pm. This is a community wide family event.

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 annual Holiday Tea will take place on November 11th at 4:00pm. This year the theme will be based on the movie "Polar Express." Youth will be making preparations during the Lock-in, then will be serving and presenting the program on Sunday afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend!

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. Cost is \$555. for youth and \$575. for those 18 years and older. Fundraising efforts to offset expenses have gotten under way.

Southminster Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Giovanna Savastano, will be leaving her position here to enter a graduate school program in May or June of 2019. Her intention at this time is to continue to work with the youth through the end of May. Giovanna has done wonderful things for all of the young people of our church. When she has to step away, she will be greatly missed.

A Special Note of Appreciation

We wish to thank Marylyn Neuder and family for a gift of Stryker stock to Southminster Church.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on September 14th to discuss the books that we had read over the summer months. We touched on a variety of subjects and authors, as well as why we choose to read a book.....is it the author, is it the subject, is it the cover of the book??

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

October 12 – *Black and Blue* by Anna Quindlin

November 9 – *Take Me With You* by Donald Levin

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” ☺

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AnimalPalooza

Expressions

Michele Hintz

AnimalPalooza Wrapup: The Expressions Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who helped, supported, participated . . . whatever piece you may have contributed to this event . . . wholeheartedly as this was a huge success in inviting the neighborhood to Southminster!!! There were many, many levels of help from the congregation and with all groups working together we were able to pull this off smoothly.

With sunshine and comfortable temperatures, the day couldn't have been better. We have estimated over 300 guests (families/adults/children/pets) were in attendance for the combined Blessing of the Pets/Raptor Program from Howell/Alexandria Nature Bus/Chamberlain Petting Farm/Splish Splash. We even had one brave cat named Simba who came leashed to get blessed AND attended the Raptor program which he seemed to enjoy the most! Also, what a grand view to see the Bald Eagle Kili in the sanctuary. Then there is Ernie the donkey, who came along for the ride and paraded around, because he gets too upset when he is separated from his Horse pal who was busy giving rides.

It was a great sight to see all on the grounds enjoying some fun time!

We have posted many photos and there are some live streams on our Facebook page if anyone is interested in checking it out that

were not able to attend. All our guests received the Fall calendar of events, so please be sure to welcome any that may venture back to either the services or upcoming events that are planned.

Micro Clothes Closet: Fall 2018 - Utilizing the *Faith in Action 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 plan to expand to another nearby elementary school, with hopes of eventually growing into a more formal clothes closet down the road.

As of this printing, we have done one trial run – 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 the first drop and we will look for this to expand as the months move forward. Stay tuned to see how you can help in this project as we continue to get this underway.

Halloween Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 28th - from 3-5pm

Save the date for this fun event open to the community. This year we have the traditional trunk or treat planned as well as a visit from Howell Nature Center again displaying their 'Creatures of the Night'. In addition, we are hoping and working on providing a light lunch – hot dog, chips and water since it was evident last year that food was a big focus demonstrating possible food insecurity. We are working with Gordon Food Service and Sam's Club on possible donations of food – more to come on where we may need help in hosting this community event. Due to the number of kids that come to the trunks (~500), if you are not able to have a 'trunk' open but would like to help out, we will be accepting bags

of candy that we can use to distribute for those that will have a trunk open – it is surprising how fast you can go through one bag of candy!!!!

Please see anyone on the Expressions team if you have questions – we will have a box in the Fellowship Hall where you can drop your bag of candy off.

Grief Share - Fall 2018– Southminster will be 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 will be hosted at the Allen Park location, and Southminster will host the next sessions in the winter. The first Grief Share session is on Wed, Sept 26th 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.

Upcoming: Adopt a family; Inside/Out Christmas Dinner – Dec 9th; Christnet

Next meeting: Committee Day – October 7th @ 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!

Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion

Happy fall everyone! With fall comes our annual fall clean up. This is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 6, 2018 at 10am. There is inside cleaning available for those not inclined to do outside work. Hope to see you there.

Although we didn't meet during the summer rest assured we were working on your behalf. First, we had our garage sale at the end of May. The proceeds of this is earmarked to go towards the organ



UPKEEP Projects

repair. Said repair will be about \$3000 and our monies from the garage sale was over \$800 so we have a good start.

Secondly, we have decided to do some planting out by the marquise sign near Wick road. We have consulted a horticulturist and have a design that will add summer and fall beauty (via flowers) BUT will not hide the sign. ALL the plantings are under 42" at full maturity. Since the cost is a potential issue we will do this in 3 steps. 1) shrubs...these are already done. They are small but will grow. 2) reblooming summertime flowers and 3) hardy mums that will bloom in late summer and last until first frost. This will allow us to spread the cost over 2 or 3 budgets.

Thirdly, we have a new cleaning service. Chosen by committee out of 3 applicants. They are Jan-Pro. They use a crew of 3 people to clean. I will be working closely with them as we transition. They are a good company with 25 years of experience and their supervisors do MONTHLY check ups. Please be patient.... They are a good company but there will undoubtedly be some " growing pains " as we work to get to know each other. But know this, they could see the lack of effort by our previous service and are dedicated to getting it right.

Forth, we have been discussing working on Annes office for about a year (actually putting it off once). Originally, it was to be paint, carpet (which we already have) desk, file cabinets, etc. Well as luck would have it, the phone/security system fell off the wall. When we went to rehang it we found that the walls are ONLY paneling nailed to studs and the paneling is dry rotting. We will need to install dry wall before we can attack the rest. Although dates are not yet set...we will do this in 2 steps to spread the cost over 2 budgets and cause as little disruption as possible to the workings of the office.

Lastly, we all know the snow is just around the corner. We will be buying a new snowblower as our old one will be too expensive to repair and there are no guarantees as to how long it will last. Session has already approved for us to take the funds from B&G budget. We are shopping for the best deal and are looking to go “ GREEN “. Electric snow blowers are more affordable now and technology is such that they throw the snow just as well as gas powered ones.

Have a great fall and a Happy Halloween !!!!!

Communion Set Up, Pew Patrol, Greeters Schedule

October

Communion Setup - Carla Long -

Communion Cleanup - All Deacons

Pew Patrol - Sue Frederick, Shirley Petlicki -

Coffee Cleanup - Scott Barclay

Greeting - October 7 Carla Long October 14 Mary Cline October
21 Kandi Wood October 28 Nancy Gillespie

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 Olsoway
November 18 Pat Tucker November 25 Nancy Gillespie

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

September 20, 2018

Connie Dainus, Clerk

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to cut support to the Lord Family as of January.

Motion defeated.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to support the Lord Family with \$1200.00 in 2018 to be raised through special offerings.

Motion carried 5 - 1

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to call congregational meeting on Sunday Oct. 28, 2018 to elect Elders and act on by law amendments.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee to have a silent movie fundraiser on Friday. Oct. 26 at the church. 90 % of funds will go to the organ repairs, 10% to the youth triennium expenses.

Motion carried.

Motion from Expressions committee to approve Southminster to do a joint Grief Share program with Allen Park this fall.

Motion carried.

Motion from Expressions committee to approve acceptance of a grant for the Alexandria Nature Bus to attend Southminster for Animalpalooza.

Motion carried.

Motion by Administration committee to transfer the 33 shares of Stryker stock that the Neuders gave us in July of this year from our investments to our checking account (General Fund). This will be used for our operational expenses. I did not add the dollar amount to the motion because this will change by the time we make the transfer. The current value of 33 shares is \$5,591.19.

Motion carried.

Motion by Administration committee to present the amendments to the bylaws at the congregational meeting of Oct. 28, 2018. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to accept a donation of a flat screen T.V. from Gus and Mary Cline to be used in the adult classroom.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Nurture committee to give permission to the Southminster youth group to have a Lock In from 7:00PM on Friday evening November 9th until 10AM on Saturday morning. Youth 6th through 12th grades are invited.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Nurture committee to give the youth permission to hold a Holiday Tea on Sunday, November 11th at 4:00 PM. Theme suggested by Megan Gillespie is “Polar Express”.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Nominating committee to nominate Mary Denise Wright for ordination and installation as elder and Dale Simon for installation into the office of elder. Motion carried.

Senior Luncheon and...

a Flu Shot

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, October 8th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Swedish Meatballs, Potatoes,

Gravy and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older. Walgreen's will be on hand to offer flu shots.

Memorials

In Memory of Wauline Tunesi

Ron and Dorothy Gillespie, Yvonne Harris, Carolyn Koziol, Nancy Rand, Nancy Gillespie, Jean Page



IN LOVING MEMORY

October Anniversaries

David & Susan Grove	10-19	45 Years
Mark & Terri Donnan	10-05	4 Years



October Birthdays

Hope Lambrix	10-3	David Bullion	10-22
Norm Manders	10-21	William Wonnacott	10-23
		Elda Moore	10-23



Upcoming Dates

Mon Oct 1	Noon Rachel Circle
Thur Oct 4,11,18,25	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal *New Day, same time
Sat Oct 6,20	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes, Taylor
Sun Oct 7,14,21,28	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone Start Up 11:00 a.m. Worship
Sun Oct 7	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon Oct 8	12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch
Wed Oct 10	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thurs Oct 11	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Fri Oct 12	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Thur Oct 18	7:00 p.m. Session
Sun Sept 16	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle Kick Off Picnic
Thurs Sept 20	7:00 p.m. Session
Mon Oct 22	Newsletter deadline
Sun Oct 28	3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle

FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Judy Nowak (Wyandotte Hospital)
Krystina Gollner (Dave Calendine neice)
Sue Landis (U of M Ann Arbor)

Del Wonnacott (Beaumont, Trenton)
Rich Kokila (Oakwood, Drbrn)

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

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), For the family of Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker sister) on her recent death, Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Terry Price (Candy

Cash father), Joseph Michael, Ray Shulaka (Dave Calendine friends), Scott Gollner, (Dave Calendine family)

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

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