



Southminster Presbyterian Church, 12250 SW Denney Rd, Beaverton OR 97008

November 14, 2021

Dear Southminster Parents,

What fun we had in September & October: Meeting new Friends, putting together Kindness Kits, making our Creation Story books, celebrating with Trunk or Treat! Here is what we are planning for November & December:

### **November: Having Gratitude**

It's important that we take time to be grateful for all that we have: family, friends, school, people who love us, a warm bed, furry pets, places to run and play, fresh air, yummy food, hugs, our church family, a beautiful planet. We will spend November remembering to Be Thankful and having gratitude for everything we experience every day, even those things that we may not notice.

### **December: The Nativity Story**

We will start to learn the Nativity Story in the Bible and some of the traditional Christmas Hymns that we sing during this time of year. We will read the story and each of you will choose a part you would like to play in the Nativity Story for the Christmas Eve Family Service. We'll have costumes and props. Everyone in the church will help be a part of this special Story.

### **Kindness Kits Update**

So far we have assembled 40 Kindness Kits for the Blanchet House. Thank you to our church family for the donations! We still have more items that have been donated and will keep assembling the kits until we have used up all the donations. It would be great if we reach close to 100!

### **COVID-19 Protocols and Staying Healthy**

At Southminster, we want our children to be safe when they come to church so that they can continue to go to school regularly and stay healthy. We continue to follow state guidelines set by the Oregon Health Authority: wearing masks indoors at all times, staying physically distanced when interacting with others who are not part of our household, and washing hands or using hand sanitizer.



### **If you have any questions...**

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or want to connect about anything. I can be reached by phone or text at: 503-709-1304.

This time of year is special in so many ways. I feel blessed to share the holiday season with your children.

With hugs,

*Kathy & Snowy*