

Southminster Presbyterian Church

# KEYHOLE PRESS

## February 2016



After returning from my trip a couple of weeks ago I stopped by my neighborhood grocery store to pick up some staples, and when I rolled my cart up to the cash register the young cashier exclaimed, “Caitlin, I haven’t seen you in a while! How have you been?” I knew my dog had missed me but I didn’t know my absence had been noted by my grocer! There is something about being a regular somewhere, about having people know your name and notice that you have been away that makes you feel like a part of a community. You can’t find that everywhere these days—in fact, the only reason it happens to me at the grocery store is because I go to a very small neighborhood store instead of one of the big superstores. I prefer a place where people care enough to notice when you are there and miss you when you are gone. Whether at a grocery store or in church—there is just something nice about being called by name.

I have been reflecting recently on how our church can find new and creative ways to meet that basic human desire to be known and accepted. I believe that meeting those needs is a part of our call to reflect God’s love, and that one of the best ways we can communicate that love is through prayer. Although at Southminster we provide many opportunities to share prayer requests with one another we don’t have as many opportunities to actually pray together as I long for. As a small step towards deepening our commitment to be a place where everyone has that experience of being known and cared for Enikö and I have decided to try reserving the first Sunday of the month as a special day of prayer. We will be inviting anyone who would like to pray with us to linger after worship and join us at the front of the church for prayer. We will take time to pray together and time to pray one on one. It’s just a little thing we can do for one another, like remembering a customer’s name that can remind us that we are loved.

Peace,

*Caitlin Dejeu*



### **Remember in Prayer**

Please pray for our military personnel, Dan Bice, Linda Bookman, John Bowles, Lillian Brooks, Mike & Pat Cifelli, Ron Crenshaw, Matt Davis, Pete Gillispie, Anna Hall, Bob & Net Hall, Laura Jessee, Ann Kearns, Marsha Lane, Alberta Lindsey, Ron & Nellie Long, Adele Robertson, Ken Robison, Edna & Louis Schelter, Eddie & Jenny Schiller, Gordy & Betty Smith, Riki & Dennis Stone, Dave Thomas, Marjorie Quimby, Doris Vaughan.





## **Session Highlights**

- Session approved Deb Ellenberg and Kathy Liesfeld to attend Presbytery meeting in February.
- John Lampe went over Budget presentation for Annual Meeting.
- Committees are still holding meetings and coming up with team leaders/"champions" to oversee committee events/projects for the coming year,



## **Volunteer for CARITAS**

During the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Southminster will provide shelter and meals for forty homeless women each night. We need lots of volunteer help to provide care for our guests and to make this mission a success. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex, and we have many volunteer opportunities available, including:

- Food:** We need donations of perishable and non-perishable food.
- Personal Care Kits:** We are collecting personal care items to make kits for our guests.
- Drivers:** We need volunteers to drive our guests to the laundromat and to the YMCA for showers.
- Overnight Chaperones:** Both men and women are welcome to serve as chaperones. We need two for each night.
- Clothing:** We need donations of women's winter coats and walking shoes.

If you have any questions about CARITAS, please contact the church office, Ken Brammer ([bram38@verizon.net](mailto:bram38@verizon.net)), or Gail DeCosta ([gdecosta@comcast.net](mailto:gdecosta@comcast.net)).



## **Inclement Weather Closings: New Policy in Effect**

In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning a decision to cancel services will be made by the pastor and facilities chairperson by 7:30 A.M. In the event that the pastor is out of town the facilities chairperson will be in charge of making the decision and notifying the congregation.

By 8:00 A.M. church closing notices will be submitted to the local Richmond CBS, NBC and ABC stations, notification will be sent out via email to those on the church email list, and a notice will be posted on the church Facebook page. You may also call the church at [\(804\) 276-1749](tel:8042761749) where the voicemail message will be updated with appropriate information.

Please do not call the ministers or other staff members unless there is an emergency. We would like to have services if possible, but safety comes first.





## **College Care Packages**

The Congregational Care Committee will be assembling care packages for our 18 – 23 year old members in college or the military on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute baked goods or other items for the care packages, please bring them to the church by February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congregational Care wants to ensure that all of our young members get packages. Call or email the church office with the address of your college student, including students living at home. Please contact Susan Witcher (516-1486) with questions.



## **Share Your Ideas for Wednesday Nights**

On Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the pot luck supper, we will hold an informal meeting to share ideas about the future of Wednesday Night Fellowship. The brainstorming session will be from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Please join us and bring you ideas and suggestions.



## **AARP Smart Driver Course**

The AARP Smart Driver Course is coming back to Southminster! This is a newly updated course and a great refresher on the finer points of safe driving and traffic law. You may qualify for an automobile insurance discount by completing the course (contact your insurance provider for details.)

We will hold the course at Southminster on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is no age limit; everyone is welcome. The cost for the course is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to AARP; payment is due at the time of sign-up. To register for the course, please see Rich Kowalski. Space in the class is limited, so be sure to register early. Bring your driver's license and AARP membership card to the class.

For questions and details, contact Rich at 745-8740.



## **Community Festival & Healthy Kids Day**

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Southminster will partner with the Manchester YMCA to present our Community Festival and Healthy Kids Day. The festival will begin at 10:00 AM and run until 12:00 PM. Watch for details about this year's schedule of events.

There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to join the fun.





## **Save the Date for Camp Hanover Day Camp**

**June 20 – 24, 2016**

Camp Hanover Day Camp for children in grades K-5 will be returning to Southminster the week of June 20 – 24, 2016. Please save the date now and pass this information on to friends and family. All are welcome. We have signed up for extended hours this year with camp beginning at 8:00 AM and ending at 5:00 PM.

Contact Sue Rhodes for additional information.



## **Christmas Cards for Walter Reed**

Jan Belote would like to thank everyone who participated in her Christmas Cards for Walter Reed Hospital project. Unfortunately, she has discovered that the hospital would not accept cards postmarked after November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you still have your cards you may give them to Jan or leave them in the library mailbox, and they will be mailed for next Christmas.



## **Dedicate Sanctuary Flowers in 2016**

Would you like a special way to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or to remember a loved one? Consider dedicating the sanctuary flowers for worship services on a Sunday of your choosing. A special message with your dedication will appear in the worship bulletin insert.

A sign-up chart is available in the office wing, or contact the church office for details. The cost to dedicate flowers is \$30.00.



## **Easter Lilies**

We will begin taking orders for Easter lilies for 2016 in late February. Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins, or you can call the church office at 276-1749.



## **Lenten Sermon Series**

Is there something that you've always wanted to know about God, Faith, Scripture, Christian living, or the Church, but have been too afraid to ask? Submit your questions to Rev. Deyerle by February 7<sup>th</sup> and they may be incorporated into this year's Lenten sermons.





## Youth Group

The Southminster Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise stated.

- February 7<sup>th</sup>** Souper Bowl of Caring Collection (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- February 14<sup>th</sup>** Youth Group at Lutheran Church of Our Savior
- February 19<sup>th</sup>** Serving CARITAS Dinner (6:00 PM)
- February 21<sup>st</sup>** Youth Sunday Prep
- February 28<sup>th</sup>** Youth Sunday Prep



## Contemporary Issues

The Contemporary Issues class meets from 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM.

- February 7<sup>th</sup>** *Why the Record Levels of Prescription Use?* by Reggie Stennett
- February 14<sup>th</sup>** *Aging Issues*, by Reggie Stennett
- February 21<sup>st</sup>** *Aging Issues*, by Reggie Stennett
- February 28<sup>th</sup>** Open Forum



## Presbyterian Women

We have received word that Peggy Reinhold, the “Stamp Lady” will not be accepting any more stamps after February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to everyone who has participated in Stamps for Mission over the years.

**Anna Circle** will meet on **Monday, February 1st** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

**Martha Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, February 3rd** at 10:00 AM in the former library. Refreshments will be provided by Ginny Williams. Curtis Kearns will lead our Bible Study #6, “Waters of Justice and Righteousness--Justice.” Don't forget to bring items for the Food Closet.

**Ruth Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, February 9th** at 7:00 PM at Katie Henderson’s residence. We will cover Lesson 5 in our bible study book.

**Esther Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, February 9th** at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided by Billy Smith and Barbara Wheeler. We will begin our study of Session # 6, “Waters of Justice and Righteousness—Justice.” Remember to bring items for Sunshine Bags, Food Closet, magazines for VA Hospital, tab tops and education coupons to benefit schools.



## March Newsletter Deadline

If you would like to submit an article or item for the March newsletter, please turn it in to the church office by **Noon on Monday, February 15th.**





## **Christopher Stone Scholarship Fund**

Southminster has established a scholarship fund in memory of Christopher Stone. This fund will enable our youth to attend camps, retreats, and conferences at Camp Hanover, Montreat, Massanetta, and Triennium, and to take part in other faith-based experiences. Christopher grew up at Southminster and was an active member of the Youth Group; we honor his memory by watching our youth enjoy and be shaped by those same experiences.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Southminster Presbyterian Church and note *Christopher Stone Scholarship Fund* in the memo line.



## **Souper Bowl of Caring: February 7<sup>th</sup>**

On Super Bowl Sunday, we will be collecting monetary donations and contributions of food for the Southminster Food Closet and the Salvation Army



## **Southminster Notes**

Dear Members / Friends of Southminster,

We are at a complete loss for words in how to adequately express our gratitude for the kindness shown to us during the darkest days of our lives, the death of our son, Christopher. The pastoral visits, cards, calls, texts, emails, food galore, visits, choir support through music and participation at the memorial service, the hugs and love have been simply overwhelming and humbling to say the least. We really do not know how we would have fared without such a caring and amazing church family. With the founding of the Christopher Stone Memorial Fund, it is comforting to know that goodness prevails out of the depths of despair. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the blessings you've bestowed upon us. 2016 will be a better year. God is so good.

Love,  
*Riki & Dennis Stone*

Dear Southminster Family,

Thank you so much for all the kindnesses you offered me and my family after my mother's death. I am blessed by this loving family that gave me so much comfort during this challenging time. I appreciated everything: prayers, inspiring cards, phone calls, kind words, hugs, food from Rachel Clay and Marty Griffin and Susan & Ron Witcher, Gail DeCosta seeing that household chores were done in our absence, a memorial gift to the Food Closet, lovely poinsettia, Debby McNeer completing my elder duties, listing me in emails and "church concerns," support from Caitlin and Eniko.

The Lord certainly did provide me with a church family that surrounded me with love and affection.

In Christ,  
*Bonnie Kowalski*





## Southminster Notes (continued)

To all my Southminster Family,

I would like to thank so many who have showed me and those who are alone your love. Let me start with Caitlin and Eniko, whose visits were greatly appreciated. Communion was brought to me three times, while I was out. Riki Stone brought me two dinners which I enjoyed so much. The Youth came and cleaned my front yard. It looks so much better with the leaves gone. Mark Endries came out with two of his sons and worked until dark. The choir, who were so nice working to get me back to sing with them. Barbara Flynt came and picked me up every Wednesday night and brought me home also. The phone calls and cards help me to keep in touch with different people. So glad to have a church family like Southminster Church. Thanks to all of you.

*Adele Robertson*

We would like to thank Casey Brammer and the Southminster Youth Group for establishing the Chris Stone Memorial Scholarship. Our family has been in discussion about making a donation to Southminster in honor of our father/grandfather, Retired Colonel Neal C. Brayton. This scholarship is perfect! I know my Dad would be honored to honor a fellow Army man! And my dad was always a very big supporter of Southminster's Youth Group. Thank you for all of your love and support over the years.

*The McDonald Family*

A generous thank you for a the lovely poinsettia and goodies that were brought to me from the church by Enikö. She has been a delightful guest on many occasions. I am grateful. Also a special thanks to all who have brought communion to share each month. A special treat.

*Dorothy Rippon*

To my church family,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, prayers, flowers, meals, and kind thoughts. I want you to know I am fighting hard to be allowed to return to you. I have missed you all so much. I miss Sunday School and just seeing the smiling faces of my family!

Thank you.  
*Dan Bice*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very, very much for collecting so many books for the Manchester Family Y Child Care Program.

Your generosity through both of your book collections have really assisted our children in remembering the importance of reading every day!

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

*Mary Kay*

Tuesday before Christmas was made special for me when Shirley Martin and Joyce Grier visited, bringing a beautiful poinsettia from my church family. Thanks for the plant and your thoughtfulness. I shall enjoy both for a long time.

Their visit was great, giving me updates on Southminster doings. They made my day! I trust you all had a blessed holiday, and look forward to good happenings in 2016.

In Christian fellowship,  
*Anna Hall*





## ***February Birthdays***

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|---|---|
| 1 Gina Taggart                                    | 15 Nan Mazzamuto, Gordy Smith             |
| 3 David Burton                                    | 16 Logan Hubbard                          |
| 4 Jim Davis                                       | 17 Travis Bice                            |
| 7 Barbara Reid                                    | 19 Toni Briggs                            |
| 10 Kathy Krausse, Art Williams,<br>Michael Willis | 20 Zach Hamlin, Kerry Knight, Tyler Mauzy |
| 11 Lou Ann Daniel                                 | 21 Wanda Carneal                          |
| 12 Kerry Silwick, Austin Smith                    | 23 Dan Pharr                              |
|   | 24 Anna Pinchbeck                         |

## ***February Anniversaries***

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|--------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| 14 Chris & Marina Taylor | (40) | 20 John & Winki Lampe | (17) |
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***Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Let the church office know: 804-276-1749.***



## ***February Schedules***

### **Elder Greeters**

- 7 Liz Snead, Joyce Lapsley
- 14 Ken Brammer, Kathy Liesfeld
- 21 Gail DeCosta, Jeff McDonald
- 28 David Lamberton, Rick Schaffer

### **Door Greeters**

- 7 George & Barbara Reid
- 14 George & Barbara Reid
- 21 George & Barbara Reid
- 28 Ron & Mary Hepp

### **Flower Delivery**

- 7 George & Barbara Reid
- 14 Bob & Danise Warren
- 21 Bob & Danise Warren
- 28 Bob & Danise Warren

### **Soundboard**

- 7 James Deyerle, Lee Bennett
- 14 Mitchel Kirtley, Mark Endries
- 21 Mark Endries, Lee Bennett
- 28 The Crawfords

### **Ushers**

- 7 Marty & Robert Griffin, Gary & Anne Smith
- 14 Marty & Robert Griffin, Gary & Anne Smith
- 21 Guy Dixon, Marsha Lane, Howard Vann, Terry Liendecker
- 28 Guy Dixon, Marsha Lane, Howard Vann, Terry Liendecker

### **Food Closet**

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Terry Liendecker, Mary Stahl   | 15 <i>Closed</i>                 |
| 4 Rachel Clay, Barbara Reid      | 18 Jane McGee, Rachel Clay       |
| 8 Gerry Doyle, Norma Poole       | 22 Liz Snead, Jane Tarter        |
| 11 Melba Jolly, Terry Liendecker | 25 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski |
|                                  | 28 Gerry Doyle, Shirley Martin   |







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**Return Service Requested**

**February**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary**

