



Keyhole Press

Southminster Presbyterian

August 2021

From the Pastor

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” -1 Peter 4:10

Friends,

What is your mission? What is your purpose? How are you using your gifts to make the world a better place? When we talk about church, we often talk about filling committee slots or keeping programs going. But that way of thinking misses the point of church. The church doesn’t exist for its own sake, the church exists as a way to offer opportunities to connect with God and serve others. The church is the place where we first learn to live out our call to be followers of Christ.

Rally Day 2021 is going to be a celebration of returning more fully to church life. It is also a call to break out of the rut you’ve gotten stuck in and ask yourself, “How can I better spend my time and energy to fulfill my calling in this life?” After a recent memorial service one of our longtime church members mused about what we might say about him someday. It did not seem like a question asked out of anxiety or sadness. But remembering the life of someone we have admired often helps to encourage us to persevere in our personal journey to more fully live into our gifts and calling, in the hope that someday, many years from now, the stories people tell of us will reflect the best and most faithful version of what we hoped we could be.

Of course, there are opportunities to live out our purpose everywhere and everyday. But our life together as the church is a place where we are intentional about creating opportunities to fulfill our call to discipleship. So I encourage you to take some time to reflect this month. Do you find yourself drawn towards caring for people and connecting one on one? I would love to link you up with our pastor’s aides callers or visitation team where you can put those gifts to good use! Both of these teams are looking to connect with members who are passionate about ministries of care. Do you love kids and young people and want to be a part of equipping the next generation of disciples? If so, I have opportunities to serve as mentors our youth for confirmation this fall and would love for someone to help cuddle our babies in the nursery as we reopen it! Perhaps there is a ministry you have always been curious about, or even a new ministry that you would love to help create. Now is the time to take the leap!

My vision of a success in my role as your pastor is to equip and empower as many of you as possible to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. So whether that means feeding hungry neighbors at the food closet, teaching children about God’s love, or visiting the sick—I want to connect you to the right ministry where you can flourish and grow. Not only will you connect with what you love to do, you will also get to work alongside people with similar gifts and passions. The best way to rebuild our community of faith is not just by “going” to church it is through “being” the church together.

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin

Rally Day Picnic

Rally Day is our official kick off for the fall, and this year it holds a special place as a celebration of the return of many of our ministries that were on hiatus in 2020- including Choir, Sunday School, and much more! We will be having a Rally Day Picnic this year. The meal will be potluck style as we have done in the past. Southminster will provide the main dish, please bring a side or dessert to share! Many of you have expressed your eagerness to share meals together again, but we also understand that not everyone may be comfortable with that. Please make whatever decision is best for you. Knowing that these decisions are particularly tricky for families with unvaccinated children, we will be reserving our four large outdoor picnic tables for families if they feel more comfortable eating outside.

This year, we are requesting an RSVP so that we can prepare the proper amount of food. To reserve your spot please either return the invitation found in this newsletter or go online to <https://bit.ly/RallyDaySouthminster>. Please respond by Tuesday, August 31st.

Christian Life Sunday School

We are back! I am so excited to invite you to The Christian Life Sunday School class which will resume classes on Sunday, September 19th in room 113. We use contemporary literature to springboard discussions on how to live a life that we can be proud of. We have lively discussions and a lot of fun. I know that I have really missed getting together and am looking forward to seeing all of the familiar faces and hopefully some new ones to join in the group. I have not finalized our first book yet, so watch for an update and please let me know if you want to be notified when I finalize the decision. Jennifer Weddle (804) 690-7185/or jweddle726@comcast.net

Contemporary Issues Discussion Group

This lively discussion group explores current events, social justice and health issues, books, and many other topics of interest and focuses on how our faith guides our responses to these issues. From time to time, we have had speakers who covered topics that ranged from Judaism to solar energy to gerrymandering to medicine. Since April 2020, we have gathered weekly for virtual meetings, which have been welcome fellowship in helping us through the pandemic. With Zoom, we are able to include former church members who now live elsewhere, and our regular participants have joined in while traveling. In Fall 2021, we plan to return to the church library in-person, while continuing the virtual connection.

Children's Sunday School is Coming Back!

This Fall, we are excited to be able to bring back our children's Sunday School classes! We will have classes available 10-10:45 for toddlers through 5th grade. You will receive a letter in the mail with more information, including what class your child is in, later this month. If you would like to help teach one of the children's Sunday School classes, please contact Caitlyn Hathaway.

Sanctuary & Bell Choir

The Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals on September 1st, 2021! Bell choir is from 6pm-7pm, and Sanctuary choir is from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Sunday morning rehearsal times are TBD. *We are seeking new members* for both groups, and no experience is required. Sanctuary Choir will sing weekly, and bell choir will perform monthly for Sunday worship services at 11am. Come and join with us in fellowship and music-making together! Email Kimberly Ryan with any questions or for more detailed information. keliseryan@gmail.com.

Scholarship Report

I am pleased to share the Scholarship Committee was able to provide generous scholarships to four of our college students. Johanna Williams, Jacob Wetzel, Christopher Endries, and Ryan Endries received portions of \$30,471.58 made possible by the Zona Willis Estate and a special scholarship fund established by an anonymous donor. This is such a blessing for the students and their families.

To be eligible to receive a portion of this fund, you must be a member of the church. I encourage our youth members to speak with Rev. Deyerle about joining the church if you are not already a member. If anyone would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund you may make designated contributions to the fund.

Kitty Bice, Moderator

Leadership & Planning

Farewell, Caitlyn Hathaway

Dear Southminster,

Sadly, but with a heart full of gratitude, I write to tell you that my time with you will come to a close on August 29th. As I am finishing up my last requirements for ordination, I have decided to take a little time for Sabbath rest and discernment before taking a call elsewhere. I can't tell you how grateful I am to have loved and been loved by you for the last two years. You have taught me so much about giving grace, welcoming the stranger, faithfulness, and supporting one another. To our littlest ones and their families—I will miss you

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Church in the World

Liberation Veteran Services Update

A HUGE thank you to those who contributed to the July 4th supply collection for LVS! I have never seen such a generous response. We filled TWO vehicles with the supplies and the LVS staff could not have been more appreciative of everything. One was particularly excited about the buckets.

If you have not yet been involved in this mission, and are interested in learning more, please contact Susan Pharr (shpharr@gmail.com). Beginning July 1, LVS resumed its in-person meal service! As a result, we will be cooking in our church kitchen (masked) as well as serving the meal personally (masked) at LVS. We will be cooking and serving dinner on Saturday, August 21st and Thursday, October 21st.



Food Closet Update

We have said many times during the pandemic year how important it was to keep our core ministries strong. It was clear from the very beginning the two things we considered most central were: Worship and the Food Closet. We never missed a beat! You all kept donations flowing and our volunteers adapted to find safe ways to continue to feed our neighbors. We are excited to announce a new partnership with Unite Virginia that will allow us to continue to deepen our mission of feeding the hungry in our community. In addition to receiving referrals from our long-time partners at CCHASM, we will also be receiving referrals through Unite Virginia a statewide platform that connects social service agencies and nonprofits to improve the health of our communities. We are looking forward to exploring this new partnership and ways it might allow us to better fulfill our mission.

School Supply Drive

Our School Supply Drive is well underway. We will be supplying 62 special needs children with a backpack full of the supplies needed to start back to school. Thanks to all who have already give items or shopping money. The needed items are listed below.

Because school is starting about two weeks early we are on a shorter time line. We will be doing final shopping the week of August 9th. Blessing of the Backpacks is Sunday August 15. We would like to invite the congregation to stay after worship and assist in packing the backpacks for pick-up by the case workers on August 16. We hope you can join us.

Gail DeCosta and Audrey Pearson

- Pencils
- Black Pens
- Red Pens
- Crayons (15 pack)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- Erasers
- Ruled Paper (Wide)
- Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Colored Paper
- Elmers Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Backpacks for all ages

Second Presbyterian Lunches

Do you have a heart for feeding the hungry? Are you looking for a way to take your faith walk to a deeper level? Southminster is one of many area churches that partner with Second Presbyterian Church downtown with a mission of serving lunches to the homeless. This involves helping the people that come in by serving food that is provided by Second Presbyterian.

The Southminster team serves four times a year. It's not a large time commitment for any volunteer, but the ministry of mercy has a tangible impact on the lives of our neighbors. Each time we are at Second Presbyterian from 10 AM to about 1PM. Our serving times are always the first Monday in a given month of the quarter. The next time we are scheduled to serve is Sept. 7 (one day delay because Labor Day is Sept. 6). If you would like to be a part of this mission, please contact Jerry Davis with the Church-in-the-World committee at 804-967-9750.

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especially! It's been such a joy and privilege to watch you grow in faith. Southminster, you have such a heart for children that I pray you will never lose. Keep finding ways to love and include our little ones, and to lend support to their families—it will make all the difference! I thank God every day for calling me to serve with you, and I will continue to be grateful for our time together, the relationships we built, and the ways we were able to serve our children and families together. You will be in my prayers always.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for you" (Philippians 1:3-4).

Love,
Caitlyn

Directory Updates

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Jeff & Tammy McDonald
4122 SW 27th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Southminster Notes

Dear Southminster Family,

Thank you for the very generous scholarship. This will greatly contribute to the continuation of my educational journey and beyond. The Southminster family has supported me throughout my life and I'm beyond thankful for the continued support for the next chapter of my life.

Thank you again,
Ryan Endries

Dear Southminster Family,

Just a quick note to thank you for the prayers, the Careful Chef's meal (it was yummy!) and the love shown to me during my recovery from breast surgery. You mean so much to me and surely sped my recovery.

Sincerely,
Laura

Dear Southminster Members,

Many, many thanks for all your encouragement and caring sent to me through phone calls, cards, and visits. Feeling your concern brought lots of comfort during my periods of treatment. I also send a special "thank you" to all the Careful Chefs for your delicious meals. Being part of this special fellowship has meant so much to me for many years.

Betty Smith

August Birthdays

- 1 Kathy Brammer, Morgan Krigelman
- 3 Courtney Price
- 4 Rose Deyerle
- 6 Shelley Murray
- 7 Barbara Briggs, Gary Pond
- 8 Ken Brammer, Judy Updegrove
- 10 Lynn Sutton
- 13 Aileen Davis, Logan Pond
- 15 Larry Chamberlain, David Flynt,
Lucie Pond, Bob Lee
- 16 Jeanne Coryell, Cooper Knight
- 17 Layla Pond, Libby Pond, Howard Vann
- 21 Benton Flynt, Nancy Peters, Mark
Pinchbeck
- 22 Brad Flynt, Melba Jolly, Jim Lewis, Jacob
Wetzel, Naomi Campbell, Kyle Taggart,
Tori Carter
- 26 Ivy Stennett, Peggy Morrow-Sanders
- 28 Becky Rowan, Dennis Stone
- 29 Kevin Pond, Cheriene McCall
- 30 Chuck Greenberg, Gary Miller, Clay
Spillman
- 31 Lindsay Pond Conrad

August Anniversaries

- 4 Matt & Barbara Briggs (37)
- 6 Bob & Lisa Tully (38)
- 8 Gary & Amy Pond (29)
- 15 Bob & Bonnie Davis (53)
- 16 Curtis & Karen Radt (41)
- 17 Brown & Laura Pearson (47)
- 18 Al & Karen Stafford (48)
- 26 Brad & Barbara Flynt (32)
- 26 Bob & Danise Warren (60)
- 27 Bob & Betsy Zehner (55)
- 29 James & Caitlin Deyerle (12)

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

August Schedules

*If you cannot be present on your scheduled day,
please notify your schedule's organizer.*

Communion Team

August 1: Team 3: Chapel & 11 AM (Unit)

Elder Greeters

- 1 Tracey Williams
- 8 Rich Kowalski
- 15 Anne Smith
- 22 Eddie Pearson
- 29 Mary MacKenzie Swenck

Ushers

- 1 TBD
- 8 TBD
- 15 TBD
- 22 TBD
- 29 TBD

Visitation Team

- 15 Kathy Liesfeld
- 22 Aileen & Jerry Davis
- 29 Laura Pearson

Garden Watering

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| 7/26—8/1 | Laura Pearson |
| 8/2—8/8 | Bible Fun Week |
| 8/9—8/15 | Open |
| 8/16—8/22 | Open |
| 8/23—8/29 | Open |
| 8/30—9/5 | Open |

Food Closet

- 3 Lyndale, Liendecker
- 5 Warnke, Williams
- 10 Lyndale, Hall
- 12 DeCosta, Kowalski
- 17 Murray, Hall
- 19 Jolly, Tarter
- 24 Lyndale, Stahl
- 26 DeCosta, Kowalski
- 31 Lyndale, Tarter

Southminster Presbyterian Church

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	2 Bible Fun Week 10 AM: Balladeers 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	3 Food Closet Bible Fun Week 7:30 PM: IPCN	4 Bible Fun Week	5 Food Closet Bible Fun Week	6 Bible Fun Week 7:30 PM: IPCN	7 2 PM: Violin Lessons 7:30 PM: IPCN
8 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10:15 AM: Pastor's Aid 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	9 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	10 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	11	12 Food Closet 2 PM: Violin Lessons	13 2 PM: Paulson Service & Reception 7:30 PM: IPCN	14 7:30 PM: IPCN
15 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 12 PM: School Supply Packing 1 PM: Session 3 PM: IPCN	16 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	17 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	18	19 Food Closet 2 PM: Violin Lessons	20 7:30 PM: IPCN	21 3 PM: LVS Cooking 7:30 PM: IPCN
22 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	23 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	24 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	25	26 Food Closet 2 PM: Violin Lessons	27 7:30 PM: IPCN	28 7:30 PM: IPCN
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Return Service Requested

August 2021

**Blessing of the
Backpacks**

**Sunday, August 15th
11:00 AM**

Join us after worship
to help pack school supplies



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