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From the Pastor

A new church year is upon us! It's full of opportunities and possibilities; it will bring surprises, disappointments and unforeseen journeys. We need, we profoundly need, for each of you to play a part in the year to come.

One of our big challenges this year will be adjusting to a new “mix” of young people who worship with us. We have an influx of children graduating from the nursery into Discovery Zone and worship. We think the best answer is to split Discovery Zone by age and separate the kids into two groups. We don't presently have the volunteers to support what we believe is the very best way to nurture our young people. You may not “see” yourself as a teacher, but every group needs two adults, only one of which is the teacher or facilitator. The other adults supports and helps and works with kids. Even if you're not a “teacher”, I know many of you have the “gift” of helping and this would be a great place to express that gift.

Last year we started keeping all but our nursery kids in the sanctuary for worship. We have a back table where the kids have some worship related projects (simple crafts, coloring pages, etc.) to keep them busy while they listen in the background to the sermon. Last year, a single adult volunteered to be with the kids at the table during worship. This year, we anticipate an explosion of kids at that table and we really need two adults per week with the kids. You give up one Sunday a month where you can't just concentrate on yourself and your life in worship, but on the other hand you have the opportunity to help our youngest members experience worship in an age appropriate way. Again, this isn't “teaching”, the material is prepared by the Nurture Team. It is

simply being “with” the young people at the table during worship and helping them to understand what it means to be in a worship service.

Sometimes in church we use the word “calling” to describe the path a given community takes. If Southminster’s calling is to help develop young people into mature followers of Jesus (something virtually assumed in our current Mission Statement and our baptismal vows), then we believe that part of that “calling” is the tools (people, space, finances) needed to live out the calling. We’re asking you (each and every one of you, yes, including YOU) to be part of our calling to nurture and mature our young people into followers of Jesus. If you would like to explore how YOU can help in Discovery Zone or with kids in worship, please talk with Wendy Woodley or me.

Let the new year begin!

2018 Bible-in-a-Year Journey

Saturday September 1	2Chronicles 7-10
Monday September 3	2Chronicles 11-14
Tuesday September 4	2Chronicles 15-18
Wednesday September 5	2Chronicles 19-22
Thursday September 6	2Chronicles 23-26
Friday September 7	2Chronicles 27-31
Saturday September 8	2Chronicles 32-36
Monday September 10	Ezra 1-4
Tuesday September 11	Ezra 5-8

Wednesday September 12	Ezra 9-Nehemiah 2
Thursday September 13	Nehemiah 3-6
Friday September 14	Nehemiah 7-10
Saturday September 15	Nehemiah 11- Esther 1
Monday September 17	Esther 2-5
Tuesday September 18	Esther 6-10
Wednesday September 19	Jeremiah 1-4
Thursday September 20	Jeremiah 5-8
Friday September 21	Jeremiah 9-12
Saturday September 22	Jeremiah 13-16
Monday September 24	Jeremiah 17-20
Tuesday September 25	Jeremiah 21-24
Wednesday September 26	Jeremiah 25-28
Thursday September 27	Jeremiah 29-32
Friday September 28	Jeremiah 33-36
Saturday September 29	Jeremiah 37-40

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

Happy Labor Day! Well, it's that time of year again, summer is over and it's time to get back to Sunday school.

The Nurture team is recruiting more volunteers for the fall programming. One area that needs additional help is the back table during worship. There will be at least six children under six every week. For these children under second grade, we're asking

for two people to team up and supervise them at the table. Learning materials are provided 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 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. A sign up for additional nursery workers will also be available. Do you need a hug, or a cherubic smile? This is where you can find them!

Discovery Zone resumes on September 9th at 10am. The studies of the September rotation will be about Jesus calling the Disciples. This is a family oriented time, children and adults learn the same biblical context every week. Give it a try, you'll be pleasantly surprised. The October and November lessons are on Jesus and Nicodemus.

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 weekly reading plan is printed in the bulletin. Have you fallen behind? Not to worry, just start picking up your bible again and read the weekly passages. Even if you missed a few books, you've still accomplished something great.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for middle and high school will resume in September. A schedule of events, is not complete at this time.

On either the Sunday afternoon of September 16th or 23rd all youth will meet at the church for a Polaroid party. This event will kick off the new school year. The young people had a great time

going on this picture scavenger hunt last year and have requested another. All ages of youth are welcome!

The 2018 Vacation Bible School program held this year was in partnership with our neighbor St. Constance. They hosted the event at their church. Over forty children attended VBS every evening! The children had a great time learning that Jesus forgives, gives them hope and, loves them.

Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with the program and joined us in this ecumenical VBS experience. A special thanks to Pastor Clint for taking pictures, Alex for teaching the children sign language for all of the songs they learned, Giovanna for leading the kids in an Echo Pantomime, Mr. Tony for taking on games, Connie and her demonstrative reading on the story of Lazarus, Kay for doing snack detail, Marnie for registration, Nancy, Mary, Pat, Bethany and Owen for craft and supervision. This was a great team of volunteers!

St. Constance wrote a very nice thank you and it is posted on the Nurture board in fellowship hall. They were very grateful and appreciative of our participation with VBS and were very happy to have partnered with us in this fun filled week. It was a great experience!

The July Youth Mission Trip was another wonderful experience for our youth. The kids and their advisors worked very hard during this mission experience. They represented Southminster exceptionally, and we are so very proud of them and to have supported them on their journey.

Nurture will meet again on September 9th, at 3:00pm anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Thank You Southminster

My Dear Southminster Family

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, lovely cards and participation in the Meal Train this past Spring.

It was comforting to know that the children and I were surrounded by the love of so many people!

Your support continues to be a true blessing. Thank you again and may God Bless every one of you! Love,

Marnie Winkleman and Family

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 14th. 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”

Expressions

Michele Hintz

AnimalPalooza

Animalpalooza: Sunday, September 30th – 2-5pm: Once again, we will have our own Southminster Animalpalooza!!! This great event will also include Blessing of the Animals this year. We will have Howell Nature Center here to offer one of their Live Animal Programs and also have plans to host Alexandria’s Nature

Bus, offered by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, started in memory of Alexandria Bennett. The foundation's mission is Connecting Children to Nature (more info at www.spiritofalexandria.org) and we are excited to further the love of nature and God's Creation to the children in our community. The Bus will offer hands on experiences of nature. We also will have a Petting Zoo on site, complete with a pony offering rides to children! Other activities include a bubble machine, crafts, games and snacks.

We will also be including Blessing of the Animals during this time – so plan to bring your own pets (leashed and/or well-maintained please!) for the annual blessing. We are also working on having some other vendors on site to further community awareness on nurturing all of God's Creatures.

There will also be a chance to enter your name in a drawing to win some cool nature prizes! Pass the word around, invite your friends and families and lock in September 30th on your calendar!!! We will also be asking for help in different areas for this event – stay tuned if you are willing to offer your support in the upcoming weeks!!

Micro Clothes Closet: Fall 2018 - Utilizing the Faith in Action Grant received from our Presbytery, we will begin coordinating on a small scale clothes items that are often needed at an elementary school during the school year. We will be working with Kinyon to start with, receiving from them a list of what is needed at that time, and we will fulfill this 'wish list' by purchasing the items and delivering them. We would hope to expand to another nearby elementary school, with hopes of eventually growing into a more formal clothes closet. Stay tuned as more details become available.

Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 28th - Save the date!

Next meeting: Committee Day – September 9th @ 3pm (one week later due to holiday)

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!

Deacon Highlights

Mary Cline

From the Deacons

We would like to spotlight a new ministry that we introduced a few months ago, the Meal Train. It's an online way to sign up to provide meals for people in our congregation and their families as they go through a hospital stay or a life changing event. Here's how it works -

Step 1 - We identify a congregant who could use our support and enter their name, email address, and where to drop off meals.

Step 2 - We enter the dates meals would be helpful.

Step 3 - We enter our friend's food likes, dislikes, allergies, and the best time to drop off a meal.

Step 4 - We invite you, congregation members by email to sign up for the Meal Train and reserve a night to provide for a meal.

We feel this is the perfect way to provide meal giving. We would like your help. It can be online or not. Please contact Kandi Wood or Mary Cline for more information.

As Session will be getting back to us shortly on how to proceed, thank you for continuing to do great work and sticking to our current duties! Southminster is definitely better because of your hard work and comfort!

Blessings,

Mary

Deacons' Duties September

Communion Setup - Nancy Gillespie, Pat Tucker -

Communion Cleanup - All Deacons

Pew Patrol - Gloria Olsowy, Shirley Petlicki

Coffee Cleanup - Mary Cline

Greeting - September 2 Mary Cline September 9 Pat Tucker

September 16 Sue Frederick September 23 Nancy Gillespie

September 30 Mary Cline

Deacons' Duties 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

Deacons Duties 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 Olsowy

November 18 Pat Tucker November 25 Nancy Gillespie

Deacons Duties **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

August 21, 2018

Connie Dainus, Clerk

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to Concur with the Board of Deacons in changing the structure at Southminster from a Board of Deacons to individually commissioned deacons serving under the direct authority and supervision of the Session and its committees.

Motion carried

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to request that the By-Law workgroup Dale Simon, Connie Dainus, Phyllis Fink prepare a revision of Article X, Part 2 that reflects individually commissioned deacons functioning under the direct authority and supervision of Session and its committees. This revision will be presented to the congregation for approval at the October 28 congregational meeting.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to authorize participation in the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion

Sunday (October 7). This is in place of our participation in the Pentecost Offering which was approved but reallocated to the Youth Mission trip. (Page 2030 April 2018 Minutes.)

Motion carried.

Motioned by Expressions committee to rescind the motion of the April 2018 meeting allocating the Faith in Action funds to sports camp.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Expressions committee to allocate the Faith in Action Funds of \$1000 to go to the mini clothes closet at a local elementary school.

Motion carried.

Motioned by the Building and Grounds committee that the monies raised by the garage sale be allocated towards the repair of the organ.

Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1 for approval.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to accept Jan-Pro cleaning contract.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to accept the contract from Northern Grounds to trim the shrubs for a cost of \$540 to be taken from the Contracts line item.

Motion carried.

Motioned by building and Grounds committee to purchase a new snow blower at a cost up to \$800. Monies to be taken from Building and Grounds line item.

Motion carried.



Women's Circles

Connie Dainus

Our circles will resume this month. We will have an All Circle Meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Our study book is the “Cloud of Witnesses”, which is a study of the Letter to the Hebrews which is a significant book of the Bible, and is also significantly different from every other book in the Bible.

It consists of thirteen chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. We will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which we are a part, because we bring those groups with us wherever we go—they have helped to form us into the people we are. The community in which we study and worship, our family and friends, social and therapy groups . . . all are part of us. Our prayer is that the study of community in Hebrews will help us strengthen our own communities.

We will again be participating in the Presbyterian Women's Ingathering. More about this at your meetings.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our first Senior lunch program on **Monday, September 10th at 12 noon**. The menu will be pasta, vegetable

and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

Memorials

In Memory of John Fields, Jr

Barbara McNab, Savastano Family, Jerry & Pat VanHook

In Memory of Arnold Aue

Joyce Rowley, Craig & Pam Aue

In Memory of Marilyn Moody

Kay Snaddon

September Anniversaries

Al & Barb MacDonald	9-30	18 Years
Ken Renner & Sue Landis	9-19	26 Years
Wayne & Andrea Held	9-18	14 Year
Eric & Melissa Gillespie	9-16	1 Year

September Birthdays

Sharon Puschaver	9-4		
Phyllis Fink	9-5	Barb MacDonald	9-21
Jerry Kirkland	9-7	Kay Snaddon	9-22
Mary Wonnacott	9-7	Carla Long	9-22
Jackie Jensen	9-7	Rich Pratt	9-27
George Smith	9-9	Jerry VanHook	9-27
Connie Dainus	9-10	Gabby Sanchez	9-30
Susan Frederick	9-14	Laurie Barclay	9-30
Michael Frederick	9-19	Barb MacDonald	9-21

Upcoming Dates

Sun Sept 2	11:00 a.m. Worship
Mon Sept 3	Labor Day office closed
Tues Sept 4	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Sept 6,13,20,27	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
	*New Day, same time
Sat Sept 8	6:00 p.m. Bowling Season begins Skore Lanes, Taylor
Sun Sept 9	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone Start Up 11:00 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Committee Day
Mon Sept 10	12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch resumes
Wed Sept 12	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thurs Sept 13	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Fri Sept 14	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Sat Sept 15	12:00 p.m. Wauline Tunesi Memorial followed by luncheon
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
Sat Sept 22	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes Taylor Newsletter deadline
Sun Sept 30	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Animalpalooza Blessing of the Animals

FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Judy Nowak (Wyandotte Hospital)
 Krystina Gollner (Dave Calendine neice)
 Sue Landis (U of M Ann Arbor)
 Marnie Winkleman (U of M Ann Arbor)
 Del Wonnacott (Beaumont, Trenton)

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

Wauline Tunesi Family, 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), Michael Jones (nephew of Marlene Jones, on his recent death)

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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