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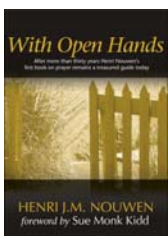
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PANCAKE SUPPER

ASH WEDNESDAY – PANCAKE SUPPER February 14th, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the fun-filled SPW-sponsored Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday prior to the worship service at 7:00 p.m. Some special features will add to the fun this year – festive Valentine/Love décor, heart-shaped cookie cutters to transform pancakes, pancake races for the kids, and making special “Alleluia” wands to be hidden in the sanctuary until Easter morning! This will be a great way to both celebrate Valentine’s Day with your loved ones, and celebrate the start of the Lenten season. See you in the Fellowship Hall to fill your stomach and then in the sanctuary at 7:00 to feed your spirit. Pancake tickets are \$6/adults, \$4/kids through 6th grade, and \$15/family maximum



Also during Lent...

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a Wednesday evening Lenten study on 2/21; 2/28; 3/7; 3/14; and 3/21. This year we will be studying prayer using Henri Nouwen’s book *With Open Hands*. A light dinner will be served at 5:45 and the study will conclude by 7:00 pm. We hope you will consider joining us as we learn to pray with our hands open before God.

The Souper Bowl of Caring!



Each January, Southminster participates in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Throughout the month of January, we collect cans of nutritious soup. The soup drive ends on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th. We engage in a friendly competition, keeping “score” this year between the men and women. As always, the real winners are the hungry families that come to our ministry partners who distribute food throughout the year.

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**The MESSENGER**

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*Karen Wright, Associate Pastor*  
*Mark Ball,*  
*Director of Music/Organist*  
*Lynn Tolson, Church Secretary*



**Coming soon!!**

Have you heard the buzz? Start cleaning out your drawers and closets to be ready for a special **SWEATER DRIVE** starting February 11 and ending March 18. We have an opportunity to share our warmth with our local “neighbors” by joining over one hundred Presbyterian churches around the country who are also participating in their cities. Clean, gently used or new sweaters in all sizes from infant to adults are needed. Learn more on Sunday, February 11 at the kick-off.

**February Birthdays**

- 1 - Tom Anderson, Alex Mahan
- 2 - Aaron Burke
- 4 - Ted Beyer
- 7 - Steve Ruddick, Mark Ball, Alexis Fry
- 8 - Bruce Humphreys
- 9 - Wyatt Metcalf
- 11 - Virginia Harmer
- 12 - Jake Fry
- 13 - Kaylee Mitts
- 14 - Bill Kadyk  
Paxton Powers
- 15 - Don Phillips  
Scott Weidner  
Darla Amstein
- 18 - Judy Robinett
- 19 - Jesse Kadekawa  
Miguel, Julie Miguel  
Marijo Rooney
- 23 - Alan Morris
- 26 - Stella Dyer  
Jarrod Eyler



**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers for **DeAnn Warner** who is receiving palliative care at home after a recurrence of lymphoma. Prayers for **Bill and Ginny Kadyk** as they continue to cope with Bill’s Huntington’s disease and their move to St. Louis. Prayers for **Marcia Staples** as she recovers from a recent fall. Prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gehlbach, Jim and Carolyn Klamm, Jim Dollins, Suzanne Webb and Harriette Coughenour** who are residing in care centers. Prayers for **Phyl Smith** as she continues to experience ongoing medical concerns.



**Not your Ordinary Church BINGO NIGHT!!!**

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and support the Southminster Youth Group.

This year instead of Dinner Theater, we are trying something new. **BINGO NIGHT!**

\$15 for adults and \$7 for kids over 3.  
 Includes buffet dinner and a book of bingo sheets  
 Extra books of cards will be available to purchase as will single game cards.

We will play 10 rounds of Bingo and enjoy entertainment from members of the Southminster Presbyterian Youth. There are prizes to choose from for the winners of each game. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday morning at the youth booth and you can check out some of the different ways we will play bingo.

*From the Pastor...*

## ***Mexico Mission – Living Waters for the World A New Installation!***

We have made great progress toward making our goal of a second Living Waters for the World water purification system installation a reality. I am glad to be able to share with you some of these details and ask you to join me in praying for a successful conclusion to this important mission initiative.

- We are grateful that Central Presbyterian Church continues to be our partner in this mission endeavor. Southminster and Central will be sharing equally in the cost of making a new water installation a reality. Central is also contributing members of their congregation to the leadership team and the installation team.
- We are sending a team of three for training at the LFWW Clean Water University at Camp Hopewell outside of Oxford, MS, on April 17-21. The team members and their training assignments are: Erin Barger (Central Pres.) for the education track; Jesse Miguel for the technical track; and Jeff Clayton for the Administrative track. Once the team has been trained, we will begin to assemble a team for the actual installation trip and share the training with them.
- Our partner in Mexico is the Emanuel Presbyterian Church in Cardenas, Tabasco, MX. This will be the first time we will be working in the state of Tabasco, which is adjacent to Chiapas, the location of our last installation. We are planning to send a small group to visit the church, meet with the leadership there, survey the installation site, and visit an already existing system that is located not too far away. Jeff Clayton, Andy Haun, and Erin Barger from Central Presbyterian will be members of this advance team. This trip is planned for late February or March.
- Because of the analysis of the water in this region of Mexico, this installation calls for the addition of a “reverse-osmosis” process in addition to the standard system. The installation is more complicated and more expensive.
- Our goal is to negotiate a date for the installation trip when we meet with the leadership of the Emanuel Church this spring. Pending that conversation, we are anticipating an installation trip in the fall of this year!

Our first installation at the Berea Seminary in Palenque in Chiapas continues to operate well and serves that institution and the area Presbyterian membership with clean, safe drinking water. We look forward to bringing a similar “quality of life” benefit to the community located in Cardenas. If you would like more information about this exciting mission initiative, please contact Jeff Clayton or Andy Haun. Your generous support of Global Mission line item through your pledges and gifts makes this life-giving mission outreach possible.





# February 2018

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                                             | Tue                                                                                                                                                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thu                                                                                                                   | Fri       | Sat       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b><br>6:30pm Family Life<br>Christian Ed.<br>7:00pm Evangelism<br>Bldg. & Grnds.<br>7:30pm Heartland<br>Ringers | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>9:30 am Church School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>Noon Club 4-5-6 &<br>Youth Group                                                     | <b>5</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace<br><br><b>Messenger Items<br/>Due</b>        | <b>6</b><br>9:00 am SPW Coord.<br>Team                                                                                                                              | <b>7</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland<br>Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir                                                                                                   | <b>8</b><br>1:00 pm Craft Group<br>7:00pm Worship<br>7:30pm Heartland<br>Ringers                                      | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>9:30 am Church School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Confirmation<br>6:00 pm Youth Group,<br>S.M. South Chamber<br>Choir Concert | <b>12</b><br>5:15 pm Personnel<br>6:30 pm Stewardship<br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace | <b>13</b><br>10:30 am Harvesters<br>(meet at 10:00 am to<br>carpool)<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout<br>7:00 pm Deacons<br>9:00 am <b>PRESBYTERY</b><br>(Second Pres., KCMO) | <b>14 Ash Wednesday</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland<br>Ringers<br>5:00 - 6:45pm Pancake<br>Supper<br>7:00 pm Ash Wed.<br>Service<br>(Choir Rehearsal<br>following service) | <b>15</b><br>6:30 pm Administration<br>7:00 pm Session<br>7:30pm Heartland<br>Ringers                                 | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>9:30 am Church School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth<br>Bingo Night                                                 | <b>19</b><br><br><b>Messenger Items<br/>Due</b>                                 | <b>20</b><br>10:00 am Lakeview<br>Worship Service<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout                                                                                            | <b>21</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland<br>Ringers<br>5:45 pm Lenten Study<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir                                                                          | <b>22</b><br>1:00 pm Craft Group<br>7:00 pm Book Club<br>7:30pm Heartland<br>Ringers                                  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:00 am Joyful Noise<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>9:30 am Church School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Confirmation,<br>COMMUNITY SING<br>6:00 pm Youth Group                      | <b>26</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace                                             | <b>27</b><br>6:30 am Rachel Circle<br>9:30 am Esther Circle<br>7:00 pm Evening<br>Circle<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout                                                     | <b>28</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland<br>Ringers<br>5:45 Lenten Study<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir                                                                             |                                                                                                                       |           |           |



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Yes, we are already thinking about Christmas – in July!

Your SPW Board is planning a fun event, and we are hoping to get everyone on board for the fun. If you don't know already, our Presbyterian Women contribute greatly to outreach projects in our community and around the globe. Every fundraiser we sponsor allows us to do this wonderful giving. And that is also true of "Christmas in July." We are planning an event on Saturday, July 14, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to provide a nice brunch/lunch, crafts,

"treasures," and used books for sale. We are already looking for everyone to help us – do you make a craft you might donate? Do you have some used books? do you have "treasures" around your house that you could pass along? Would you like to teach a craft to a class and then have them donate? Think this all over, mark your calendar, and let the SPW Fundraising Committee know of your interest (Denise Blinn, Becky Hull, Ruth Davidson).



### SING FOR EASTER: A Short Term Singing Opportunity

Beginning Wednesday, February 7, rehearsals of the Chancel Choir will always begin with (30 to 40 minutes) the music for Easter and Eastertide (the seven Sundays of Easter). Singers who want to join the choir for Easter or the Easter season are welcome to come to this part of the rehearsal, then depart. As we get closer to Easter, the rehearsal commitment will be a bit longer. So, if you want to sing the first Sunday of Easter or all seven, you are welcome to join in the joyful music-making. Adults and high school students are welcome. If you have questions, please speak with Mark Ball, director of music ministry (816-206-8811) or [markball59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markball59@sbcglobal.net).



### SPW News...

- The next Board meeting will be **February 6th** at 9:00 am
- Second Saturday Breakfast will be held on **February 10** at Ambrosia Café, 7933 Marty, 9:00 am. Carpool at the church at 8:30. All girls and women are really welcome!
- **February 14**, Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper, 5:00-6:45pm
- **Bible Study Circles will meet on Tuesday, February 27th**, at 6:30 and 9:30 AM at the Church and at 7:00 PM at Helen Wycoff's to study Lesson 5, "In Community with the Tradition of the Past"
- Save the Date: **Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery** will be Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Leavenworth. Enjoy P-Dubs from other congregations!



### SOCIAL MEDIA: SAFETY AND THE TRUTH

Seekers Class, January 28th, 9:30 a.m. in the NE dining room

Join as we welcome presenter Wendi Calkins-Levitt with how to deal with:

Facebook Warnings  
Fake News Hoaxes  
Facebook in General

- Quizzes
- Duplicate Friend Requests
- "It will only happen once..." memes
- "do this to stay safe..." posts
- How to stay safe on Facebook

Bonus: Phone Call Scams



### HARVESTERS

Our next day for working at

Harvesters is Tuesday, February

13. Meet at church at **9:30 am** to carpool; we will work 10:00-12:00 and will be back to church around 12:30.

Please contact Pam Nitsche, (913) 963-5006 (cell), [pnitsche@kc.rr.com](mailto:pnitsche@kc.rr.com) if you would like to join us on February 13.

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jan. 28 - Stewardship  
Feb. 4 - Mexico Mission  
Feb. 11 - Building and Grounds  
Feb. 18 - Deacons

### ATTENDANCE

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|------|----|--------------------|
| Jan. | 14 | 15 (Morning Light) |
|      |    | 91 (11:00 am)      |
| Jan. | 21 | 18 (Morning Light) |
|      |    | 119 (11:00 am)     |





## FEBRUARY SEEKERS CLASS

### \*WISDOM OF SUNDAYS: Life-Changing Insights from Super Soul Conversation By Oprah Winfrey

*Oprah Winfrey – All of us are seeking the same thing. We share the desire to fulfill the highest, truest expression of ourselves as human beings.*

After filming more than two hundred hours of heart-expanding interviews, Oprah decided to create a book with the words and inspirations from the interviews so people could ponder further their meanings. There are also beautiful photos in the book that can hold spiritual meaning. Come and hear the words, gain insight, and begin the new year on this inspirational journey with a Wisdom of Sundays.

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - SPIRITUAL GPS** (pp. 79-96), led by Ruth Ann Unruh

Inspiration from Michael Bernard Beckwith, Caroline Myss, Cheryl Strayed, President Jimmy Carter, Elizabeth Gilbert, Marianne Williamson, Sue Monk Kidd, Timothy Shriver.

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - MINDFULNESS** (pp. 61-78), led by Pastor Karen

Inspiration from Jon Kabat-Zinn, Shonda Rhimes, Arianna Huffington, Russell Simmons, Father Richard Rohr, Rainn Wilson, Norman Lear, Iyanla Vanzant, Michael Singer, Anne Lamott, Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor, Zainab Salbi, Thich Nhat Hanh.

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - GRACE AND GRATITUDE** (pp. 151-172), led by Larry Williams

Inspiration from Mark Nepo, Tony Robbins, Ram Dass, Paul Williams and Tracey Jackson, Geneen Roth, Cheryl Strayed, Caroline Myss, Gretchen Rubin, Shawn Achor, Marie Forleo, Russell Simmons, Lynne Twist, Louis Schwartzberg, Norman Lear.

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - LOVE AND CONNECTION** (pp. 199-219), led by Pastor Karen

Inspiration from Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor, Sister Joan Chittister, Thich Nhat Hanh, Gary Zukav and Linda Francis, Meagan Good, Rob Bell and Kristen Bell, Pastor Wintley Phipps, Brene Brown, Tracy Morgan, Phil Jackson, Shawn Achor, Gloria Steinem, Bryan Stevenson, Malala Yousafzai, Elie Wiesel.

\*The book can be purchased from Amazon.com (Prime \$16.79 or 14.32 for used and new offers). Ruth Ann Unruh has Amazon Prime and would be willing to help you get the book. The book is not necessary for the classes, but you might want to have one.



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