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On World Communion Sunday, we join with people of faith in the one church of Jesus Christ to share in the gifts of bread and cup together. By so doing, we fulfill in some humble way the prayer of our Lord that all who believe may be united in one body. Please join us as we break bread and share the cup together.

It is appropriate on this Sunday that we receive the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly Peacemaking Offering). This offering supports efforts to inspire, equip, and connect our community of faith with people around the world who are seeking to respond to violence and injustice with ministries of reconciliation and peace. 50% of this offering remains with our local congregation to support our own efforts at peace and injustice here in our community and throughout the world. Please consider a generous gift to the 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



Have you heard about the star? They say it heralds the birth of a king. Are you willing to make this journey?

Do these words conjure fond memories? Or have you never heard them before? You, too, can be part of the wondrous storytelling that is our **Journey to Bethlehem**. Bless yourself this year and be involved. The experience promises to give new or renewed meaning to Advent.

This year's performance nights are Friday and Saturday, November 30, 6-8pm and December 1, 5-8pm.

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Shalom

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September Mission Emphasis-Kids TLC

One of the annual local mission causes we support is Kids TLC, Transforming Lives in Crisis. TLC provides a safe place for kids to go when their parents are suddenly taken away from them for reasons such as abuse, illness or accident, court order, prison or rehab treatments.

TLC is a caring place for kids to stay for short periods of time, until foster parents can be found to care for them, or when older kids can be transitioned into the community to become productive members of society.

The ages can be anywhere from infants to teenagers with a special need for ages 10-15 right now. The list of needs is long but practical in kind: shampoo, lotion, socks, hair brushes, combs, games, towels & sheets (new or gently used), cleaning supplies, alarm clocks or back packs in which to carry possessions. Many children come to TLC with only the clothes on their backs.

TLC exists to help children and families. They need our help to make a difference in the lives of these kids.

Below is a list of requested items and can be placed in the Red Wagon.

Hygiene Items:

- Men's and women's deodorant
- Full size body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Tampons/pads

Gift Cards:

- QT gas cards (used to support family therapy and visits)
- Walmart, HyVee, Price Chopper
- Restaurant gift cards; a variety of merchants welcome

Arts and Crafts:

- Colored/printed duct tape
- Poster board
- Paints
- Legos
- Non-spiral/composition notebooks

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Christian sympathy of the church is expressed to **Nancy and Steve Colley** upon the death of Nancy's mother on September 19th. Prayers for **Bob Coughenour** as he recuperates from recent medical concerns. Prayers for **Kate Shoemaker** as she recuperates from recent surgery. Continued prayers for **Jean Sears** as she recovers from recent surgery, and for **Mary Buller** as she recuperates from a recent fall. Continued prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gelbach, Bill Kadyk, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins, and Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.

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



Mark your calendars!!!
Sean Chen piano recital
November 4th, 5:00 pm

 **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**
 Sept. 30 - Bells
 Oct. 7 - Men's Group
 Oct. 14 - SPW
 Oct. 21 - Youth Group
 Oct. 28 - Stewardship

ATTENDANCE
 Sept. 16 19 (Morning Light)
 130 (11:00 am)
 Sept. 23 18 (Morning Light)
 102 (11:00 am)



Book Club

The Southminster Book Club will meet **October 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Rearick Room at church. We will discuss Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. Please join us! All are welcome and happy reading!

From the Pastor...

Living Into Hope: God's Future Is Our Future Stewardship Emphasis - 2018

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

--Romans 8:24-25

We live in uncertain times...uncertain for the church, uncertain for our own country, uncertain for the world. This is not unique...people of faith have been living out lives of faithful discipleship in uncertain times for millennia. But each time and place brings its own unique challenges.

In the Southminster community of faith we seek to respond to uncertainty with a resolute hope that God is active in our own lives and in the life of our world. We seek to act with compassion and justice and reconciliation to our neighbors around us in the human family. We also seek to model for the world a community that values nurture and compassion as we relate to one another. We do not do this perfectly, but it is always the hope that we are trying to live into.

In a few short weeks, we will be asking you to consider how you can commit yourself to the ministry we share together in 2019. Our ministry depends on your prayerful commitment of financial support, time, and your creative gifts as we seek to live into hope together. With each of us contributing out of our blessings, God will use us in life-giving ways for the gospel.

Here are some highlights of the upcoming Stewardship Emphasis:

- ◆ For three Sundays, October 14, 21, 28, we will reflect together on the ministry of stewardship, guided by the words of the apostle Paul from the 8th chapter of his Epistle to the Romans.
- ◆ Sunday, October 14th – Stewardship Celebration Dinner
Please join us for table fellowship with your church family. Stewardship packets will be distributed at this gathering and we will hear a short presentation on some exciting new ministry initiatives coming over the next months and year.
- ◆ Sunday, October 21st
This Sunday gives us an opportunity to reflect on the role money plays in our faith life. Why is it that Jesus had so much to say about our attitudes and orientation to money and wealth? What does it mean to be faithful with the financial resources with which God has blessed us?
- ◆ Sunday, October 28th – Pledge Dedication Sunday
This Sunday we joyfully dedicate our 2019 pledges to God and ask God to bless us as we seek to use them faithfully for ministry in the coming year.

We need the support and participation of everyone in our community of faith to serve Christ and our neighbors to the best of our ability. I invite you to be actively engaged with our time of Stewardship reflection over these next few weeks. It is important to the future of our community of faith and our world as we seek to live into hope!





October 2018



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Sat

	1	2 9:00 am SPW Board Meeting 6:15 pm Sing & Shout	3 7:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Heartland Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	4 9:30 am Cross-Lines Food Kitchen 6:30 pm Family Life 7:00 pm B & G Evangelism Heartland Ringers	5	6
2 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Club 456, Youth Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group	8 6:00 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Stewardship Bells of Peace Messenger Items Due	9 9:30 am Harvesters 6:15 pm Sing & Shout 7:00 pm Deacons	10 7:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Heartland Ringers 6:00 pm Living Waters Meeting 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	11 1:00 pm Tabitha Craft Circle 6:30 pm Christian Ed. 7:00 pm Worship Heartland Ringers	12	13 9 am Second Saturday Breakfast (Corner Café)
2 8:30am Morning Light 9:00 am Joyful Noise 9:15 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Worship Noon Stewardship Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Group	15 7:00 pm Bells of Peace	16 9:30 am Lakeview No Sing & Shout	17 7:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Heartland Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	18 6:30 pm Administration 7:00 pm Session Heartland Ringers	19	20
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SEEKERS CLASS – 9:30-10:30 A.M. IN THE NORTHEAST DINING ROOM

- 9/30** Mr. Rogers Sunday (2018 documentary DVD discussion) – come see our favorite neighbor and be welcomed by his smile, songs, and inspiring words. Viewing this documentary will inspire love, goodness and hope in each of us.
- 10/7** Public Schools Work on Inclusion/Civility – 4th Grade Teacher Becky Newkirk will give us a look into the public schools (specifically Olathe District) and see how they are working with curriculum, family groups with age diversity, and social skills to create good neighbors throughout the school.
- 10/14** Racism History in our own Town – Henry Sewing is a Deacon/Elder from Village Church and his family was part of the history with Rev. Bob Meneilly to break down discriminatory housing barriers in Prairie Village.
- 10/21** 8 Steps to Anti-Racism – Judy Robinett will share a workshop she experienced at the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. This workshop calls us into action!
- 10/28** – New Poor People’s Campaign – Eric Garbison will be our guest and share about the New Poor People’s Campaign. Eric works with the local campaign that, 50 years after the first campaign, continues to challenge systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation and the nation’s distorted morality.



SPW News...

Please join us for any or all of the following events!

- The next board meeting will be **October 2** at 9:00 am
- **Tabitha Craft Circle**-October 11 and 25 at 1:00 pm
- **2nd Saturday Breakfast**-October 13 9:00 am at Corner Café, 4541 Greenway, Riverside, MO
- **Bible Study Circles-October 23** Join us at one of the three circle times - 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM at the church (Lesson 3) or 7:00 PM at Helen Wycoff’s house.
- **September 25** Join us at one of the three circle times - 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM at the church (these circles will be studying Lesson 2) or 7:00 PM at Helen Wycoff’s house.
- **October 28-Nut Sale Begins**
- **October 30-Black Cat Auction,** 5:30 pm at Mary Jorgenson’s

Nuts

The Annual SPW Nut Sale will begin October 28th. Here is your opportunity to order yummy nuts and candies for holiday baking and gifting! You can order them jumbo, chopped, roasted, salted, slivered, coated, mixed and more.... Look for the table near the sanctuary on Sunday mornings 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, and 11/25. Deliveries will be 11/4, 11/18 (in time for Thanksgiving), and 12/2 (helpful for Christmas). Bring your checkbook as you will pay for your purchases when your order is made. FYI: due to nut market changes, we are pleased that over half of the items on our order form will have lower prices this year! Isn’t that nutty?



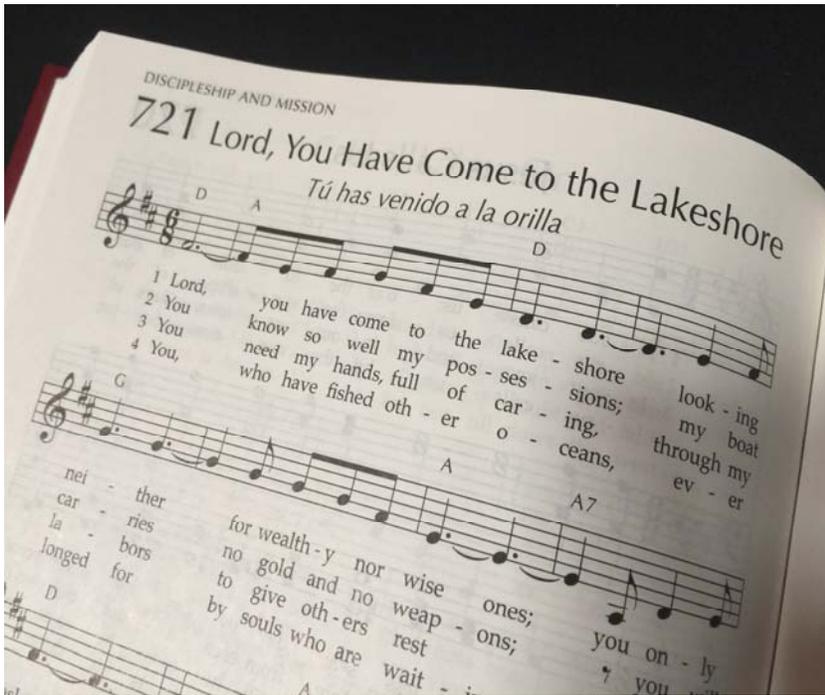
The Christmas-in-July train is making a second stop on Sunday, November 4th, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. This holiday pop-up store will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Remember, SPW fundraisers help support the work of Presbyterian Women and mission projects in our community and around the world. Besides holiday gifts, crafts and decor, you will also find the Southminster Chrismon cards and nuts for sale. Bring your checkbook and get some holiday shopping

SPW has two beautiful cards for sale: one is a 4”x5.5” notecard (10/\$7) with a photo of our hanging sanctuary cross against the bright skylight, and the second card is a 5”x7” Christmas card (10/\$15) with our Chrismon tree. Photos are by Sam Lutz. These cards will be great to use for the holidays for your own personal use or as a gift (packaged in a lovely white organza drawstring bag). Shop at the SPW tables 10/28-12/16.

Stewardship Emphasis 2018

“Living Into Hope: God’s Future is Our Future

Stewardship Celebration Dinner
Sunday Oct. 14 at Noon



- October Birthdays**
- 1-Larry Tice
 - 7-Mary Rix,
 - 9-Becky Newkirk
 - 11-Don Singleton,
Susan Fiser,
 - 15-Sabella Shoemaker
 - 16-Judy Klamm,
Larry McDonald
 - 17-Howard Harmer,
Kory Lewis,
Carol Mellott
 - 18-Gary Kowalewski,
 - 19-Nicole Miller
Nicholas Vance
 - 22-Mike Callahan,
Alex Lutz, Ginny Kadyk
 - 23-Robbie Giffen
 - 24-Jona Vance,
 - 25-Curt Bonewits
 - 27-Cale Chapman
Craig Buller
 - 28-Leah Herring
Shelley Moran,
Shirley Smith
 - 29-Levi Anderson
 - 30-Tim Thomas
 - 31-Carl Nitsche, Jean Sears

community sing

Sunday, Sept. 30 5 p.m.



Mark Ball, song enlivener

A Community SING is for everyone – no musical skills required! Singing together enlivens the spirit, refreshes the soul, strengthens faith, and reminds us that we belong to each other. Invite a friend or two to join you for an hour of beautiful singing.



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