



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Notes on Worship Themes



Sometimes you can watch the world change right in front of your eyes. In the early 1990s, I was a post-graduate student studying abroad. I heard about a professor teaching in New Zealand that shared some of my academic interests. The two of us emailed back and forth for a few months, talking about interests, approaches and methodology. I was writing a paper at the time, and really wanted this particular professor to read it and give me feedback. The problem was, back in the early 1990s, the way you moved documents around electronically was by fax. In the middle of the night, I would fax him my twenty page paper, then a week or so later he would fax it back to me (again, in the middle of my night) with notes and corrections. It was slow and painful (and really did a number on getting a good night's sleep).

In the middle of all of that, someone mentioned a new technology: the ability to attach documents to emails. Only a few of you will remember those days, you ran the attachments through special programs to code them in a way that email could understand (called uuencode and uudecode as I recall). The first time I looked in my email inbox and saw an email from my friend in New Zealand with a document attached was magical. No more fax machine, no more middle of the night trips to the university office to communicate with someone far, far away. The world shrunk for anyone dealing with information with the advent of email attachments. The fax machine has been relegated to the dust bin.

The size of our world is defined as much by technology as by geography. Those of you who shop online know that you simply cannot tell a local company selling whatever you're buying from a company half a world away: technology has obliterated geography. In the last few years or so, international shipping has improved to the point that buying directly from someone far away has become commonplace for price conscious shoppers. If I have an interest in any particular thing, whether it's shopping for bargain bin clothing items or astronomy or photography, technology is often able to connect us to people and places that just a generation ago were far, far away.

One of the more fascinating questions Jesus ever answered was the “who is my neighbor” question of the lawyer in Luke 10. Jesus lived in a time when the world was shrinking: Rome built roads that connected the far corners of the world, the Greeks had given the world a common language and culture, and the legions kept the civilized world safe from the chaos beyond. Jesus’ answer (the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*) takes that new technology on board. Neighborliness was something different in first century Galilee and Samaria than it was in the ninth century b.c. world of King David.

It is critical as we take up Jesus’ teachings about being neighborly that we account (as he did) for our shrinking world. Our “neighbors” may not be the same as our grandparents neighbors. The point of Jesus’ teaching isn’t to call us to the task of recreating a world long since past; it is to apply neighborly hospitality in our shrinking world and in light of the technology shaping the world right now.

Join us this fall as we explore the question: “and just who is my neighbor anyway?”

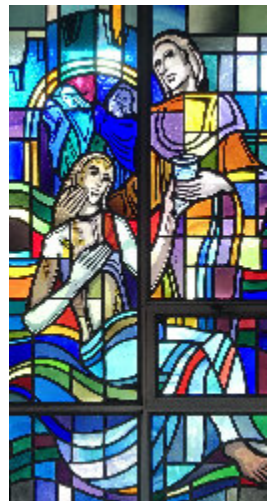
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Nurture

Wendy Woodley

Happy Labor Day! Well, it’s that time of year again, summer is over, fall is upon us, and it’s time to get back to Sunday school. The Nurture team is once again recruiting more volunteers for fall programming. Please let Wendy know if you are interested in helping out in one of these areas!

Discovery Zone, Sunday school resumes September 15th at 10am. The first rotation will be a five week study on the parable of the Good Samaritan. We kick things off in fellowship hall by watching a short animated video, singing a couple of songs and then break into age related study sessions. We



would love to have you join us in this experience. An additional person is needed for the Discovery Zone program at 10am. If you are interested in doing simple baking with the children, we need your help. Lesson materials are provided several weeks in advance. The need is for one hour, every four weeks or so, from 10-11am. Another opportunity available, is for someone that enjoys music and would like to lead our youngsters with singing from 10 to 11am.

A volunteer is needed to assist our child care worker Marlene Jones in the nursery every week. The need is for one person from 10-11am and 11am-12pm. If you could just share one hour a month with our littlest members, it would be extremely helpful. A sign-up sheet is available in fellowship hall on the Nurture board.

Another area that needs additional help, is the back table during worship. Children under second grade go to the back table after children's time in the worship service at 11am. We're asking for two people to team up and supervise them at the table. Learning materials such as work sheets, coloring pages and simple crafts are provided each week. If there enough volunteers, you may possibly only have to do this once every four to six weeks. Sign up for your week in fellowship hall on the Nurture board.

Sunday evening youth group meetings for middle and high school will resume in September. Rich Pratt will be taking the lead as youth group leader. If you are interested in assisting Rich with meetings or outreach events, please let him know. A schedule of events, is not complete at this time.

On September 8th at 10am in the senior high classroom, both middle school and high school aged youth are asked to meet and take part in a conversation on future youth group programming. As always, donuts will be available.

The 2019 Vacation Bible School program held this year was "Roar" Life is wild God is Good. The African safari themed program was held the evenings of June 24th through June 28th. Thirteen

children attended VBS every evening! The children had a great time learning that when life is unfair, scary, sad, good, or when life changes God is always good.

Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with the program and joined us in this VBS experience. A special thanks to Pastor Clint and Scott Fraser for taking pictures, Pat Fraser and Connie Dainus for bible story instruction, Dave Fraser for playing Pharaoh, Giovanna Savastano for leading the group sessions and music, Megan Gillespie and Tony Savastano for taking on games, Kay Snaddon and Dot Gillespie for doing snack detail, Marnie Winkelman, Jan Hinson and Bethany Hamilton for registration, Nancy Gillespie, Vickie Simon, and Gloria Olsowy for science and craft supervision. Our youth crew leaders Flora Kilbong, Owen Hamilton, Emma and Avery Cash. This was a great team of volunteers! We also appreciate those that provided the meal each evening and thanks to all of you that so generously donated snack items!

Our props, instructional posters and leftover decorating materials from vacation bible school were donated to Pastor John Mishler at Calvin East Presbyterian Church in Detroit for their use in future programming. They were very excited to receive them.

The July 16th-20th Youth Triennium trip to Perdue University in Indiana was another wonderful experience for our youth and their chaperones. Bethany and Owen Hamilton, Emma Cash, Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt all came back excited that they were able to attend this event. Pat Fraser also attended as a small group leader and was happy to of had the experience. They all represented Southminster exceptionally ! We are so very proud of them and so happy to have supported them on their journey.

Nurture will meet again on September 8th, at 3:00pm. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.



Book Club

Joyce Rowley

Wherever you have been, whatever you have done, whoever you have visited, whichever book you have read or not read, we hope it

was a grand and glorious summer!!!!

Over the summer, some of us have read whatever strikes our fancy. We will discuss our summer reads when we resume discussions on Friday, September 13th. 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, 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”

Session Motions

Connie Dainus

June 2019

Motion by committee to continue a 50/50 donation to Fish & Loaves in perpetuity till such time as session discontinues the program Money for the 2019 contribution to come from the special offering fund 3.2250. Motion carried.

August 15, 2019

1. Motioned by Dale Simon to refer the question of a grant HUGS to Expressions Committee. Motion carried.
2. Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to give Pastor Clint the personal vacation weeks of November 24 to 30 and December 29 to January 4. Motion carried.
3. Motioned by and seconded to allow Pastor Clint to roll one week of study time from 2019 to 2020 (for a total of three weeks of study time in 2020). By Consent
4. Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to become a Matthew 25 church with a focus on congregational revitalization while studying both systemic poverty and racism

in the Downriver area. Motion carried.

5. Motioned by Dave Bullion and seconded to approve the baptism of Zoey Elizabeth Stiles, Zayden James Becker and Brittany Marie Drumm on Sunday, August 25th. Motion carried
6. Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to close the Church office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. Motion carried.
7. Motioned by Wendy Woodley and seconded to allow Allen Park Church's choir on Saturday Aug. 24 9:00 am to 1:00pm. Motion carried.
8. Motioned by committee to change the name of Long Term Repair to Major Improvements. Motion delayed until the September session meeting.

Financial Picture

Connie Dainus, Clerk of Session

	May 2019	Year to Date
Income	\$12,767.75	\$66,422.76
Expenses:	<u>15,835.17</u>	<u>\$71,483.73</u>
Balance	\$-3,067.42	\$-5060.97
	June 2019	Year to Date
Income	\$12,961.00	\$79,383.76
Expenses:	<u>12,673.03</u>	<u>\$83,806.91</u>
Balance	\$287.97	\$-4,423.15
	July 2019	Year to Date
Income	\$13,389.00	\$92,772.76
Expenses:	<u>\$12,126.43</u>	<u>\$95,933.34</u>
Balance	\$1,262.57	\$-3160.58

Memorial Giving

- In memory of Ron Gillespie
- Jerry & Bess Kirkland, Darvin & Carla Long

- In memory of Terry Goad
- Bruce Aue
- In memory of A. Maitland Comb
- Doug & Brenda Comb
- In memory of Arnold Aue
- Doug & Brenda Comb

September Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Clean Up</u>
Sept 1	Nancy Gillespie	Donnans	
Sept 8		Mary Denise	
Sept 15		Mary Denise	
Sept 22		Nancy	
Sept 29		Bill & Jenny	

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their support & friendship during Ron's illness and death. Also thanks to all who donated to the Memorial Fund in Ron's memory. Again, many thanks.

Dorothy & family.

Expressions

Mary Denise Wright

Downriver Clothing Connection:
As we are beginning to get ready for the fall months, we are also close to starting the build-out the area for the DCC. Supplies and materials have been purchased and we are awaiting their delivery –

once on site we can begin to construct the racks and have the bins ready to go. We have some extra clothes left over from the Clothes Swap that will need laundering and sorting so we will be sure to share when the time comes for needing many handy helping hands to get this rolling – if you are interested, please let Michele Hintz know if you haven't already gotten your name in.

We do have a box at the church marked DCC to collect any children's clothes at this time only. *With the focus on the elementary schools for the start-up, that is all we will begin collecting until we can expand it out and handle adult clothes.

ANIMALPALOOZA: Celebrating God's creations on earth will be Sunday, September 29th from 2-5pm. We will again have this community event featuring Chamberlain's Petting Farm, Howell Nature Center, Blessing of the Animals, among other activities – this event is always a fun one so be sure to invite your neighbors, friends and family.

Southminster Boo Bash will be held this year on Sunday, Oct 27th from 3-5pm. This will include a program, hot dog and chips lunch, crafts along with a Trunk or Treat area. Please keep this date on your calendar and stay tuned for more details as we approach this date.

Remainder 2019 events:

Animalpalooza: Sunday, Sept 29th

Halloween Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat: Oct. 27th

Christmas in the Neighborhood/Kinyon Families: Nov/Dec 2019

Inside/Out Dinner: Advent 2019

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!

Next Meeting – Committee Day – Sun, September 8th @ 3pm

(note date change due to Labor Day!!!)

Church Life

Gus Cline

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15th for our annual Christmas gathering. We will again be joining forces with the Expressions committee and inviting families from the community to join us. More info on this to come.

We are thinking about a game night in November involving all ages of the church. A little different spin on game nights of the past. We will try to have date and more info in next newsletter.

Pastoral Care

Gus Cline

We currently have 18 church members and friends we are staying in touch with on a monthly basis. Our team usually meets twice a month and welcome anyone who is interested in finding more out about what we do to join us.

Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion

Nothing to report as we are still enjoying the summer vacation.

Thanks. Dave

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on Monday, September 9th at 12 noon. The menu will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches with all the trimmings for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

September Anniversary

Eric & Melissa Gillespie	9-16	2 years
Wayne & Andrea Held	9-18	15 years

Ken Renner & Sue Landis	9-19	27 years
All & Barb MacDonald	9-30	19 years

September Birthdays

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

Upcoming Dates

Sun Sept 1	3:00 p.m.	Committee Day
Tue Sept 3	12:00 p.m.	Rachel Circle
Sat Sept 7, 21	6:00 p.m.	Skore Lanes Bowling
Sun Sept 8	10:00 a.m.	Future Youth
Mon Sept 9	12:00 p.m.	Senior Lunch
Tues Sept 3,10,17,24	8:00 p.m.	Band rehearsal
Wed Sept 11	10:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle

Thur Sept 12	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Fri Sept 13	10:30 a.m.	Book Club
Sun Sept 15	10:00 a.m.	Discovery Zone returns
	6:30 p.m.	Sarah Circle
Thurs Sept 19	7:00 p.m.	Session
Sun Sept 22		Newsletter deadline
Wed Sept 25	6:30-8:00p.	GriefShare Southminster
Sun Sept 29	2-5:00 p.m.	Animalpalooza

PRAYERS FOR OUR FRIENDS

Vorrey Holmes (Applewood Nursing Ctr., Woodhaven)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Don Hardy, Sue Landis, David Grove,
George Smith, Sharilyn Bullion, Carolyn Koziol

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Marnie Winkleman, Marge Bernadine, Evelyn Langlands, Joan Watson, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Ken Renner, Nancy (Marlene Jones' sister), Gail (Marlene Jones' mom), Johnnie Jones (Marlene Jones family)

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley

Schleicher II,
Kevin Moody, Stacey Denise Cain, Kenny Trapp

more information to come in our October Newsletter

Bring the whole family to Animalpalooza and experience Chamberlin Petting Farm Sunday September 29th



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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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