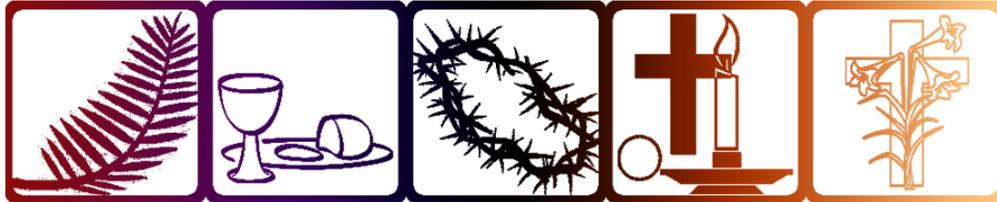




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Holy Week and Easter at Southminster

Palm Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 and 11:00 am We begin our Holy Week journey with the traditional Procession of the Palms. We will receive the annual *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering as well. We begin with the triumphal sounds of Palm Sunday and we begin to turn toward the cross and the Great Three Days of Easter.

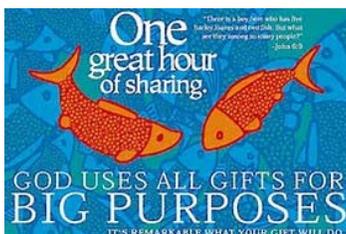
Maundy Thursday, March 29th - 7:30pm In remembrance of the Last Supper, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction at this meditative service. The gospel text brings us the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Following an ancient ritual of the church, the sanctuary will be stripped at the end of the service as we turn our eyes toward Good Friday and the cross.

Good Friday, March 30th, 7:30 pm The center of this worship service is the ancient service of Tenebrae—the extinguishing of the light, a dramatic reading of the scriptural account of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. This is the most solemn day of the Great Three Days.

The Great Vigil of Easter, March 31st, 7:00pm On Holy Saturday we wait in stillness with all of creation for the resurrection. This service is where we retell the stories of salvation history and we remember how God has walked with God's people. In this service we will hear the stories of salvation, remember our baptism and celebrate the Eucharist, giving thanks to the Lord.

The Triduum or Great Three Days help us to more fully understand the celebration of Easter because we deepen our understanding of the suffering and death of Christ that precede it.

Easter, April 1st, 8:30 and 11:00 am With Joy and celebration we will proclaim—He is risen!!! Join us for the traditional flowering of the cross, brass, organ, and choir. In between services we invite everyone to share in a time of fellowship with Easter breads in Fellowship Hall. Come and celebrate the Risen Christ!



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be received on Palm Sunday, March 25. This offering is used to alleviate human need and suffering throughout the US and the world by funding three vital programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of Peoples. **Help us reach our goal of \$9,000.**

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Year of the Bible – February Questions

1. God provided for the children of Israel in the wilderness not only by giving them manna. What else did God give them for food?
2. What does the eighth commandment prohibit?
3. Judas agrees to betray Jesus for what amount of money?
4. How many lambs were to be offered daily on the sacrificial altar?
5. What does Moses do with the Ten Commandments when he finds the people worshiping idols at the base of Mt. Sinai?
6. Name the person who is chosen to succeed Judas as one of the twelve apostles.
7. Which psalm may Jesus be quoting on the cross?
8. What very important prophetic passage is the man from Ethiopia reading when Philip finds him?
9. On the Day of Atonement, when a goat is sent off into the wilderness or desert, what does it symbolically carry with it?
10. What does God wish to each Peter with the vision of the clean and unclean animals?
11. For what purpose does the Law tell people not to harvest their crops all the way to the edges of their fields?
12. Which tribe of Israel is given responsibility for the Tabernacle and its furnishings?

Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive

We have a chance to be good neighbors by donating sweaters our children have out grown or ones we no longer wear to help provide a layer of warmth to those in need. Remember - they must be clean and gently used or new. Drop off by Mr. Rogers' picture in the lounge. LAST DAY – March 18. We have collected over 300 sweaters!!!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Christian sympathy of the church is extended to **Jim, Judy, Keith and Cyndie Klamm** upon the death of **Carolyn Klamm** on Sunday, March 4. Prayers of healing for **Harriett Killingsworth and Charles Singleton** who are both recovering from recent knee surgeries. Prayers of thanksgiving that **Rick Newkirk** has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home. 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 Klamm, Jim Dollins, Suzanne Webb and Harriette Coughenour** who are residing in care centers.

Coffee Hour
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
 Mar. 11 - Personnel
 Mar. 18 - Worship
 Mar. 25 - Youth Group

ATTENDANCE

Feb.	25	33 (Morning Light)
		90 (11:00 am)
Mar.	4	25 (Morning Light)
		129 (11:00 am)



Dine In-Dine Out

Family Life's "Dine In-Dine Out" is looking for new members to come and join in on the fun! "Dine In-Dine Out" members are divided into groups, that meet quarterly to either have dinner at the host's home or go out to a restaurant. When "Dine In" is chosen, everyone contributes a dish. Or if the host decides to "Dine Out" everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal. For example, for those who decide to "Dine Out," going out for brunch/lunch after church has been a very popular choice. Or going out for breakfast on a Saturday morning is another fun way to get together.

"Dine In-Dine Out" is a great way to get acquainted with the good people of Southminster, and a fun and tasty way to get to know your fellow members better. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tammie Calkins at 913/207-4143 or by e-mail at ctcalkins2001@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

Bill and I want to thank our devoted Southminster family for all your prayers, cards and phone calls. Bill moved to Parc Provence Jan. 23rd. It's been a rough adjustment for both of us, but hoping things are smoothing out.

Our home goes on the market March 15th. Beautiful, caring friends have completely packed this house leaving only items to help sell the house.

It's been a difficult time for our family, but then I look around and see how many people have struggled.

With God's grace and love of friends and family we will persevere. *Ginny Kadyk*

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"!



"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" SALE JULY 14TH, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christmas train is getting loaded for "Christmas in July." Remember, this SPW fundraiser helps us support mission projects in our community and around the world. We are looking for people who would love to bake, share some treasures (not-quite garage sale) items, donate crafts, or good books for this event.

Some of the items already being donated are: Folk art, lap quilt, wool baby caps, fairy garden, quilted ornaments, felt ornaments, sock snowmen, jewelry, angels, and more.....Do these make you think of something you might donate?

Contact anyone on the fundraising committee – Denise Blinn, Becky Hull or Ruth Davidson.

Answers – February

1. God gave Israel quail as well as manna for food.
2. The eighth commandment prohibits stealing.
3. Judas betrays Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.
4. Two lambs are to be offered each day on the sacrificial altar.
5. When Moses finds Israel worshipping the golden calf, he breaks the tablets containing the Ten Commandments.
6. Matthias is chosen to succeed Judas as one of the twelve apostles.
7. Jesus may be quoting from the opening words of Ps. 22 on the cross.
8. The Ethiopian is reading about the "Suffering Servant" in Isaiah 53 when Philip finds him.
9. The goat sent into the wilderness on the Day of Atonement symbolically carries with it the iniquities of the people of Israel.
10. Peter's vision of the clean and unclean animals shows him that God considers all human beings – both Jews and Gentiles – equal in God's sight.
11. The commandment not to harvest crops to the edges of the fields is intended to provide the poor with the possibility of obtaining food.
12. The tribe of Levi is given responsibility for the Tabernacle.



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.

DIGITAL PICTORIAL 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.



SPW News...

- The next Board meeting will be **April 3rd** at 9:00 am
- Second Saturday Breakfast will be held on **March 10 at Neighborhood Café, 9:00 am**. No carpooling this month. All girls and women are really welcome!
- **Bible Study Circles will meet on Tuesday, March 27th**, at 6:30 and 9:30 AM at the Church and at 7:00 PM at Helen Wycoff's to study Lesson 7, "In Community with the Hope of the Future."
- **Craft Group, March 22, 1:00 pm**



Book Club

The Southminster Book Club will meet **March 22, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Rearick Room at church. We will discuss The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Please join us! All are welcome and happy reading!



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.



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