

## THIS WEEK AT SOUTHMINSTER

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| Today, February 5 at 9:30a.m.   | Worship Service followed by Annual Congregational Meeting, then Sunday School for all ages |
| Today, at 11a.m.                | Youth Musical Rehearsal in sanctuary   |
| Tuesday, February 7 at 7p.m.    | Christian Ed. Meets  |
| Tuesday, February 7 at 7p.m.    | Deacons Meet   |
| Wednesday, February 8 at 7p.m.  | Guest Welcome Team meets   |
| Sunday, February 12 at 9:30a.m. | Worship service followed by Sunday School for all ages                                     |

### KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED OR IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sharon Bare, Dianna Lawrence, Courtney Wollenzien.

*To support our caring ministry, you are encouraged to call our church office when a need arises.*

### WEB SITE UPDATES

Southminster's web site is updated weekly. Members wishing to promote church-related activities and news are encouraged to send information e-mail to Mike Lawrence ([mike\\_d\\_lawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_d_lawrence@yahoo.com)) by Thursday each week.

### SOUTHMINSTER CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE

Southminster's calendar of events is now posted and updated daily on our website. Go to [www.southminsterchurch.org](http://www.southminsterchurch.org) and on the home page click on "News and Events" and then click on "calendar" and you can see what is going on and when.

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Go to [Southminsterchurch.org](http://Southminsterchurch.org), click on "Find us on Facebook", or go to Facebook.com and enter Southminster Presbyterian Church in the "Search" box. Then add us to your "like" list. Scott Johnson is the administrator for Southminster's Facebook page. Any announcements should be sent to him at [csjohnson3@me.com](mailto:csjohnson3@me.com). Members and friends are welcome to post comments on Southminster's Facebook wall.

## SOUTHMINSTER TODAY

### WELCOME TO SOUTHMINSTER GUESTS

We are happy to have you worship with us and invite you to come again! If you are without a church home, you are most welcome at Southminster. We invite **everyone** to sign the red friendship pad.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AT SOUTHMINSTER

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| <b>PASTOR:</b>  | Rev. Joe Ripley                    |
| <b>LAY READER:</b>                                    | Alice Lundstrom                    |
| <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR:</b>                  | Rev. Jenni Walker Noyes            |
| <b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:</b>                             | Paula Tillen                       |
| <b>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S CHOIRS &amp; HANDBELLS:</b> | Gerry Elliott                      |
| <b>NURSERY CARE GIVER:</b>                            | Lindsay Roberts                    |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>                                      | Brenda and Randy Schuett           |
| <b>HEAD USHER:</b>                                    | Chuck Holmstrom                    |
| <b>USHER CAPTAIN:</b>                                 | Judy Shane-Bayer                   |
| <b>USHER TEAM:</b>                                    | Karen and Ron Kau, and Dale Morgan |

### WE WELCOME CHILDREN THROUGHOUT WORSHIP

Our nursery is in Room 204-206, on the main hall. We ask that an adult volunteer each week assist in the nursery. Toddlers and preschoolers are welcome in worship and may go to the nursery in room 204 after the children's message if their parents wish.

#### **Sunday School Classrooms and Teachers!**

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| Nursery:         | Room 204, Lindsay Roberts               |
| Preschool-K:     | Room 212, Pat Johnson and Gary Huber    |
| Grades 1-2:      | Room 108, Karl Anderson and Stacy Blank |
| Grades 3-5:      | Room 103, Heather Hein, Ken Bristol     |
| Grades 6-12:     | Youth Musical Participants – Sanctuary  |
| Adult Education: | Room 202                                |

### **ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY – UPPITY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

Join us in Room 202 after the congregational meeting for a lively, thought-provoking conversation about Ruth, Naomi, and Mary Magdalene. What messages do these women have for people of faith today? Have their voices been muted by the Church? Our study will continue next Sunday under the combined leadership of Leslie Williams and Mary Hedgcock. Our PG-rated February 12 topic will be Women and Violence (Judith, Deborah, and Jephtha's daughter). Each class in this series is a stand-alone module. Bring a friend, and your coffee or tea, if you like.

### **SOUTHMINSTER ANNUAL MEETING TODAY**

We will hold our Annual Meeting as part of a special worship/table-talk gathering on Sunday **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Worship will begin as usual in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM, but will end early to allow us to move into Nelson Hall. Here we will focus on our vision for the next years, and the direction Southminster will be deliberately moving, as well as hear how this vision is steering the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee. This will also include table-talk about your understanding of the opportunities and challenges of our vision.

We will have a modified Christian Education schedule, starting at 11:00 AM, to allow everyone to attend this important gathering. There are special activities planned for our younger folks until Christian Ed begins. We hope everyone will be able to come and participate, as we together share and build understanding about our exciting future.

### **THANK YOU for your caring during this difficult time!**

Dear Southminster friends, it is with great sadness that we tell you that Kathy's sister Pat lost her 3 1/2 year battle with the red blood cell cancer disorder on Thursday morning, Jan. 26th at about 10:00 a.m. She gave it a great fight, but in the end the liver damage, extreme muscle weakness, and infections were just too much for her body to handle. It was a great relief to us that Pat made all the decisions until the very end, said that she was ready to die, and was not suffering anymore. Bruce & I stayed with Pat throughout the night Wednesday, and she passed from this life very peacefully on Thursday morning with her son Kevin and our sister Carolyn there also. Pat got wonderful, compassionate care at Froedtert Hospital throughout these times, as well as during her bone marrow transplant a year ago December.

We are grateful for all of the prayers and concern that you have shown for Pat and to us during these times!

With appreciation and love,  
Kathy & Bruce MacIntyre

### **SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY STARTING FEBRUARY 8**

A social opportunity is being organized to discuss current affairs, movies, books and whatever you want to talk about, starting in February on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** for the dull winter months. Join us at 10:00a.m. for a simple meeting of friends for coffee and conversation in Room 202.

### **Special Renaissance Farewell for Pastor Joe and Cindy Ripley**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is the last Sunday of Pastor Joe's interim service with our congregation. A special catered meal being called **Renaissance Farewell** is being catered from Rockchester Deli.

The meal is planned for 11:30 am. right after the Sunday morning service.

The suggested cost of the meal is \$15.00 per persons with children under 10 years being free.

This is a catered event so that the cooks of church kitchen can enjoy the event and spend time visiting with the Ripley's. However, the cooks are not completely off the hook. They will be providing pies for the dessert portion of the meal.

What: Catered **Renaissance Farewell** meal

When: Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Suggested price \$15.00 per person with children under 10 free

Deadline: Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Please make your payment to Susanne Koehne or Alice Lundstrom by Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Alice is also accepting donations for a farewell gift for Joe and Cindy. You can give your gift to Alice on Sundays or Susanne in the office during the week. We can accept these no later than February 12.

### **DISCOVERY DAY AT CARROLL UNIVERSITY ON FEBRUARY 25**

"Stirring the Waters" is the theme for this year's event. Pastors and all congregation members are invited to participate.

Keynote with Landon Whitsitt, worship, workshops, and a mission offering are planned. New this year is a Day Camp for Children ages 5-11.

LOCATION: Carroll University Campus Center, Waukesha

TIMES: 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

COST: \$15, early-bird discount available, Day Camp \$10.

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

- One Great Hour of Sharing – April 8
- 2012 Loaves & Fishes Dates- July 15 & December 9
- Pentecost Offering received- May 27
- Your pledge dollars plus your generous additional contributions and volunteer activities of our members at work! PAVA [Programa de Ayuda a los Vecinos del Altiplano, Aid Program for Highland Communities] 2011 Newsletter article titled "Making a Difference": "A bridge, a school, a latrine a stove can be life changing. PAVA's construction projects once again make a difference. This year [2011] the village of Cuncurun requested urgent assistance to repair the bridge built in 2000 with the assistance of Paul Johnson and Southminster Church, Mike Paddock and Engineers Without Borders. The bridge's base was severely damaged during tropical storm Agatha in 2010.

They say every journey begins with the first step... and the journey continues with the second step...

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A LEARNING JOURNEY A MISSIONAL LEARNING JOURNEY**

**WHEN & WHERE? Camp Tamarack on February 10 & 11, 2012, starting 6:30 pm on Friday and ending 4 pm on Saturday.**

**HOST: Rev. Sam Brink, American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin**

The Missional Learning Journey is an opportunity to grow in our understanding of discipleship and in serving Jesus in our communities. **Here are a few details of the Missional Learning Journey:**

- Built around an exploration of the gospels and their understanding of mission— you will come away with a better understanding of each of the four gospels and how early faith communities approached mission outreach
- Large group learning sessions
- Smaller learning circles according to geographic proximity
- Sharing of learning experiences on the mission field in your own community
- Room and board for the large group learning sessions at Camp Tamarack
- Resource materials
- And a great network of people just like you who want to follow Jesus into the mission field

To get more information or to register please contact Sam Brink at 262.782.3140 or 800.3113140 or email [sbrink2872@aol.com](mailto:sbrink2872@aol.com)  
Cost is \$250 per group.

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The Mission Committee invites you to join the sharing of resources that truly changes lives, we are doing this for Jesus as He asked us to do. So please help as you can! May God's grace be present, as we serve mission together.

**HOPE CENTER THANKS!!** Many thanks to the caring people of Southminster who continue to fill the Hope Chest to help meet the needs of the clients of the Hope Center. We recently delivered another 6 bags of clothing plus a box of books for their Children's Free Library. Please remember that the Hope Chest is in the narthex anytime you have clothing that you want to donate.

**AND A BIG THANK YOU** to those who spent a long Saturday "morning" picking up and delivering furnishings for Hope Center's **Project Move** on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Pete Swanson, Ryan Crouse, Ron Kau, and Mike Lawrence helped from 9 a.m. to mid-afternoon, driving from West Allis to Pewaukee, and in between, to help meet the needs of the Hope Center clients. Our next date to help is May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please let Bruce MacIntyre know (547-7870) or [bmacintyre@wi.rr.com](mailto:bmacintyre@wi.rr.com).

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH:**

**Food Pantry of Waukesha County-** Please bring your food donations to church in support of our food drive for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County. Each day, the Food Pantry hands out approximately 100 boxes of cereal, 300 cans of fruit, 300 cans of soup, and 300 cans of vegetables. Multiply those numbers by 6 days a week and 52 weeks a year and you can see that a lot of food is needed to respond to the need. Your food donations to the Food Pantry of Waukesha County can help them get back on track.

### **Hope Center's Undies Sunday is coming!**

Southminster Church will participate in the Hope Center's Undies Sunday! Campaign from **February 5-26<sup>th</sup>**. Our congregation has been helping the Hope Center's mission to serve the people of Waukesha County. Hope Center provides clothing, furnishing items, counseling, food, and shelter to those in need in Waukesha County. **Many people do not know this but socks and underwear are one of the greatest needs of those who rely on Hope Center.** Because of limited quantities, Hope Center clients are limited to one pair of underwear and one pair of socks per month.

**We can help these people! Please bring packages of new underwear and socks by Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** so we can provide for people in need. Donations can be put in the Hope Chest outside of the sanctuary in the narthex. (Sizes in particular need are listed below, but all sizes are needed.)

Women's sizes: 5, 6, & 7. Men's boxers sizes: 28-38. Boys sizes: 2,4,6,8, &14. Girls sizes: 4,6,12,14, & 16.

**Hope Center Needs-** Southminster is a partner in this ministry with other congregations in Waukesha County (502 N. East Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186; ph. #262-549-8726). If you would like to come in for a tour of Hope Center's facility or would like to volunteer, please call or email Griselle Cruz at 262-549-8726 or [gcruz@hopecenterwi.org](mailto:gcruz@hopecenterwi.org).

To see ways you can volunteer at the Hope Center please click on this website [www.hopecenterwi.org/volunteeropportunities.html](http://www.hopecenterwi.org/volunteeropportunities.html); or to donate clothing or furnishings click on this website [www.hopecenterwi.org/thisweeksneeds.html](http://www.hopecenterwi.org/thisweeksneeds.html).