

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Following Christ includes belonging, not just believing. We are members of his Body – the church. C.S. Lewis noted that the word membership is of Christian origin, but the world has emptied it of its original meaning. Stores offer discounts to “members,” and advertisers use member names to create mailing lists. In churches, membership is often reduced to simply adding your name to a roll, with no requirements or expectations. ~ Rick Warren

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 Luetta Waddell in memory of Loved Ones.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Beginning this Sunday, June 9th, our Traditional Worship Service (normally at 11:00 a.m.) will move to 10:00 a.m. for the duration of the summer. As a reminder, there will be no Sunday School beginning that date and throughout the summer, but childcare will still be available for both services.

CHILDCARE SUNDAY MORNINGS is available for infants to 4 years, from 8:45 a.m. 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, beginning this morning, June 9th, and continuing through the summer. Stop by for a cool drink, a cookie, and fellowship. (Children will be encouraged to play on the playground, but to please keep food in the breezeway.)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY! Join us in welcoming and congratulating the 2024 Confirmands this morning at both worship services. This special worship time will include scripture readings, questions and answers with confirmands, and their statements of faith. We hope that you will join us in welcoming these wonderful future members of Southminster!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please let the church know (412-343-8900) so we can recognize them. We will list them in the bulletin at a later date, and pray for them during worship.



THE PICKUP OF PEPPERONI ROLLS, supporting the Southminster Bells trip this summer, will be Sunday, June 16th. After the 9:00 a.m. Crossings Service they will be in the foyer by the double glass doors. After the 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service they will be in the narthex at the back of the church. Lunch is ready!

LISTENING SESSION: The Session of Southminster Church wants to continue to listen to the members and friends of SPC, and to share with you the good news of what God is doing here. You are invited to join with a small group of elders who are currently on session, to share your ideas, questions, and concerns, as well as to hear from the session members information about SPC. The next gathering will be on Sunday, June 23, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service, in the Chapel.

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 or call the church office: 412-343-8900. We'd love to hear from you to get you signed up to stay in touch.

ADULT INTEREST CENTER: The Adult Interest Center (AIC) is an outreach to seniors in the South Hills which meets 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 catered meal is at Noon for the cost of \$9.00). On June 21st 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 50th anniversary celebration in September. For more information contact 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 now doing a study 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 as well as friends. It is always a diverse and spirited discussion. Try it out! Any questions can be directed to Fred Barnes at fred@spchurch.org.



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! Take advantage of early registration now! Cost: \$20 per child / \$40 per family through June 21. After June 21 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!

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.

OUR JUNE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

HUNGER OFFERING

The June Hunger Offering will go to support Community 3 for 1 which provides free weekly meals to the community in Brookline. In addition, clothing & hygiene products are also offered, and all this takes place in an atmosphere of naturally occurring conversation and fellowship. The Hunger Offering will be received throughout the month of June. You can give online or by mailing a check to the Church Office, with "Hunger Offering" in the note section or memo line.



COMMUNITY 3 FOR 1

On Wednesday, June 12, 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.

BROTHER'S BROTHER

Join us on Wednesday, June 19th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon as we join with the Brother's Brother Foundation to fill drawstring sport packs with hygiene items for use in areas touched by disaster. They are located at 1200 Galveston Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15233. <https://brothersbrother.org>. We could use up to 14 people on this project, age 12 and over, and groups of four teenagers must include one adult. Closed toe shoes are required. Please let us know if you're interested in volunteering by emailing info@spchurch.org, or call the church office.

