

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

The mystery Paul embraces is not the mystery of darkness that must be dispelled but the mystery of light that may be entered... It takes considerable humility to embrace mystery, for in the presence of mystery, we are not in a position to control anything, to manage or pose as authorities. ~ 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 in honor of our birthday group and in loving memory of Al Akers, Charlie West, Chris Beck, Dan Hepler, Joe Robinson and Joe Wertheim by Gwen Hepler and 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.)

THANK-YOU, RAY! Raymond (Ray) Clayton, who has been the Facilities Superintendent at Southminster Presbyterian Church for 18 years, has retired. His last day was Friday, July 26. If you would like to offer a financial gift to Ray, please put it in the offering plate or send it to the office, clearly marked as a gift for Ray. Also, if anyone would like to give a card of thanks to Ray please send it to the church office and we will see that it is sent to him.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024! During this past week, Southminster welcomed over 100 children that participated in The Great Jungle Journey! VBS could not have been successful without our volunteers! Everyone from helping with decorations, crafts, preparing snacks, recreation, science, and playing music ... VBS is not possible without your help, so THANK YOU! We look forward to next year!

COMMUNITY 3 FOR 1: On Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Southminster will be the hosting meal partner for Community Three for One. There are a variety of ways you can help. You can help prepare the food in the Kitchen at Southminster beginning at 1:00 p.m. or you can arrive at 3:30 p.m. to help assemble and pack the meal bags for transport. The distribution itself begins at 5:00 in the Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brookline, and you can help pass out the meals there at that time. For questions or to volunteer, contact Pastor Fred at fred@spchurch.org or call the Church Office: 412-343-8900.

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.

OUR JULY MISSION OPPORTUNITY:



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.

NAME TAGS: The Church Life Committee will continue to order name tags for our members in support of our Get to Know Your Church Family campaign! We are excited to see so many of you wearing them!

TO ORDER: There are sign up sheets on the Church Life Welcome Tables! We will order approximately every month. Please feel free to write your name on a blank name tag until yours comes in.

NEW TAGS: When Name Tags come in they will be placed on the TOP of the magnetic board at entrance to FELLOWSHIP HALL. Please feel free to take your name tag and place it at your favorite entrances to the church or sanctuary.

LOST BACKS: We have EXTRA backs, AND we have super glue if the attached magnet comes off. Contact Betsy Charles at charlesfamily99@gmail.com

BLANK NAME TAGS: Visitors and members are encouraged to use one of the blank ones. When you leave the service, just return the tag to the board and a member of the Church Life Committee will clean it for the next Sunday.



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. We are 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.

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 looking for substitute teachers for our 2024-2025 school year. Would you like to become involved with SELA by substituting occasionally in our classes? SELA is always excited to learn about talented individuals who enjoy working with children. Teaching certification is not required. Please contact Lori Guenther at lori@spchurch.org or (412)-770-8095 for more information.