

April 2018

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Southminster Presbyterian Church
21845 Wick Road
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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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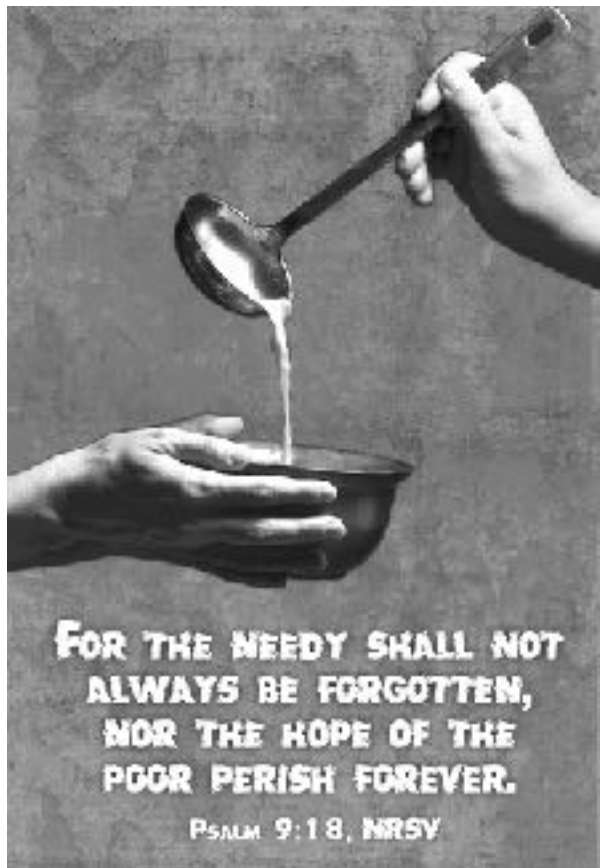
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From the Pastor

And Then Nothing Changed

The Easter narratives in the Gospels take unusual twists: Jesus, no longer bound by the tomb, appears to his followers in a variety of times and places, but with little visible results. You would have thought (and we sometimes read the gospels as though) those early followers in the days immediately after the resurrection would go out and spread the news of Jesus' life-after-life through the whole region around Jerusalem; and you would be wrong. The immediate post-resurrection narratives are about some personal business yet to be finished. Thomas won't take people's words and experiences at face value, and so Jesus satisfies Thomas' doubts. Peter and the inner circle are so guilt wracked that the resurrected Christ only serves to remind them of their failure and empty words. The Gospel of John devotes its final chapter to Jesus healing of Peter's soul. The post-resurrection Jesus spends much of his time as he had during his formal ministry: healing, encouraging, teaching.

None of this should surprise us. Jesus tells us that God's work in our life is like yeast working in dough. Slowly the yeast does its work; at first the results cannot be seen, and later even the observable changes happen slowly. The post-Easter narratives are about this slow, gradual change. If our lives mirror the lives of Jesus' first followers, then April the second (the Monday after Easter) won't be too different from March 31st. The work of



(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), Patricia Epperson (Pat Tucker family), Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker sister), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Carl & Carol Linke,

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II,

Easter, our inclusion in God's New Creation begun on Easter morning, is the stuff of slow gradual change.

When we go back to the Gospels, we find out that there are a whole series of things that happen because of Easter, and that it is Easter and those subsequent events that change the disciples into the Apostles of the early church. Jesus ascends to be present with the Father, and in celebration of that ascension the third person of the Triune God takes up residence in Jesus' followers. Pentecost is that moment when the yeast explodes in the dough. Now we're in the book of Acts where we barely recognize the disciples of the Gospels. Peter, he who couldn't even claim to be Jesus' follower to a group of onlookers around a fire, stands in the Temple where Jesus had taught and tells all of Israel about the resurrected Messiah. It is critical for us to understand that the Peter of Acts 2 didn't happen overnight. He is transformed, healed by the risen Christ in a process that was at times intensely painful. Only when the inner healing happens is Peter given the Spirit which completes his transformation.

The world does change after Easter, but the changes start slow and work from the inside out. Like Jesus' first followers, if we are to be disciples of the risen Christ then we need to watch, wait, pray, look. The risen Christ gives us the same gifts he poured out on his followers on that first Pentecost: the Holy Spirit and gifts for service. For now, watch and pray. Change is coming, it is happening slowly even now. The Spirit comes, change explodes. It is coming.

Carl

2018 Bible -in-a-Year Journey

Monday	April	2	Acts 1-2	Psalm 89-90
Tuesday	April	3	Acts 3-4	Psalm 91-92
Wednesday	April	4	Acts 5-6	Psalm 93-94
Thursday	April	5	Acts 7-8	Psalm 95-96
Friday	April	6	Acts 9-10	Psalm 97-98
Saturday	April	7	Acts 11-12	Psalm 99-100
Monday	April	9	Acts 13-14	Psalm 101-102
Tuesday	April	10	Acts 15-16	Psalm 103-104
Wednesday	April	11	Acts 17-18	Psalm 105-106
Thursday	April	12	Acts 19-20	Psalm 107-108
Friday	April	13	Acts 21-22	Psalm 109-110
Saturday	April	14	Acts 23-24	Psalm 111-112
Monday	April	16	Acts 25-26	Psalm 113-115
Tuesday	April	17	Acts 27-28	Psalm 116-118
Wednesday	April	18	Romans 1-2	Psalm 119
Thursday	April	19	Romans 3-4	Psalm 120-121
Friday	April	20	Romans 5-6	Psalm 122-123
Saturday	April	21	Romans 7-8	Psalm 124-125
Monday	April	23	Romans 9-10	Psalm 126-127
Tuesday	April	24	Romans 11-12	Psalm 128-129
Wednesday	April	25	Romans 13-14	Psalm 130-131
Thursday	April	26	Romans 15-16	Psalm 132-133
Friday	April	27	1Cor 1-2	Psalm 134-135

Apr 3,10,17,24,	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Apr 7, 21	6:00 p.m. Bowling Allen Park
Apr 2	Noon Rachel Circle
Apr 4	7:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team
Apr 8	3:00 p.m. Committee Day
	12:30 Deacon Meeting
Apr 9	Noon Senior Lunch
Apr 11	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle
Apr 12	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Apr 13	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Apr 14	8:30 a.m. Cass Community Services Youth Vol.
Apr 19	7:00 p.m. Session
Apr 22	Newsletter deadline
Apr 22	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Apr 25	6-8:00 p.m. Donations accepted Garage

Prayers

FOR THOSE HEALING IN THE HOSPITAL

Marnie Winkleman (U of M, Ann Arbor)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Larry Showler, Patrick Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, Jan Waid, Dave Fraser, Jean Page

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Margie Bernadine, Joan Watson, Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsoway niece), 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), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus 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 Olsoway 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

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, April 9th at 12 noon.** The menu will be Chicken and biscuit casserole, beverage, and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

April Anniversary

Gerald & Patricia VanHook 61 Years 4/26

April Birthday

Vorrey Holmes	4-1	Charles Stevens	4-13
Ellen Savastano	4-4	Albert Ettore	4-14
Nancy Rand	4-6	Teressa Savastano	4-16
Jean Walker	4-8	Eric Gillespie	4-17
Nan Bouchard	4-8	Kaye Bullion	4-25
Marilyn White	4-13	Jean Page	4-30

Upcoming Dates

Apr 1 Easter	7:30 a.m. Sunrise Prayers 9-10:30 Easter Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Worship
Apr 8,15, 22, 29	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship
Apr 8,15,22,29	Middle School Youth 5:30 p.m. High School Youth 7:00 p.m.

Saturday	April	28	1 Cor 3-4	Psalm 136-137
Monday	April	30	1Cor 5-6	Psalm 138-139

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The nursery has temporarily been relocated to the double classroom while repairs and updates are being done to the space. Unfortunately, the hot water heater located over the two bathrooms in the back area burst and caused damage to the walls and the carpeting, necessitating the temporary move.

We are always in need of a few more consistent volunteers to assist Marlene Jones in the Nursery during Discovery Zone or the worship service. Extra help is definitely needed on May 6th, so that Marlene can enjoy time off to vacation with her family. Sign-up sheets are available either in the nursery or fellowship hall.

On Easter Sunday, Discovery Zone will not be offered. The Easter Pancake Breakfast will take place instead from 9:00 to 10:30am. Pancake breakfast will be provided by Chef Rich, Giovanna, Tony and the middle school and high school youth. Donations made to the breakfast will support the youth "Feet to Faith" mission trip planned for July 23rd through 27th in Canfield, Ohio. Both urban and rural mission sites are offered to middle school and high school youth. There are 7 middle/high school aged youth, 4 college age and 4 sponsors attending. They will leave on Sunday July 22nd. Middle school and high school youth are split up on a daily basis and will be serving in different mission locations from 9am-5pm.

Pastor Clint has been leading small group studies on the Journey through the Bible readings. They are offered on Sunday morning, Tuesday evening at 7:00pm and on Wednesday evening at 8:00pm online for the adults. The number of people following the reading plan has been encouraging. This has been a great learning experience for all of our adults.

The biblical context used from April 8th through May 13th during Discovery Zone will be lessons about Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. The Pentecost series will begin on May 20th and Pentecost, Wind, Fire and Faith will take us through to the last Discovery Zone session to be held on June 10th.

Youth ministry coordinator, Gina Savastano is always looking for volunteers to assist with youth group meetings on Sunday evenings. A volunteer for middle school is needed from 5:30-6:30pm and for high school from 7:00-8:00pm every Sunday evening. April meeting nights are the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th please let Giovanna know if you can help.

The middle school aged youth and high school youth will also meet for a local outreach event on April 14th from 9:00am-12:00pm. They will lend helping hands to the Cass Community services in downtown Detroit. Please meet at the church at 8:15am.

Pastor Clint has been conducting a confirmation class with Chris Moore for the past few months. Chris will meet with session for examination and present his confession of faith prior to April 1st. He will then be joining the church membership by baptism on Easter Sunday. Welcome Chris, to new membership in our community of faith.

committee chairs will be responsible for cancelling or relocating their events and notifying those affected.

Notification

In the event Sunday worship is cancelled an automated call will go out at 8:00 AM and the cancellation will be posted in the church Facebook group. The Worship Committee Chair will be responsible for ensuring the notification occurs.

For committee events the committee chair will determine if a congregation wide call is required or if they will contact the affected members, if a call is required the call will be coordinated by Expressions, Building and Grounds, and Worship Committees.

If possible the committee chair will arrange for a person to be present at the church, or a sign posted on the door, to explain the event has been cancelled.

Memorial Tree Policy

1. All names on the present tree include everyone who was interred in the Memorial Garden. Anyone interred in the Memorial Garden in the future should also have his/her name on the tree.
2. If any deceased member or regular attendee is interred elsewhere, and if the family wishes to have them included on the tree, they must submit a request for approval by session.
3. A visual identifier will be placed on the leaf if the deceased is interred elsewhere.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve AA's use of the building on Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to authorize Pastor Clint to use a home office. Motion carried.

Motioned by the Worship committee and seconded to approve the Southminster Event Cancellation Policy.

Motioned by Worship committee and seconded to approve creating a security sub-committee to include the head usher, deacon representative, youth director, and administration representative facilitated by the chair of worship. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to authorize use receipt of insurance settlement to repair damage from the flood. Motion carried.

Southminster Event Cancellation Policy

Weather Issues

Weekday events will be automatically cancelled if the city of Taylor has declared a snow emergency or if the Taylor School District has cancelled school for the day.

Weekend events will be cancelled if there is an active snow emergency in effect any time after 10 PM the day before.

Events may also be cancelled by the Pastor or the event Leader if they feel the weather conditions make travel hazardous.

Building Issues

In the event the building is unusable due to flooding, power failure or other issues the Buildings and Grounds chair notify the pastor and affected committees. The

Attention 2018 Graduates! We are aware that there are some of you graduating this year, please let us know from what high school or university you will be graduating. All 2018 graduates will be recognized on June 10th at the 11:00am worship service. We would like to have a complete list of graduates compiled by the middle of May. If you, your child, grandchild or another family member deserves recognition for a job well done, let Pastor Clint, Marnie, Wendy or the office know. We do not want to forget anyone.

The 2018 Vacation Bible School program held this year will be in partnership with St. Constance. They will be hosting the event on the week of July 9th from 6:15-8:15pm, Monday through Thursday. The theme selected is "God's Team" a sports based program. An April planning meeting will take place, date and time to be determined. If you are interested in helping this year please let Wendy or Marnie know.

THANKS TO THE NEUDERS

The family of Marilyn Neuder donated 40 shares of Stryker stock last Fall. Southminster is very appreciative for the support of this very gracious and loving family.

Church Life

Gus Cline

1.) Church Picnic will be June 24 immediately after church. 2.) Toledo Mudhens game and Bus Trip will be Sunday July 1st. 3.) Christmas Party

will be Sunday December 9. Watch for times and more specifics as these events get closer.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We enjoyed our discussion of Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan on March 9. This was a novel of historical fiction that included a visit with the main character, Pino Lella, who exhibited bravery and the helping of people of a different faith in Italy during World War II, causing us to ask of ourselves, “what would we do?”.

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

April 13 and May 11 – All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

June 8 ???????

Please join us, helping us make a decision for the book we would enjoy reading in June. 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

people who provided meals as well as the family we provided for. Please watch for a signup sheet in the next month to be a meal provider. You will not have to be online. We will make it as easy as possible for you to provide a meal.

5th Sunday Special Collection - April will have five Sundays and normally we have an extra collection to provide for the work of the Deacons. As an extension of that work, the Expression’s committee will get this month’s donation.

You’re invited to pray for the Church - There are always so many cares and concerns we have as a group. Please join us around 9:30 am in the sanctuary on Sundays.

And lastly, Visitors - We encourage you to look for new faces and introduce yourselves and engage in conversation. Take some time to at least share names and ask a little about the person. Remember what it felt like to be new and show the LOVE!

Blessings to you, Mary Cline

February Session Motions

Connie Dainus

Motioned by Marnie Winkleman and seconded to move committee day to April 8 for this month.

Motioned by and seconded to amend the current policy to read: If the family wishes to have them included on the tree they must submit request for approval by session.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to place a visual identifier on the leaf if they are interred elsewhere.

Motioned by Michelle Hintz and seconded to accept Chris Moore into membership pending examination, profession of faith, and baptism. Motion carried.

Memorials

In Memory of John Fields, Jr.

Given by: Jerry & Bess Kirkland, Kay Snaddon, Bert & Wendy Woodley, Bruce Aue, Ron & Pat Wells, Phyllis Fink, Dave & Hope Lambrix, & Megan Gillespie, Ron & Dorothy Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, Bill & Jenny Cairns

Scholarship Fund Honoring Arnold Aue 90th Birthday

Bill & Jenny Cairns, Jerry & Bess Kirkland

Scholarship Fund Honoring Vicki Simon Birthday

Jerry & Bess Kirkland

Memorial Fund Honoring Arnold Aue and Vicki Simon Birthdays

Ron & Dorothy Gillespie

Youth Fund in Gratitude for 90 Blessed Years

Arnold & Shirley Aue

Feast In The Desert Honoring Arnold Aue and Vicki Simon

Birthdays

Kay Snaddon

Deacons' Highlights

By Mary Cline

Deacons' Highlights

During this Easter season, the Deacons are enthusiastically trying to bring care to you, the congregation, with the following -

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you know of anyone who is in need of love and care, please sign up and take a blessed and prayed over shawl that is located in the Narthex. Thank you to all that have made our beautiful prayer shawls.

Something New - Meal Train - We have begun to organize meals for people in our congregation during special needs times. We successfully tested this online tool in September and thank those

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" ☺

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Dave Bullion

Well I am sure everyone is well aware of the flood. Rest assured that we are working on a plan of attack. When the insurance check comes in we will be ready to start work. There are 3 areas we will be working on. The nursery was hardest hit, also the handicapped restroom took a pretty good lick, and the floor in Pastor Clint's office. We will be doing the bulk of the work ourselves. The carpet in the nursery and the floor in the pastors office are the only things we plan to contract out.

We are having our spring clean up on Sat. May 5 at 10am. We are also having our annual garage sale on May 19. We will be accepting donations at the garage on Wednesdays 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 @ 6-8pm. If you have anything to donate please help us out. Please reserve clothing donations for the clothes swap later in the year.

Expressions

Michele Hintz

The Expressions committee is currently researching the idea of having a Clothes Closet set up at a local elementary or middle

school. We plan to visit one that is currently operational in Trenton to use as a guide, and then continue to further plans with one of our own at one of the neighborhood schools. This will be an ongoing project to support, once we get established - the goal is to have something in place and ready to go before the Fall.

Our Spring/Lenten Project will be centered on supporting our friends at the Iturisho School again. Feast in the Desert kicked off on Sun, Feb 18th where we saw some photos of meals that the children take at the school. We also had some examples afterwards and the weeks following for everyone to sample exactly as they eat it. The recipes came right from the leaders at the school – there were 3 dishes, Ugali (Corn based meal), Beans w/ Tomatoes, and a Corn Meal Mash. It was quite an experience to taste a sample of what they eat every single day and even more amazing that they eat this meal at a cost of only \$0.07/meal.

Due to the drought they are experiencing over there currently, and the lack of options to eat, we continue to take a collection during Lent through Easter to send over to the children at the Iturisho School. There are Fish boxes that you can take to do a daily collection, reflecting at each meal you take vs. the meal they take – again, their meal only costs \$0.07 – were you able to eat a meal at just that cost??

We also still have envelopes in the narthex marked 'Feast in the Desert' to take if you would like to donate in that fashion. We have collected ~ \$500 to date and hope to raise close to \$1000 as our goal by Easter to send over to the school.

The impact we are having on these children is immeasurable – we already have received word once this season from the head school master that enrollment is up directly related to the fact that food is

available to eat for those attending, all because of funds we have already sent. This is truly God's work in progress!!

Stay tuned for more info in the upcoming months on summer outreach projects!

Next meeting: Committee Day – April 8th @ 3pm. (changed due to Easter)

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!