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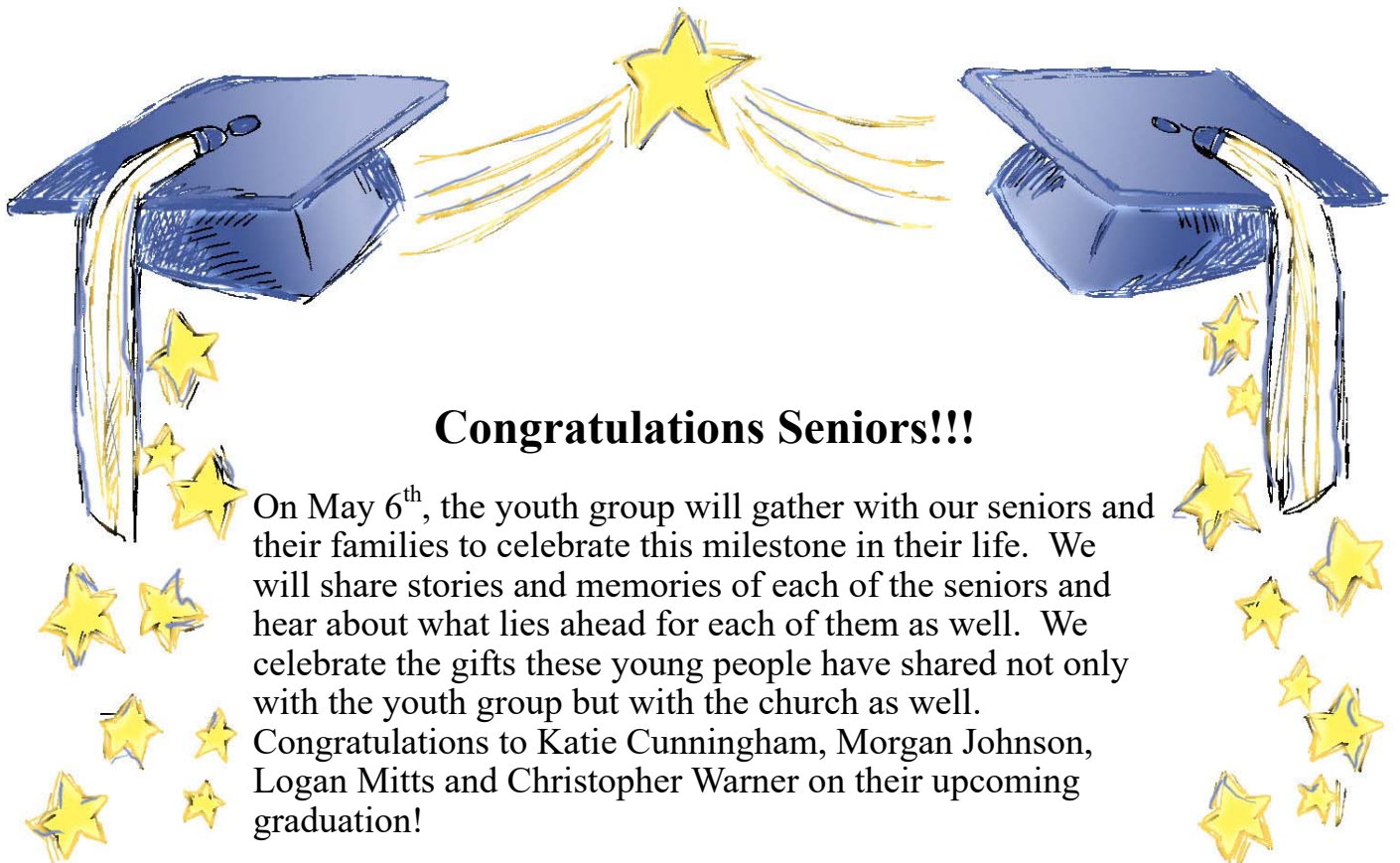
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Confirmation

Congratulations Confirmands!!

During the spring semester of their 8th grade year, Southminster youth have the opportunity to be in Confirmation. During this time they talk about what it means to be Christian and more specifically Presbyterian. They have a time to explore their own faith and how it has been shaped over the years. It is an opportunity for them to articulate their faith and to lay claim to the baptismal vows that were made on their behalf by their parents and the church. Ted Athon, Joseph Eyler and Tristan Stathas have spent the last four months exploring their faith and seeking to articulate it. They will meet with the Session on Saturday, May 5th and pending Session approval will be welcomed into full membership in the church on May 20th.



Congratulations Seniors!!!

On May 6th, the youth group will gather with our seniors and their families to celebrate this milestone in their life. We will share stories and memories of each of the seniors and hear about what lies ahead for each of them as well. We celebrate the gifts these young people have shared not only with the youth group but with the church as well.

Congratulations to Katie Cunningham, Morgan Johnson, Logan Mitts and Christopher Warner on their upcoming graduation!

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May Birthdays

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|------|----------------|------|-------------------|
| 1 - | Walt Gehlbach, | 17 - | David Scorza |
| | Anna Girod | 18 - | Justin Byous |
| | John Tatschl | 19 - | Bob Baker |
| 2 - | Andy Haun | 20 - | David Hockett, |
| 5 - | Quinn Birch | 23 - | Katy Thompson |
| 7 - | Jerry Lewis, | 25 - | Jeff Nitsche |
| | Sarah Rooney, | 26 - | Charlotte Ball |
| | Ella Athon | | Tom Owells |
| 8 - | Charlie Eyler | | Sue Smith, |
| 11 - | Josh Miguel | 27 - | Brandon Weckbaugh |
| 14 - | Dan Schmoll | 29 - | Amanda Weckbaugh |
| 15 - | Angel Arreola | 31 - | Paul Ballantyne |
| 16 - | Steve Colley, | | |
| | Amy Kauffman | | |

The MESSENGER

Jeffrey C. Clayton, Pastor
 Karen Wright, Associate Pastor
 Mark Ball,
 Director of Music/Organist
 Lynn Tolson, Church Secretary



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- April 29 - Evangelism
 May 6 - Christian Ed.
 May 13 - Men's Group
 May 20 - Worship
 May 27 - Rachel Circle

ATTENDANCE

| | | |
|------|----|--------------------|
| Apr. | 15 | 22 (Morning Light) |
| | | 110 (11:00 am) |
| Apr. | 22 | 19 (Morning Light) |
| | | 126 (11:00 am) |



HARVESTERS

Our next day for working at Harvesters is Tuesday, May 8.

Meet at church at **9:30**

am to carpool; we will work 10:00-12:00. **I am going to request a tour of the facility for our May workday, so we will probably not be back at church until 1:00.**

Please contact Pam Nitsche, (913) 963-5006 (cell),

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to **Paul Fast** and **Erin Thornburgh** upon the birth of their daughter, Rosalind Glenn, born April 24. Proud grandparents are **Jerry and Linda Thornburgh**. Prayers for **Bruce Humphreys** who is recuperating from recent surgery. Prayers for **Ed Calkins** who will undergo knee replacement surgery next week. Prayers for **Judy Lafferty** for an upcoming surgery. Prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gehlbach, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins, and Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.



Book Club

The Southminster Book Club will meet **May 24, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Rearick Room at church. We will discuss Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. Please join us! All are welcome and happy reading!



Thank you to my new church friends, for all the prayers, phone calls, cards delicious foods so I didn't need to cook. All the love and kindness expressed to me through my two surgeries was so wonderful and has helped me during my recovery. Thank you all so very much.

Shirley Smith.



Calling all Graduates!

Are you graduating or do you have a young adult graduating from high school or college? Please let the church office know. High School graduates we would like to know where you plan to study next year. College graduates, what degree are you earning and what is next?

From the Associate Pastor...

Fellow Followers of the Way:

This time of the year, I frequently hear the youth comment about how busy they are. I remember when I was teaching, that this time of year felt like a downhill sprint to the end of the school year. April and May seem to just get busier and busier. This month, I have felt busier and busier.

As we near the close of Pastor Jeff's first month of sabbatical, I have found that the extra meetings I attend and the addition of more preaching and teaching and visiting have left me tired. While I have enjoyed the new opportunities, I have also discovered a need to attend to self-care more diligently.

I am drawn back to the book, *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel, a Jewish author and scholar who taught Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Published in 1951, *The Sabbath* speaks to the Jewish understanding of God's commandment to keep the 7th day of the week holy. Heschel speaks to human desire to have more within the material world, but often it is at the sacrificial of time, which is at the heart of our existence.

"The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to *holiness in time*. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world."

Heschel calls us to remember to live into our being and not our doing. Seeking to commune with the mystery of the divine by taking time to encounter the holy. He talks of humanity needing to realize that the world was brought into being without our help, creation is not dependent on us. However, we are dependent on the Creator, the one who called us all into being. Sabbath is the way we stop and seek to care for our relationship to God.


As we enter what seems to be a season of perpetual and often frantic busy-ness, I invite us all to seek time of Sabbath, of holy rest. Find a day, or an afternoon or even an hour that you can stop and breathe in the wonder and the mystery of God. Find time that you can be. A time where you can be defined as a child of God and not by the task at hand.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,

Karen



May 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|---|-----------|---|
| | | 3 9:00 am SPW Coor. Team No Sing & Shout | 2 7:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 3 6:30 pm Family Life Christian Ed. 7:00 pm Evangelism B & G Worship | 4 | 5 9:00 am Confirmation Breakfast |
| 6 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. Banquet | 7 7:00 pm Bells of Peace Messenger Items Due | 8 10:00 am Harvesters (meet at 9:30 am to carpool) 6:15pm Sing & Shout 7:00 pm Deacons | 9 7:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 10 1:00 pm Craft Group 7:00 pm Worship | 11 | 12 9:00 am Second Saturday Breakfast () (Heirloom Bakery) |
| 13 Mother's Day 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship | 14 5:30 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Stewardship | 15 10:00 am Lakeview Worship Service | 16 7:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 17 6:30 pm Administration 7:00 pm Session | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Pentecost/ Confirmation Sun. 8:30am Morning Light 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Joe Cartwright Trio | 21 Messenger Items Due | 22 6:30 am Rachel Circle 9:30 am Esther Circle 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study Circle | 23 7:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 24 1:00 pm Craft Group 7:00 pm Book Club (Rearick Room) | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8:30am Morning Light 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Joe Cartwright Trio | 28  Church Office Closed | 29 | 30 7:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 31 | | |



On sale May 6th....Cards created by SPW (photos by Sam Lutz)

SPW is proud to announce two beautiful cards created just for you! One is a 4"x5.5" notecard with a beautiful photo of our hanging cross against the bright skylight, and the second card is a beautiful 5"x7" Christmas card with our Chrismon tree central. The cards have been created in limited quantities and will be sold in quantities of 10 with envelopes (notecards \$7 and Chrismon cards \$15). All proceeds benefit the mission work of SPW.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SPW News...

- The next Board meeting will be **May 1** at 9:00 am. Following the meeting we will be cleaning chairs
- **Second Saturday Breakfast** will be held on **May 12** at the **Heirloom Bakery**, 9:00 am. All girls and women are really welcome!
- **Bible Study Circles will meet on Tuesday, May 22nd**, at 6:30 and 9:30 AM at the Church and at 7:00 PM at Helen Wycoff's to study Lesson 9, "In Community with all the Saints".
- **Tabitha Craft Circle, May 10th and 24 1:00 pm** in the library.



SPW "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" CRAFT CLASSES

- ★ SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 9-11 A.M. at the church in the fellowship hall and kitchen. Several projects to work on – mixing/rolling/cutting/ baking doggie treats, gift tags for packages, candy cane reindeer, folk art painting (wear paint shirt), and more. Some of these can be done by children.
- ★ TUESDAY, MAY 8, 4-6 P.M. at the church in the fellowship hall. Several projects planned so far and others to come – felted ornaments, sock snowmen, holiday pins.



Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Church School

June 18-21

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Register online at www.southminsterpres.com

INCLUSION STATEMENT

At the last Session meeting, the session unanimously voted to approve the use of the statement below. It is a statement for the bulletin and for our online presence to let the community know that we are an inclusive church and we are welcoming of everyone.

Southminster Presbyterian Church welcomes and celebrates the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race or ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identification or expression, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.



MORE LIGHT PC(USA) and is affiliated with **More Light Presbyterians.**

Southminster is a member congregation of the



SEEKERS CLASS – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the NE dining room

May 6, 13, 20 May Movie Weeks

Join us as we view the movie “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” during the first three weeks of May. Prepare to enter another world with the C.S. Lewis timeless and beloved adventure.



Summer Camps at Heartland Presbyterian Center

Heartland Presbyterian Center, near Parkville, Missouri, offers a wonderful summer camp experience for children who have completed the 2nd grade through senior high youth.

Check out the website www.heartlandcamps.org and register online. Your C.E.

Committee has scholarships for Southminster members equal to one-half of the registration fee (maximum \$250). They will bill us at the end of the season for this amount for each camper (so make your payments ½ of fee or up to maximum \$250 less than total). Please let the C.E. Committee know of your questions or interest (Madeline Dasch, chair or Pastor Karen).

INQUIRING SPIRITS CLASS – Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the NW dining room

The Inquiring Spirits has started a study of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is the fourth Gospel in the New Testament. It contains a variety of statements and information about Jesus not contained in the Synoptic Gospels. While John's content may be unique, he presents a different side of Jesus that is complimentary to the other three Gospels and helps provide its readers with a clearer understanding of his divinity and pre-existence.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SOUTHMINSTER

Your Christian Education Committee would love to hear your recommendations for any topics to explore in the next church school year (2018-2019). The adult sub-committee

will be meeting on May 29th to plan various studies. If you have a suggestion, please contact Madeline Dasch, Karen Wright, Ruth Davidson, Larry Williams, or Ruth Ann Unruh.



RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

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