



### ***From the Pastor***

Friends,

Summer is really in full swing and I am looking forward to worshipping with you on July 12<sup>th</sup>! Although we will be glad to take some steps towards getting back to our normal routine, there are also some things that will be different. I want to take this opportunity to answer as many questions as I can about our worship transition.

**1) What if I do not feel ready to attend worship or my doctor recommends against it? We support you!**

- a. We strongly support your decision to stay safe at home for as long as you need to.
- b. The session has invested in additional audio/visual equipment for the sanctuary to allow us to continue to live-stream our 11 AM worship each week. You can find our worship service live on both the church Facebook page and [www.southpreschurch.org](http://www.southpreschurch.org).

**2) Will we have outdoor worship? YES!**

- a. We will worship in the outdoor chapel at 9 AM as well as worshipping in the Sanctuary at 11 AM.
- b. Please be aware that there is limited seating in the outdoor worship and you may need to bring your own chair.
- c. We will continue holding two services all the way through the end of October as weather allows.

**3) Will masks be required? Yes.**

- a. As you know, masks are now required in all public spaces and gatherings. We ask that you wear a mask for both the indoor and outdoor worship services with the understanding that the main purpose of wearing a mask is to protect others.
- b. Wearing a mask is an act of Christian love, I hope you will find the mask blessing on page – and take a moment to say this prayer as you prepare to wear your mask.
- c. Southminster has acquired a limited supply of cloth masks to hand out to visitors who may need one.

**4) How will worship be different? The three “S”s**

- a. Singing: Research shows that singing together in groups has caused numerous serious outbreaks. We will not be singing hymns together in worship, but our music staff are working hard to make sure our services are still full of music lifting praise to God!
- b. Seating: We will maintain social distancing of 6ft in all our worship spaces. That may mean that you may not have access to your normal seat. Pews will be clearly marked. Thank you in advance for being flexible and following all seating markings.
- c. Sharing: We will not pass out bulletins, share hymnals, or pass around the offering plate. This will help us reduce the amount of shared items and cleaning that needs to be done between services.

**5) Will we be able to have our usual fellowship time and group meetings again? No.**

- a. We will continue to limit in-person group meetings through the summer.
  - i. If your group would like to make use of the church ZOOM account or get special permission to meet outdoors please contact Rev. Deyerle.
- b. It is our hope that Sunday School, PW Circles, Nursery Care, and Committee Meetings will be able to resume with proper precautions in the fall.

## Summer Compassion Camp Update!

**When: August 24-28**

**Price: FREE!**

**Where: At home AND at church  
(hopefully!)**



This summer, with an eye toward keeping the children in our community safe and healthy, Southminster will be offering a unified Compassion Camp for children 2 - 10 years old. We are very excited about this new program! Compassion Camp will be held in place of Camp Hanover Day Camp and Toddler Bible Fun Week.

As we are planning it now, Compassion Camp will be held mostly online, with a few opportunities during the week for in-person fun! We will gather online each morning for Bible Story, music, and craft times. We hope to gather together outside on the lawn for a water day Wednesday afternoon and a fun family night Friday. We will continue to monitor the progress of COVID-19 and will notify you of any changes in this plan closer to August.

Compassion Camp is completely **free** of charge, but we need your help to know how many children will participate in this program this summer! Please visit the church website and use this form to **register** your child for Compassion Camp: <https://www.southpreschurch.org/compassion-camp.html>.

We know this will look different than summer camps in the past, but we are grateful for the opportunity that Compassion Camp gives us to still provide some summer programming for our children. We are excited for the ways it will help our children continue to grow in faith!

## Church In The World

### School Supply Drive

Every summer Southminster partners with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services to collect school supplies for special needs students from low-income families. While we don't exactly know what the drive will look like this year, we are committed to making sure children in our community have the tools they need to embark on a new school year.

In early June the church office reached out to Chesterfield Mental Health to see how we might best support them and their students this year. Sadly, we learned that our long-time contact, Beth Trebour, had been furloughed along with the other part-time members of the department. However the department manager, Catherine Schneider, was very happy to hear from us and is deeply appreciative of the fact that we want to go forward with the supply drive. With details about the coming school year still uncertain, they are not sure yet what their students' needs will be; it is possible that the range of supplies they need will look different this year. There will be a meeting in July during which they expect to receive more details and a clearer direction. In the meantime Southminster will keep the lines of communication open and will keep the congregation up to date.

While we don't currently have a list of supplies to share, you can still support the School Supply Drive by contributing to our School Supply Fund. This is also an excellent option for anyone who wishes to maintain social distance and avoid in-person shopping. You can send checks to the office or make a donation online with "School Supply" in the memo or notes section.

**Scholarship Committee 2020 Report**

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I am pleased to share that five amazing youth from Southminster have received scholarships to continue their education next year. Each will be attending a full year at the designated colleges or educational entities. Please join Jane McGee, Anne Smith and I in congratulating them and their families on receiving this tremendous assistance to facilitate them in continuing their education. We also thank the Trustees of the Zona Willis Trust and a Trust set up by an anonymous donor.

Emily Pinchbeck	Virginia Commonwealth University	\$ 4,806.26
Christopher Endries	Heart of Virginia Aviation Training Center	\$ 4,806.26
Jacob Wetzel	Randolph-Macon College	\$ 4,806.26
Joey Williams	Longwood University	\$ 4,806.26
Mary Abigail Willis	University of Virginia at Wise	\$ 4,806.26

*Kitty Bice, Moderator of the Scholarship Committee.*

**Leadership & Planning**

**Parental Leave Starting August 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Deyerles are very excited to welcome the newest member of their family, due to arrive in early August! Rev. Deyerle will begin her parental leave on August 1<sup>st</sup> and be at home with the new baby for 10 weeks, returning Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. During that time, worship at Southminster will be led by Rev. Rosalind Banbury. Rev. Banbury served for many years as an Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA and has also served several churches as an interim minister over the past few years. Caitlyn Hathaway, Director of Faith Formation, and many of our Southminster Elders will take over leading committee work as well as assisting in worship. More details about Rev. Deyerle’s parental leave will be in the August newsletter! In the meantime, please be in prayer for the safe arrival of baby Deyerle!

**Facilities**

**IPCN Returns to In-Person Worship**

Just as we will do in a few weeks, Igelsia Pentecostal Cantico Nuevo has resumed their worship services in their lower level worship space. Just as Southminster has been doing, they have carefully considered all of the CDC and State guidelines about social distancing, masks, and hand washing. We give thanks for IPCN and the ways they have been such good neighbors to us over the years and we pray for their health of their members as they return to in-person worship.

## **A Blessing for the Masks**

By Rev. Carol Ferguson, Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church

Great Physician, Giver of All Life  
May this mask I wear show your true face:  
A face of mercy and compassion  
A face that loves others above myself  
A face that protects the vulnerable and weak.

As I wear this mask, save and protect me  
From danger that may come my way.  
As I wear this mask, save and protect others  
From danger I may send their way,  
Even without meaning to.

As once you hid your face from Moses,  
In order to reveal the glory of your presence,  
Teach us to hide our outward faces,  
To reveal our inward love for the world,  
And the glory of your presence in us. Amen.

## **Rev. Deyerle Completes Her Doctor of Ministry Degree**

After five years work taking advanced classes at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and completing a capstone project and thesis report, Rev. Deyerle has officially completed her Doctor of Ministry degree this month! The Doctor of Ministry degree (DMin) is a practical doctorate, similar to the program Enikö completed to earn her PHD, but less academic and more focused on congregational ministry. Caitlin's capstone project focused on the practice of holy listening as way to build community mission partnerships. It was inspired by Southminster's mission study goal to do more outreach to the community and all of the lessons we have learned over the past seven years about how to be a better presence in our neighborhood. Her degree will be officially conferred in December of this year. Please join in congratulating Caitlin on completing the last step in becoming Rev. Dr. Deyerle!

## **Session Highlights**

- Motion passed in support of the Statement Against Racism that was presented at the June Presbytery meeting.
- Approved additions to job descriptions for Music Director and Director of Faith Formation.
- Approved Parental Leave Document for Rev. Deyerle.
- Approved motions to donate some of designated mission funds from cancelled events to One Great Hour of Sharing and Pentecost offerings.

## **Southminster Food Closet: Remembering Barbara Wheeler**

For nearly three decades, Barbara Wheeler was the face of Southminster, not only as its long-time secretary, but as a champion of one of its core ministries. It is hard to think of the Southminster Food Closet without thinking of Barbara. While the day-to-day operations of the church office was Barbara's job, it is safe to say that the Food Closet was her passion.

Even after her retirement, Barbara remained a fixture in the Southminster Food Closet. She could be found in the Food Closet, multiple times a week, sorting groceries and organizing shelves. She was a font of information and advice for new volunteers. She knew many of Southminster's regular clients by name and greeted them with hugs when they arrived for their appointments.

We can think of no better way to honor Barbara than to support the Southminster Food Closet and serve those in need in our community. If you would like to donate to the Food Closet in Barbara's memory, you can send a check to the church office with "Food Closet—Barbara" in the memo line, or give online.

### **Be Alert For Email Scams**

There is a popular email scam that has been targeting houses of worship for the last several months. Members of the Southminster staff and congregation have received several of these fraudulent emails. We want all of our members to be aware of the scam and how it works.

The scam itself is a fairly simple one. Scammers get the name of a church's pastor and use that to create a legitimate-looking email address with the pastor's name attached. Then they begin emailing church staff and members. Sometimes they start off conversationally: "How are you? I need assistance. Please email me when you get this." Other times they jump straight to: "I need you to purchase some gift cards." Often they will indicate that the cards will be used as contributions to a good cause.

The ultimate aim is to get people to purchase gift cards and email the scammer the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. Once they have the numbers, the money is gone and untraceable. The upside of this scam is that it does not mean that the church has been hacked. Our security is not compromised and no one's private data is at risk. People just need to be vigilant about responding to emails. Remember:

1. Pay attention to the email address. Rev. Deyerle's legitimate email address is [pastor@southpreschurch.org](mailto:pastor@southpreschurch.org). Anything else is fraudulent. (Examples of false email addresses we've seen include [revcaitlind@gmail.com](mailto:revcaitlind@gmail.com) and [revcaitlindeyerle@gmail.com](mailto:revcaitlindeyerle@gmail.com).) In recent days, the scam emails have also come from fake email addresses of other church members
2. If you are ever in doubt about whether or not a request is legitimate, just call the church office. We will be happy to verify the information for you. If the suspicious email appears to come from a member, it's best to call them and double check.
3. **No member of the Southminster staff will ever solicit you to purchase gift cards.**

The best response to these emails is no response. We have already reported the problem to the appropriate authorities. If you suspect that you have been the victim of a scam you should contact the local police and speak to the fraud division.

## Fourth of July Fireworks in a Jar

### **What you need:**

- A clear jar or glass
- Food coloring
- 4 tablespoons cooking oil
- Warm water
- A bowl
- A fork



### **What you do:**

- Fill the jar  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with warm water.
- Add 4 tablespoons oil to bowl.
- Add 3-5 drops of each color food coloring to the oil.
- Stir with fork. \*It will not mix completely. You just want to agitate the food coloring.
- Slowly pour oil mixture into jar of water.
- “After a moment or two, the oil will settle at the top of the jar, but the food coloring will continue to shoot down and mix into the water to create a fireworks effect!”

**Have fun! And send us pictures or videos of your fireworks in a jar!**

This craft is adapted from: <https://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2019/02/fireworks-in-jar.html>.

A video tutorial can be found here: <https://www.pbs.org/video/crafts-kids-diy-fireworks-jar/>

**Directory Updates**

**Betsy Davis**  
betsyfdavis@comcast.net

**Welcome, New Member!**

Candace Young  
3608 Quail Meadow Place  
Midlothian, VA 23112

**Southminster Notes**

Dear Southminster Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, and love gift I have received after Dan's death. Dan loved the church and all of you. I have been uplifted by your prayers and love I have felt for you all. Thank you from both Travis and me for being so supportive and loving during this difficult time.

*Kitty Bice*

**Remember in Prayer**

Please pray for our military personnel, 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.

***July Birthdays***

- 1 Charlie Krausse
- 3 Bill Crawford
- 6 Earl Medicus
- 7 Debbie Crenshaw, Helen Raetz
- 8 Emily Pinchbeck, Debby McNeer
- 10 Asher Hollingsworth
- 11 Caitlin Deyerle
- 12 Joe Bishop
- 14 Karen Stafford
- 15 Debbie Greenberg
- 16 Nate Pearson
- 18 Sue Rhodes, Susan Witcher,  
Craig Campbell, Brody Pearson
- 19 Mary Ligon
- 20 Adam Taggart
- 21 Betsy Zehner
- 22 Seth Willis
- 23 Bob Warren
- 26 Luke Pearson, Lil Price, Jean Hepp
- 27 Jane Conrad, Ada Park, Ann Schaffer,  
Dixie Kovacs

***July Anniversaries***

- 1 Dave & Pat Thomas (31)
- 2 Keith & Pam Lumsden (37)
- 14 Eddie & Audrey Pearson (13)
- 25 David & ChiChi Huff (56)
- 26 Tim & Jennifer Weddle (34)
- 26 Jack & Lou Ann Daniel (45)

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

***July Food Closet Schedule***

- 2 Jane Williams, Lyndale
- 7 Mary Stahl, Margaret Hall
- 9 Jane Tarter, Jane Williams
- 14 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 16 Lyndale Baptist, Mary Stahl
- 21 Jane Williams Jane Tarter
- 23 Terry Liendecker, Jane Williams
- 28 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 30 Lyndale Baptist, Margaret Hall

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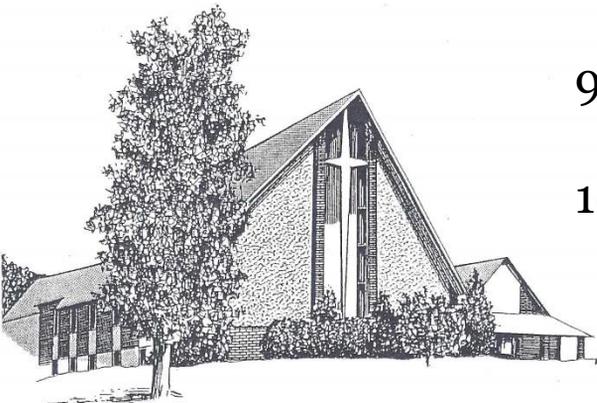
**July 2020**

**In-Person Worship To Resume  
Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship

11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

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for additional details



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