

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit our church website at [www.sycamorechurch.org](http://www.sycamorechurch.org) for more information on our ministries, special events, or general information. You are also welcome to visit our Café located across from the Sanctuary to explore the many opportunities here at SPC, and feel free to use any of the contact information listed.

### ADULT MINISTRIES

Dr. Timothy McQuade ([tmcquade@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:tmcquade@sycamorechurch.org))

**STONEMASONS' MEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE** - Friday evening, September 22, and Saturday, September 23.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE** - Saturday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*\*See detailed information on both retreats in the "Weekly BLAST."*

### FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rebecca Behbehani ([rbehbehani@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:rbehbehani@sycamorechurch.org))

Children's Ministries (Infant through Grade 5)

Jan Ferris ([jferris@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:jferris@sycamorechurch.org))

**GETTING READY FOR FALL** – Small Group Leaders are needed for our fall programming. Small Group Leaders teach in teams of 4 with 2 from the team being in the classroom each Sunday. This allows for flexibility in teaching schedules to accommodate personal schedules. You only need to lead one Sunday a month and assist another. Here are our needs:

**9:00 a.m.-TODDLER ROOM:** ONE person to serve in our Toddler Room preferably twice a month, but those who can serve one time a month are also welcome.

**PRESCHOOL :** (3 and potty trained by November 30)

**10:00 a.m. –** TWO people (great opportunity for couples or best friends!) to serve one Sunday each month. You would be assigned as always working the first Sunday of the month, the 2nd Sunday of the month, etc. After the Children's Message, you would be responsible for showing /telling the Bible Story and supervising coloring sheets, other simple worksheets, puzzle play, etc. for our 10:00 a.m. preschool - Kindergarten kids.

#### SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING –

Sunday, August 27, @ 8:15 a.m. (light breakfast and childcare provided).

Can't make that? Wednesday, August 30, @ 7:00 p.m. is the alternate date (no childcare ... probably some snacks!).

**REGISTRATION!** We need your child's information to register them for fall Sunday School. Register online at the Children's Ministries webpage on our church's website, or hard copies are available in the wire bin on the wall of the Family Room.

Student Ministries (Grades 6 through 12)

Drew Hood ([dhood@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:dhood@sycamorechurch.org))

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** Worship with your family at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## CURRENT CHURCH EVENTS

**NEEDS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE** is collecting 1 and 1 1/2 inch binders to help the children in North Eastern Hamilton County. **TODAY is your last opportunity to donate.** Please place your donations in the bins outside the Café. Thank you for your generosity. -Bill Barnhill, Pam Rogers, and Barb Davis, *NEEDS Reps.*

**AUGUST R.O.M.E.O. LUNCHEON** - LAST DAY TO SIGN UP. Lunch is **Thursday, August 17**, at the Sleepy Bee Café in Blue Ash at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up, so we know how many seats to reserve. **Contact:** Rick Rogers ([Richard\\_L\\_Rogers@yahoo.com](mailto:Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com) or 713-7140).

**LAWN FETE IS COMING ... Saturday Sept. 9** -SIGN UP in the Café to volunteer your time at Lawn Fete (often just a 2-hour shift) and/or donate requested items. Please consider showing your support with a MONETARY DONATION – see the MOW DOWN EXPENSES display near the signup sheet. We still have an urgent need for a co-chair for the games and someone to sell specialty items on ebay. Willing and able to help? Look for THE LADY IN THE LAWN FETE HAT in the Café after church, or contact Lois Borisch (489-0744 or [LEBorisch@gmail.com](mailto:LEBorisch@gmail.com)). See the weekly BLAST for additional information including this week's *Spotlight Activity*.

**LAWN FETE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS** - donations are needed. Visit the Café today and check out the Silent Auction board; choose a theme and sign up to bring items to fit said theme. DO NOT FORGET to fill out a donation form and return it with your items, which are due by **August 27**. Thanks!

**LAWN FETE DONATIONS** - continue to bring your used items (**deadline to donate is August 27**): leave all items on the storage facility porch. NOT accepted: *clothes, electronic or computer equipment, computer furniture, TVs, tires, or exercise equipment.* For pick ups, contact Doug Gausmann ([gausmannnd@fuse.net](mailto:gausmannnd@fuse.net) or 683-8614).

**TRINKETS AND TREASURES WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS THROUGH MONDAY, August 28.**

**GRIEFSHARE** is a support group ministry for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, will begin a new 13 week cycle on **Wednesday, September 13**. GriefShare will meet Wednesdays, 10:00am-Noon in the Media Center through December 13. Informational brochures are available in the café. For questions and registration, please contact Susie Shaw 520-7429 or [jsa\\_shaw@yahoo.com](mailto:jsa_shaw@yahoo.com)

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** Children of the World International Choir will perform at SPC on **Sunday, Sept. 24**. **2 families** are still needed to host two children each on Sept. 24 and 25, and provide meals for them. *\*\*Background checks are required of Adult members of host families.* Sign up in the Café or contact Sujin Kim at [skim@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:skim@sycamorechurch.org).



The Flowers in the Sanctuary today were given by:

- ◆ The family of Joan Taylor in memory of her on her birthday, August 12.
- ◆ Barb Skelton in memory of her beloved husband, Dale.
- ◆ Barry and Barbara Harrison in celebration of their 62 years of marriage today, August 13. Congratulations!

## SERMON FOR AUGUST 20, 2017

"Stuff Jesus Didn't Say"  
10) It's Important for You to Be Right  
Dr. Lawrence W. Kent

# Welcome to Worship!

10:00 a.m.

August 13, 2017



*Called to be an inviting community where  
God is glorified, lives are lifted,  
and Christ's spirit of fellowship awaits.*

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DR. LAWRENCE W. KENT ♦ DR. TIMOTHY MCQUADE

**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.**

Please sign the Friendship Pad in the pew.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**August 13, 2017** **10:00 a.m.**

\*Indicates those able please stand  
As a courtesy to others in worship, please turn off all cell phones.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Kent

**\*\*Please sign the Friendship Pad, and pass it to those in your pew.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Financial Peace University Neil Gartner

PRELUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour" Berry  
Jimin Seo, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Drew Hood

Leader: We keep the Lord always before us; because God is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

**People: Therefore, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice; our bodies also rest secure.**

Leader: For you do not give us up to the grave, nor let your faithful ones see the pit.

**People: You show us the path of life, and in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

\*HYMN 145 "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You call us, O God, but we seldom hear. Or, if we do hear, we are reluctant to respond. Or if we do respond, we are afraid to follow your direction. Our sin pulls us away from you, yet you won't give up on us. Remove the obstacles that keep us from the life you intend for us. Help us to receive your call with our whole hearts, so we may do your work and give you glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Time of Personal Confession)

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father, cleanses us from all sin. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and Holy to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**~ WE LISTEN TO THE WORD ~**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15: 1-7  
Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rebecca Behbehani

SPECIAL MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision" Jordan Grigg  
String Quartet

SERMON "Stuff Jesus Didn't Say"  
9) "There's a Limit on How Long I Will Look for You"  
Larry Kent

**~ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ~**

\*HYMN 338 "Kum ba Yah"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "10,000 Reasons" Redman  
String Quartet

**~ THE SENDING ~**

\*HYMN 307 "Fight the Good Fight"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "O Worship the King" Milholland  
Jimin Seo, piano

**\*\*String Quartet:** Sarah Wade, violin; Susan Scheib, viola; Caitlin Scheib, viola; Emily Scheib, cello

**\*\***(If you brought a prayer need with you today, you are invited to remain in your seat following the service, and a member of our prayer support team will come to you. Our prayer partners this day are David Poland and Dana Wilber.)

**SERMON APPLICATION**

- ◆ Which of the 3 "Lost" Parables do you most closely identify with?
- ◆ How do you respond when you lose something? Worry? Frustration? Denial? Do you ever ask Christ to focus your efforts to help you find the lost item?
- ◆ Finish this sentence: For me, to sleep in the shadow of the cross means \_\_\_\_\_

**WELCOME FRIENDS!**

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** - Large print editions of The Presbyterian Hymnal are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING** - Our sanctuary is equipped with TeleCoil assistive listening loops. Simply turn on your T-Coil equipped hearing aid to connect. In addition, battery operated receivers and ear devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.



**GUEST INFORMATION** is available at the Welcome Center in the Café. For additional information, call the church office at 683-0254 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:** Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews; complete and place them in the offering plate; or, email [jstevens@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:jstevens@sycamorechurch.org)

**\*\*Please indicate in your request if this should only be shared with the phone/email prayer chain and/or for publication in the weekly Friday E-mail Blast and Sunday bulletin.**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** - Children are a part of the worshipping community, and we celebrate their participation. However, we know that sometimes they need their own space. We offer childcare in the nursery for infants through 2 years of age. Each Sunday we offer a children's message during the service and youth in Kindergarten and younger are invited to share in a learning time during the sermon. Faithful adult leaders will lead them to Room 120 and return them to the sanctuary following the sermon.

**STUDENT MINISTRIES- (6th - 12th grades)** - Student Ministries welcomes students to participate in our activities. Calendars are available on the Family Ministries clipboards in the Family Room.

**ADULT MINISTRIES** - Please check the Adult Ministry display in the Café for class times/locations and other programs, or simply sign up for more information.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** - Our next class is scheduled for **September 16, 2017**. For more information or to sign up, call the church office (683-0254) or visit us online at [www.sycamorechurch.org](http://www.sycamorechurch.org).

**THE FLOWER CHART** is located in the Café with detailed instructions on how to order. The cost of Sanctuary flowers is \$50, which is due Tuesday prior to the requested date.

**THE DEACONS OF THE MONTH** for August Dianna Jimenez (513-617-6549) and Karen Miller (513-489-7388).