

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

The unique thing about Jesus Christ is that he is both human and divine. Not just human. Not just divine. Both, at the same time. To keep these two seeming opposites together, simultaneously, is the hardest thing followers of Jesus have to do.

~ Eugene Peterson ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this Celebration of Worship. May we, 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 by David and Betsy Charles in loving memory of their parents Harry & Millie Charles and C.W. "Boots" & Audrey Heath.

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 the worship service.

CHILDREN'S SERMON! Families of little ones, we are excited to announce that instead of having the "Time with the Young Church" during worship (except for Communion Sundays), children through 5th grade will be given their own message in one of the Kingdom Keepers Wing classrooms during the time of the sermon in the service. They will then return to the service at an appropriate time. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Stampfel at jennifer@spchurch.org.

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. Pastor Doug will be leading the class in April to explore life and writings of C.S. Lewis, whose faith and writings are still contemporary, encourage us in our own lives, and challenge us to grow in our faith. Please join us!



APRIL MISSION OPPORTUNITY: The April Hunger Offering will be collected to purchase McDonald's Gift Cards to be included in the winter kits of warm outerwear that we offer to homeless individuals in Pittsburgh. The Hunger Offering will be received at the worship services throughout the month of April. You can use the designated envelopes available at the crossings table and in the Narthex, write a check with "Hunger offering in the memo line, or make your donation online.

BLOOD DRIVE: Southminster will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall. To schedule an appointment to donate: Go to vitalant.org and search with Account Code UG0010147, or call 877-25VITAL (877-258-4825). Walk-Ins are also welcome.



THE MONTHLY "LUNCH BUNCH": Please join us on April 28 for our next outing to get to know other members of our church family. 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 for lunch. (Everyone will pay for their own meal.)

MOVIE NIGHT! Please join us on Monday, April 29 for "Dream Horse 2020", a Welsh film based on a true story. We'll begin with pizza at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will start around 6:45, followed by an insightful discussion led by Elaine Wertheim. RSVP's are encouraged: spchurchlife@gmail.com. There is no charge but a freewill offering will be taken.

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 meal is at Noon for the cost of \$9.00). On April 19th speaker Jeffrey Deceder will give a talk entitled "Fun From Within". On May 3rd we will have the Vintage Radio Players perform an old time radio show. On May 17th speaker Andy Quinn will present a "History of Kennywood". For more information email Fred Barnes at fred@spchurch.org.



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. We are currently starting to watch Season 4 of the video series "The Chosen". These are timeless lessons from the teaching of Christ that are well written and acted. As Jesus approaches the fulfillment of his mission here on earth things are getting interesting! The disciples don't always understand his teachings. No wonder we don't always understand his parables.

Please join us for the fellowship and discussion that follows the video. Please let Fred Barnes know if you would like to join our group by emailing info@spchurch.org or calling the church office.

SARAH'S CIRCLE: Please join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. at Southminster House for our monthly Sarah's Circle meeting for women. Pastor Doug Marshall will share pictures and stories of his pilgrimages to the Holy Land. There will also be refreshments and time for fellowship. Please feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions or plan to bring a guest, please email eileen@spchurch.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Join us for our annual Women's Retreat May 10 & 11 with Elaine Wertheim and Jennifer Stampfel leading an exploration and discussion of the crucial role that Mary Magdalene played in Jesus' ministry. We'll be meeting at Sandscree in Wheeling West Virginia from 6:00 p.m. Friday to Noon on Saturday. Please RSVP by May 3 to Gwen Hepler: eslgwen@yahoo.com to allow for planning and preparation. The fee is \$160, which can be paid by check mailed to the church with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line, or online with "Women's Retreat" indicated in the Notes section. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: Join your friends before school for a free pancake breakfast in Fellowship on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 a.m. No reservations are necessary, and guests are welcome! If you have any questions, please call the church office 412-343-8900.



CALLING ALL BAKERS! As part of our Scottish Sunday worship service and celebration we will be offering Scottish shortbread along with our usual refreshments. Donations of this traditional treat are requested from members or friends who wish to share their gifts with the congregation in this way. For more information, please feel free to contact Shannon Neemes at shannon_neemes@yahoo.com or 412-759-2679.

SCOTTISH SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS: We're looking for volunteers to assist with the refreshments on Scottish Sunday. There are several ways you can help on this occasion, whether assisting in the set-up, serving, or clean-up after the refreshments are served. Please let us know if you're available by calling the church or emailing info@spchurch.org.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee is looking for church members who feel a calling to serve the church as deacons and elders. If you are interested, or if you would like to recommend someone, please contact Chris Porretta at chrisporretta@yahoo.com.

HELP WANTED: We're looking for additional volunteers to staff the Reception Desk in the mornings or afternoons. Receptionists answer the phones, give access to the building, and may help assemble Sunday bulletins. Training is provided and the position offers great benefits ... staff appreciation, prompt attention to visitors, and a pleasant interaction with callers. It's also a great way to provide meaningful service and to interact with members and friends as you offer a warm welcome and assistance to others. For more information, please contact Paula Iannotta at paula@spchurch.org or 412-343-8900.