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He Is Risen!

Easter at Southminster 2018

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.

--Mark 16:2-7

The Flowering of the Cross

Easter Hymns and Special Music with Brass

Easter Chorale – by Samuel Barber

My Spirit Be Joyful – by J. S. Bach

Hallelujah – by G. F. Handel

Handel's "Hallelujah"

The Breads of Easter Fellowship

Please join us for worship in the sanctuary at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

There will be no church school on Easter morning

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**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

The Christian sympathy of the church is extended to **Bob Coughenour and family** upon the death of **Harriette Coughenour** Wednesday, March 21. Prayers for **Judith Richardson** who is recuperating from recent surgery. Prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gehlbach, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins, and Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.



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

**April Mission Mission  
 Emphasis-Community  
 LINC**

Community LINC is an organization working to end family homelessness. They have provided temporary shelter and support services to families for 27 years, and have helped end homelessness for thousands of people. They could use our support with the following donations:

- queen and twin bedding sets
- blankets
- kitchenware
- towels and wash cloths
- small appliances

The Little Red Wagon awaits your generosity. Thank you on behalf of Community LINC.

**Coffee Hour**

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Mar. 25 - Youth Group  
 Apr. 1 - Breads of Easter  
 Apr. 8 - Bldg. & Grounds  
 Apr. 15 - Endowment

**ATTENDANCE**

|      |    |                    |
|------|----|--------------------|
| Mar. | 11 | 18 (Morning Light) |
|      |    | 100 (11:00 am)     |
| Mar. | 18 | 18 (Morning Light) |
|      |    | 110 (11:00 am)     |



*Southminster Family,*  
 Thank you so much for all your care and concern during Rick's recent hospitalization and recovery. The cards, emails, visits, calls and food were amazingly generous and really helped us stay positive during this challenging time. Rick is feeling better each day and happy to be returning to his normal routine soon.

*Rick and Becky Newkirk*

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I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, hugs, and other expressions of condolences after the death of my mother. Her death is a great loss in my life, but knowing of the love and care of my church family helps. Thank you.  
*Judy Klamm*



**HARVESTERS**

Our next day for working at Harvesters is Tuesday, April 10.

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 April 10.

**BREADS OF EASTER**

Just a friendly reminder as we near **Easter Sunday** on April 1: We would like to sample one of your family favorites!

It is a long standing tradition at Southminster that instead of a committee hosting coffee hour, families bring a favorite bread, cookie, coffee cake, pastry, candy, etc. to share amongst us all on Easter morning. We end up with a lovely variety to be enjoyed by members and guests alike!

Thank you in advance for your item, and don't forget to take home your serving plate!

The Family Life Committee



**SPW News...**

- The next Board meeting will be **April 3rd** at 9:00 am
- Second Saturday Breakfast will be held on **April 14** at the **Beer Kitchen**, 9:00 am. 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."
- **Tabitha Craft Circle, April 12 and 26, 1:00 pm.**
- 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!

*From the Pastor...*

## *The Sacred Journey through Holy Week*

*The church does not pretend, as it were, that it does not know what will happen with the crucified Jesus. It does not sorrow or mourn over the Lord as if the church itself were not the very creation which has been produced from his wounded side and from the depths of his tomb. All through the services the victory of Christ is contemplated and the resurrection is proclaimed.*

--Thomas Hopko

*Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.*

--Mark 8:31-32

As Jesus began to re-define for his disciples the meaning of Messiah, the Christ, he taught them about the suffering road that would lead to salvation and new creation **and** he spoke about the mystery of the resurrection from the dead that would follow. The disciples could not hear and receive the message about the resurrection from the dead because they were too horrified and offended by the message of the cross. Peter rebuked Jesus after being taught about how God was acting through Christ to bring salvation and new life into the world. Jesus understood that, through Peter, the voice of the tempter, the deceiver, was speaking to him once again.

As we walk the last days of our Lenten journey together, we move from the ironic triumphant strains of Palm Sunday, to the table of the last supper and the sacrament of bread and cup, to the agonized prayer to take the cup away in the garden of Gethsemane, to the intensity of the betrayal, denial, arrest, and trial of the Lord. Finally we come face to face with the unimaginable suffering of Jesus on the cross. All through this journey, we are cognizant of the wounds and brokenness of the world in our own time and place, of the sufferings of so many of God's children in our world. We see anew that the cross proclaims God's entering into the suffering of the world, even unto mortal death.

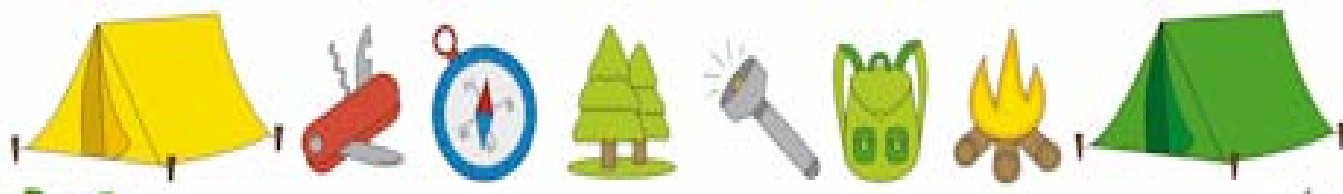
But we do not behold the Savior on the cross, or contemplate the sufferings of so many in our present time as people without hope and in despair. We do so as people of the resurrection faith, as Easter people. And so we ask the Holy Spirit for the courage and the fortitude to contemplate the cruelty and suffering of the cross, to confront the cruelty and sufferings of our present time, but we do so with great hope, joy even, knowing that God has overcome the ultimate power of sin, evil, and death in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Like the disciples on Easter morning, we struggle to understand and believe the great mystery of the resurrection, even as we ask God to empower us to be a part of the continual birthing of the new creation that resurrection began. I look forward to walking the sacred journey of Holy Week with you once again.





# April 2018

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                                                                              | Tue                                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                    | Thu                                                                                                                                     | Fri       | Sat                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>1 Easter</b><br>8:30am Morning Light<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br><b>Breads of Easter</b><br>No Church School<br>11:00 am Worship                                                                    | <b>2</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace                                                                               | <b>3</b><br>9:00 am SPW Coord. Team<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout                                                               | <b>4</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir  | <b>5</b><br>9:30 am Cross-Lines Food Kitchen<br>6:30 pm Family Life Christian Ed.<br>7:00 pm Evangelism B & G Worship Heartland Ringers | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                                                                              |
| <b>8</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>4:00-6:00 pm "A Taste of Camp"<br>6:00 pm Youth Group                | <b>9</b><br>5:30 pm Personnel<br>7:00 pm Stewardship<br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace<br><br><b>Messenger Items Due</b> | <b>10</b><br>10:00 am Harvesters (meet at 9:30 am to carpool)<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout<br>7:00 pm Deacons                  | <b>11</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir | <b>12</b><br>1:00 pm Craft Group<br>7:00 pm Worship Heartland Ringers                                                                   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>9:00 am Second Saturday Breakfast (Beer Kitchen)<br><br><b>9:00 am PRESBYTERY (John Knox Kirk, KCMO)</b> |
| <b>15</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 Club 4-5-6<br>6:00 pm Youth Group                           | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace                                                                              | <b>17</b><br>10:00 am Lakeview Worship Service<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout                                                    | <b>18</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir | <b>19</b><br>6:30 pm Administration<br>7:00 pm Session Heartland Ringers                                                                | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                                                                             |
| <b>22</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                         | <b>23</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace<br><br><b>Messenger Items Due</b>                                            | <b>24</b><br>6:30 am Rachel Circle<br>9:30 am Esther Circle<br>6:15pm Sing & Shout<br>7:00 pm Evening Bible Study Circle | <b>25</b><br>7:00 am Men's Group<br>9:00 am Heartland Ringers<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir | <b>26</b><br>1:00 pm Craft Group<br>7:00 pm Book Club (Rearick Room) Heartland Ringers                                                  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                                                                             |
| <b>29</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>4:00 East Hill Singers<br>5:00 pm Club 4-5-6<br>6:00 pm Youth Group | <b>30</b><br>7:00 pm Bells of Peace                                                                              |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |           |                                                                                                                       |



Join us April 8<sup>th</sup>  
For  
A Taste of Camp!!!  
**HEARTLAND**  
▲ CAMPS ▼

Family ministry event  
Southminster Presbyterian Church  
4pm – 6pm  
In our own backyard  
A taste of summer camp



Join us for an inflatable obstacle course, gaga ball, 9 square in the air and of course hot dogs and s'mores.





**SEEKERS CLASS IN N.E.  
DINING ROOM  
Walking with C.S. Lewis**

- **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.



- 1 - Wendi Levitt
- 2 - Lloyd Kirk, Mary Miller,
- 4 - Suella Calkins,  
Margie Mellott
- 6 - Tate Mogren
- 9 - Laine Birch
- 10 - Chelsea Clark
- 14 - Jan Forrester,  
Connor Callahan,
- 17 - Annehara Tatschl,  
Aidan Stathas
- 18 - Joan White
- 19 - Rick Blinn
- 20 - Charlie Singleton
- 21 - Chris McDonald,  
Dalan Shoemaker
- 23 - Sharon Weidner,  
Emily Coggins
- 27 - Rich Huxtable
- 28 - Phillip Munson
- 29 - Ruth Davidson



**Book Club**

The Southminster Book Club will meet **April 26, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Rearick Room at church. We will discuss Hero of the Empire by Candice Millard. Please join us! All are welcome and happy reading!



RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

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