

Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
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Lent 4

March 30, 2003

Welcome!

If you are new to our Community of Faith,

A Special Welcome!

TODAY:

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Baby-care ALL AGES TOGETHER, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten 'Stone Soup Study', 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study: "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday:

- ★ Christopher Leadership Course, 7:00 pm
- ★ Healing Pathways, 7:00 pm

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Conference Staff 'Retreat', 1:00 pm
- ★ Property Maintenance Committee, 7:15 pm
- ★ Christian Development, 7:15 pm

Wednesday:

- ★ Lenten Bag Lunch Study, 12:00 noon
- ★ Wednesday Worship: Sacred Circle Dance, 7:30 pm

Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out, 9:15 am
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 pm

Friday:

- ★ Children's Choir, 6:00 pm
- ★ YOSS, 7:00 pm

Saturday:

- ★ Edmonton Presbytery at Kirk United Church, 9 am - 4 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, April 6, Lent 5

- ★ Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten 'Stone Soup Study', 11:30 am

SUNDAY, April 13, Lent 6 (Palm Sunday)

- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- COMMUNION



Irish Stew Supper

A bouquet of thanks to all for your time and effort to make our evening such a success. Although not a fund raiser our Church has benefited by about \$1,000 —The Adult, Junior, and "Silvertones" Choirs



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

To the end of February 2003 givings to General Operations total \$40,713 compared to \$35,756 last year.

- ☺ to request offering envelopes, to inquire about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) or to verify contribution status, please contact Ann Didluck, Envelope Steward, 435-2288.
- ☺ There are boxes of offering envelopes for 2003 in the foyer.
- ☺ Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



WOMEN'S SPRING FLING

Sat. April 12

8:45 am 5:00 pm

Place: Southminster-Steinhauer

Lunch included in \$15.00 Registration Fee

A day to honour ourselves and other women. Join us for fun, discussion, celebration, singing, eating and making new friends.

Deadline for registration is Monday, April 7

Forms available in foyer and in office.

Contacts: Sandi Lockhart 434-4797

Susan Frame 434-8573



YOSS

(Youth Of Southminster-Steinhauer)

Friday, April 4

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm



DRAMA GROUP

Friday, April 11 and April 25

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Set-up Team

April 6 - Don & Shirley Junk

April 13/20—Marg & Jim Robertson



Silvertones' Schedule

April 13 Regular Practice Time
Following Worship - Lunch
Provided

April 20 Meet 9:30 am In Lounge
Sing In Service

Heartbeats

We keep these friends in mind during their hospitalization.

- ★ Doris Hislop
- ★ Neil Robertson
- ★ Gordon McFadyen's Father

HOW CAN WE BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?

I would be interested in having more information about:

- this congregation and the United Church of Canada
- membership in this congregation (confirmation/transfer)
- current programs at our church or Committee Membership
- how this church and the people in it might help me on my Christian faith journey
- how I could get help dealing with a current personal problem or crisis in my life
- marriage/covenant, baptism
- children's faith development and youth and young adult ministries
- committee membership

My name is:

My phone number is:

The best time to call me is _____

or

I will call the Church Office

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Southminster-Steinhauer is an **Affirming Congregation**, a designation that signals our commitment to be a Christian community that is inclusive of all people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, their families and friends.

For more **information**, please call **Charles Bidwell, 436-8774** or **Mieke Wharton, 435-1219**.

On the second Sunday of the month, a special opportunity for fellowship is offered, referred to as the **"LGBTF and Friends Luncheon."** All are welcome.

Outreach - Families' Needs

- Bedroom/living room curtains
- Boys' clothes; 8-18
- Chest of Drawers
- Call Carol Allen - 434-1294

Duggan Health Clinic often has clients who are in need of the following:

- Cribs less than 10 years old
- Strollers with working brakes
- Infant clothing and Crib blankets
- Maternity clothes
- Car seats less than 10 years old and not involved in an accident
- Youth bicycle helmets - not involved in a fall

Outreach Committee has decided to accept donations of the above on behalf of the Clinic. Please call: Lil McEwen at **434-9761** or Carol Allen at **434-1294**.



McKee School Needs!

- ? Pants/Sweatpants Children Ages 6-12 Years (Spring Puddles Crisis)
 - ? Campbell's Soup Labels
 - ? Assistance with Breakfast Program 8—8:40 am Tuesday, Thursday or Friday
- Please call Anne McCracken 435-5676 or Bob O'Hara 434-3741



Hope you enjoyed the last edition of the Reminder! Deadline for next submission is **May 4**. Thanks to all for your cooperation in making this publication such a success!

Lenten "Stone Soup" Sundays



March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

"To Seek Justice And Resist Evil"
Video presentations and discussions
See article in Reminder "Lenten Project"
SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER FOR SOUP AND BREAD
More info: Lois Evans phone 434-4330

Kairos News



Leadership Training Workshop
"Taking Faithful Action For Justice In Your Community"
Sunday, March 30 SSUC 6 - 9 pm (includes light supper)
More Info: Rosanne Thede 461-2237

Speaking On War & Peace - A Conversation Sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice and Kairos for Albertans Interested in Peace-Building.
Please See Bulletin Boards For Further Information

This Lent ...

★ Help Grow a Better World

By supporting the development of Community gardens in the Entre Rios region of Argentina.

★ These gardens are for supplying school lunch programs, now that former government programs have not been able to continue.

Local churches are involved, but need outside assistance.

★ The project will not only maintain the important school program with a local supply of food, but will provide training to both children and parents as they face the struggles of restoring their local economy.

★ Estimated cost to establish one garden is \$2,300 to \$2,775 CDN; equipment, seeds, training and supervision

★ Our own D'Elia family here in Edmonton knows the region and will help us understand the need and circumstances of present day Argentina.

★ SPECIAL ENVELOPES marked 'Help Grow A Better World...Argentinian Project 2003' will be made available. Our special gifts will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13.

★ Note...the envelopes that were included in the recent 'Reminder' are for the United Church of Canada **WORLD DEVELOPMENT/RELIEF FUND**. Lent/Easter gifts to this part of our 'Mission and Service Fund' will be gratefully received.

★ Thank you for helping to **GROW A BETTER WORLD**.

Seasons of Life: An Easter Event

Of Special Interest to Women
Men Also Welcome

This will be an opportunity to look at our losses and consider our hope during an evening of reflection, sacred circle dancing, and music. Refreshments will be provided. Music by Barb Myers
Knox-Metropolitan United Church Gym
8307—109 Street
Monday, April 14, 2003 - 7-9 pm



Congregational Development Committee

Meeting— Tuesday, April 1 at 7:15 pm In The Lounge



Final Key Request

Property Management Committee is still looking for the following keys:
GM10, GM14, M1 -9 and K9 -2
Please check your key rings.
Thanks—Jim Robertson



Need A Drive To Sunday Service?

Call **450-2113** and leave your name and phone number.

If a driver is available they will phone you by Friday night to arrange for time of pickup on Sunday.



Drivers Needed !

There are a number of seniors who would like to attend church on a regular basis but lack transportation. Can you help possibly once a month. Call Doreen Armstrong at 436-9680 or Shirley Junk at 434-7340