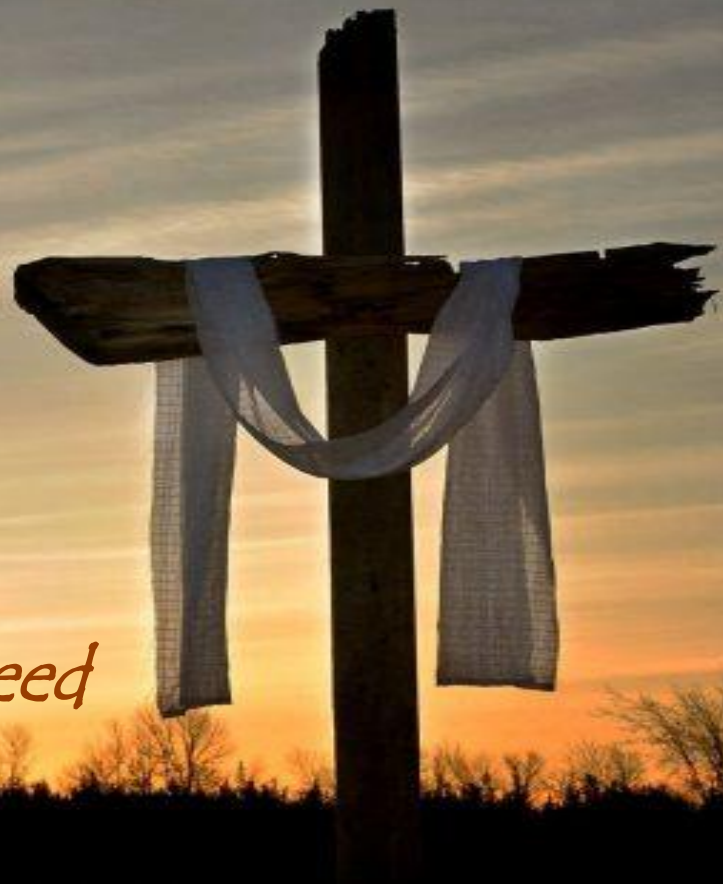


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April 2018



He is Risen

He is Risen, Indeed

Southminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April Worship

Easter - April 1

Celebration of the Resurrection
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
The Foolishness of the Cross
1 Corinthians 1:21-31

April 8

Guest Preacher Rev. Susan Peterson
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
TBD

April 15

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Jesus Appears to Thomas
John 20:24-29

April 22

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Saul's Conversion
Acts 9:1-19

April 29

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Paul and Silas in Prison
Acts 16:16-34



Dear Family of Faith of Southminster,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen and we are celebrating! As we have journeyed through this Lenten Season, encountering Christ on his way to the cross, we find ourselves now at the empty tomb. Eastertide is a special time for a congregation, as we rejoice in the new life we receive through faith and the resurrection. It is a time filled with hope in the promises of God and to respond with joy to the call to be disciples.

At Southminster, mission is one of the ways we respond with joy for what God has done, and we have two exciting mission opportunities in April: a work day at Good News Partners and packing meals at Feed My Starving Children. I hope you seek out these opportunities or others to engage in, as you live out your faith.

Southminster is also responding with joy to God's works by engaging in the Mission outlined in our strategic plan. Church leadership is moving forward with all three of our strategic initiatives. We are seeking the right person to lead the children's ministry program at Southminster and exploring what changes will need to happen to our facility in order to accommodate this initiative. We have launched our new Equipping Ministry Team, led by Linda North, to better help our members and visitors be equipped for ministry here at SPC. And we are looking at new and exciting mission outreach opportunities to engage in during 2018 and beyond! There is a lot happening here at SPC!

As they continue in their search for Southminster's next called pastor, please keep the Pastor Nominating Team in your prayers. This dedicated team has been meeting weekly as they continue through their process.

We will continue through the Narrative Lectionary in April as we finish our time in the Gospel of John and move into the book of Acts.

May you have a blessed Eastertide, and as always, I'll see you in Church!

In Christ,

Pastor Carlton

Dinners for 8

Join us for Dinners for 8, our newest fellowship opportunity! Groups of up to eight adults will form in the summer and meet quarterly during the year. If you wish to continue after a year, groups will be reassigned to meet new people.

- Sign up alone, as a couple, or as a family
- Four dinners a year, one per quarter
- Group captain serves as initial host and point of contact
- Dinner hosts rotate throughout the year
- Register online at
- Registration closes May 15, 2018

The goal of Dinners for 8 is for you to form meaningful connections with new people in our church family. The quarterly host determines dinner location, date, theme, drinks. Whatever works for your group. That's it! It's about food, fellowship, and fun. So, jump on in! You never know who you'll meet. Sign up at <https://spcah.org/adults/social-events/>.





Dear Friends,

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

~ Hebrews 11:1

In this Easter season, we rely on the Good News of Jesus' first followers to share the miracle of the resurrection with us! This above verse from Hebrews describes it well. We did not see the miracle first hand, but have faith and hope because of it. What are your hopes for spring? How will you use your gifts and talents for God in the coming months? These are important questions to ponder as we contemplate the great gift Jesus gave to each of us on the cross. **If you are female, attend the women's retreat to strengthen your faith and uncover the plan God has in store for you!**

Please review carefully this issue and all the wonderful opportunities for Spiritual growth and service this month. John F. Kennedy said in his famous inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." As we contemplate Christ on the cross, we can apply this same sentiment to our faith. We know what Christ has done for us, so now what will you do for Christ?

In Christ's Care,

The Reverend Elizabeth Nickerson



Sign up at www.spcah.org

Chris House Baby Shower

The annual Christopher House Baby Shower is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. when the SPC Mission Team will load up your gifts and carpool down to the Belmont-Cragin School at 5235 W. Belden Avenue in Chicago to drop off your generous donations to mothers in need. These soon-to-be moms are always very appreciative of your generous donations. The following of a list of needed items:



For Baby:

- Wipes
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Laundry detergent
- Diapers, sizes 2, 4, 5, 6
- Pull-ups, all sizes (boys & girls)

For Mom:

- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sanitary pads
- CTA bus cards
- Gift cards from Walmart, Target, Costco

Donations are being accepted through Sunday, April 22. Please place your donations in the Mission boxes located at the main entrance and outside the church library. If you would like to join the Mission Team and tour the Belmont-Cragin school on April 24, please email Judy Kating jkating@aol.com or Vicki Robery dvrobery@comcast.net. Many thanks for helping the babies and young mothers-in-need

Doorways Classes

You are invited to learn more about Southminster and the Presbyterian faith at our two-session Doorways class. We will review a brief history of the Presbyterian Church as well as talk about how the church is governed and how we, as disciples, can connect, grow and serve others.

Please let Pastor Liz know if you're interested in attending liz@spcah.org.





Dear Friends,

We had a great turnout for the EGGseLent Celebration. I want to thank everyone who helped us open the doors for so many visitors. It was a spectacular event!

Spring has arrived, and the Youth and Children are ready for it! Our April calendars are already filling up with activities and outings, beginning with Easter Sunday. Our Children will have two special lessons in Sunday School focused on Palm Sunday and then Easter. After that we start a series teaching Bible lessons with Board Games! We will learn what games you should play, like Chess, which teaches us that everyone has a role to play in the Body of Christ based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. We will also learn about Games we shouldn't play, like Battleship, which teaches us to destroy others through gossip based on James 3:3-10. Just like there are rules for playing these games, God has given us specific rules for how we are to live.

More good news—this past month we started a Wednesday night High School girls' Bible study. We have had some deep discussions while studying Ephesians, and we start 1 John in April. I am so pleased to have these young ladies joining me each week! The Youth will continue with the Sacred in the Secular series, studying how popular music can often have Christian messages if you pay close attention. The youth have really enjoyed finding messages and themes in current songs to study and tie scripture to. Some offsite activities include going to TopGolf and the Middle School Youth getting ready to go to Superstart in Naperville, a week-end retreat that gathers kids from all around for content, music, fun, and fellowship.

And if you didn't get a chance to walk our interactive labyrinth on Ash Wednesday, we are offering it again on Good Friday from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Holy Saturday from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. It really is a unique and moving experience, so I hope you'll consider taking the time to be still with God, focus on your spiritual self, and connect to the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

Kari

Dr. Joseph C. Morton Scholarship (2018-2019 School Year)

The Dr. Joseph Chandler Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the family and friends of Dr. Morton to help support and enable High School Senior students to attend an accredited undergraduate college or university of their choice. Dr. Morton valued higher education not just to enable students to pursue a professional career but more importantly to become well-rounded individuals.

Dr. Morton was a beloved professor (Early American History) at Northeastern Illinois University for 33 years and at Waynesburg College (Waynesburg, PA) for 3 years. He matriculated at the University of North Carolina and the University of Maryland, earning Undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. degrees from the latter in Early American History. He authored 2 books, was a frequent speaker for small groups, churches and organizations, and wrote a weekly newspaper column.

You must submit all required documents by April 20, 2018. Only applications found to be complete as of the application deadline will be considered.

To apply for the Dr. Joseph C. Morton Scholarship, go to <https://spcah.org/dr-morton-scholarship/>



Children and Youth



Kari Sealund · Youth Director and Children's Coordinator

What an EGGseLent Celebration!



It was a beautiful day for our EGGseLent Celebration. And what a success!

There were so many smiling faces with Easter hats, baskets, and bunny ears! It was a wonderful, joyous day!



Youth Pizza Night



We had a great gathering of 13 youth who made pizzas and sang songs from our Sacred in the Secular series along with some classic worship songs, while I accompanied them on guitar. Then we ended the evening with a game of spoons! A great night!





Identifying the Biggest Threat to a Successful Group

Where you come to know.

When I first joined Theology Pub, I did it to be edgy. I was launching a new church that I hoped would attract all the skeptical, hipster twenty-somethings. And I hoped Theology Pub might be a doorway into that world. It wasn't. But, it turned out to be much more interesting than that.

Theology Pub is basically a Q Place that meets in a pub, made up of folks with an interest in God-stuff and a membership in a web service called meetup.com. At first, I was just an attender. I showed up for the fireworks. It was thrilling to observe the conversational ebb and flow, and watch how some people moved the conversation forward, and others—either intentionally or accidentally—derailed it.

But when I took the group over, I discovered how challenging it was to facilitate. Theology Pub has been an awesome training ground for extending grace to those believing differently. Over the past three years, we've had pagans, atheists, orthodox Jews, not-so-orthodox Jews, progressives, conservatives, gay, straight, agnostics, astrologers, wiccans, tea partiers, theologians, pastors, skeptics, seekers, and a few regular old Christians.

This level of diversity makes it absolutely essential to state, up front, that, in this context, all views and opinions can be expressed and respected. We're not arguing the veracity of those opinions, but allowing people the space to explore and examine what they believe in a safe place. If you don't make this clear, arrogant position-holders will ruin everything.

Since I started facilitating, we've had three major threats—a preacher, a new-ager, and an atheist. All were arrogant position-holders. All claimed to come with an open mind. But they just couldn't help themselves; they had to be right, and everyone else wrong.

Certainty

With certainty, it seems, arrogance is a real danger; it's often a package deal. It's so tempting to answer every question—to be "the certain one"—but consider that your Q Place might be the very first time a person has stopped to think through what they believe. And when that happens, it's a beautiful beginning.

Because, the whole point of a group like this is that, when you make room for self-discovery, you create space for the Holy Spirit to do His work. He will use you to show how He loves. He will use you to protect them from the trauma of being shut down. And in that protected space, people can open their hearts to hear from Him.

Ed Taylor

Lead Pastor / Quest Church



Editor's note: One of the hardest things for Christians to do in a Q Place is to leave room for group members to make discoveries for themselves rather than telling what they have come to know. Even when arrogance isn't really involved, it's still a challenge! That's one of the reasons that we strongly encourage initiators to start their groups off with guidelines that everyone agrees to follow. That way everyone knows up front what is expected, and all group members can keep each other on track—for rich discoveries all around.

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Take Time to Rejuvenate Yourself at *The Pink Impact Women's Conference*

Saturday, April 7, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Featuring simulcast speaker Dr. Henry Cloud,
N.Y. Times' bestselling author of
Boundaries: When to Say YES, How to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life,
and popular musician Kari Jobe.

Childcare program available 9:30 - 2:30
Sign up at www.spcah.org/adults/retreats



Southminster is bringing yoga right to your chair this April! If you've been wanting to try yoga but find it difficult to get up and down off the mat ... or if you just want to explore the benefits of gentle stretching and strengthening, we welcome you! Grace Unfolding Yoga adds Scripture, prayer, and Christian music to make this a restorative, faith-filled experience.

Chair Yoga will meet Monday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. on April 9, 16, 23, and 30 in the Chapel.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. A \$10 donation per class is welcomed, half of which will be donated to local mission work.

If you are planning to come, please call Grace Unfolding yoga instructor Kathy Gudonis at 847.287.8518 or email kagudonis@gmail.com.

TIME TO BREAK OUT THE ARGYLE

The 2nd Annual Dr. Joseph C. Morton Scholarship Golf Outing

All proceeds from the event will help fund this scholarship.



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This fund has awarded **\$12,500.00** in scholarships over the past 4 years. Past recipients have attended the University of Illinois, University of Kentucky, University of Iowa, Hillsdale College, Loyola University – Chicago, Vanderbilt University, Taylor University, and Saint Louis University.

Date	Friday, June 29th, 2018
Location	Old Orchard Country Club 700 W. Rand Road Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Amenities	Riding cart, locker rental, bag drop, greens fee, and driving range
Check-in	11:30 am
Shotgun Tee-Off	12:30 pm
Lunch	Hot dog, chips and drink included
19th Hole	Cash bar and food available for purchase
Cost	\$110 per golfer • \$440 per foursome

Cut and return form with payment



THE 2nd Annual Dr. Joseph C. Morton Scholarship GOLF OUTING

_____ Golfer(s) at \$110 each = \$_____ Includes 18 holes of golf with a riding cart and lunch provided.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
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TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Rich Morton, C/O Dr. Joseph C. Morton Scholarship Fund** and mail by June 11th to:
Rich Morton • 2648 N. Douglas • Arlington Heights, IL 60004 • 847.204.9090 • rmorton62@comcast.net

Parents' Day Out 2018 – 2019 Registration Begins

Parents' Day Out (PDO) registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held in the Southminster library on the following dates:

Saturday, April 28, at 8:00 a.m.

Southminster members and currently enrolled families are invited to register their child(ren).

Saturday, May 5, at 8:00 a.m.

New families are welcome to register their child(ren).



Southminster's Parents' Day Out is offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. during the regular school year. Children are grouped by age in classrooms that prepare them with all the skills they need as they grow. Parents' Day Out nurtures children in a loving, fun, and safe atmosphere, as they learn and play, day by day, equipping them with the social, emotional, and academic skills they will need to be successful in school.

If you have any questions, email Tricia at tdking61@aol.com or visit Southminster's website at www.spcah.org, where information on the Parents' Day Out program can be found under the CHILDREN/YOUTH tab on the Home page.

Pilgrimage Retreat 2018

Would you like to strengthen your relationship with God? Yes! Then join us for this year's Presbyterian Pilgrimage Spiritual Retreat, a co-ed, laity-led, and clergy supported 72-hour weekend experience that focuses on God's love inspired by the Holy Spirit. This year's retreat begins on **Thursday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m. and runs through Sunday afternoon, June 10**, at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin.

Enveloped in a loving environment where the world can stop spinning for a moment, you engage with and submit to the Holy Spirit as God works in Your life and the lives of those around you, and you remember that God is good all the time!

If you're interested in learning more about Pilgrimage, ask a past participant: Bob Erickson, Gail Johnson, Mike Johnson, Gwen McNamara, Pastor Liz Nickerson, Jim Peterson, Susan Peterson, Jan Tossman, or Thomas Von Oesen.

Another great source to explore is the Chicagoland Presbyterian Pilgrimage Website <http://www.chpilgrimage.org/>.

If you would like to sign up for this event, [click here for an application](#). You can drop your application off in the church office. Attendance is limited on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, please email Jim Peterson Jpmusic23@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

Day of Faith at the Capitol



Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Join us for an action, prayer, and face-to-face visits with your legislators. Transportation will be provided from Chicago, surrounding suburbs and Lake County. Free buses depart at 6:00 a.m.

Bring justice to Springfield!

Register online: bit.ly/2C2zKMP

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KNOWLEDGE > ACTION > CHANGE

Faith in Action Team Attends CRS Leadership Council Meeting

Join us for the Day of Faith at the Capitol on April 17.

Faith in Action Team members attended the Community Renewal Society Leadership Council meeting on Saturday, March 3, at St. Agatha Catholic Church on Chicago's west side. We were reminded about Matthew 25:31-46, the story of the sheep and goats. Jesus asks us to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, and the naked. When we work toward affordable housing and laws that make it easier for ex-offenders to find work so they become full members of society, we are helping the people who are overlooked and need our assistance.

As the plans for the Obama Library are in the final stages, we learned that developers and the University of Chicago want to build higher-income housing, a hotel, and other construction projects in the nearby Woodlawn area. Area residents are asking for protections against displacement and property tax increases. CRS is proposing a Community Benefits Ordinance to provide opportunity for all area residents, to be voted on by the Chicago City Council.

We learned about specific bills that CRS members will present to our legislators in the coming months and also at the Day of Faith at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 17. Several Southminster friends and members will be on the bus to Springfield, leaving at 6:45 a.m. that morning from the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights on Euclid. We will provide training on the bus and give you a role you are comfortable with. If you would like to join us or need more information, please contact Cindy Greenwood at cngnrnwood@gmail.com or Linda Waycie at lwaycie@wowway.com.



The Inner Flame of Pentecost

Pentecost celebrates the birth of the church and may light a fire in our soul to continue the good work the church does throughout the world. Is your inner flame glowing with a desire to help others? The Mission Team wants to know because we have funds set aside to help you fuel your inner flame.

If you have a burning desire to do something to help others but you just need the money to make it happen, please email the mission team with your idea for an individual mission initiative. The team will discuss your idea and let you know how we can help you to make it happen. No idea is too big or too small—just “ask and you shall receive.”

How would you like to fan the flame of God’s love! Email Jean Walker jw13pr4@aol.com or Sandy Pifer lucille111@aol.com with your ideas.



Transforming Lives and Community
through an affordable housing continuum

On Saturday, April 14, we will help Good New Partners as they prepare for their busiest move-in time! Please help ensure residents move into clean, well-cared for buildings. This requires cleaning, painting, spackling, and repairing some walls. They are also in great need of replacing a few doors.

If you can help, please let us know ASAP so we can let GNP know how many workers they can count on. The work location is 1600 W. Jonquil Terrace in Chicago, and we will be meeting at Southminster and carpooling to the location. If you have questions or need more information, email Jean Walker jw13pr4@aol.com or Sandy Pifer lucille111@aol.com. Thank you for your helping Southminster mission.



Joint Service Day

Join us for our 4th Annual Joint Service Day with First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights Saturday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. As in previous years, we will be performing outdoor work at various sites around the community. This is a great opportunity to serve those in need.

Sign up begins in April. Please join us!



Come help us make a difference in the lives of children around the world! Join our Mission Team at our next Feed My Starving Children Packing date, **April 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**, at the Schaumburg location, 1072 National Parkway.

Please join the group and bring a friend! RSVP to Jean Walker at jw13pr4@aol.com.

Marilyn was taking a breath once every thirty seconds. FMSC food helped her recover her strength and gain 20 pounds over the next seven months.



SOUTHMINSTER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO GRANDPARENTS & ME CAMP



Memories to last a lifetime!

Camp # 225 – 10:00AM - Thursday, June 14 until 10:00AM Saturday, June 16, 2018

Camp # 230 – 10:00AM - Monday, June 18 until 10:00AM Wednesday, June 20, 2018

**For more information, please contact Southminster Member and Co-Leader
Janet Thompson jct216@gmail.com**

This intergenerational, ecumenical camp brings together grandparents, parents, and children for inspiring and fun-filled activities, focusing on themes and stories that emphasize Christian values and faith. Along with swimming in the Lake Michigan, hiking pine forests and sand dunes, and enjoying the beautiful beach, everyone shares art projects, music, singing, drama, playing games, and tasting delicious s'mores around a campfire at night to close the day. Although every minute of this three-day, two-night camp (only 48 hours) flies by quickly, the activities shared together will create lasting memories for years to come.

Grandparents and their grandchildren stay in air conditioned, motel-like rooms. Healthy meals are served at breakfast, lunch, and dinner! And Moms and Dads, Aunts and Uncles are welcome, too! Grandparents & Me Camp is held at the Tower Hill Retreat Center, Sawyer, Michigan, about 100 miles from Arlington Heights. Register early by calling: 825.447.2390. These two camps are very popular! **Everyone Is Welcome!**

First Adult: \$162.00 – Additional Adult: \$109.00

First Child: \$97.00 – Second Child: \$76.00 – Additional Children: \$68.00 each

The Directors are Southminster member Janet Thompson, BFA, and former Christian Ed. Director and Rev. Dr. William G. Grice, III, Pastor Emeritus, First Congregational Church, Des Plaines. Dr. Grice and Janet have volunteered together for more than 36 years to lead camps, retreats, church trips, and community programs for people of all ages.

Thank you, Southminster



Thank you so much to everyone who donated hygiene items, socks, and underwear to The Night Ministry. When the Mission Team delivered the items, we learned that The Night Ministry distributes 200 hygiene kits a day to the Chicago homeless. Your donations are very much needed and so appreciated. What a blessing Southminster is to those less fortunate!

The Night Ministry compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty, and loneliness. We accept individuals as they are and offer support as they seek to improve their lives.

Thank you, OCC Volunteers!

My name is Mark, and I am the Arlington Heights drop-off center coordinator for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Together, with my wife, this year will be our 6th! Every donated shoebox is God's communication to a child who needs encouragement and hope, and you play a vital role in this process:

Final collection statistics

- ~ Our North Suburban Chicago Area Team = 31,880
- ~ National = 8.9 million
- ~ Global = 11 million
- ~ OCC has received 146 million boxes since 1993
- ~ We serve over 100 countries
- ~ Boxes from our region went to Botswana, Ghana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Rwanda, Suriname, Tanzania, and Togo



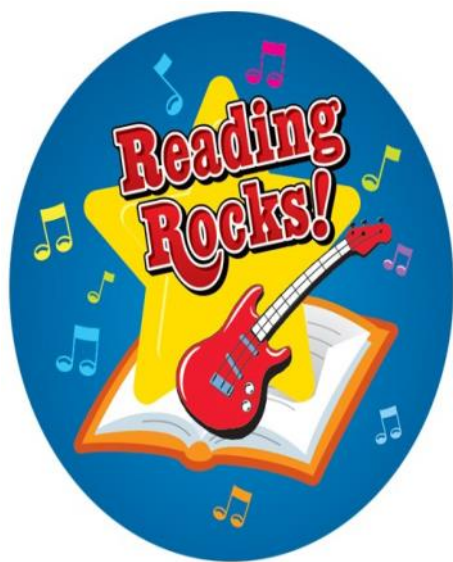
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If you have comments or questions about OCC, please visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ or contact us 1-800-353-5949; Facebook – National page; Twitter.

Looking forward to Collection Week 2018, November 12 - 19.

Mark Sugihara,

OCC Drop-Center Coordinator, Arlington Heights



SPC Rockstar Readers Make It Happen

On March 1, four volunteers from SPC's *Rockstar Readers* traveled to Christopher House's Stewart Campus on Belden Avenue to lead by example and share with the children how much fun reading can be. Each reader was assigned a classroom and had 30 minutes to talk and share.

The March 1-15 Read-a-Thon at Christopher House's three schools aims to promote literacy one child and one book at a time. With help from our *SPC Rockstar Readers*, Chris House's literacy program is flourishing. Our *Rockstars* donated about 70 books, some new and some gently used from home, library book sales, and church and community collections, totaling over 1500 books! In combination with a corporate gift, each child takes home two books to start a home library, and the other books are added to the classroom collection.

We look forward to next year's Read-a-Thon and thank our *Rockstar* members who made this year's event a success.

In His name,

Mission and Chris House Representatives: *Judy Kating, Vicki Robery, Marie Ann Maytum, Linda North, Ellen Riggs, Suzanne Mulligan*

Text Your Offering

Are you looking for a convenient way to keep up with your church offerings? Did you know that you can give your gift right from your phone? **Just text 73256, type SPCAH, and press Send.** The reply text you receive will provide a secure link where you can enter the amount of your gift. Yes, it really is that easy!

You can also give a **gift from your home computer by visiting <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin>.** Just enter your email, create a password, and click Sign Up. You will be directed to a secure website where you can give your gift, choose a future time to give your gift/offering, or schedule recurring dates and times when Southminster will receive your gifts/offering. You can also access Online Giving from our website at www.spcah.org by clicking on the About tab along the top of the Home page and choosing Online Giving.



Care Ministry / Deacons of the Month

Every member and friend of Southminster is assigned to a parish, which is overseen by two deacons. Deacons can bring meals to you when you're sick, help provide transportation if needed, pray with you about a concern, or connect you with other resources at the church. Please call the deacons of the month who can connect you with our caring ministry and your deacon. ***Marty Mayer and Mark Nokes*** are your Care Ministry / Deacons for April

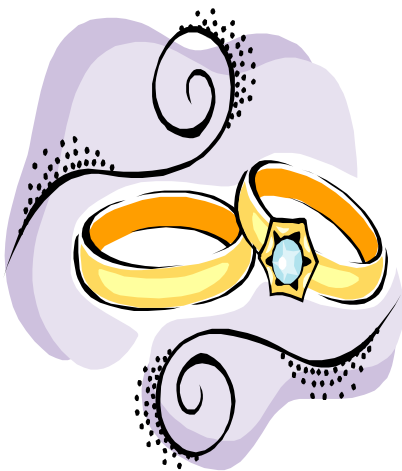


Marty Mayer
847.439.0649



Mark Nokes
847.828.0273

For Your Marriage



Date ideas for Married Couples:

1. Commit to a "tech free" night. Turn off your cell phones, computer, the TV, and the lights. Use your imagination to see what's left to do without electricity.
2. Play a game from your childhood – croquet, badminton, hide and seek, miniature golf. Reminisce and be playful together.
3. Pretend-You're-a-Tourist date. Look around your city and do the things a tourist might do – go to an overlook, a quaint neighborhood, the botanical gardens, a museum, whatever is special about your hometown. Gawk if you like, after all you're a tourist. (Inspired by [Co-op America](#)).
4. Build something together – ice cream sundaes, a pizza with your favorite toppings, a tower of blocks. Perhaps you'll chuckle over the odd or weird combinations that reflect your different approaches to food, building, and life.
5. Plan a "Favorites Night" around your favorite food, clothes, games, sports, etc. Each spouse could choose a favorite activity which you then combine into one evening, or the wife could propose her favorite activities for one date and the husband plans the next date with his favorites.
6. Do something to nurture your spiritual life. Go to a church service, spend an hour in silence, pray the Way of the Cross in a church or walk in a poor neighborhood to seek Christ's presence there.
7. Look through old photo albums and tell each other stories of your childhood and families. If you feel really energetic, make it a time to put all those loose photos in albums or on a disc. It's a big job but your children will appreciate it one day.