



Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
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Pentecost 4

July 6th, 2003

Welcome!

If you are new to our Community of Faith,

A Special Welcome!

TODAY:

- ★ Family Worship, Baby-care, 10:00 am

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:00 am

SUNDAY, July 13

- ★ Family Worship, Baby-care, 10:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, July 20

- ★ Family Worship, Baby-care, 10:00 am

Outdoor Labyrinth

Labyrinth construction is basically completed and we thank everyone who helped make this possible. All are welcome to walk the labyrinth at any time. Grass seed has been planted in the topsoil between the shale paths and is being given 'TLC'. More shale was delivered than required, however, our energetic volunteers took it upon themselves to spread it in the dry areas at the front of our building. Thanks to your generous donations of money we have reached our goal. No further monies required!!



What Is A Labyrinth?

The labyrinth is a single path into the centre and out again. It is walked in meditation. The design originates from the pattern in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France. Devout Christians who could not afford to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem walked this path instead.

Peace to you as you walk.

Call for Photos



Wanted: Photos for 2005 United Church Bulletin Covers
-Deadline: August 30, 2003

Guidelines: For complete instructions, please see bulletin board outside the office.

HAVE A LOOK AT THESE BOOKS IN YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY IN THE OFFICE BETWEEN 9 am - 1 pm

Monday - Friday

- ★ Just Married (Open Hands Magazine) by K. Bourassa & J. Varnell 306.84
- ★ Half Breed by Maria Campbell 920Ca
- ★ The Labyrinths From The Outside In by

Donna Schaper & Carolle Ann Camp 291 Scha, Ca

- ★ Twelve Keys To An Effective Church by Kennon L. Callaghan 260.Ca
- ★ When Children Ask About God by Harold S. Kushner 210 Ku

Invitation

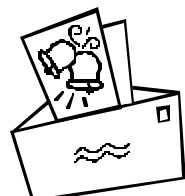
Come To A Celebration

Sandra & Jim Lockhart and their children invite you to join them in the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

When: Saturday, August 23, 2003 at 7:30 pm

Location: Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

Please RRSP to either Sandi 434-4797 or Erin 434-7702, by August 7.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS



To the end of May 2003 givings to General Operations total \$117,026 compared to \$101,717 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.
- ☺ Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Heartbeats



- ★ Congratulations to Ann & Dwain Simard on the birth of their daughter "Amy" on June 26, 2003

Baby-care Coordinator Found!



Thank you Kathy McCartney for volunteering for this very important position.

Also a special **thank you** to Linda Taylor for keeping our children in good hands during worship.

Set-up Teams



- July 13 - Cliff & Rosemarie Cunningham
- July 20 - Wendy & Jim Spiers

August Outreach



Our congregation will provide lunch for 20-30 Habitat volunteers on Thursday, August 14. Please contact Anne McCracken 435-5676 if you are able to provide food or dollars to purchase supplies

and watch for sign up sheet in foyer. Thanks for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

Golden Opportunity !!!



Needed Office Volunteer for SSUC

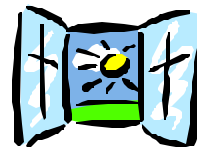
Church Office

Week of August 25 - August 29

Free training, free coffee, your own desk!

Please call Pat in the church office.

Glare?



Several people have mentioned that the glare from the "Cross Window" bothers them. If this is the general experience, we would like to find a solution such as gauzy curtains or colored plastic film. If you have experienced this problem and have found a solution, please contact:

Pat 435-2026 or Jim Robertson 434-6054

Grass Cutting Crew Needed!



Volunteers needed for fun in the sun and lawn maintenance. What better way to get to know members of the congregation! Sign up sheet in the foyer.

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; 6x-18
- Pants for Children All Ages
- Clothes 9 mo. Old Baby Boy

Call Carol Allen - 434-1294



**CAMP WOHELO
CAMP MASKEPETOON
SUMMER CAMPS**

Contact Marg Archibald or Carol Allen 434-1294.

Volunteers Needed:

- ★ Camp mothers or grandmothers
- ★ Camp nurse or first aider
- ★ Cabin leaders
- ★ Extra help to do whatever

Required for a five day period Sunday to Friday in July and early August. Call Camp Wohelo 430-4062 or Carol Allen.

Urgently Needed Donation or Rental
1—10 person or 2—5 person tent(s)
For July and early August.

The need continues for funding for Campership Donations (see the Reminder for details, page 13).

Wohelo Committee needs a treasurer!

Fall Fair Saturday Oct. 4, 2003



Each table group will feature specific items and you are invited to “adopt” a table. Watch for sign-up opportunities throughout the summer in the foyer. We are building a quality reputation because of our good quality recyclables. Ideas to think about: attic treasures, jewelry, plants, garden produce, baking, toys and games, current books (no texts or magazines), sewing and handcrafts, musical numbers, to name a few! All ideas are welcome, please contact Pat in the office.

LGBT & FRIENDS



2nd Sunday Brunch will be at a local restaurant. Place To Be Announced.



Congregational Care Committee


We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to be on call to help with set-up and catering for funerals and memorial services. Contact: Margaret Powell 435-7006 or Marg Robertson 434-6054



20 Volunteers Needed

Face Painters, Crafts, and Game Leaders for Children's Tent at the King of the Klondyke, Saturday July 26. Morning or afternoon shifts available. Free breakfast at 7:00 am and lunch is provided. Youth welcome Call Alena Helgeson 478-1751 or after July 10 Tina Stewart 438-7070

This Year's Book Club Selections



- ★ “Wild Swans” by Jung Chang
- ★ “Family Matters” by Rohinton Mistry
- ★ “Crow Lake” by Mary Lawson
- ★ December 8 “A Song by Nettie Johnson” by Gloria Sawai (Lunch and author in attendance)
- ★ “The Future Homeakers of America” by Laurie Graham
- ★ “Losing Julia” by Jonathan Hall
- ★ “Life of Pi” by Yann Martell
- ★ “Unless” by Carol Shields

Start looking for your books!

Summer Camps



HOW CAN WE BE OF SERVICE TO YOU?

Please drop this in the offering plate, hand it to a greeter or leave it in the Church Office.

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