

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

The whole world is a theater for the display of the divine goodness, wisdom, justice, and power, but the Church is the orchestra, as it were – the most conspicuous part of it.
John Calvin

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 dear son Jason, and with hope for all those shattered by addiction, by Ron and Judy Charlton, and in loving memory of Carl Colteryahn, by his wife Esther and his family.

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. (There will be no Childcare offered during the All-Church Brunch on March 17 or on Easter Sunday, March 31.)

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 the worship service.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SEMINAR: This class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and is open to all adults and high school students. For the next two weeks we have Elders helping us consider what we might do and who we might become in the practice of our faith. This morning Beth Frear-Hosking will be focusing on the topic of *Healing*. On March 10 Karen Rossi will be discussing *Hospitality*.

"SPRING FORWARD!": Just a reminder to set your clocks ahead next Saturday night for Daylight Savings Time.



HOLY WEEK PLANS AND ACTIVITIES:

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24: On this day we recognize the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem among the welcoming crowds. On this occasion, children are invited to meet in the Narthex at 10:55 a.m. to join the Palm Processional, leading the choir waving the traditional palms in celebration.

EASTER EGG HUNT, MARCH 24: This is a fun opportunity for kids to learn about the Christian meaning of Easter. We'll have a time of family worship and music, hunt for eggs that contain symbols of Easter, and hear the story of the Resurrection. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 412-343-8900 or info@spchurch.org.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a Tenebrae service with Communion, in recognition of Jesus' Last Supper and his impending suffering on the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31:

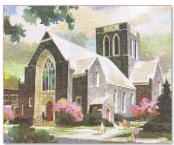
We will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord at our regular service times: 9:00 a.m. with the Crossings band in Fellowship Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, both decorated with a beautiful display of spring flowers, and with a message and music recognizing the meaning and joy of the occasion. (There will not be Sunday School or Childcare this day, and we will not be offering the Café refreshments.)

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.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Southminster will host the meal at *The Table* at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community on the South Side on Thursday, March 7, 2024. You can volunteer at the site to plate the food in the kitchen or to serve the diners at their tables. There's an opportunity for interaction with the diners, and everyone helps with clean-up after dinner. You can also volunteer to help prepare the food here in the kitchen at Southminster at 1:00 pm for it to be delivered to Hot Metal at 4:30 pm. If you'd like to help with any part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Fred Barnes at info@spchurch.org or call the Church Office.

TONIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT with fun for all ages, this afternoon at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Members, Visitors and friends are all welcome. We're planning to show the movie *Encanto* and light snacks and soft drinks will be provided.



OUR ALL- CHURCH BRUNCH will be held between the services on Sunday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come to enjoy a delicious meal and get to know your church family. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. You can let us know if you're planning to attend by calling the church office at 412-343-8900 or send an email to info@spchurch.org. (Sunday School classes will not be meeting this day.)

THE SPC LUNCH BUNCH: Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy our second outing, on March 24 (and on the 4th Sunday of each month through the Spring). Anyone interested can meet at the front of the Sanctuary right after the 11:00 a.m. service. Names will be randomly picked to form groups of 4-8 people. You'll meet your group, decide where to go, and head out. (Everyone will pay for their own meal.)



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'd like to join the team, please let Interim Pastor Doug Marshall know: doug@spchurch.org.

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 15 will be Singer Kateryna Boiko. 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.



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!