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Journey to Bethlehem

Friday, November 30, 2018 -- 6-8 pm
Saturday, December 1, 2018 -- 5-8 pm

Many folks have graciously and enthusiastically accepted a role in Southminster's 34th production of Journey to Bethlehem. *Unbelievably it is just 3 weeks away!* Please make sure you mark the following dates on your calendar.

Saturday	November 24	9:00	Setup. Light lunch will be served.
Tuesday	November 27	7:00	Scene-Specific Rehearsal.
Thursday	November 29	6:30	Dress rehearsal. Dressed and in narthex by 7:00.
Friday	November 30	4:30	Arrive at church.
		5:45	Meet in Nazareth for cast meeting prior to performance.
		6:00	Performance.
Saturday	December 1	4:00	Arrive at church.
		5:00	Performance
		8:00	Strike sets and clean up.

Journey participants! COMING SOON

- Email containing cast assignments and production information
- Please spread the word! Any way you can! **Personal invitation**, Facebook, Twitter, email, postcard, yard sign, or any other creative way! Details coming in the next couple of weeks.

Each year I revisit a favorite Ann Weems poem taken from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*. Shalom.

THE CHILD IS BORN AGAIN

Each year the Child is born again.
 Each year some new heart
 finally hears
 finally sees
 finally knows love.

And in heaven
 there is great rejoicing!
 There is a festival of stars!
 There is a celebration among the angels!
 For in the finding of one lost sheep,
 the heart of the Shepherd is glad, and
 Christmas has happened once more.
 The Child is born anew
 and one more knee is bowed!

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**NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS:
SAFEHOME**

SAFEHOME'S MISSION is to break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children by providing shelter, advocacy, counseling, and prevention education in our community.

SAFEHOME provides shelter and community services for over 7000 individuals yearly helping them lead more healthy lives.

A list of **MOST NEEDED ITEMS** will be inserted in the Church Bulletins during November. Please take a copy with you as you do your shopping, and help us help those who are so desperately in need.

For more **SAFEHOME** information go to safehome-ks.org

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Witness to the Resurrection for **Bob Andersen** will be held Friday, December 14th at 2:00 at Southminster. Prayers for **Gary Kowaleski** who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Prayers for **DeAnn Warner** as she continues her recovery from a recent hospitalization. Prayers for **Bruce Humphreys** as he anticipates cataract surgery. Continued prayers for **B.J. Diedrich, Walt Gelbach, Bill Kadyk, Jim Klamm, Jim Dollins,** and **Suzanne Webb** who are residing in care centers.

<i>Coffee Hour</i>	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ATTENDANCE
	Nov. 11 - Deacons	Oct. 28 18 (Morning Light)
	Nov. 18 - IHN	115 (11:00 am)
	Nov. 25 - Worship	Nov. 4 25 (Morning Light)
	Dec. 2 - Esther Circle	77 (11:00 am)

 **HARVESTERS**
 Our next day for working at Harvesters is Tuesday, **November 13**. 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 November 13. Hope you can join us.



Stewardship Update
 We are grateful for the timely and generous response of the congregation to our Stewardship Emphasis and pledge campaign. The results so far are very encouraging.

If you have not yet had the chance to turn in your 2019 pledge yet, you can drop it by or mail it to the office, bring it on Sunday, or call the office to update us. As soon as we have heard from all of our faithful supporters, we will be able to begin to prepare a final budget for 2019. Stewardship callers will be following up soon with those from whom we have not heard. Thanks to everyone for the prayerful consideration you are giving to the needs of our ministry!

Thank You!
THANK YOU!



The Black Cat Auction was a success! Great food, great fun and great gifts. Thank you to all who helped us raise \$442 for Presbyterian disaster relief.

Giving Thanks

What would you do if you were homeless and had no place to go in case of a huge storm; needed a car to get to work; didn't have enough food for your family; needed shelter from an abuse situation? Or maybe had to raise a family overseas in a town nicknamed Garbage City? These are a few of the sixteen situations that Presbyterian Women will be addressing with grants raised through the special THANK OFFERING. We can give thanks for all we have by a contribution to this offering which in turn will help many people around the world who would be so thankful.

Blue envelopes will be available Sundays, November 11 and 18. Or you can send a check to the church marked THANK OFFERING.



SPW News...

- The next board meeting will be **December 4**, 10:00 am brunch at the home of Bev Morris.
- **2nd Saturday Breakfast**- November 10 at 9:00 am at Eggtc, 7182 Renner Rd., Lenexa, KS
- **Bible Study Circles-Nov. 27** Join us at one of the two circle times - 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM at the church. Evening circle to be determined for November.



SEEKERS CLASS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the east dining rooms

- 11/11 – Come look at the work of the **General Assembly (PCUSA)** and welcome commissioner Jo Randolph. Jo represented Heartland Presbytery at the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, this past June. She is reporting specifically on actions heard and taken concerning our Church's emphasis on civility, nurturing, inclusion, helping and caring for God's creation in this time of stress for so many. Learn what important work is happening in our church.
- 11/18 – **Spreading Christianity: In the Footsteps of Columba and Cuthbert**, with leadership from the Rev. Edward Thompson. Join us as we trace the influence of two early Christian disciples – Irish Saints Saint Columba and Saint Cuthbert. Hear about the early roots of mission – Who? Where? What?
- 11/25 – You are invited to attend an all-church-school forum on “Journey Sunday” in the sanctuary north transept as we welcome Tucker Poling, co-sponsor (with Rev. Chad Herring) of the new NDO (**Non Discrimination Ordinance for Prairie Village**, Kansas). This is an important ordinance to bring about inclusion in our city.

SPW HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPTIONS

1. **NUTS** - beginning 10/28, bring your checkbook to order yummy nuts and candies for holiday baking and gifting! Deliveries will be 11/4, 11/18 (in time for Thanksgiving), and 12/2 (helpful for Christmas). Over half of the items on our order form will have lower prices this year! Isn't that nutty?
2. **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - two beautiful cards for sale: 4"x 5.5" notecard (10/\$7) featuring our hanging sanctuary cross; and 5"x 7" Christmas card (10/\$15) with our Chrismon tree.

Mark Your Calendar!
Men's Annual Red & Green

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

7:00 a.m. Wed., December 12th
At Perkins Restaurant

11200 West 87th Street
Lenexa, KS 66215

This year's speaker will be
Joe Lauria, the weekend meteorologist
for FOX4 news.

NOVEMBER CHOIR

***Mozart's Ave verum corpus
Beethoven's MASS in e
under the direction of Stephanie Henry***

*Southminster Presbyterian Church
6306 Roe Avenue
Prairie Village, KS*

Sunday 11/18 at 5:00pm



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