

Southminster Presbyterian Church
KEYHOLE PRESS
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Presbyterians often say that baptism is the beginning of a life long journey of faith and I believe that is true. In fact it is one of the important reasons that I am proud to call myself a Presbyterian. While many other traditions most highly value stories of faith that center around a particular moment of accepting Jesus Christ, Presbyterians place value not just on those mountaintop experiences but also on the many formative steps that build up to those transformative moments and the many moments afterwards that will determine whether those experiences have any real effect on the way we live our lives. As a Presbyterian you are never “done” becoming a Christian!

In light of these values we have been known as people who pour energy into education and spiritual development for all ages. We see this reflected in the life of faith at Southminster—we have Sunday school classes for everyone from our toddlers to our older adults! No one is ever too old or too young to grow in their faith. If you have ever experienced a rut in your faith life you know that it is often joining a bible study, or reading a challenging new book, or joining a discussion group that has jump-started your passion for God again.

This same tradition of lifelong faith development has led Presbyterians to set high standards for the intellectual and spiritual training of their clergy as well—rightly insisting that we pastors follow the same model of life long learning and growth that we expect from our congregants. We have built up an expectation that a pastor will use a certain amount of their time and budget every year to read, study, learn new skills, and grow in their understanding of scripture and faith.

As you all may remember last January I spent a portion of that allotted time to travel to Israel with a group of clergy. Our faith was hugely stretched and enriched by that trip. You may not know that in the time leading up to that trip and in the days since I have met with that group of clergy monthly to study, pray, and participate in workshops to continue to develop our faith and leadership skills as pastors.

This year I am taking advantage of a different sort of opportunity for furthering my education, expertise, and faith like. This month I will use a portion of my educational time to begin a multi-year program at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary to develop further insight in an important area of my ministry—pastoral care. This will allow me new opportunities for study and reflection on the ways we can continue to uphold and enrich the value we place on caring for one another.

I hope that you will pray for me during this time of study as I continue to be in prayer for each of you!
Peace,

Carlin Deyle





Session Highlights

- Examined incoming elders, Deb Ellenberg and Frank Grier, and approved.
- Approved a balanced budget for 2016 to be presented at the annual meeting on January 24th.
- Approved Mark Endries, Bob Tully, and Amy Pond to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee for 2016.



CARITAS Is Coming In February

Southminster will host CARITAS from Saturday, February 13th through Friday, February 19th. We welcome your help, your time, and your donations.

If you would like to volunteer to help with CARITAS, please contact Debby McNeer (debmcneer@aol.com) or Gail DeCosta (gdecosta@comcast.net).



Save the Date for Camp Hanover Day Camp

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. Watch for more information.



Emergency Pastoral Concerns

Rev. Deyerle and Enikő Ferenczy will be out of the office from January 4 – 15. If you have a pastoral concern or emergency during this time, please call the church office or contact Rev. Keith Johnston of Forest Hill Presbyterian at 804-955-0423.



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.





Christopher Stone Scholarship Fund

Southminster has established a scholarship fund in memory of Christopher Stone. These funds 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 youth 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.



Another Successful Alternative Gift Market

The Alternative Gift Market had another successful year due to everyone who participated and purchased gifts. A big thank-you to the Women of the Church who sponsored the Scottish Tea and made all the wonderful goodies for everyone to enjoy as they shopped.

The total gifts purchased this year were \$3,086.75.

Alternative Gifts	\$2,490.00
Coffee	\$426.75
Lucinda Pins (Food Closet)	\$170.00

Thanks to all of you who made this mission possible and for helping others during this Christmas Season.



Fellowship News

As we move into the new year, Wednesday Night Connection prepared suppers will be going on hiatus. However, we will continue to hold potluck suppers on the first Wednesday of each month. Committee members are asked to follow the original 2015-2016 schedule for set-up and clean-up for the pot lucks.

The Fellowship Committee will meet after worship on Sunday, January 10th in the Conference Room. Our agenda will include the calendar of events for 2016, discussion of the WNC program, and making plans for cleaning/rearranging/donating food items that Fellowship has accumulated. Please contact Kathy Liesfeld (240-2529) to add items to the agenda.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving, and clean-up for the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 24th. We will need help on both January 23rd and January 24th.



Remember in Prayer

Please pray for our military personnel, Linda Bookman, John Bowles, Lillian Brooks, Mike & Pat Cifelli, Ron Crenshaw, Matt Davis, Pete Gillispie, Anna Hall, Bob & Net Hall, Laura Jessee, 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.





Youth Group

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

- January 16th-17th** New Year's Lock In.
8:00 PM Saturday – 12:00 PM Sunday. \$10.00 per person.
- January 24th** Bowling with POJ Youth Groups.
Meet at 2:00 PM at Southminster. \$5.00 per person
- January 31st** Souper Bowl of Caring Preparation 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Youth Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, January 10th, 10:00 – 10:45 AM. All confirmation students are expected to attend, but all youth are welcome to join us as we begin studying the Gospel of Mark.



Contemporary Issues

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

- January 3rd** *Affordable Care and Medicare Update*, by Reggie Stennett
- January 10th** *Heroin and Opioid Abuse Crisis in the US*, by Reggie Stennett
- January 17th** *Mental Health Crisis in the United States*, by Reggie Stennett
- January 24th** *Who Is Really Caring for Your Health?*, by Reggie Stennett
- January 31st** *Lyme Disease and Other Difficult Illnesses*, by Reggie Stennett



Presbyterian Women

Anna Circle will meet on **Monday, January 4th** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Martha Circle will meet on **Wednesday, January 6th** at 10:00 AM in the Library. Refreshments will be provided by Jan Belote. Doris Vaughan will lead our Bible Study #5, "Stormy Water – Faith." Don't forget to bring items for the Food Closet.

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 12th** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Betty Vanderslice will be our hostess.

Esther Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 12th** at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided by Sue Carlton & Dixie Kovacs. We will begin our study of Session # 5, "Come to the Waters; Stormy Water – FAITH." Remember to bring items for Cheer Bags, Food Closet, stamps for mission, magazines for VA Hospital, tab tops and education coupons to benefit schools.



February Newsletter Deadline

If you would like to submit an article or item for the February newsletter, please turn it in to the church office by **Noon on Tuesday, January 19th**.

Directory Correction

Jean Collier
Cell: 615-902-0877





Southminster Notes

Dear Southminster Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, cards, and prayers received while I have been recovering from my recent shoulder surgery. I am still on doctors' orders to use the arm passively only, but I didn't want to delay relaying my thanks any longer. I am especially grateful to our pastors, Bonnie and Rich for bringing me communion at home, the Careful Chefs for the delicious meal, and the Esther Circle for a wonderful care package. Love to you all.

Shelley Hamlin

Thank you so very much to everyone who participated in the wonderful Service of Lessons & Carols. It surpassed last year's and was a highlight of my Christmas season.

Jan Belote

Dear Congregational Care Committee,

We want to thank you for the meal that Riki brought us recently. It was so delicious and helped so much when I wasn't up to cooking. We appreciate all of the prayers, cards, and thoughts from everyone.

Love,
Joyce & Bob Treibley

To my dear Southminster friends,

Even though my physical heart became "damaged" on November 17, 2015, I am forever grateful for your thoughts and prayers (individually and congregationally) which (most definitely) have been and are still giving me a change to be alive today!

Please know that when and if this physical heart should be attacked again, my spiritual heart will live forever, "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son, what whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have life eternal."

I am overwhelmed with your sincere caring and love which has been shown through Caitlin's hospital visits and phone calls; Eniko's phone calls; Karen Stafford delivering flowers to me; Jane Tarter visiting with me and bringing me a beautiful hand-knitted shawl; Jane McGee bringing meals to me that were prepared for shut-ins and running an errand for me; and my Southminster Facebook Friends posting uplifting wishes. My den fireplace mantel is filled with beautiful Get Well cards, and they are still arriving!

My heartfelt thanks to each of you, from the bottom of my "new heart!"

Sincerely,
Marcia L. Shipley





January Birthdays

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| 4 Holly Coryell, Dorothy Rippon,
Abbey Johnson | 20 Sydney Kirtley |
| 5 Danise Warren | 21 Tim Moore, Marie O'Connor |
| 6 Bob Davis, Frank Grier | 23 Bonnie Cary, Branch Hobson |
| 11 Ray Henderson | 24 Anna Hall |
| 12 Lauren Pinchbeck | 25 Rachel Clay, Freya Harper |
| 15 Steve Dickinson, Ashlyn Bailey | 26 Charles Reed |
| 16 Marty Kovacs | 27 Betsy Davis, Eileen Robison |
| 17 Bobby Adiele | 28 Mary MacKenzie Swenck |
| | 29 Ann Clarke |
| | 30 Katie Daniel |

January Anniversaries

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| 2 Guy & Dorothy Dixon (26) | 14 Bill & Janet Crawford (27) |
| 4 Bill & Debby McNeer (6) | 15 Harry & Becky Rowan (50) |

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



January Schedules

Elder Greeters

- 3 *To Be Announced*
- 10 *To Be Announced*
- 17 *To Be Announced*
- 24 *To Be Announced*
- 31 *To Be Announced*

Door Greeters

- 3 Bob & Marty Griffin
- 10 George & Barbara Reid
- 17 George & Barbara Reid
- 24 George & Barbara Reid
- 31 Jim & Margaret Hall

Flower Delivery

- 3 Anne & Gary Smith
- 10 Anne & Gary Smith
- 17 Jan Belote
- 24 George & Barbara Reid
- 31 George & Barbara Reid

Soundboard

- 3 The Crawfords
- 10 James Deyerle
- 17 Mitchel Kirtley
- 24 Mark Endries
- 31 *TBA*

Ushers

- 3 *To Be Announced*
- 10 *To Be Announced*
- 17 *To Be Announced*
- 24 *To Be Announced*
- 31 *To Be Announced*

Food Closet

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| 4 Gerry Doyle, Barbara Reid | 18 <i>Closed</i> |
| 7 Gerry Doyle, Rachel Clay | 21 Jane McGee, Marcia Shipley |
| 11 Mary Stahl, Shirley Martin | 25 Jane Tarter, Melba Jolly |
| 14 Terry Liendecker, Liz Snead | 28 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:45 AM: Sunday School 11 AM Worship 3:00 PM: IPCN	4 Food Closet 7:00 PM Anna Circle	5 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM IPCN	6 10:00 AM Martha Circle 6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:30 PM Choir	7 Food Closet 7:00 PM Presbyteries	8 7:30 PM IPCN	9 7:30 PM IPCN
10 9:45 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM Pastor's Aid 11 AM Worship 12 PM Fellowship Comm. 3:00 PM: IPCN	11 Food Closet 10:00 AM Balladeers	12 10:00 AM Esther Circle 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Mid-Year Ceremony 7:00 PM Ruth Circle 7:30 PM IPCN	13 7:30 PM Choir	14 Food Closet 7:00 PM Presbyteries	15 6:00 PM Girl Scout Movie Night 7:30 PM IPCN	16 2:00 PM Rowan Anniversary 7:30 PM IPCN 8:00 PM Youth Lock In
17 9:45 AM: Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 3:00 PM: IPCN	18 ML King Day Office Closed	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM IPCN	20 6:30 Church in World Mtg 7:30 PM Choir	21 Food Closet 9:00 AM Triad Meeting 7:00 PM Presbyteries	22 7:30 PM IPCN	23 7:30 PM IPCN
24 9:45 AM: Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:00 PM Annual Meeting 12:15 PM Prayer Shawl 2 PM: Youth Bowling 3:00 PM: IPCN	25 Food Closet 10:00 AM Balladeers	26 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM IPCN	27 7:30 PM Choir	28 Food Closet 7:00 PM Presbyteries	29 7:30 PM IPCN	30 7:30 PM IPCN
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Return Service Requested

January

Join us for our annual
Congregational Meeting
January 24, 2016

In the Fellowship Hall following service.

