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Christmas in July

Saturday, July 14th, 2018
8 am- 4pm

Southminster Presbyterian Church
6306 Roe Ave
Prairie Village, KS

Come and browse crafts, books, treasures and enjoy food to purchase. There will be a silent auction featuring two quilts and an original water color.

Bring family members, friends, or neighbors for an enjoyable "Christmas in July" adventure.

Proceeds will be used to fund mission projects of Southminster Presbyterian Women.



Save the Date!

Church School Kick-Off

Sunday, August 19th, 9:00-10:00 a.m. FREE pancakes
10:30 a.m. Program "Grow in Christian Education"



Please join us for a fun morning of fellowship and information about the 2018-2019 church school. First we begin with a pancake breakfast from Two Guys and A Grill. After enjoying breakfast and fellowship find out about our theme "Won't You Be My Neighbor." Mr. Rogers has been in the news a lot lately as a new documentary has been released about his life. We will be looking at what it means to be a neighbor and who are our neighbors. This will be the theme for the following Sunday, August 26th

ATTENTION: There will be no church school classes on Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd.

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The MESSENGER
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JOYS AND CONCERNS
 The Christian sympathy of the church is extended to the family of **Phillip Munson** upon his death July 2. Congratulations to **Ellen Clayton and Addison Piggott** upon their marriage June 16. Prayers for **Gary Kowaleski** as he continues to recuperate from recent heart surgery. Prayers for **Bruce Humphreys** as he undergoes treatment for cancer. Continued prayers for **Judy Lafferty** who is recovering from a recent surgery. Prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gehlbach, Bill Kadyk, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins, and Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.



Children and Youth Church School 2018-2019- Opportunities to Help

Do you have an interest in teaching or helping with church school this coming school year? We have a phenomenal group of children and families at Southminster. We need your help in providing an opportunity for kids to learn and share about their faith and values!

Our Children's and Youth Church School is organized so that each class is co-taught by two teachers who share their teaching time by taking turns on a monthly basis. This way, each teacher only teaches every other month, and there is consistency so the children can get to know their teachers. Lead teachers are given detailed and very easy to follow curriculum to help make this easy and fun. Each class also has an adult helper who typically helps once a month. Class helpers are there to assist the teacher and the children and are not involved in the lesson planning.

Please take a moment to think about making a difference in the lives of the children and youth in our church. If you are interested in finding out more, please talk to Becky Newkirk by email rjnewkirk1@gmail.com or by phone (913) 302-2505.

- Information to keep in mind....
 *Church School is scheduled on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am
 *We are looking for teachers and helpers for 4 classes: Preschool/ Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, 4th-5th, and 6th grade-youth
 *Helpers would be helping once a month (i.e., the first Sunday of each month) and teachers would lead one month at a time, alternating months with another teacher
 *Church School will kick off August 19th!

Coffee Hour	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ATTENDANCE	
	July 15 - Evangelism	June	17
July 22 - Mexico Mission	June	24	17 (Morning Light) 83 (11:00 am)
July 29 - Choir	July	1	20 (Morning Light) 112 (11:00 am)
August 5 - Rachel Circle	July	8	19 (Morning Light) 117 (11:00 am)
August 12 - B & G	July		



Book Club
 The Southminster Book Club will meet **July 26, 7:00**

p.m., in the Rearick Room at church. We will discuss Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery. Please join us! All are welcome and happy reading!



HARVESTERS

Our next day for working at Harvesters is Tuesday, August 14. Meet at church at **9:30 am** to carpool; we will work 10:00-12:00. Please contact Pam Nitsche, (913) 963-5006 (cell), pnitsche@kc.rr.com if you would like to join us on August 14.

From the Pastor...

The Grace of a Sabbatical Revisited

On July 5th I returned to my office of 19 years at Southminster Presbyterian Church after the grace of a three-month sabbatical from my regular duties, a gift given to me by all of the members of Southminster Presbyterian Church. The sabbatical was indeed a time of rest and renewal, reading and study and writing and thinking. I am grateful.

For those of you who may be interested I offer just a few “teasers” from some of the things I was thinking about during my time away.

- I read a book entitled *Visual Culture* which explores in a theoretical way the development of *visuality* as a way of apprehending, understanding, and interpreting our culture and our life experiences—from painting to photography to the advent and proliferation of screens of all kinds, TV, computers, as well as all the graphic devices which many carry around with them all the time. I spent time thinking about all of this from the perspective of Christian ministry as we look to the future of the church over the next few decades, from worship life and the proclamation of the Word to our efforts at Christian Education. It is clear to me that *visuality*...and the ability to use visual images will be critical to reaching coming generations effectively.

*For in concentrating solely on linguistic meaning, such readings deny the very element that makes visual imagery of all kinds distinct from texts, that is to say, its **sensual immediacy**. It is that edge, that buzz that separates the remarkable from the humdrum. Such moments of intense and surprising visual power evoke, in David Freedberg’s phrase, “admiration, awe, terror and desire.” This dimension to visual culture is at the heart of all visual events.*

Let us give this feeling a name: the sublime.

- Another book I read is entitled *Journey to the Common Good*, by Old Testament scholar and widely respected lecturer Walter Brueggemann, professor emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA. Written in 2010 with eye to our time and place, this book explores God’s work to create a world in which the *common good* is the ethic which governs human community. He looks at the central Hebrew Bible story of the Exodus as well as the prophetic ministries of Jeremiah and Isaiah. This paragraph illustrates how he connects these scriptural explorations to the present time:

The great crisis among us is the crisis of “the common good,” the sense of community solidarity that binds all in a common destiny--haves and have-nots, the rich and the poor. We face a crisis about the common good because there are powerful forces at work among us to resist the common good, to violate community solidarity, and to deny a common destiny.

These two books, as well as three others, provided a lot of provocative ideas for me as I think about our common ministry to serve Jesus Christ as we journey together into the future.





August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 am Men's Group	2 9:30 am Cross-Lines Food Kitchen 6:30 pm Family Life Christian Ed. 7:00 pm Evangelism B & G	3	4
5 8:30am Morning Light 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship	6 Messenger Items Due	7 9:00 am SPW Coor. Team	8 7:00 am Men's Group	9 1:00 pm Tabitha Craft Circle (Library) 7:00 pm Worship	10	11 9:00 am 2nd Sat. Breakfast (Blue Bird Bistro)
12 8:30am Morning Light 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship	13 6:00 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Stewardship	14 10:00 am Harvesters (meet at 9:30 am to carpool) 7:00 pm Deacons	15 7:00 am Men's Group	16 6:30 pm Administration 7:00 pm Session	17	18
19 8:30am Morning Light 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Church School Kickoff-Pancakes and program 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group Kickoff & Potluck	20 7:00 pm Bells of Peace Messenger Items Due	21 10:00 am Lakeview Worship Service	22 7:00 am Men's Group	23 1:00 pm Tabitha Craft Circle (Library) 7:00 pm Book Club	24	25
26 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 Joe Cartwright Trio	27 7:00 pm Bells of Peace	28 6:30 am Rachel Circle 9:30 am Esther Circle 7:00 pm Evening Circle	29 7:00 am Men's Group	30 7:30 pm Heartland Ringers	31	

Year of the Bible – June questions

1. Athaliah governs Judah for six years. What is unusual about this particular ruler?
2. Sadly, Hezekiah, a good king, is succeeded by an evil son, Manasseh. What horrible thing does Manasseh do to one of his sons?
3. What topic is Paul discussing when he says, “The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully?”
4. The last king of Judah is taken captive to Babylon. What is his name?
5. Usually Paul starts his letters by calling himself a “servant.” This helps emphasize his humility. What does he call himself in Galatians, and what does this emphasize?
6. What reason does God give for having not David, but Solomon, build a temple, or “house,” for God?
7. At Antioch, Paul confronts an important apostle who is avoiding eating with Gentile Christians because a group of Jewish Christians does not like the practice. Who is the apostle?
8. What are some of the things that Paul lists as examples of the “fruit” of the Spirit in a person’s life?
9. Paul says that Jesus’ death makes peace possible between what two major groups of people?
10. What prophet tells Ahab that he will die in Battle?
11. Which king of Judah does God curse with leprosy?



SPW News...

- **July 14** “Christmas in July”- 8:00am - 4:00 pm
- Next board meeting **Aug. 7, 9:00am**
- **Aug. 9** Tabitha Craft Circle, 1:00 pm
- **Aug. 11** 2nd Saturday Breakfast at Blue Bird Bistro, 1700 Summit, KCMO, 9:00 am
- **Aug. 23** Tabitha Craft Circle, 1:00 pm
- **Aug. 28** Circle meetings 6:30 am and 9:30 am, Lesson 1, “God With Us Wherever We Are”, 7pm at Helen Wycoff’s.
- **Sept. 23** Girls of All ages Fall Banquet, Noon.

Southminster Presbyterian Music Camp



July 16-19, 2018, 9am to 12 noon

\$10 per camper (\$20 family limit)

For Kindergarteners through 6th Grade

Singing* Ringing Handbells and Hand Chimes *
 Music Crafts and Games * World Drumming and
 Bucket Brigade * Folk Dancing * Recorders *
 Performing a Musical

Taught by certified Music and Art Educators

Register online at www.southminsterpres.com



Save the Date!

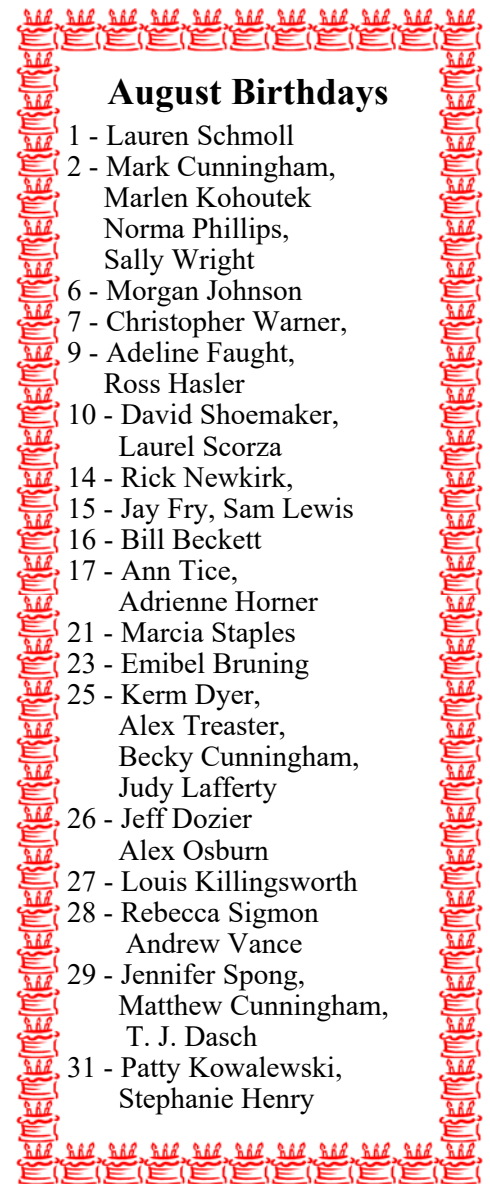
Joe Cartwright Trio

August 26, 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Answers – June

1. What is unusual about Athaliah, who governs Judah for six years, is that this ruler is a woman.
2. Hezekiah’s evil son, Manasseh, sacrifices one of his own sons as an offering.
3. Paul is talking about financial stewardship when he says, “The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”
4. Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, is carried off to Babylon as a captive.
5. At the beginning of Galatians, Paul calls himself an “apostle” to emphasize his authority.
6. God instructs Solomon rather than David to build the temple because David has been involved in much warfare, while Solomon’s reign will be characterized by peace.
7. At Antioch, Paul confronts Peter, who is not eating with Gentile Christians because he fears the Jewish Christians who are opposed to the practice.
8. The “fruit” of the Spirit in a person’s life includes things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
9. Jesus’ death makes peace possible between Jews and Gentiles.
10. The prophet Micaiah tells Ahab that he will die in battle.
11. The king of Judah whom God curses with leprosy is Uzziah



August Birthdays

- 1 - Lauren Schmoll
- 2 - Mark Cunningham, Marlen Kohoutek, Norma Phillips, Sally Wright
- 6 - Morgan Johnson
- 7 - Christopher Warner,
- 9 - Adeline Faight, Ross Hasler
- 10 - David Shoemaker, Laurel Scorza
- 14 - Rick Newkirk,
- 15 - Jay Fry, Sam Lewis
- 16 - Bill Beckett
- 17 - Ann Tice, Adrienne Horner
- 21 - Marcia Staples
- 23 - Emibel Bruning
- 25 - Kerm Dyer, Alex Treaster, Becky Cunningham, Judy Lafferty
- 26 - Jeff Dozier, Alex Osburn
- 27 - Louis Killingsworth
- 28 - Rebecca Sigmon, Andrew Vance
- 29 - Jennifer Spong, Matthew Cunningham, T. J. Dasch
- 31 - Patty Kowalewski, Stephanie Henry

**Southminster’s Annual
Parking Lot Picnic and Concert
Friday, August 24, 6:00-8:30 pm
Food and frolics begin at 6:00 pm
Once again featuring the world-famous BBQ
of Bryan Johnson
Music by Jeff Clayton and Friends**



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