



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor



I'm writing this on Monday following the third week of Discovery Zone, the new 10 a.m. Nurture event. The first Sunday's crowd left many to speculate, "all those people showed up because they were confused about when worship really started." Fair enough I thought, that might well be the case. The second week came and against all expectations, the crowd grew. The adult break-out session moved from the Adult Classroom into the Sanctuary due to the size. After that second week, I thought "well, once fall really settles in, the numbers will drop." Yesterday was the third week, and again the adults were in the Sanctuary and the kids were having a great time.


I'm so profoundly grateful for the work that went into this transition. For months, the Nurture Committee explored a path forward, a way to increase both the number of people involved in Nurture and the variety of experiences offered. It was quite a leap of faith to ask the church to adjust service times to open a larger time window, and another leap to move into a sometimes oblique "rotation" curriculum. I've led other churches through this type of transition, so I had some idea of how it might work.

What has happened at Southminster far exceeded my expectations. As you know, that first week I showed up with 15 handouts for my break-out group and anticipated meeting in the Adult Classroom. Last week, I had 35 copies of the conversation handout for the adults and limited them to 1 per family.

I'm impressed with the number of people participating, but I'm really enjoying the energy and enthusiasm when we gather. Singing Twelve Went Down to Spy on Canaan with the kids gathered on the front row is priceless, as is watching the adults chime right in. I

get to see all the smiles and laughter. We're only three weeks in, but I'm grateful for your work and participation. Thank you.

Finally, you will note in the Session minutes from September that we've added a staff member: Gina Savastano is joining the staff of Southminster as the Youth Coordinator. Gina will be concentrating on our Middle and High Schoolers, but will continue to have a hand with the younger kids in Discovery Zone. I would anticipate you'll be hearing from her next month, but for now, welcome on board Gina. Our best wishes and prayers are with you!
Thanks,



Nurture

Wendy Woodley / Marnie Winkleman

“Discovery Zone” kicked off on September 11th and we've been astounded at how many have joined us. Thank you for supporting this new way of doing things. The time slot is for everyone, not just children. It has been a family friendly time for adults and children to learn. We are always looking for new volunteers to assist with drama, games, crafts, cooking, science, music. Maybe you would like to be an assistant leader in the classroom. It is not necessary to sign up for several weeks at a time, you can select when or how you would enjoy helping out.

The First Fall focus has been on the Exodus story, Through the Water and the Wilderness and runs through October 16th. The Stewardship Segment is the parables of the Wise and Foolish Builders and the Unforgiving Servant, these theme will conclude on November 6th. If you enjoy Legos or Jenga blocks maybe this is the weeks you can show us your building talent. The Advent

Selection is Jesus Birth through Joseph's Eyes, begins November 13th through December 18th.

Any help you offer need not be a year of commitment. If there is a particular series that appeals to you, please let us know. Pastor Clint is doing a wonderful job leading the gathering bible story time, we have enjoyed his creativity. Due to the attendance numbers, the adult bible class now meets with Pastor Clint in the sanctuary. This hour is a great opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together learning the same biblical context. We continually ask for volunteers as it is necessary to have enough, so that there are two adults in each and every classroom or rotation station.

Child care volunteers are still needed to assist Marlene in the nursery, perhaps you can share one Sunday a month with our little ones. You can sign up for one hour blocks, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Volunteers are also needed to help with our younger children during the worship service. Children under second grade will be shown a Veggie Tale movie or something with the same biblical theme, during the worship service. The movie is pre-selected by the Nurture team. Children will leave the sanctuary following Children's Time. On every third Sunday, children will experience a seasonal craft during this time.

Please let Marnie or Wendy know if you are interested in helping in any way with any of the above.

We are really excited to announce that effective October 1st, Gina Savastano will be joining the staff as the Coordinator of Youth Ministries. She will be mentoring our Middle and High School aged young adults. We look forward to the enthusiasm she brings to this youth ministry.

A trip to Calder Dairy is being planned for October 8th at 10am. If you are interested, please sign up in fellowship hall. We need at least 15 people to sign up, this is an open experience for all age groups. A petting zoo, plus watching the milking process and ice cream to eat. Should be a family fun time!
The next Youth Drop-In will be October 9th.

Senior Lunch

Kay Snaddon



Our menu for October 10th will be Swedish meatballs with the trimmings. Please join us for this nice meal and fellowship for a modest donation of \$3.00 at noon. Also, Walgreens will be at Southminster Senior Lunch to give flu shots. Most people will be covered by insurance with \$0.00 co-

pay.

Also, for each flu shot given, Walgreens will provide a free immunization to a child, so, come get your flu shot and stay healthy.

Building and Grounds

Laurie Barclay

Building and Grounds is busy finalizing details for our Narthex refresh project. Work should begin early October and hopefully, completed by Thanksgiving. Our committee has put a lot of work and research onto this project and are very excited to get started. We are still working on some ideas, so please, bring your questions to any committee member, Bruce Aue, Mary Cline, George Smith, Ron Wells, and Laurie Barclay.

Better yet, come to our next Committee meeting. Building and Grounds has purchased a new push mower to cut the areas of our grounds that can't be cut by our tractor.

We are very grateful to our church members who faithfully serve and continue to cut our grass on a weekly basis. Thank you so much.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on September 9th to discuss the books that we had read over the summer months. We touched on a variety of subjects and authors from stories about dogs, to a book by Nicholas Sparks, to books by Helen Bryan.

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

October 14 – *The Girl on the Train*

by Paula Hawkins

November 11 – *Small Great Things*

by Jodi Picoult

The October book is being released as a movie in October and we may decide to see the movie. The November book, written by Jodi Picoult, will be released on October 11th. We have read several of her books and have found them to be very interesting.

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” ☺

October Volunteers

Lay Liturgist	Nancy Gillespie
Communion Setup	Tony & Gina Savastano
Pew Patrol	Pat Tucker & Sharon Puschaver
Coffee Clean Up	Pat Tucker & Sharon Puschaver
Communion Clean Up	All Deacons

Session Motions and Notes

Connie Dainus
September 18, 2016

1. Motioned by Deacons and seconded to approve a fifth Sunday Deacons offering post service for the Deacons’ fund. Motion carried.
2. Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to appoint a Ruling Elder to be the Session Liaison to the Deacon Board for the remainder of 2016. Motion carried.
3. Motioned by Bruce Aue and seconded to approve the 2016 Stewardship Narrative Budget. Motion carried.
4. Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to approve funding of \$300.00 for the January 2017 Leadership Retreat at the Howell Nature Center. Motion carried.

5. Motioned by Nurture Committee to hire Gina Savastano to the position of Coordinator of Youth Ministries. Motion carried.

A Note from the Office

A goal from the Church Office: to have a new phone book produced. Anyone who would like to be included in the phone book should fill out the 2016 Church Directory Form with complete name, complete mailing address, home phone or cell phone and email address to the office either by email: office@southminstertaylor.org or slip it under the Office door.

Calendar Notes

Birthdays October

Hope Lambrix	10-3
Karla Puschaver	10-9
Cathy Cozier	10-10
Norm Manders	10-21
David Bullion	10-22
Elda Moore	10-23
Bill Wonnacott	10-23

Anniversaries October

David & Sue Grove 10-19 43 Years

Memorials

In Honor of Ron & Dorothy Gillespie's 50th Anniversary:

Bruce Aue

In Memory of Roy White: Bruce Aue.

Prayers

For those healing in the hospital:

We pray for those healing at home:

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

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

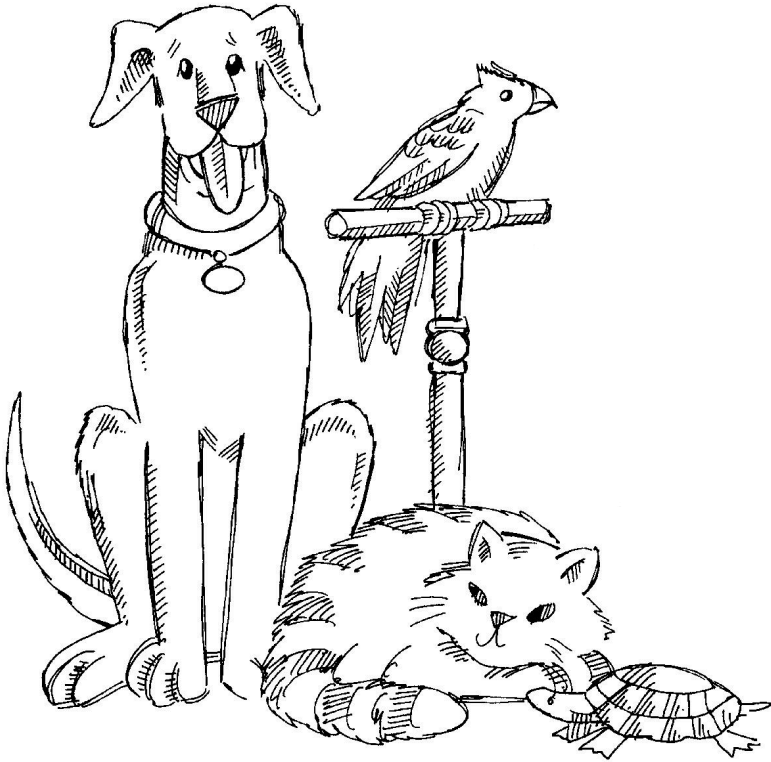
Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (daughters and son of Elda Moore); Katherine Hutchinson; Laura Mount (daughter of Fred Mount); Jerry Pawelczyk (friend of Shirley Petlicki); Ralph Schall (uncle of Hope Lambrix); Sheila Morais; Dorothy Davies (friend of Judy Nowak); Barbara Willis and Ron Wilder (friends of Terri Donnan); Sue Landis; Kara Westra (awaiting liver transplant 15 yr.old); Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family, Sarah Tyler (friends of Stephanie Pratt); Keith Oliver (Nancy Gillespie's grandson); Chuck Stevens; Carol Barnard; Vorrey Holmes; Darcy Matthies; Miriam Soln (niece of Nan Bouchard); Ed Schenken (friend of Jean Page); Brian (friend of Gloria Olsow); Roy Mohr (Pat Fraser's brother); Linda Solis (Sue Grove friend); Carol Serene (friend of Phyllis Hunt); John Ciado (nephew of Nan Bouchard);

Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter); Brenda Price (Cash family); Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter); Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister); Kennedy, Sue Brooks Epperson, Rose Elsey (friends of Sue Landis); Nancy (Marlene Jones sister); Jay Warren (friend of Dave Calendine); 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) Andreas Fritschi (Kandi Wood family, hospice); Carol Drumm, Carol Politi (Shirley Aue friends); Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend); Katelyn Suski (Larry & Carol Showler granddaughter); Wayne Tetz (Terri Donnan brother).

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).

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 9th, 3:30 PM

All domesticated pets welcome!

Let us bless those who bless us.

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Discovery Zone	10 am
Family Worship Service	11 am

Return Service

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