




Southminster News

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Regular Office Hours
Monday to Friday
9 am to 4 pm



Sunday Worship Services
10:30 a.m.
In person or live streamed on Facebook

Minister's Message:

The first Sunday in March we will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting. I wish to offer thanks to Gabrielle Dumont whose term will be ending as the Chair of Southminster's Church Council.

Gabrielle took on the role during an incredibly challenging time in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, probably the most difficult period the church has faced since 1988, when The United Church of Canada was engaging in tumultuous debates over human sexuality and membership.

Gabrielle also exercised leadership in response to a request at the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting for Southminster to explore becoming an Affirming Ministry, serving as a member of the Affirming taskforce.

All throughout her three-year term as chair, she continued to serve faithfully as one of our Sunday School teachers and an organizer for our annual Vacation Bible School.

In addition to Gabrielle, I wish to offer deep thanks to every person who volunteers their time and talent to the Church Council and all of its committees: Worship & Music, Church in Society, Finance & Stewardship, Property, Pastoral Care, Ministry & Personnel, Faith Formation, Planned Giving, Affirming Ministry, Canyon Church Camp, our lay representatives to Chinook Winds Regional Council, and the Board of Trustees.

Your contributions are so appreciated, and your combined effort contributes to making Southminster the special community of faith that it is.

In addition to those with named roles on the Council and committees, I would also offer thanks for those who serve faithfully as volunteers each week as ushers and communion servers, scripture readers, and coffee hosts. Those who offer hospitality during funerals, who host book club, who plant and water the flowers in front of the building, and rake the leaves. Those who lead Sunday's children's time, who manage the archives, and, and teach Sunday School. Those who make pastoral visits, and check in with other people they know in the church (and share pastoral emergencies with the minister, please).

Thanks to those who make liturgical art, who cover for staff in the office when they are away, and those who supervise the annual book sale. Those who host fall suppers and Christmas Bazaars, who make soup for Foodgrains fundraisers and Lenten lunches, who decorate the building for each season. For those who sing in the choir, and make Southminster such a musical place.



Lenten Lunch on February 29, 2024

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There are so many people who make small, invisible contributions each week that allow Southminster to function, and to be God's instrument of love, peace, and justice in our community.

In November, Jack Sherman shared with us in worship "Why he comes to Southminster," and concluded with a poem entitled *This is My Church*. I wish to share it again with you here in thanksgiving for all the contributions each of you make to the life of our congregation:

This is my church. It is composed of people just like me. It will be friendly if I am. It will do a great work if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others into its fellowship if I bring them. Its seats will be filled if I fill them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service. If I who make it what it is, am filled with these, Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all these things I want my church to be.

Thank you all for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ, our servant king.

- *Rev. Taylor*

Chair of Council – A Family connection?

Archives Corner
By Trish Purkis

Recently, two questions were posed:

- A) In the history of the **council**, has there ever been a **parent/child** who assumed the chairmanship of this important committee? and
- B) Who was the first **woman** to serve as chairperson of the council?

The church council of today, was called **the official board** in the beginning. The official board is comprised of a chairman, recording secretary and representatives from other committees, who gathered to discuss the work of the church.

Checking back through the official board meeting minutes beginning in 1935, the minutes were complete, typed and signed at the bottom of the page by the recording secretary and the chairman. The chairman of the official board in those early days was the minister; he also led the group in a prayer and devotional. There had been interim chairs throughout the years and served either one or two times until the minister resumed that role.

So, one of the above questions have been answered.

As for the second question. There have no women chairs until the 1990s. The honour goes to **Joan Smith** who was chairperson for 1992-94. She also did another stint as chairperson in 2009-2010.

Congratulations to Corinne Steele for her appointment to the Council chairpersonship in March. This makes Joan and her daughter the first parent/child chairpersons for the church council.

- *By Trish Purkis, Church Archivist*



Corinne and Joan lighting the Advent Wreath during a recorded Covid-19 Christmas Eve service in 2020.

**Coming up on Sunday,
April 14
Following worship:**

**A historic “Behind the
Scenes” Southminster
Tour with Joan Smith.**

**Joan has attended
Southminster since
1963 and is an absolute
wealth of knowledge
what comes to all things
Southminster.**

Lenten lunches 2024 Served Thursdays at NOON

<i>Date</i>	<i>hosted by</i>
March 7	St. Augustine’s Anglican
March 14	St. Andrews Presbyterian
March 21	Lethbridge Mennonite/ Christ Trinity Lutheran

Everyone is welcome to join for lunch at the above locations - it’s a nice way to get to know some of our neighbouring congregations

Southminster’s 17th Annual Book Sale!

Friday March 1 5 - 8pm
Saturday March 2 10am to 2pm

All books \$3 each
5 for \$10
Or fill a box for \$20


Puzzles, too!



TACO in a BAG -

brought to you by the HOLY SHIP crew!

What could be more Canadian than having Mexican food on St. Patrick’s day, served by a multi-national team of Dragonboaters?

 **HAPPY
ST. PATRICK’S
DAY!**

Have Lunch With Us !!

After Church Sunday March 17th

\$ 7.00 per meal

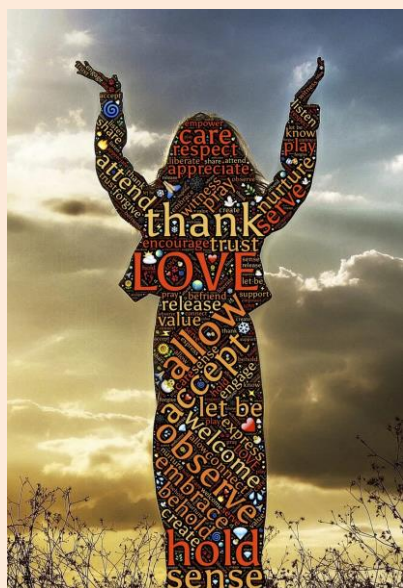


Six O'clock in the Chapel

not available for Sunday morning worship, or prefer something a little less formal? This monthly Saturday evening gathering is for you!

Please join Hilary Squires in worship on **Saturday, March 9 at 6:00 pm** in the small and welcoming Buchanan Chapel.

Not your regular time, not your regular service!



Tad Talk on Saturday, March 16, At 10:30 AM in the lounge

Subject of Discussion: **"After Death - What happens? How should we think about our future? What is the message of Easter in this context?"**

We will examine our understanding of the traditional messages like: Eternal Life, Resurrection, and Heaven. Most of them are the creation of the outdated belief system which termed death as the punishment for sin and the ultimate end.

Also, it is influenced by the fact that the process of dying was pain and suffering. The world is changing fast and the negativity of death is receding.. So how do we understand the meaning of Resurrection?

With Rev. Tad Mitsui

Friday Fit for Life at Southminster 9:30 - 10:15 am.

Group Fitness Class for all fitness levels, ages and genders. Our awesome instructor Victoria keeps us challenged according to the individual fitness level and ability. Bring a friend!

Classes run for 45 minutes in a circuit style. Exercises are designed to be easily modified if needed, while listening to fun music. All equipment provided, just come wearing indoor shoes and comfortable clothes.

by Donation suggested \$5 per person, pay what you can

Our Saturday morning at Ten Thirty

activities by Faith Formation Committee are ongoing in March! All offered at 10:30 a.m.

- March 2 Booksale
- March 9 In the Write Mind
- March 16 Tad Talk
- March 23 Pysanky Eggs
- March 30 Eggs again

More information available in our weekly Friday emails.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 16 at 9 AM

All men of the congregation are invited! Please sign up on the sheet posted by the Lounge.

If you are able to help with set up, cooking, or clean up, please indicate that on the sheet.

Cost \$10 per person.



Canyon Church Camp

We will have our annual **Canyon Camp AGM on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm on Zoom**. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you are on the board or not. As usual, we are also looking for active board members. It is going to be a busy year as we start construction at camp!

What better way to get the inside scoop than by joining me on the board. We meet virtually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. If you are unsure, why don't you come to a few meetings to check us out? If you would like a copy of our annual report and want to come to our virtual AGM, send me a message at whittmirefamily@gmail.com or call the church office. I would love to see more Southminster faces there!

As always, if you have any questions about camp, the board, the rebuild, or how you can help, please do not hesitate to contact me. And most importantly, spread the word that Canyon is back!!!!

Christina Whittmire

President, Canyon Church Camp



Lent and Easter worship services:

Lenten Sundays: March 3/10/17 worship at 10:30 am

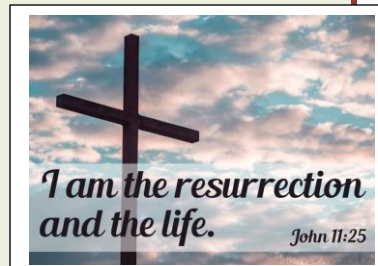
Lenten Study with Rev. Taylor: March 17 and March 24 following worship (no reading material required)

Palm Sunday March 24 at 10:30 am at Southminster

Maundy Thursday *Joint worship* on March 28 at 6pm at McKillop (with a meal served)

Good Friday *Joint worship* on March 29 at 10:30 am at Southminster

Easter Sunday on March 31 at 10:30 am at Southminster, special music by Bridge Brass



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship Annual Congregational Meeting after worship with Potluck lunch 6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH)</p>	<p>4 9-10 am Sportball (UH) 1-2pm Sportball (UH) 4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)</p>	<p>5 9-11 am Sportball (UH) 4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 5pm – 8pm 100 Women Who Care 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>6 4-5pm Music Together (UH) 5pm Lutherans (Ch) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (SMH) 7-9:30pm Choir Practice (Ch) 7:30-8:30pm Roller skate Lethbridge (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH) 5:30-8pm Soup Kitchen Fundraiser (6:30 concert)</p>	<p>7 9am-5:30pm Birthday Reception (SMH, K) 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L) 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7:30pm Sportball (UH) 7-8:30pm String Orch. (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH) 5:30-8pm Soup Kitchen Fundraiser (6:30 concert)</p>	<p>8 9-10am Sportball (UH) 9:30 am Fit for Life (SMH) 1-2pm Music Together (UH) 3-9pm SACLIA (SMH, K) 4-6pm SticKball Party (UH) 10-11pm Setup Ertireans (SMH) 6 O'Clock in the Chapel</p>	<p>9 9:30am-3pm Vox (SMH) 11am-2pm Vox Reh. (S) 3-5pm Sportball BD (UH) 3:30pm-10pm Ertireans (SMH, K,UH) 6 O'Clock in the Chapel</p>
<p>10 1am-5pm Ertirean (SMH, UH, K) 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship PIE Day 6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH)</p>	<p>11 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 4pm Book Club (L) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 6-9:30pm LCI Concert (S) 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba (SMH) 7-9pm OUTREACH (BR) 7-9pm Vox Musica (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>12 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 4pm Book Club (L) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 6-9:30pm LCI Concert (S) 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba (SMH) 7-9pm OUTREACH (BR) 7-9pm Vox Musica (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>13 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 4-5pm Music Together (UH) 5pm Lutherans (Ch) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (SMH) 7-9:30pm Choir Practice (Ch) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH) 6-9pm Music Festival Instrumental Concert (S)</p>	<p>14 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L) 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 7-8:30pm String Orch. (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>15 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 9:30 am Fit for Life (UH) 1-2pm Music Together (UH) 4-6pm Roller skating BD (SMH)</p>	<p>16 9am Men's Club Breakfast (SMH) 10:30am Tad's Bible Study (L) 12-4pm Music Festival (S) 2pm Musical Theatre Concert (S) 4-6pm Sportball BD (UH)</p>
<p>17 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Worship Taco-in-a-bag fundraising lunch 12pm Lenten Study (L) 2-4pm Sportball BD (UH) 6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH)</p>	<p>18 9-10 am Sportball (UH) 1-2pm Sportball (UH) 4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 6:30-10pm Symphony Concert (SMH, S, L)</p>	<p>19 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 9-11 am Sportball (UH) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 4pm Book Club (L) 4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba (SMH) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>20 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 4-5pm Music Together (UH) 5pm Lutherans (Ch) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (SMH) 6pm Church Council (BR) 6-9pm Music Festival (S, UH) 7-9:30pm Choir Practice (Ch) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>21 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 1-4pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L) 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7:30pm Sportball (UH) 5pm Symphony (BR) 7-8:30pm String Orch. (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>22 8:30am-12pm Music Festival (SMH, S) 9:30 am Fit for Life (UH) 4-6pm Roller skating BD (SMH)</p>	<p>23 10am-12pm Sportball BD (UH) 12-4pm Music Festival (S) 2pm Stars of the Festival (S) 1-5:15pm Sportball BD (UH)</p>
<p>24 9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch) 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship 12pm Lenten Study (L) 6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH) 31 10:30 am Worship <i>Easter Sunday</i></p>	<p>25 6-11pm Symphony (SMH)</p>	<p>26 9-11 am Sportball (UH) 12:30-2pm Mommy Conn (UH) 4pm Book Club (L) 4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH) 5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch) 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba (SMH) 7-9pm Vox Musica (S) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>27 5:30-7pm It's About Music (SMH) 7-9:30pm Choir Practice (Ch) 7:30-8:30pm Roller skate Lethbridge (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>28 10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L) 11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada 4:30-7:30pm Sportball (UH) 6pm Maundy Thursday worship At McKillop (meal included) 7-8:30pm String Orch. (SMH) 8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>29 10:30am Good Friday Worship (S) 12pm Lutherans (Ch) <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>30</p>