



The Messenger

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Child Friendly

**Many Old Favorites,
Gospel Songs and
Spirituals**

**Songs for the Lenten
Journey**

**Songs to Prepare for
Eastertide**

**Fellowship at Lucky
Brew Grille follows
the singing!**

COMMUNITY SING SUNDAY, FEB. 25

5 P.M.

Mark Ball, song enlivener

A Community SING is for everyone – no musical skills required!

We will sing songs to enliven the spirit and refresh the soul – and songs to remind us that we belong to each other. THIS SING will focus on songs of the Lenten journey and look ahead to the joyful songs of EASTERTIDE!



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Everyone is Welcome

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The MESSENGER

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Church Online Directory

Would you like digital access to Southminster's pictorial directory with live links to phone numbers and email addresses? If so, contact Pam Nitsche, pnitsche@kc.rr.com, for the link and access code. Pam will be sitting at a table outside the narthex on Sunday morning if you have questions. Bring your smart phone or tablet if you wish and Pam will get you set up.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for healing, comfort and peace for **Bill and Ginny Kadyk** after discovery of a blood clot in Bill's leg. Prayers for **Maxine Burner** who is recuperating from a recent fall. Prayers for **Rick Newkirk** as he continues to recover from an infection. Prayers for **Marcia Staples** who continues in rehab after surgery on both wrists. Prayers for **DeAnn Warner** who is receiving palliative care at home after a recurrence of lymphoma. Prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gehlbach, Jim and Carolyn Klamm, Jim Dollins, Suzanne Webb and Harriette Coughenour** who are residing in care centers.



Fasting and Feasting

Some people have asked about part of my Ash Wednesday meditation about the Fasting and Feasting in Lent. It is by William Arthur Ward.

Lent can be more than a time of fasting. It can also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

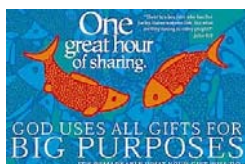
It is a season to:

- Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal hope through Jesus.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from suspicions; feast on truth.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from thoughts of weakness; feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.
- Fast from everything that separates us from the Lord; feast on everything that draws us to the Lord.



Presbyterian Bingo night was amazing!! Thank you to everyone who came to Bingo night and supported the Youth Group. What a fun evening we had! Thank you to the parents for some wonderful food and to the youth for sharing their talents. If you won one of the prizes, please contact Karen so we have a list of the winners and can help you connect with the youth on the gift certificates.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	
Feb. 25	- Bells
Mar. 4	- Men's Group
Mar. 11	- Personnel
Mar. 18	- Worship
Mar. 25	- Youth Group
ATTENDANCE	
Feb. 11	28 (Morning Light) 127 (11:00 am)
Feb. 18	26 (Morning Light) 117 (11:00 am)



**One Great Hour of Sharing
 Special Offering
 will be received March 25**

From the Pastor...

The Gift of a Sabbatical

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation in January of 2015, upon recommendation of the Session, you voted to offer me the gift of a second sabbatical from my regular duties at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Here is the language that was written into my terms of call at that meeting:

After an additional seven years of service since his previous sabbatical, the pastor will be eligible to take a three month personal development leave (sabbatical) for the purpose of more concentrated or comprehensive study than the two week annual study leave affords. The sabbatical will be arranged by mutual agreement of the pastor and the session for a time of least disruption in the life of the church. During the sabbatical calendar year, the annual study leave will be waived. Regular vacation time, however, will remain intact.

At the February Session meeting, the Session approved my request to take this sabbatical beginning on April 2, 2018. I will return to my regular duties on Thursday, July 5, 2018. The Personnel Committee is exploring ways to provide Pastor Karen with some additional support during my time away. Further word about that will be coming as we are able to make specific plans. Thank you very much for this gift of time to rest and engage in more concentrated study and reflection on our ministry and my role as pastor.

As the terms of call indicate, I will be engaging in some concentrated reading and reflection in two main areas during the sabbatical time frame.

Liturgy and Worship

My plan is to explore ideas related to preaching, liturgical planning, and worship by reading three challenging texts:

An Introduction to Visual Culture - Nicholas Mirzoeff
Good Taste. Bad Taste, and Christian Taste: Aesthetics in Religious Life - Frank Burch Brown
Sacramental Poetics at the Dawn of Secularism - Regina Schwartz

I am also going to utilize a book by Marcia McFee

Think like a Filmmaker: Sensory Rich Worship Design

Church Dynamics and Congregational Transformation

I am still developing a reading list for this area. It will also include time to try to get better at new technologies - the use of video as well as new marketing software. I also plan to continue to explore new ideas in the area of the ministry of stewardship.

Thank you for this time away from regular pastoral duty. I look forward to returning refreshed and with new ideas for my leadership in our common ministry.





March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm Family Life Christian Ed. 7:00pm Evangelism Bldg. & Grnds. 7:30pm Heartland Ringers	2	3 4:00 pm TRIGGER: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence
4 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Club 4-5-6 6:00 pm Youth Group	5 7:00 pm Bells of Peace Messenger Items Due	6 9:00 am SPW Coord. Team 6:15 pm Sing & Shout 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	7 7:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Heartland Ringers 5:45 pm Lenten Study	8 1:00 pm Craft Group 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm Heartland Ringers	9	10 9:00 am Second Saturday Breakfast (Neighborhood Café)
11 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Confirmation No Youth Group(Spring Break)	12 5:15 pm Personnel 6:30 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Bells of Peace	13 10:30 am Harvesters (meet at 10:00 am to carpool) 6:15pm Sing & Shout 7:00 pm Deacons	14 7:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Heartland Ringers 5:45 pm Lenten Study 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	15 6:30 pm Administration 7:00 pm Session 7:30pm Heartland Ringers	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 
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25 Palm Sunday 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Youth Group	26	27	28 7:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Heartland Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	29 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	30 Good Friday 7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae	31 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 10px;">IHN Host Week 3/25-4/1</div>						

TECH 2 CONNECT – SEEKERS ON MARCH 4TH AT 9:30

It will be like a 911 class, calls for help with Ipads, phones, and laptops. Bring your electronic devices and receive emergency help from Pastor Karen and youth helpers.



SEEKERS CLASS IN N.E. DINING ROOM

Walking with C.S. Lewis

- **MARCH 11 - Mere Christianity – RUTH DAVIDSON**
Professor Ash describes Lewis's own journey from atheism to faith, which gave Lewis the personal background to write about the essentials of Christian belief as outlined in his radio talks-turned-book, Mere Christianity. Sections - From Atheist to World-Famous Christian Apologist, First Meeting C. S. Lewis's Work, World War II and the BBC Radio Broadcast Talks, Reading Mere Christianity.
- **MARCH 18 - The Space Trilogy - GLENDA WATTS**
Professor Ash overviews the plots and main themes of each of the three books in the Space Trilogy-Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, and That Hideous Strength. He then details the biblical allusions in Perelandra more specifically. Sections- Introducing the Space Trilogy, A Closer Look at Perelandra.
- **MARCH 25 - C.S. Lewis's Life - LIZ THOMPSON**
Professor Ash highlights events and influences early in Lewis's life that would later shape his conversion to Christianity. This episode also discusses his later life as a Christian and a professor, and his late marriage to Joy Davidman. Sections- Lewis's Early Days, Phantastes, World War I, and Lewis's Conversion, World-Famous Christian Apologist, Narnia, Cambridge, and Joy.
- **APRIL 1 - EASTER AND NO CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**
- **APRIL 8 - The Problem Of Pain - RITA WILLIAMS**
In discussing Lewis's first apologetic writing, Professor Ash outlines the book's discussion of love, kindness, and pain and the ways in which the three interact, giving readers hope that God is at work even in difficult times of life. Sections- Lewis's First Apologetic Writing, An Outline of The Problem of Pain, Divine Goodness: God's Love ≠ Mere Kindness.
- **APRIL 15 - ENDOWMENT TRUST PRESENTATION**
- **APRIL 22 - Screwtape Letters - MARK BALL**
Professor Ash guides readers how to read and interpret the main themes in The Screwtape Letters' imaginative take on hell, written from the perspective of demons fighting God's work in the world. Sections- Imaginative Depictions of Judgment, Reading The Screwtape Letters, Concluding The Screwtape Letters.
- **APRIL 29 - Narnia Part 1 - RUTH DAVIDSON**
Professor Ash details the background to the Narnia series and discusses in more detail the "big three" Narnia books that correspond to the key biblical stories of creation, Christ's death and resurrection, and the end times. Sections- Background to the Chronicles of Narnia, The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Last Battle.

March Mission Emphasis

Southminster's local mission partner for March is Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Their mission is to provide shelter to families for 90 days, and during that stay provide financial, vocational, and life skills training to help them to achieve independence.

Our donations of breakfast foods have been well received, so let's try that again. Please bring contributions of breakfast foods, including canned meats and fruit, and deposit them in the red wagon. At the end of March, we will get them delivered to the pantry at Hillcrest's apartment complex and dormitory in Kansas City, KS. Thank you for your support of the "red wagon"!



HARVESTERS

Our next day for working at Harvesters is Tuesday, March

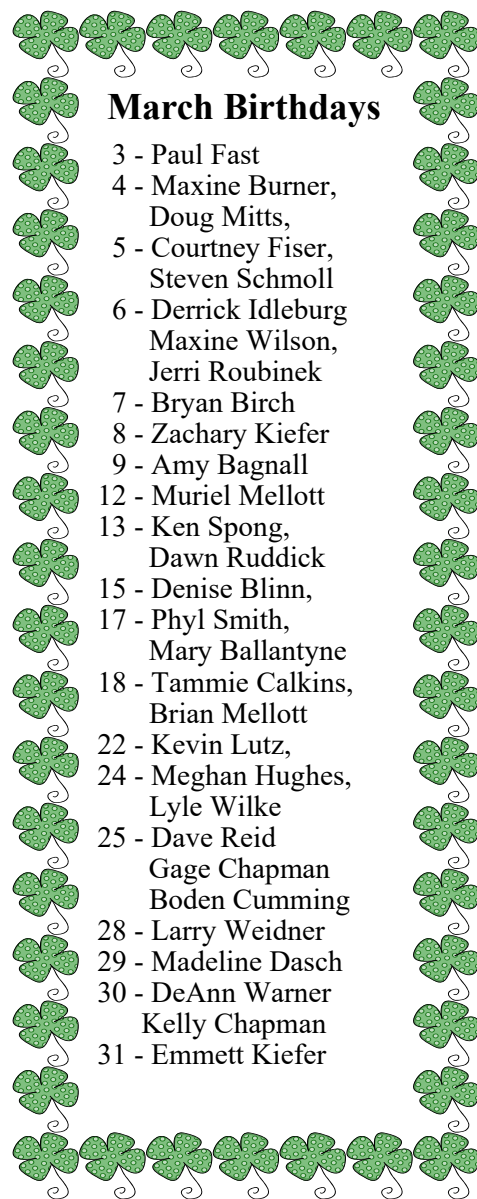
13. Meet at church at **9:30 am** to carpool; we will work 10:00-12:00 and will be back to church around 12:30. Please contact Pam Nitsche, (913) 963-5006 (cell), pnitsche@kc.rr.com if you would like to join us on March 13.

TRIGGER:
The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence
 Southminster Presbyterian Church
 Saturday, March 3rd 4-6pm
 Free Screening, open to the public.

Whenever an act of gun violence occurs, communities are fractured at every level. This is what makes *TRIGGER: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* such a powerfully moving film. *TRIGGER* shares the stories of individuals that encounter gun violence in various sectors of our communities: parents, children and siblings of victims, school teachers, trauma surgeons, law enforcement, legislators, pastors and grief counselors. Although we often think of a bullet as being an end, for those affected, it is only the beginning.

TRIGGER: The Ripple Effect of Gun is a documentary produced by the PC (USA) in 2015. It is a way for us to begin the conversation about gun violence and how we can be involved in our community to prevent it.

[Click Here to register](#)



March Birthdays

- 3 - Paul Fast
- 4 - Maxine Burner, Doug Mitts,
- 5 - Courtney Fiser, Steven Schmol
- 6 - Derrick Idleburg Maxine Wilson, Jerri Roubinek
- 7 - Bryan Birch
- 8 - Zachary Kiefer
- 9 - Amy Bagnall
- 12 - Muriel Mellott
- 13 - Ken Spong, Dawn Ruddick
- 15 - Denise Blinn,
- 17 - Phyl Smith, Mary Ballantyne
- 18 - Tammie Calkins, Brian Mellott
- 22 - Kevin Lutz,
- 24 - Meghan Hughes, Lyle Wilke
- 25 - Dave Reid Gage Chapman Boden Cumming
- 28 - Larry Weidner
- 29 - Madeline Dasch
- 30 - DeAnn Warner Kelly Chapman
- 31 - Emmett Kiefer



SPW News...

- The next Board meeting will be **March 6th** at 9:00 am
- Second Saturday Breakfast will be held on **March 10** at **Neighborhood Café**, 9:00 am. Carpool at the church at 8:30. All girls and women are really welcome!
- **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 6, "In Community with the Reality of the Present"
- **Women of Cana**-SPW invites all women of the church to our next social event on Tuesday, March 6th, 5:00pm - ?, at the home of Mary Jorgenson.
- 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!



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