



From the Pastor

Friends,

As many of you know I have just returned home from a week away at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Our 13 youth from the Presbytery of the James joined almost 5000 other Presbyterians from all across the country and the world to worship, study, and play together. The energy these young people brought to worship was contagious. They were never shy to learn a new song and were delighted to discover a new melody of praise. When their peers from Columbia or South Korea stood and taught them the words to Pass the Peace in their native languages, they embraced the chance to be a part of the global church. When preachers urged them to serve their communities and take action for justice they cheered and shouted “Amen.” It was a life-giving privilege to be there and get to experience their energy and passion for God.

It is often tempting for our churches to conform to the patterns of the world—where children and youth are segregated by age, siphoned off from the body of the church into their own spaces. That is what we do in schools and in sports programs, and so, we think that is what we should do at church. After all, we want to be able to meet their unique developmental needs!

But in fact, the more we encourage children and youth to be in their own separate groups, the more we miss out on opportunities to enjoy their energy, creativity, and passion. Scripture teaches that in the Body of Christ, an octogenarian has as much to learn from a toddler as they have to teach them. Baptized children and confirmed youth are not recruits or trainees. They are Christians. They are not the future of the church. They are active members right now!

As Elder Annette Thornborg from First Presbyterian Church in San Mateo, California writes, “A community of Christ is unique in our culture, because it’s the only place where five generations regularly get together.” For centuries the church has thrived because it is a place where all ages learn and worship side by side, where faith is passed from generation to generation. It may sometimes be a bit messy or uncomfortable for both the young and the old, but that is the way of the Body of Christ.

In fact, the best predictor of a young person continuing to attend church into their adult years is not the quality or size of the children or youth programming they experienced. The number one predictor of life-long faith is the number of relationships that a young person has with adults in the church other than their parents.

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Rally Day is September 8th

Celebrate our back to church kick-off with special music from our Sanctuary Choir, a new sermon series, and an all church potluck! Sunday school participants of all ages (yes adults too!) are invited to join together in the sanctuary at 10AM for a special Sunday school blessing. We will recognize all of our wonderful teachers and celebrate the children moving up to the next age group, before sending each class on their way with a blessing to begin a new year of deepening their faith.

If you are new to Southminster or are interested in joining a new class—please join us! All of our adult and children's classes are always open to including new friends.

Children's Classes

Toddler Class - Ages 1-4

Teaching basic bible stories with simple songs and crafts perfect for our littlest disciples. Parents are encouraged to stay and learn alongside their children.

Mustard Seeds- Pre-K through 1st grade

Exploring the bible with fun videos and interactive play.

Fig Trees- 2nd through 5th grade

Deepening faith through studying the bible and learning together.

Adult Classes

Contemporary Issues- A discussion of current events, books, and topics of interest with an interest in how our faith informs daily living.

Spiritual Life- A small group conversation focused on contemporary Christian writing and bible study.

Adult Bible Study- A journey through the bible with in-depth study of scriptural themes and how they apply to our faith.

Church in the World

School Supply Drive

This year we are collecting school supplies for 46 Boys and 25 Girls with special needs and come from low income families. It is so important that they can start school with the same supplies as the other students in their classrooms.

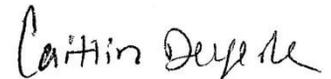
The following items are needed: Black Pens, Colored pencils (12 pack), Notebook paper (wide ruled), Single subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), Composition Book (black & white marbled wide ruled), Construction paper (15-100 pages/pack), Liquid school, Scissors, Clorox clean-up wipes, Sandwich bags, Hand Sanitizer (pump bottles) Boys backpacks (all ages)

Donations are accepted through Wednesday, August 14th. If you would like us to do the shopping, monetary donations are welcome.

Please join us for the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday August 18th and remain after the 11:00 AM worship service to help pack the supplies for our students.

And the only way to develop those kinds of relationships is to be together, week after week. And it goes the other way as well! Every church member I know who spends quality time with young people comes away saying, "You know, I was fearful for the future of the church, but after getting to know these young people I have such hope!"

Southminster is a church that has been blessed with this wonderful gift of being an intergenerational church, but I think we can do even more! So, I challenge you this month to think about the following questions: How many of you can greet at least 5 of our children by name during the Passing of the Peace? How often do you interact with someone outside of your own generation at church? What would it be like to invite someone of a different generation to sit in your pew or join you for lunch afterwards? Let's all try stepping just a little further out of our comfort zones and see what God will do!



Finance

Online Giving

Do you ever wish that you could give to support your church in the same simple ways you shop online or pay your bills? Southminster is upgrading our online giving option to make it more accessible. Starting in September we will switch to a new giving plan through the Presbyterian Foundation. It will allow you to give online using your credit or debit card and even set up regular donations on your preferred schedule. Never forget your checkbook or run out of cash again! Just pull out your phone and make your offering.

Think you will miss your weekly ritual of placing your offering in the plate? We are also introducing new online giving tokens. Take one each week to put in the offering plate, symbolizing your personal gift to God. Stay tuned for details in the September newsletter!

Southminster Scholarship

Southminster active youth have been truly blessed this year with scholarships totaling \$26,933 distributed on behalf of Julia Dugger, Christopher Endries, Matthew Endries and Abby Willis.

If you have a child approaching college age and want to apply for the scholarship, please make sure they have been confirmed as an active member so that they will be eligible. Applicants must be confirmed members and have attended a minimum of two services in the year prior to applying. If you have any questions, please contact Kitty Bice.

Kitty Bice, Scholarship Committee

Facilities

IPCN Remodel

Iglesia Pentecostal Cantico Nuevo is growing! Almost five years after IPCN began worshipping at Southminster the congregation is in need of more space for their worship services.

Over the past several months Pastor Mario and the leaders of IPCN have been working with our Facilities committee volunteers on a renovation to increase the worship space by almost a third. After taking down several walls, they have upgraded their seating, added new carpet, repainted, and upgraded the lighting. We are so blessed to be able to nurture a sister congregation who has done such a nice job revitalizing an unused part of our building!

Join the Sanctuary Choir

In the words of Psalm 100: “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...Serve the Lord with Gladness. Come before His presence with singing...” September is almost here and with it comes the return of our wonderful Sanctuary Choir. We want to extend a warm welcome to anyone who’d like to join us this year. Here’s your chance to serve God and our congregation with gladness and singing!

Our choir’s primary mission is to serve the worship community, and we have fun every step of the way. All levels of musicianship are welcome. In rehearsals, we will strengthen music reading skills and singing technique. We rehearse every Wednesday from 7:00 PM -8:00 PM, and Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday September 4th at 7:00 PM in the choir room. All are welcome! Email keliseryan@gmail.com for more information.

*Kimberly Ryan
Director of Music*

Sunday School Children’s Choir

Starting in September, Kimberly Ryan will be leading children’s choir every week during the first part of Sunday school. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday September 8th. See you there!

*Kimberly Ryan
Director of Music*

Chair Yoga Class Update

The Chair Yoga class will meet on a new day and time during the month of August. Class will be held on Thursdays from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM through August 29th. There will be no class on August 1st to accommodate Day Camp. Watch the bulletins and upcoming newsletters for fall scheduling.

The Chair Yoga class is open to men and women of all ages. There is no charge for the class; a free will offering is collected to help offset the costs. Newcomers are always welcome.

Flower Dedications

In order to practice good stewardship, both financial and environmental, Southminster made the decision to reduce our number of flower arrangements for Sunday worship during the summer. This meant that through June, July, and August we would only have cut flower arrangements in the sanctuary on the Sundays our members have specifically dedicated flowers.

If you would like to sign up to dedicate flowers in August, please let the church office know at least a week in advance so we can place an order. The cost to dedicate flowers is \$35.00.

Southminster Yard Sale Results

Southminster held its second yard sale on Saturday, June 15th. Under the leadership of Dianna Scott, David & ChiChi Huff, and Dixie & Marty Kovacs, the yard sale raised over \$1,500.00. The proceeds from the yard sale will support future Southminster projects, including missions.

The yard sale would not have been possible without the support of many dedicated volunteers who took the time to help transport, sort, and price donated items and who worked on the day of the sale. We’d also like to thank everyone who helped to fill our Fellowship Hall with donations for the sale.

Food Closet Stories

Southminster's Food Closet could not operate without the support of our congregation which generously gives donations of food and money to this mission. But only those who volunteer know the stories that come out of Food Closet. Several months ago in worship we related the story of one of our very special Food Closet clients and received a tremendous response. So much so that we are asking current and former Food Closet volunteers to share some of their memories with us so that our members will know how important their support is. If you have a Food Closet memory you would like to share, please submit it to the church office for consideration.

A family came to our Food Closet: Dad, Mom, and two little girls. One of the girls said, "Why are we at a church for groceries?" Dad told them it was because he was out of work and looking for a job, that he and their mom (who worked part-time) needed some extra help. Dad did get a job, and one day he came by with a monetary donation for the Food Closet, saying how thankful his family was for the help they received at Southminster.

Submitted by Ada Park

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for our military personnel, Sue Carlton, Rachel Clay, Jean Collier, Bob Davis, Matt Davis, Carolyn Griles, Bob Hall, Ann Kearns, Bev Lamberton, Marsha Lane, Alberta Lindsey, Shirley Martin, Jane McGee, Earl & Donna Medicus, Adele Robertson, Billy Smith, Liz Snead, Dave Thomas, Howard Vann, Ryan Witcher.

Directory Updates

Liz Snead

Ashley at Lansdowne
44124 Woodridge Parkway
Lansdowne, VA 20176

Marsha Lane

8648 Pine Glade Lane
N. Chesterfield, VA 23237

Southminster Notes

Thank you Southminster and the Scholarship Committee for your financial support of my pilot training. Your support has already made an impact and I am close to achieving my private pilot certificate on the way to my commercial certificate.

Chris Endries

Southminster Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank the members of my church family for the cards and phone calls at the time of my sister's death. It really means a lot to be remembered at this time.

Shirley Martin

Dear Southminster,

Thank you so much for the lovely Easter lily. A special thank you to Matt Briggs for delivering it.

Wanda Carneal

August Birthdays

- 1 Kathy Brammer, Morgan Krigelman
- 3 Courtney Price
- 6 Shelley Murray
- 7 Barbara Briggs, Gary Pond
- 8 Ken Brammer
- 10 Lynn Sutton
- 13 Aileen Davis, Logan Pond
- 15 Larry Chamberlain, David Flynt
- 16 Jeanne Coryell, Cooper Knight
- 17 Layla Pond, Libby Pond, Howard Vann,
Hunter Wheeler
- 21 Benton Flynt, Nancy Peters, Mark
Pinchbeck
- 22 Brad Flynt, Melba Jolly, Jim Lewis, Jacob
Wetzel, Naomi Campbell, Kyle Taggart
- 23 Rick Wheeler
- 26 Ivy Stennett
- 28 Becky Rowan, Dennis Stone
- 29 Kevin Pond
- 30 Chuck Greenberg, Gary Miller
- 31 Lindsay Pond Conrad

August Anniversaries

- 4 Matt & Barbara Briggs (35)
- 4 Rick & Jennifer Wheeler (18)
- 6 Bob & Lisa Tully (36)
- 8 Gary & Amy Pond (27)
- 15 Bob & Bonnie Davis (51)
- 16 Brown & Laura Pearson (45)
- 16 Curtis & Karen Radt (39)
- 15 Al & Karen Stafford (46)
- 24 Mark & Bonnie Endries (28)
- 26 Brad & Barbara Flynt (30)
- 26 Bob & Danise Warren (58)
- 27 Bob & Betsy Zehner (53)
- 29 James & Caitlin Deyerle (10)

***Have we missed your birthday or anniversary?
Let the church office know: 804-276-1749.***

August Schedules

Communion Teams

August 4: Team 2, Trays

Elder Greeters

- 4 Jan Belote
- 11 Marty Kovacs
- 18 Matt Briggs
- 25 Naomi Campbell

Facility Stewards

- 4 Howard Boughton
- 11 Jerry Davis
- 18 Jim Hall
- 25 Lynn Hodges

Ushers

- 4 Jan Belote, David, Cathy, & Mitchel Kirtley
- 11 Jan Belote, David, Cathy, & Mitchel Kirtley
- 18 Gail DeCosta, Rich & Bonnie Kowalski, David Huff
- 25 Gail DeCosta, Rich & Bonnie Kowalski, David Huff

Visitation Team

- 11 Aileen & Jerry Davis
- 18 Jan Belote
- 25 Aileen & Jerry Davis

Food Closet

- 1 Jane Tarter, Margaret Hall
- 6 Becky Rowan, Lyndale Baptist
- 8 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 13 Terry Liendecker, Mary Stahl
- 15 Jane Tarter, Lyndale Baptist
- 20 Margaret Hall, Melba Jolly
- 22 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 27 Mary Stahl, Lyndale Baptist
- 29 Terry Liendecker, Lyndale Baptist

Southminster Presbyterian Church

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Food Closet Day Camp	2 Day Camp	3
4 Communion 8:45 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 12 PM: First Sunday Prayers 3 PM: IPCN	5 10 AM: Balladeers 6:30 BSA Scouts	6 Food Closet	7 6 PM: Pot Luck	8 Food Closet 12 PM Chair Yoga 7 PM: Presbyterians	9 7:30 PM: IPCN	10 7:30 PM IPCN
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Return Service Requested

August 2019

**Blessing of the
Backpacks**

Sunday, August 18th
11:00 AM

Join us after worship
to help pack school supplies



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