Weekly Email Blast - 1 November 2019

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Submissions for weekly BLAST and Sunday Bulletin
Tuesdays by 12:00 Noon is the deadline!

Please forward information to Virginia Barnett (vbarnett@sycamorechurch.org or 683-0254) Tuesdays by 12:00 noon for submissions in the weekly BLAST or Sunday Bulletin. Thank you.

Do You Find It Easy to Forgive?
A Message from Dr. Tim McQuade

I guess it depends upon the situation. That’s the focus of our Scripture reading and sermon this Sunday: the Challenge of Forgiving. Forgiving is often easier said than done. In Matthew 18:21-35 we will be listening to Jesus respond to a question Peter asked about forgiving others. Why should we forgive others? What do we do when
giving forgiveness is difficult?

We will also be sharing the Sacrament of Communion together. The Bell choir will be joining our worship time. In honor of All Saints Day we will be remembering those who have passed from our congregation into God’s presence in 2019. Following worship we will be celebrating our Stewardship program with a special fellowship time as a way to thank you for your generosity.

It's going to be a good day. See you Sunday!

Peace,
Tim

**Time Change - Remember to Fall Back**
November 3, 2019

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2019, at 2:00 A.M. At this time, we "fall back," so remember to adjust your clocks by turning them back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2.

**Sign up to Volunteer for IHN**
November 3

Sign up to help with our next IHN rotation which begins November 10.

We are in dire need of overnight and evening hosts, along with some food items.

This Sunday is your last opportunity to sign up; please consider how you might help. Thank you.

**IHNWC - TIME FOR CHANGE**
November 3

Our annual change collection for IHN will be this Sunday (the day we fall back an hour). So please check your couch cushions, your car cupholders, and any other coin stashes you may have and bring your change to church on Sunday. Members of the SPC IHN team will be there after each service. We also gladly accept cash and/or checks made out to IHNWC. Know that YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES! We thank you for your generosity!

**Elder Law Workshop**
Sign ups Begin November 3

Did you know that a couple turning 65 today has about a 50% chance that at least one partner will live into their 90’s? Planning for financial and physical care as we age can
help make those decades as enjoyable and stress-free as possible for the elderly and their caregivers.

The Legacy Gifts committee is pleased to host Dennison Keller, local elder law attorney, for an informative and entertaining overview of Essentials of Elder Law: What Everyone Needs to Know. The workshop will be held **Saturday, November 23, from 9-11:00 AM in the SPC Chapel.**

Topics will include:

- The elder care continuum
- Two kinds of guardianships
- Living wills and healthcare powers of attorney
- Wills and will alternatives
- When trusts make sense
- Special benefits for veterans
- Planning for the impact of long-term care expenses
- The life care plan model for care as we age

The workshop is free and open to everyone. To assist in event planning, please pre-register by signing up in the Café beginning November 3 or online at the church’s website.

**Dennison Keller** is the owner and managing member of The Law Practice of Dennison Keller, LLC with offices in Ohio and Kentucky. He is a frequent lecturer locally and nationally on the topics of Elder Law, Life Care Planning, Medicaid, and Estate Planning.

**Dinners for 6, 7, or 8**
Signups begin November 3

Look for information beginning Sunday, November 3, for Dinners for 6, 7, or 8. There will be a Minute for Mission during the Sunday service, and there will be a kiosk in the Café where you may sign up or obtain information. Signups will also be available online...look for more details in next week's BLAST and the November Newsletter.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**
November 3

The Dead Sea Scrolls have been called one of the most important archaeological discoveries of all time. Why is that, and how does it impact me in 2019? At the November 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast, you will not want to miss the opportunity to hear Bob Weston provide the answers to these and other questions. This is a fascinating subject. All men are invited to attend the **November 3 Prayer Breakfast** at 7:30 AM in the Chapel to hear Bob and enjoy a hot beverage along with the world famous "manly breakfast."

Bring your appetite! We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions, contact Randy Gross (randy1849@fuse.net).
**Pill Bottle Collection**
November 3 and 10

It is that time again...we will be collecting Pill Bottles for Matthew 25: Ministries on November 3 and November 10. Please place all bottles in the labeled bins under the SERVE counter (in front of the Media Center). **Please mark the dates. We are only collecting on the Sundays indicated...THANK YOU!** You can include large and small pill bottles, over the counter pill bottles, and/or bottles with or without secure caps.

*With little effort on our part, we can help with this ongoing fundraiser for M25.*

**Mission Committee Christmas Giving Tree Program**
Begins November 10

The Mission Committee’s annual Christmas Giving Program is just around the corner. This year we will provide gifts for children and seniors, as well as gift cards for St. George’s Food Pantry, Operation Give Back, and Interfaith Hospitality.

Please plan to join the Mission Committee in spreading joy this Christmas Season by purchasing gifts for children or seniors. **Gift tags will be available November 10** on the Christmas trees in the Café area. Any questions, please contact Dianna Jimenez (Diannajimenez14@aol.com or 513-617-6549). Thank you!

**Volunteer for the Family Christmas Eve Service**

It is time to start putting everything together for our 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve service. If your family or child/student is interested in being part of the service, we have several ways to help lead worship. We need readers, children wanting to be part of our moving manger scenes (in costumes), and kids/students wanting to sing solos or with small groups.

There are many parts that make this service a worshipful experience for all ages, and we need people that can help fill roles. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Behbehani, or sign up on the church website at [https://sycamorechurch.breezechms.com/form/445e12](https://sycamorechurch.breezechms.com/form/445e12)

**Veteran's Day Service**
November 11

Please join us on November 11 at 7:00 PM in the SPC Sanctuary for the Freedoms Foundation's annual Veterans Day event. As in years past, it would be great to display photographs of some of our vets in uniform. If you’d like to have your picture displayed, please drop it off to me at church on Sunday, or put it in my church mailbox. Thanks.

*Jeff Carr*
Eunice Circle
November 14

All ladies are invited to join the Eunice Circle on November 14 at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. We will enjoy a presentation by Dr. Tim McQuade: A Snapshot of SPC 2018 Israel Trip. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Diana Combs at 683-6615.

Sign up for the November ROMEO Luncheon
November 21

Beginning this coming Sunday, you may sign up for the November luncheon scheduled for Thursday, November 21, at Quatman Cafe (224 W Main St, Mason, OH 45040). We will meet at 12:15 PM. Please sign up in the Café, so we know how many will be participating.

Even if you are not yet retired, we invite you to join us if your schedule permits. If you have questions, please contact Rick Rogers: (Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com or 513-713-7140).

Remember: Fellowship is Meaningful and Food Matters!

Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 26

Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Tuesday, November 26, at 7:00 PM in the SPC Sanctuary with Drew Hood.

Pumpkin Pie Fellowship will follow the service.

Manger Build is Returning in December
December 8 - $10.00 per family

Referencing Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; God's Word offers encouragement to you, Sycamore men, to teach your children to follow God. It is important to make God a part of your everyday experiences if you want your children to see God in all aspects of life.

The StoneMasons Ministry for Men Leadership Team invites all men (fathers, grandfathers, uncles) and their children to participate. Men will also receive a daily devotional guide to help them celebrate Jesus Christ with their families during Christmas week.

Mark your calendars, and plan on bringing your kids and your hammer to church on December 8 to fulfill your opportunity to lead your family spiritually during the Christmas
season. If you have any questions, contact Rick Rogers (513-713-7140 or Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com).

**Habitat for Humanity 2019**  
*New Home Dedication*

Habitat for Humanity 2019: The dedication of one of the latest homes our Eastside Coalition helped build, the new home of Jordan Lounds and her family, will be held on Friday, November 1, at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to attend whether you picked up a hammer or delivered sandwiches or not.

As one of the missions SPC supports financially, we all contributed in one or more ways. Jordan will be glad to have one and all come celebrate with her. The home is located at 654 Jackson St. in Lincoln Heights. Parking will be limited, so carpooling is strongly recommended. Questions: contact Dave Daniels.

Dave Daniels  
513-300-9073

**SPC Singles**

If you would like to participate in the Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Collection, you may pick up an empty box outside of the main office. When you have completed filling the box and are ready to mail it, please call Barb Askren at 373-6436. She will be available on Sundays here at SPC to collect the boxes which she will mail November 22. Thank you!

**SPC Phone/Address Directories**

Updated phone and address directories are available at the Welcome Center or in the main church office.

**SPC Pictorial Directories**

SPC Pictorial Directories are available in the main church office. Feel free to stop by anytime Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM to purchase one. They are $5.00 per directory. Thank you.

**SPC Prayer Team**  
*Available after each service at the front, right side of the Sanctuary.*

Share your joys.

Share your struggles.
Share your story.

**SPC Media Center -- Suggestion of the Week**

*Lift the Flap Bible*
Jones, Sally Lloyd  Prim Jon

Intended for 3-5 year olds, the Lift-the-Flap Bible combines illustrations with delightful text. With flaps to open on every page (and surprises to find underneath), children discover many of the well-known stories in the Old and New Testaments. *Check it out!*

**Staff Blog Posts**

Did you know that the staff puts out a weekly blog post? It is a short devotional, video or passage to give you something to think about during the week. You can find all the posts at [www.spcblog.org](http://www.spcblog.org)

**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))

**NEXT SUNDAY**

"Take Faith Home" Workshop for first graders and their parents titled OUR CHURCH begins at 9:30 AM in the Chapel. Join us for a Scavenger Hunt that takes you around the church to discover the "body of Christ." Information was emailed to first grade families last week. **PLEASE RSVP by this Tuesday, November 5** as this workshop requires much prep to set up the "hunt"!

**Student Ministries - Grades 6-12**

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

**Adult Ministries**

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

**Men's Breakfast**

*First Sunday of each month beginning at 7:30 AM*
Questions? Contact Randy Gross ([randy1849@fuse.net](mailto:randy1849@fuse.net)).

**Singles** go out for lunch on the third Sunday of each month; meet in the Café after the worship service.
ADULT MINISTRY CLASSES

Sunday 9:45 AM Connect Hour Sessions for Adults
A chance to learn something new and Connect with others...

Daniel: Faithfulness in a Post Christian Culture
This class is led by Dr. James Fischer and will meet in Room 113.

The Book of Romans
This class is led by Randy Gross, and they use the LifeGuide Bible Study Series. They meet in room 120.

Taste and See by Margaret Feinberg
This is a women's Group led by Julie Hinshaw in Room 225. You are welcome to join whenever you can!

November 3 and 10: Christ Centered Identity
Sooner or later every child will ask, Who Am I? Parenting is an incredible stewardship from the Lord and one of its greatest privileges is having the opportunity to shape the way our kids see themselves and the world around them. These video and discussion sessions will focus on giving parents the tools to help their children understand Whose they are. Session is led by Rebecca Behbehani and will meet in the Media Center.

November 17: Growing Young
Helping young people discover the love of the church in the midst of the discouraging reports about the aging and decline of churches today, what steps do savvy churches take that help them best love and serve teenagers and young adults? Kara Powell is the executive director of the Fuller Youth Institute and associate professor of youth and family ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary who will be addressing this question and many like it in her talk. This is a video and discussion based session. Session will be led by the Deacons and meet in the Chapel.

November 24: Liturgy of the Ordinary
We go through the motions each day like clockwork but do we ever stop to think about how that could be a moment for praise and worship? How do we teach our children and students to create sacred practices out of everyday life activities? How do we live out Sunday morning worship throughout the week? Session will be led by Rebecca Behbehani and will meet in the Media Center.

December 1, 8, 15, and 22: Advent
The Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade will lead this in the Media Center.

December 1, 8, 15, and 22: Advent
This is a Women's Study Group led by Julie Hinshaw in Room 224. You are welcome to join whenever you can!

December 1: Mary Hulst: Why Millennials are the hope of the church
Mary Hulst has served as the Calvin College Chaplain since 2009 where she integrates her love for scripture with her love for college students. She preaches for students weekly on Sunday evenings at the Calvin LOFT services (Living Our Faith Together). Known as "Pastor Mary" on campus, she loves to meet with any student to talk about life, faith, or anything else. When her schedule allows, Dr. Hulst also lectures around the country on preaching, teaches workshops for preachers, and consults with churches and
search committees on how to listen to sermons. This is a video and discussion based session led by the Deacons and will meet in the Chapel.

December 8 and 15: Relationships
How are we showing our children the value of marriage, the pain of brokenness through divorce, and what singleness and dating looks like? We will explore these three topics as they relate to parenting for all ages. These video and discussion sessions will be led by Rebecca Behbehani and will meet in the Chapel.

December 22 and 29: Technology and Parenting
The use of technology and what that unlocks for children, students and young adults can be scary to navigate as parents. We want to set healthy boundaries for our children but do we allow technology to overrule that? We will discuss how parents can teach and model healthy technology habits that are God honoring. This is a video and discussion session led by Rebecca Behbehani in the Chapel.

SATURDAY AND WEEKDAY STUDIES

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. in Room 120
*The Promised One: Seeing Jesus In Genesis* by Nancy Guthrie
Contact Marilyn Poe: 513-204-3443

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
9:30 a.m. in Room 120
*Growing Older & Wiser* by Dale & Sandy Larsen
Contact Claudia Gross: 683-6709

Tuesday Night Women - Harmony Circle
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
6:30 p.m. in Room 120
*Galatians*
Contact Mitzi Green: eggleg4@gmail.com

Lamplighters Adult Small Group
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center
*Genesis*
Contact Don Dunham: 513-398-6893

Wednesday Morning Men's Study
7:00 a.m. in Room 120; meets all year
*Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives On Earth* by Tony Evans
Contact John Strong: 677-1712

Wednesday Morning Women's Study
9:30 a.m. in Room 120
*The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament*
Contact Jenny Ellsworth: jenny@ellsworthaccounting.com

Saturday Men's Morning Bible Study
8:30 a.m. in Room 120
*The Discipleship Playbook*
Contact Alan Greggo: alangreggo@live.com
Detailed information regarding our classes, including Books and costs, is available in the Café, The Spiritual Growth Resource Center, or online at www.sycamorechurch.org

Deacon Information
November

The Deacons of the month are Lin Spaeth (604-0080) and Bill Barnhill (683-9133).

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