



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2016

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The Discovery Zone will be at 10:00 a.m. then
Worship following at 11:00 a.m. beginning
Sunday, September 11.

From the Pastor



Last week in my personal reading, I came across a new term: “Illiberal Democracy.” I was startled to come across a totally new label being used to describe the current political currents in Western Europe and the United States. I’m a political junkie and follow various commentators of all perspectives (I appreciate both Pat Buchanan and Paul Krugman) and nationalities. So it was startling for me to

encounter a term being used to describe the times in which I live that was totally new to me and was at first glance an oxymoron.

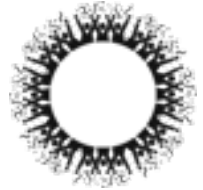
The pace of change in our world seems unrelenting. If you’re a traditionalist (as most of us are at heart), that observation can be frightening. Our times are full of new words, new norms, new trajectories, new expectations. That led me to a question: what is bedrock in my life, what in my life isn’t open to the winds of change?

First, community will always be the most powerful agent of change in my world. I spend too much time focused on places and situations I can’t control, but we can influence and contribute to our community, our setting and how we live together. People gathering together to pursue common interests and to share in each other’s journey will always be the single most significant agent of change in our world. A church is simply a community gathered around a shared confession that Jesus is the Christ, that Jesus is the answer to the questions of this and every place. Times and norms and expectations can and will change, but communities

will always be powerful agents of renewal and stability in our world. I'm "all in" on the power of community, the power of us.

The most compelling (and radical) vision of my world is always Jesus' description of what God's rule is in my life and my world. None of the cutting edge political or social thinkers are as radical or as powerful and beautiful as Jesus' simple "Love your enemies" or "Blessed are the peacemakers." Contexts shift and change, but for me Jesus is always Lord over my context and speaks into each and every time and place.

So I'll continue to dabble in what the political talking heads say about my world, and I will no doubt continue to bump into a whole stream of new words to describe my world as it remakes itself. I will also continue to listen to Jesus as he teaches me about what it means for God to be in control of my life and my community. Jesus reminds me from time to time that the more things seem to change, the more they stay the same.



Nurture

Wendy Woodley / Marnie Winkleman

Thanks again to all of those that helped with Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible school. The children had a great time learning together that God knows them, hears them, strengthens them, loves them and sends them out to do good things. We appreciate the many hands that helped make this a successful event! But the adventure isn't over, we are still on a mission to serve God.

Effective September 11th the Sunday school start time will change to 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. worship service. The new name of the Sunday school program is “Discovery Zone.” The time slot is for everyone, not just children. It will be family friendly time for adults and children to learn. If you feel called to assist with drama, games, crafts, cooking, science, music or would like to be an assistant leader in the classroom, we need you! Materials will be provided. It is not necessary to sign up for several weeks at a time, you can select when or how you would like to help out.

The Fall focus is “The Exodus Story, Through the Water and the Wilderness” is seven weeks long. The Stewardship segment will be Parables “Wise and Foolish Builders and The Unforgiving Servant”, this section is three weeks long. The Advent selection is “Jesus Birth through Joseph’s Eyes” and is five weeks long. We prefer volunteers commit to one rotation at a time if possible, this does not have to be a year commitment. If there is a particular series that appeals to you, please let us know.

In Discovery Zone, the entire family will learn the same lesson which in turn should encourage family conversations. Pastor Clint will lead those gathered to hear the bible story in the Fellowship Hall. Children will break in to age appropriate groups, adults will meet with Pastor Clint. This gives us the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together with the same message. It is our intention to have enough volunteers so that there are two adults in each and every classroom.

Child care volunteers are also needed to assist Marlene in the nursery, perhaps you can share one Sunday a month with our little ones.

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 similar in the same biblical theme, selected by the nurture team during the worship service. Please let Marnie or Wendy know if you are interested in helping in any way with any of the above. We need your help!

Sr. High – Beatles Exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum. Sunday, September 11th at 2pm – meet at the church. This event will take the place of September’s drop in – so nothing on Sept 25th.

The full Youth Group kick-off (all three youth groups) will be a Polaroid Party on Saturday, September 17th at 10 a.m. We will travel the neighborhoods looking for photo ops and end at the church at noon for lunch. Cost will be a \$5 donation towards lunch.

A Note of Thanks



Thank you to all the Southminster Faithful for the cards, both well wishes and birthday, for the e-mails, and above all for the constant prayers during my surgery/recovery. Just as our God is an awesome God, so are each of you. I will be eternally grateful for your constant vigilance not only for me, but for my daughter as well, as she continues her journey with breast cancer. Her chemo treatments are complete, and as you are reading this, her seven weeks of radiation treatment have begun.

God Bless all of my Church Family,
Joyce Rowley

Senior Lunch

Kay Snaddon

It's September and we are starting out our lunch with Barbecued Beef, cole slaw, dessert & beverage all for a small donation of \$3.00. We invite all over 50 to join us on Monday, September 12 at Noon for some good food and fellowship. See you on the 12th!



Fellowship

Bryan Gillespie

It's hard to believe but summer is coming to a close. It's been a good summer that included our Church Picnic in June, Toledo Mudhens Game in July and the Family Campout at Sterling State Park in August. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Fox Tour due to lack of people signed up to go. Look for a possible reschedule in the Spring of 2017.



We will kick off fall on Saturday September 23rd – Time TBD- Family Game Night / Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Exchange.

Join us for a fun night of fellowship and games. Bring your favorite dish to pass and your favorite board game, card game, or video game.

If you so desire bring a gift for the White Elephant exchange. For those who don't know here is how it works...Each participant supplies one wrapped gift. The gifts are placed in a central location, and participants determine in which order they will take

turns selecting them. The first person opens a wrapped gift, and the turn ends. On subsequent turns, each person can open a new present or gets the choice to "steal" another person's gift. When a person's gift is stolen, that person can either choose another wrapped gift to open or can steal from another player. The game is over when the last person goes. Gifts are typically inexpensive, humorous items or used items from home.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

Over the summer, we have read whatever strikes our fancy. We will discuss our summer reads when we resume discussions on Friday, September 9th. We will also be deciding what we will be reading for the remainder of the year. Give some thought to joining us and sharing with us what you have been reading!!!



Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30 a.m., 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” ☺

September Volunteers

Lay Liturgist	Mark Donnan
Communion Setup	Tony & Gina Savastano
Pew Patrol	Mark & Terri Donnan
Coffee Clean Up	Nancy Gillespie & Sharon Puschaver
Communion Clean Up	All Deacons

Session Motions and Notes

Connie Dainus

1. Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to approve completing the mosaic windows in the Sanctuary. These will be completed by Connie Dainus and Pat Wells. Motion carried
2. Motioned by Dave Fraser and seconded to schedule a Congregation quarterly conversation on September 25, 2016 at 12:00 noon. Approved by consent
3. Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to use the Ceneth Kreutzer memorial gift of \$300.00 to purchase a large flat panel display to be mounted and used in the Fellowship Hall. This project is particularly appropriate to this gift since the space will be used for Discovery Zone. Motion carried



4. Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to approve the Forward by Faith proposed 2016 Stewardship Program Timeline. Motion carried
5. Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to schedule the January Leadership Retreat on January 20 to 21, 2017. Motion carried
6. Motioned by Bruce Aue and seconded to amend the motion to accept the \$1000.00 donation from the bowling league and place \$500.00 in account 5.1650 and \$500.00 into account 5.1661. Motion carried
7. Motioned from committee to accept BK Constructions proposal of \$17,180.00 with a 10% contingency for the construction work part of the update to the common spaces. Motion carried
8. Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to amend the motion on the Tree of Life that it be sent back to committee. Motion carried
9. Motioned by Worship Committee to change the Christmas Day Service time from 11:00 am. to 10:00 a.m. and to suspend Sunday School. Motion carried
10. Motioned by committee to approve the bylaws as presented. Motion carried
11. Motioned by committee to schedule a Congregational Meeting to approve the bylaws on September 25, 2016 Motion carried

Congregational Meeting



The Session of Southminster Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on September 25. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a new set of By-laws for the church corporation. Copies of the new By-laws will be available in the Narthex and on the website beginning September 11th. Plan on attending this important step in our life together.

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. Church Directory Forms will be printed and set out in the Narthex for convenience by September 11.

Calendar Notes

Birthdays September

Patty Lalinsky

9-2

Susan Frederick

9-14

Sharon Puschaver	9-4	Barb MacDonald	9-21
Phyllis Fink	9-5	Kay Snaddon	9-22
Del Wonnacott	9-7	Carla Long	9-22
Jerry Kirkland	9-7	Jerry VanHook	9-27
Jackie Jensen	9-7	Rich Pratt	9-27
George Smith	9-9	Norm Johnston	9-27
Katelyn Nutter	9-9	Gabby Sanchez	9-30
Connie Dainus	9-10	Laurie Barclay	9-30

Anniversaries September

Arnold & Shirley Aue	66 Years
Ken Renner & Sue Landis	24 Years
Al & Barb MacDonald	16 Years
Wayne & Andrea Held	12 Years

Memorials

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

Tim & Laurie Barclay

In Memory of Ceneth Kreutzer:

Kim & Kevin Dinco, Joyce Rowley

In Memory of Roy White:

Jerry & Bess Kirkland, Arnold & Shirley Aue.

Upcoming Dates



1. September 11 Beatles Exhibit at Henry Ford Museum.
2. September 11 Dave Calendine concert Senate Theater.
3. September 17 21st Century Polaroid Party

Prayers

For those healing in the hospital:

Elda Moore (Beaumont-Taylor)

We pray for those healing at home:

Ken Renner, Pat Morton, Sharilyn Bullion, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Nan Bouchard, Arnold Aue.

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).

And what does the
LORD require of you

To act **justly**
& to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your

GOD.

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Discovery Zone	10 am
Family Worship Service	11 am

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