

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

God is the enemy whom Jacob fought there by the river, of course, and whom in one way or another we all of us fight – God, the beloved enemy. Our enemy because, before giving us everything, he demands of us everything; before giving us life, he demands our lives – our selves, our wills, our treasure.
Frederick Buechner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this Celebration of Worship. May we, each one, by the power of the Holy Spirit experience a close communion with God and a warm fellowship with one another.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bertha Kennedy and Inez Crawe by members of their Southminster family, and in loving memory of Norma Stampfel by her husband Jim and daughter Jennifer.

CHILDCARE SUNDAY MORNINGS is available for infants to 4 years from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Childcare Room of the Kingdom Keepers Wing which is located off the Rec Hall.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE PACKS, containing coloring pages and other activities for kids to learn about today's message, are available at the Sanctuary entrances and at the Crossings worship service. Please return the bags at the end of worship.

THE SOUTHMINSTER CAFÉ is open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Rec Hall. Please come in for donuts, bagels, fruit, coffee, tea, or juice, anytime throughout the morning.

HUNGER OFFERING: Our Hunger Offering in February will support SHIM's food pantries located in the South Hills communities of Bethel Park, Whitehall, and Baldwin. Envelopes are available for your donation at the Crossings service and in the Narthex, or a check with the notation "Hunger Offering" may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

ADULT SUNDAY SEMINAR: This class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and is open to all adults and high school students. Dr. Stephen Tuell is presenting a program entitled: "Chosen People – Holy Land" which will give us a background about the Holy Lands and God's calling to the people of Israel.



THE NEW SPC LUNCH BUNCH TODAY! Join us today (and on the 4th Sunday of each month through the Spring) to go out for lunch following the 11:00 a.m. service. All members and guests are welcome and no sign-up is required. Anyone interested can meet at the front of the Sanctuary right after the 11:00 a.m. service, and names will be randomly picked to form groups of 4-8 people. (Matt Groff will be coordinating this.) You'll meet your group, decide where to go, and head out. (Everyone will pay for their own meal.) Let's enjoy getting to know our Church family!

CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS! In 2025 Southminster Presbyterian Church will celebrate 100 years! What a great opportunity to CELEBRATE! We are looking for people who are interested in being part of a team that will plan the celebration(s) for this great event. If you are interested, please let Interim Pastor Doug Marshall know: doug@spchurch.org.



THE ALL-CHURCH PROGRESSIVE DINNER returns Saturday, April 20 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. (early departure fine, of course!). You're invited, and friends and family are welcome. Meal addresses (four stops over the evening) will be provided at the opening appetizer location. Please RSVP by April 6 to spchurchlife@gmail.com, and if willing to host, please indicate your preferred course to serve and the number of people you can host (between 8 and 12 guests per course is typical). The cost per person is \$10 for non-hosting guests. We look forward to seeing you!



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS: We will be decorating our worship spaces with flowers for Easter Sunday morning! To order memorial or honorary Easter flowers, please complete the form in the bulletin (also available at the church entrances) and send it to the church office with your check payable to Southminster church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. You can also pay by using the GIVE button noting that it's for "Easter Flowers". The fee is \$12, and the deadline for orders is Friday, March 15. Flowers may be picked up after each Celebration of Worship on Easter Sunday.



ADULT INTEREST CENTER: The Adult Interest Center hosts a gathering for South Hills seniors on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and invite a friend to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food! The featured entertainer for March 1 will be Singer Curtis Franciscus. For more information email Fred Barnes at info@spchurch.org or call the church office.

JESUS AND JOE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: This time of men's fellowship meets every Friday morning from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in Southminster House. Recently, Pastor Doug challenged us to *Remain* or *Abide* in Christ which prompted us to do a deeper dive into this subject using the Bible study "Abiding in Christ". Please let Fred Barnes know if you would like to join our group by emailing info@spchurch.org or calling the church office.

SARAH CIRCLE: Please join us on Tuesday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Southminster House for our monthly Sarah Circle meeting for women. Tom Etzel will be speaking about the Peace Building Foundation, an organization that teaches young people how to make positive connections with others. There will be refreshments and time for fellowship so please feel free to bring a friend or two. If you have any questions or plan to bring a guest, contact Jane at Jane341@aol.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Save the dates for "The Great Jungle Journey" themed program: July 22 – 26 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Exciting details to come! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at jennifer@spchurch.org or register using the following link: <https://southminster2024vbs.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/>. Registration for the kids will open soon!

SOUTHMINSTER CHILD CARE CENTER is looking for energetic staff to join their team in the Toddler and Preschool classrooms. We offer comprehensive learning experiences that promote the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development of each child in a nurturing and loving environment. SCCC provides competitive wages with PTO and paid holidays. We are also offering a sign-on bonus after the completion of a probationary period. Health insurance assistance is also available. If you are interested, you may call 412-571-9229 or email childcare@spchurch.org.

SOUTHMINSTER EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY is currently enrolling students ages 1 year to Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in registering your student or would like more information, please contact Lori Guenther at lori@spchurch.org or 412-770-8095.

SAFE CHURCH: Please join us for training on our Safe Church policies and procedures, on Sunday April 7th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Elders, Deacons, Sunday School teachers, youth volunteers and other volunteers should attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SUBS: We're looking for some additional volunteers to serve as occasional Sunday School substitutes. No experience needed, just a willingness to teach the youngest church members how much God loves them. Sunday School is taught each Sunday from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in the newly renovated "Kingdom Keepers" children's wing. If you are interested, please email Jennifer at Jennifer@spchurch.org.

CHILDCARE AND SELA FUNDRAISERS - SARRIS CHOCOLATES:

To support these programs, orders can be placed online at sarrisfundraising@sarris Candies.com through March 22, and your order will be delivered right to your home in time for Easter.

For the **Southminster Early Learning Academy (SELA):** Use Group ID# 10-0596.
(Questions? Email katrinapgh@gmail.com.)

For the **Southminster Child Care Center:** Use Group ID# 10-0899.
(Questions? Email childcare@spchurch.org.)

Your support is greatly appreciated!