

# SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*So why church? The short answer is because the Holy Spirit formed it to be a colony of heaven in the country of death. ... Church is the core element in the strategy of the Holy Spirit for providing human witness and physical presence to the Jesus-inaugurated kingdom of God in this world. It is not that kingdom complete, but it is that kingdom. ~ 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.

**\* SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Beginning Sunday, June 9, our traditional worship service will move to 10:00 a.m. for the duration of the summer. As a reminder, there will be no Sunday School through the summer, but childcare will still be available for both services.



**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her husband, Joseph Wertheim; her parents, Fred and Eleanor Edwards; and grandparents, Ada and Viers Edwards, by Elaine Wertheim and her son, Ben.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate flowers for our services, there are openings available in June and going forward. Please let us know by emailing Patty Dobbins at [pdobbins15228@gmail.com](mailto:pdobbins15228@gmail.com) or calling the church office: 412-343-8900.

**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 not be Sunday School on May 26 and throughout the summer, but childcare will be available.)

**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 with refreshments 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. On May 19<sup>th</sup> Sarah Cannon will lead a discussion of the new worship banners in our sanctuary and their meaning. The last day of Sunday School is May 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday School on May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend) and throughout the summer.

**OUR MAY MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Southminster plans to join with the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Foundation of Hope to provide bibles to the Allegheny County Jail. Our Outreach Committee has committed to provide 50 of these bibles and is inviting the congregation to provide additional funding to match this contribution. You can make a donation using a pew envelope noting that it is for bibles, write a check with bibles in the memo line, or online indicating bibles in the Notes section. We are excited about this opportunity to provide an instructive and encouraging resource to incarcerated individuals, and the particular version selected is the Life Recovery Bible. There are copies outside the Worship spaces if you would like to take a look.



**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held this Sunday May 19 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This annual meeting will include the 2023 Financial Report and the Election of Elders and Deacons.

**THE MONTHLY “LUNCH BUNCH”:** Plan to join our next outing on May 26, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. 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.)



**OUR ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST** will be held between the services on Sunday, June 2, 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](mailto:info@spchurch.org). (Sunday School classes will not be meeting this day.)

**ADULT INTEREST CENTER:** The Adult Interest Center (AIC) is an outreach to seniors in the South Hills which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 catered meal is at Noon for the cost of \$9.00). On June 7<sup>th</sup> we will have guest speaker Gail Griffith giving a talk about “Foods of Pittsburgh”. On June 21<sup>st</sup> we will be entertained by saxophone player Robbie Klein. We will not meet in July or August but will kick off the fall with a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in September. For more information contact Fred Barnes at [fred@spchurch.org](mailto: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 starting a new study by on Jesus' “I Am” statements. Come join us as we discuss what it means as Jesus declares himself to be the light of the world and the bread of life. This fellowship is open to all men of the church but is open to friends as well. It is always a diverse and spirited discussion. Try it out! Any questions can be directed to Fred Barnes at [fred@spchurch.org](mailto:fred@spchurch.org).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** Save the dates for “The Great Jungle Journey” themed program: July 22 – 26 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at [jennifer@spchurch.org](mailto:jennifer@spchurch.org) or register using the following link: <https://southminster2024vbs.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/>. **Registration for kids opens May 23.** With early registration the cost is \$20 per child / \$40 per family. You can find the registration link on our website: [www.spchurch.org](http://www.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](mailto: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](mailto:lori@spchurch.org) or 412-770-8095.

**FOOD PANTRY HELPERS:** The Southminster Food Pantry has an urgent need for drivers to make deliveries to recipients in local communities. There are also other tasks for which help is needed including organizing and scheduling the deliveries, and shopping for and assembling the donation bags. Please consider volunteering some time to this valuable ministry. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Nancy Clifton: [nancyclifton@aol.com](mailto:nancyclifton@aol.com) or 412-561-1913.

**EMAIL NEWSLETTER AND UPDATES:** If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter and periodic church updates, please let us know with an email to [info@spchurch.org](mailto:info@spchurch.org). We'd love to hear from you to get you signed up to stay in touch.

**\* NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**