

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

The words are the key to the whole prayer, to all prayer. It takes time, it takes life to study them; it will take eternity to understand them fully. The knowledge of God's Father-love is the first and simplest, but also the last and highest lesson in the school of prayer. ~ Andrew Murray

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 in loving memory of Al Akers by Darlene Akers.

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE Sunday mornings for infants to 4 years, from 8:45 to 11:30 a.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.

"LEMONADE IN THE BREEZEWAY" will be served after the 10:00 a.m. worship service throughout the summer. Stop by for a cool drink, a cookie, and fellowship. (Children will be welcome to play on the playground but requested to keep food in the breezeway.)

NEW CHURCH HOSTESS: With much appreciation for her 15 years of ministry at Southminster, we have accepted the resignation of our Church Hostess, Sue Remely. With Sue's endorsement we are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Boyd as her replacement. Elizabeth was the founding owner of Uptown Coffee and comes with many years of experience. Please join us in welcoming her as she begins her work with us.

OUR JULY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Hunger Offering

The Hunger Offering for July is being collected to support the Sojourner House. Located in East Liberty, it provides rehabilitation services to women in recovery, along with their children, to heal and transition into the community. The Offering will be received at the worship services beginning Sunday, July 7, and throughout the month of July. You can also give online or by mailing a check to the Church Office with "Hunger Offering" in the note section or memo line.

The Table Community Ministry

On Thursday, July 11th, Southminster Church will be this month's host for the "The Table", a meal served to the community at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community on the South Side. Volunteers will serve the food we've prepared and delivered, with an opportunity for interaction with the diners. And after the meal is served, everyone helps with clean-up. If you don't want to travel to the South Side, you can volunteer to help prepare the food here in the kitchen at Southminster at 1:00 pm with Sue Remely before it's transported to Hot Metal at 4:30 pm. If you're interested in helping with any part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Fred at info@spchurch.org or call the Church Office.

JESUS AND JOE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: This fellowship takes place on Friday mornings from 8 am until 9:30 a.m. in Southminster House. It is open to all men of the church. Our next meeting will be Friday, July 12th. (We will not meet on Friday, July 5th as the church is closed.) We will start watching Season 4 of the video series "The Chosen". This is an excellent portrayal of Jesus's life with his disciples. Please join us as your schedule allows. It is always a good time of fellowship and discussion.



ADULT INTEREST CENTER: The Adult Interest Center will not be meeting in July and August. This time for fellowship and fun for seniors is usually held the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m. with a meal at Noon. Please look for the announcement of our September meeting during which we will celebrate our 50th anniversary!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP! We're planning a brief trip to Washington, DC for our 6th to 12th graders to volunteer at a local outreach program providing meals to the community. The dates are Thursday, August 15th – Saturday, August 17th. We will also be visiting a local museum or two, including the Museum of the Bible. More information will be available soon, but we'd appreciate knowing of any youth who might possibly be interested in this opportunity as we move forward with our planning. Please contact Jenn at Jennifer@spchurch.org to let her know.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) ! Kids from 4 years to 5th grade are invited to join us July 22 – 26 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for a variety of fun activities as we explore God's Word. Our jungle-themed adventure includes games, crafts, music, stories, snacks, and more! The cost is \$25 per child / \$45 per family. Registration ends July 15! You can find the registration link on our website: www.spchurch.org or use the QR code on the flyers throughout the church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS. We are looking forward to a fun-filled time at VBS and we need volunteers to help make this a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer Stampfel: jennifer@spchurch.org or sign up using the registration link on our website: www.spchurch.org. Children who have completed 5th grade may also volunteer to be junior leaders. Please join us!

COMMUNION CLASS: Parents of 1st through 5th graders, we are planning a Communion Class for this Fall and we would love to have your child be a part of it! If you are interested in registering your child, please reach out to the church office at 412-343-8900 or contact Jenn at Jennifer@spchurch.org.

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.