**Bearing Fruit – May 2, 2021**

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As we slowly move back to “normal,” we all know that normal will not be the same as it was before the pandemic. One of the things that remains is that together we work to bring forth the Kingdom with a shared vision for the love of God and neighbor as our guide.

Now might be a good time to consider how you share in Southminster’s blessings of the community and the world. You don’t have to be a member of a particular ministry to share in our work, but you are always welcome to join a ministry. Here are a few things that are in the works or have been recently that you may want to join in.

This past Saturday people joined Southminster’s annual Spring Clean-Up Day. Not everyone was a member of the Property Ministry, but everyone helped to make Southminster a welcoming place. Steve Kozich is the moderator of Property, and Steve Shierry is the elder representative. Please connect with them if you are interested in mowing the lawn or being “handy.”

We are looking for people to return to worship as Liturgists, Ushers, speakers for our Word with Children, and musicians. You don’t need to be member of Worship and Music or Christian Education & Discipleship Ministries to offer your support this way. If you are interested, please connect with Sarah Allen and Andrea Schmidt respectively. Everything except ushering can be prerecorded. (Experienced liturgists, if you’d like to rejoin the active ranks, please let Barb Doppelt know so we can begin scheduling.)(If you’ve never served as a liturgist but would like to learn, we’ll train you!)

If you have Facebook skills or would love to help welcome people to our congregation, Steve Shierry is moderator of Welcome and Outreach. If you want to help members who are presently going through tough times, please connect with Angela Smith who is overseeing Congregational Care for the Deacons. Mission is busy all year and would welcome your help as well; please contact Sandy Lopata.

The Youth Rummage Sale to support their mission trip will be June 5 and 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall will be available to receive your donations after worship on May 30 and that whole week. We need not only your donations but your help in setting it up. Please connect with Blair Nelson if you have questions. Stewardship will be looking for help this year, as well. Please connect with moderator Chris Kozich if you would like to help.

There are many and varied ways that the gift of your time and talent can be shared and any would be appreciated. We bear the fruit of God’s love as we work together.

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