



From the Pastor

We are blessed to begin this new year by welcoming a wonderful group of new members to Southminster. Over the past year, the people of New Covenant Presbyterian Church have discerned that the time has come to close their doors after almost 40 years of faithful service and worship. Our session has prayed alongside them for over a year as they made this difficult decision, and we know they come to us weary and heartbroken. Yet, I count it as a singular privilege to welcome these new friends from New Covenant to Southminster knowing that our session has made an enthusiastic commitment to welcome and nurture each one of them through this time of transition.

Throughout this process the leadership of Southminster and New Covenant have discovered that we share many values in common. We both take great pride in creating a welcoming and loving church. We all share a particular concern to ensure that our sick and homebound members continue to feel connected and supported by their church. We share a passion for mission, particularly feeding the hungry and caring for the poor. And finally, we share a love of children and a care for nurturing the next generation of faithful disciples. In short, I think the Holy Spirit has done something very special and wise in bringing us together!

Yet, we all know it will be a unique challenge to get to know one another in this pandemic world! Here are three things we can all do right now to begin to come together as one church family:

- 1) **Pray:** In this newsletter you will find a preliminary contact list for these new members. I hope you will join me in praying for our new extended church family by name. As you pray, I suspect God may move your heart to make a call or send a card of welcome. Think of this as just a different way of reaching out and making a new connection with any visitor or new member you might meet in worship on a regular Sunday!
- 2) **Fellowship:** At 10 AM on Sunday, January 10th we will have a Zoom Coffee Hour! So grab an extra cup of coffee and log-on to see some new faces and say hello in person.

Join Zoom Meeting by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86953116401>

Call in for Audio Only: 301-715-8592 and Enter Meeting ID: 869 5311 6401

- 3) **Worship:** Immediately following our Zoom Coffee Hour, join us online for worship and we will share a special liturgy of welcome for our new friends.

www.facebook.com/southpreschurch/live or
www.southpreschurch.org/online-worship

Caitlin Deyneke

Leadership & Planning

Ordination & Installation of New Elders

On Sunday, January 17th we will ordain and install our new class of elders! We are excited to welcome back Terry Liendecker and ordain first-time elder Mary MacKenzie Swenck. Unfortunately, due to family health issues Mary Stahl will not be able to serve this year and we hold her, her sister Stephanie, and her mother-in-law in our prayers. Current Elder Jan Belote has agreed to serve a 1-year interim term to provide continuity of leadership and allow the nominating committee time to fill the spot more permanently in 2022.

Finally, I want to share a BIG thank you to our 2020 session! Jan Belote, Matt Briggs, Frank Grier, Marty Kovacs, Rich Kowalski, Eddie Pearson, Anne Smith, and Tracey Williams have truly fulfilled their ordination vow to serve God's church with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love this pandemic year. They have persevered through endless Zoom meetings and more Covid talk than any of us ever imagined. What a joy it has been to serve with all of you!

Annual Meeting

We will hold our 2021 Annual Meeting on Sunday January 31st at Noon. At this meeting we will elect our 2021 Nominating Committee, approve Jan Belote for a 1-year interim term on the session for 2021, and approve the 2021 Pastor's Call. This is also a time when we will share updates on the state of the congregation. I hope you will all join us!

In a normal year, the Annual Meeting would be paired with a bountiful picnic and great time of fellowship. This year we expect something much more like the congregational meeting we held in September. The meeting will happen primarily over Zoom with the possibility that some may be able to be present in person. Below you will find the link to the video meeting and the phone number to use for an audio only option:

Join Zoom Video Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87298042926>

Call in Audio Only: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 872 9804 2926

Finance

Treasurer and Finance Team Update

We have all been heartbroken by the death of our former church treasurer John Lampe. First and foremost, John was a friend and a brother in Christ. Yet many of you may be wondering about the gap he leaves behind in our financial leadership. Elder David Huff will continue to head the Finance Committee for 2021. David has also agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer under Elder Mark Endries, who is returning as our Treasurer after a much deserved hiatus while he cared for his own health. Others are also stepping up in new ways. We are adding Rich Kowalski to the list of check signers and Frank Grier to the list of Tellers. In summary, we have an abundance of experienced and trusted folks ready and willing to serve!

If you have financial gifts and skills and would like to join the Finance team we would love to add more names to that list! Opportunities include, joining the Tellers who count the offering every Monday morning, serving on the Annual Audit team, joining the Investment Committee, or simply serving on the general Finance Team. Please contact David Huff, 804-338-1819 if you are interested in serving.

2021 Budget Update

Thanks to your faithful stewardship we are ending 2020 with a very healthy year-end budget. This has been a year when many of our expected expenses changed dramatically, but thanks to your dedication we have been able to pivot successfully to online worship, find creative ways to make beautiful music in praise of God, provide increased pastoral care during a pandemic, and strengthen our commitment to the mission of feeding the hungry and caring for our neighbors.

The Session has approved a balanced budget for 2021. Pledges are understandably lower for the 2021 year, but we also expect the substantially lower expenses to continue throughout a portion of the new year. Although we do not anticipate needing to use them, we continue to have generous reserve funds. Let us give thanks for the generosity of God and the good stewardship of the finance team for putting us in such a stable financial position.

Session Update

Session Highlights

- Approved a balanced budget for the 2021 church year.
- Approved the slate of nominations for the 2021 Nominating Committee - Joyce Lapsley, David Huff, Bob Warren led by Frank Grier as representative from Session. This will be presented at the January 31st Annual Meeting.
- Approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to nominate Jan Belote to serve a 1 year interim term on the session to replace Mary Stahl who has chosen to step down in light of family health situations. This will be presented at the January 31st Annual Meeting.
- Approval of check signers, tellers and Mark Endries as Treasurer, David Huff as Assistant Treasurer.
- Received an update on the transfer of members from New Covenant effective January 1st and items New Covenant will be donating to Southminster.

Church In The World

Serving the Homeless Veterans in our Community

We have had another rewarding year, supporting Liberation Veterans Services. The pandemic threw us a big curve ball, but we found a way. During the shut down we purchased food from a nearby, local restaurant and carried on. We do miss not being able to personally serve and mingle with our Veterans; however, we hope to return to normal in 2021!

We have a group of 15 folks who regularly help out, but we **always** welcome newcomers to help with either shopping, cooking and delivering the food. Here are the dates for 2021: Saturday, February 6, Friday, March 5, Friday, May 7, Saturday, August 21, Thursday, October 21. If you are interested in helping out occasionally with our LVS meals, please email Susan Pharr: shpharr@gmail.com

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the active roll of Southminster Presbyterian Church. Updated church directories with full contact information will be made available in January.

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Directory Updates

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Remember in Prayer

Please pray for our military personnel, Bob Davis, Matt Davis, Mark Endries, Carolyn Griles, Bob Hall, Ann Kearns, Bev Lambertson, Alberta Lindsey, Shirley Martin, Jane McGee, Earl & Donna Medicus, George Reid, Adele Robertson, Billy Smith, Dave Thomas, Howard Vann, Ryan Witcher

These Days Devotionals

We know that many of our members look forward to receiving the new These Days devotional booklets. We have learned that our shipment of These Days for the first quarter of 2021 has been delayed in shipping due to heightened holiday mail traffic. However, they are on their way and once they arrive we are happy to mail them to any one who is interested in receiving one.



Poinsettia Dedications

*The poinsettias are dedicated in celebration
of the Christmas season and:*

In memory of Dan Bice
~ Kitty, Travis, & Whitney ~

In loving memory of Dan Bice

In honor of Joni and the work that she does

In loving memory of Mary Ellen & William Crawford Sr.

In memory of family and friends
By Jerry & Aileen Davis

“Mischief, Love, and Laughter”
Gifts from Forrest Jolly we carry with us every day

Praise and blessings for our family and friends

Given in honor of our father, Richard G. Schaffer
From his children: Dawn, Robin, Rick, and Jim

Given in honor of our grandmother, Maggie Maxey
From her grandchildren: Robin, Rick, and Jim

In loving memory of Gordon Smith
By Betty, Donald, and Greg

In remembrance of
Bill & Elizabeth Shermer and Harriette & Robert Young

In honor of Elizabeth Young



January Birthdays

- 4 Holly Coryell
- 5 Danise Warren, Curtis Radt
- 6 Bob Davis, Frank Grier, Grier Swenck
- 11 Karen Radt
- 12 Lauren Pinchbeck
- 15 AJ Bookman
- 16 Marty Kovacs, Hagen Smith
- 17 Bobby Adiele
- 20 Sydney Kirtley
- 23 Bonnie Cary, Branch Hobson
- 25 Rachel Clay, Freya Harper
- 26 Charles Reed
- 27 Betsy Davis, Eileen Robison
- 28 Mary MacKenzie Swenck
- 30 Katie Daniel, James Deyerle

January Anniversaries

- 2 Guy & Dorothy Dixon (31)
- 14 Bill & Janet Crawford (32)
- 15 Harry & Becky Rowan (55)

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

Presbyterian Women

Martha Circle

No meeting planned for January

Anna Circle

No meeting planned for January

Ruth Circle

No meeting planned for January

Esther Circle

No meeting planned for January

January Schedules

If you at any time are not comfortable with being physically present on your scheduled Sunday, please notify your schedule's organizer.

Due to the evolving Covid-19 situation, some schedules may not apply if Sunday service is online only.

Elder Greeters

- 3 None
- 10 Matt Briggs
- 17 Frank Grier
- 24 Tracey Williams
- 31 Rich Kowalski

Ushers

- 3 Jim & Margaret Hall, Kitty Bice, Dianna Scott
- 10 Terry Liendecker, Ron Hepp,
Jacob Wetzel, Tracey Williams
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Jacob Wetzel, Tracey Williams
- 24 Matt Briggs, Laura Pearson,
Guy Dixon, Marsha Lane
- 31 Matt Briggs, Laura Pearson,
Guy Dixon, Marsha Lane

Food Closet

- 5 Terry Liendecker, Lyndale Baptist
- 7 Mary Stahl, Margaret Hall
- 12 Shelley Murray, Lyndale Baptist
- 14 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 19 Terry Liendecker, Lyndale Baptist
- 21 Lyndale Baptist, Shelley Murray
- 26 Lyndale Baptist, Margaret Hall
- 28 Jane Tarter, Mary Stahl

Southminster Presbyterian Church

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed 7:30 PM: IPCN	2 7:30 PM: IPCN
3 Communion 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	4 12 PM Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts	5 Food Closet 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	6 7 PM: Handbell Rehearsal	7 Food Closet	8 7:30 PM: IPCN	9 7:30 PM: IPCN
10 10 AM: Zoom Coffee Hour 10:15 AM: Pastor's Aid 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	11 12 PM Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts	12 Food Closet 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	13 7 PM: Handbell Rehearsal	14 Food Closet	15 7:30 PM: IPCN	16 9 AM: Session Retreat Zoom 7:30 PM: IPCN
17 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	18 ML King Day Office Closed 6 PM: BSA Scouts	19 Food Closet 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	20 7 PM: Handbell Rehearsal	21 Food Closet	22 7:30 PM: IPCN	23 7:30 PM: IPCN
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31 11 AM: Worship 12 PM: Annual Meeting 3 PM: IPCN	Notes Due to the evolving Covid-19 situation, regularly scheduled events may be subject to change.					

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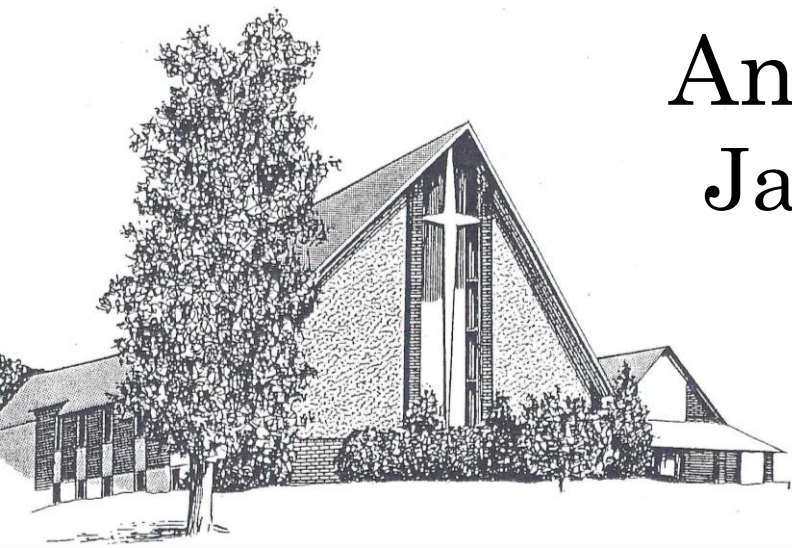
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Return Service Requested

January 2021

Join us for our
Annual Meeting
January 31, 2021
12:00 PM

Zoom video and
call-in details inside



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