



From the Pastor

One difficult thing about the pandemic was giving up my yoga class. I loved having that designated time and space that helped me get into the right frame of mind. I loved seeing my fellow students each week. I really valued having a real, in-person, teacher, who could guide, challenge, and encourage me. I struggled for months to find a replacement for my former routine. Sure, I could do the basics on my own, or buy a video to follow. But it was hard to find a good space in my house that was free of distractions. Without the encouragement of the other people and the instructor I lost motivation. I was craving that in-person experience!

I know online church has been the same way for many of you. I love that our worship is truly live, so I know you are really there participating with me. I love that we can share prayers and greetings in the comments. I love that online allows us to engage across geographical distance and welcome visitors who might not have found us otherwise. There is a lot to be said for being able to worship even if you are out of town, or recovering from an illness, or are just more comfortable at home.

But many of you are craving that in-person experience and I am so grateful for the ways that is coming back. You all should have received a letter in the mail outlining our new Covid guidelines, they can also be found at www.southpreschurch.org/covid-19-update. But even as in-person options return, online is here to stay. Many of you have shared with me some of your tips and tricks to deepen the online experience. And just like I finally found my groove with my at-home yoga practice, we are all learning that it takes some intentional effort to get the most out of virtual worship!

- 1) Set aside the time and space: Like a yoga practice, worship is not something you can multitask. Make sure to find a quiet place where you can be free of distractions. Set your phone on do not disturb, close the other windows in your browser. Find a pretty spot your porch or a comfy chair. If you don't already have a favorite spot, create one. Find a beautiful cross or a piece of art that inspires you. Light a candle to invite Christ's presence into your worship time.
- 2) Be prepared: You don't show up to yoga without a mat! So have your bible with you to read along with the scriptures. Have a notepad and a pen to write down key reflections or prayer concerns. If you know you are going to be craving a cup of coffee, have it ready to go. If you know you listen better when you have something to do with your hands, have your knitting or adult coloring book at the ready. This is your time to find your spiritual center, remind you of your purpose, and experience connection with the wonder of God- make the most of it!
- 3) Build Connection: One of the things we miss the most about being in person is the connection with others, but there are ways to re-create that experience. When it's time to pass the peace think of someone from church you want to reconnect with and make a note to call or text them later in the day. When we share joys and concerns write down at least one person who you can send a note of encouragement to. Our staff also love hearing your feedback about what music you loved or prayers you found meaningful, send us an email letting us know what you loved!

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin

Congregational Life

First Sunday Fellowship- June 6th- Seniors Sunday

Our seniors are special! Join us on Sunday June 6th at 10 AM at the picnic tables for a special Senior Sunday. We will be making cards and writing letters to our older members who are not able to attend worship in person. So be ready to get a little crafty and sentimental in order to share the love with the most senior members of our church family! This is a family friendly, intergenerational event!

First Sunday Fellowship- July 4th- LVS Supply Drive

For our July First Sunday Fellowship we will be celebrating the holiday weekend with a supply drive for our mission partners, Liberation Veterans Services. LVS provides support for homeless veterans. For the past several years our volunteers have regularly provided meals to the residents of LVS. This 4th of July, show your gratitude to our veterans by bringing donated items with you to church and join us for some festive coffee and donuts on the lawn at 10 AM!

Consistent Needs

55 Gallon Trash Bags
Bleach
PineSol
Toilet Paper
Paper Towel
Laundry Detergent
Non-Perishable Foods

Additional Items

Egg Crate Mattress Toppers
Twin Mattress Covers
Pillows
Towels
Wash Clothes

Care Packages For Vets

Mop Buckets
Mops
Brooms
Dust Pans
Gloves
Dish Detergent
(These items help outfit vets who are moving into their own homes!)

Church in the World

School Supply Drive: Bring your supplies by August 8th!

School is starting early for the 2021-2022 year, so we are hitting the ground running for our School Supply Drive! Once again we are working with the case managers from Chesterfield Mental Health Services to outfit students of all ages with the tools they need to learn. We will be collecting supplies all throughout the summer up until Sunday, August 8th (we will also gladly accept monetary donations to the School Supply Fund). On Sunday, August 15th following the 11:00 AM service we invite the congregation to join us in the Fellowship Hall to help pack up the supplies. Please shop from the list below:

- 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

Southminster Scholarship

The youth and young adults in our congregation have been blessed by the generosity of former and current members who contribute to our Scholarship Fund, helping our young members with college expenses. All eligible Southminster youth are encouraged to apply for the Southminster Scholarship. **Scholarship applications must be received by the church office by June 15th.** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, applications and guidelines were mailed to eligible students in April. If you think you are eligible and did not receive this mailing, please contact the church office at 804-276-1749 or office@southpreschurch.org.

Leadership & Planning

Welcome David Flynt

We are so excited to welcome David Flynt to our worship team! David will be serving as our Live Stream Technician for Sunday morning worship. David has grown up here at Southminster and we are so proud to have him serve in this new capacity using his professional training in broadcasting. We are eager to have him guide us in improving our online outreach. I hope you will say, "Welcome Home!" to David as he sits up in the choir loft at the control board, and if you are watching online he will be glad to see your greetings in the comment section.

Caitlyn Hathaway Hours Update

During the summer months Caitlyn Hathaway will be scaling back her hours with Southminster in order to complete her internship as a hospital chaplain at UVA. This is Caitlyn's final step toward qualifying for ordination, so we are cheering her on as she reaches the finish line! You will still see Caitlyn on Sunday mornings, but for those of you who've gotten used to her phone calls or attendance at committee meetings you should expect to see less of her. Please keep Caitlyn in your prayers as she serves in a new way this summer.

Facilities

New Life For New Covenant Bell

During Southminster's merger with New Covenant Presbyterian Church earlier this year, one of the big questions was what to do with the New Covenant bell. The bell began its life at Drewry's Bluff Presbyterian Church many years ago. When Drewry's Bluff merged with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1983 to form New Covenant, the bell was installed in a brick tower in front of the church where it rang every Sunday morning. Obviously, abandoning the bell was never an option.

The perfect answer presented itself in the form of Camp Hanover. Thanks to the efforts of Southminster volunteers and the Presbytery of the James Disaster Relief Team, the bell has been installed in a new tower at camp outside Wise Lodge where it can be enjoyed by our young people for many years to come. **Turn to page 5 for pictures!**

Special Announcements

Bible Fun Week

This summer, we are excited to offer the opportunity to gather in person August 2nd – 6th for Bible Fun Week for children ages preschool through fifth grade! Bible Fun Week days will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM for all ages. This program is completely **free** of charge, but we need to know how many children will participate in this program this summer. So please visit www.southpreschurch.org/bible-fun-week to learn more and sign up now. Spots are limited!



We will be following Covid precautions to keep everyone safe, knowing that our children are still unable to be vaccinated. Our Bible Fun week is a small group of only 10-20 kids. Masks will be required for both adults and children for all indoor activities. We will wash their hands often and all shared surfaces will be cleaned thoroughly.

We will need more volunteers than ever this summer- so if you would like to help out, even if that just means an hour a day, please fill out our volunteer form at www.southpreschurch.org/volunteer-sign-up or contact Laura Pearson at 804-387-3913, laurapearson53@gmail.com.

Pentecost Special Offering

Early Christians received the Holy Spirit at the first celebration of Pentecost as recorded in Acts. We celebrate that transformative event each year with this special offering. Pentecost gifts are used two ways. Sixty percent is used by the PC (USA) to support the future of His Church – our youth and young adults - on a national basis. Two examples are funds used for mentors helping at-risk young people and, secondly, as support for the Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) program. The YAV is a faith-based mission active in many communities to help with poverty and race issues. The remaining 40 % is used locally to support Chesterfield Community in Schools. Gifts are still being accepted. You can mail a check marked “Pentecost” to the church office or give online at www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost.

Session Highlights

- Approved updated COVID policies for outdoor and indoor worship. Notification to congregation through email, newsletter, etc.
- Pastor vacation approved for week of June 13th. Rev. Clay McCaulay, preaching. Rev. Kerra English will be available for emergency pastoral care at 865-765-2944.
- Approved new position of Live Streaming Tech -5 hours per week.

Sign Up for Gardening!

In the spring of 2016, Southminster established a small garden plot on the church grounds for the purpose of growing fresh herbs and vegetables to share with our Food Closet clients. Our garden has grown, both literally and metaphorically, in the five years since as we have added beds, experimented with new plants, and gotten more and more of our members involved in this endeavor.

If you'd like to dip your toes in our gardening ministry, this summer is the perfect time! You can sign up for a week at a time (Monday – Sunday) to come water, weed, and generally care for the garden. We have plenty of slots for the summer that need to be filled! Please contact the church office if you are interested.

New Covenant Bell Gets New Home at Camp Hanover!



Directory Updates

Andrew & Marit Smith
4001 Traylor Drive
Richmond, VA 23235
(Temporary)

Southminster Notes

Thanks to all of you who expressed concern during Danise's recent hospitalization.

Bob & Danise Warren

Dear Southminster Family,

Thank you so much for the calls, texts, cards, and food during my post-op from surgery. Most of all thank you for your prayers and love. It really means a lot. See you at church soon.

Becky Rowan

Notes will be published as space permits. Some notes will carry over to next month's newsletter.

June Birthdays

- 1 Jack Coryell, Terry Liendecker
- 5 Bonnie Kowalski, Brady Paterson,
Michaela Williams
- 6 Tod Bigley, Shannon Coryell,
Jerry McCall
- 7 Byrd Harris
- 11 Marit Smith
- 13 Tracey Williams, Lora Anderson
- 16 Casey Adiele, Laura Schiller Toro
- 18 Bruce Jones, Rebekah Campbell
- 19 Dawn France, Harry Rowan, Alicia Willis
- 20 Jana Paterson
- 21 Barbara Flynt, Gary Smith
- 22 Pat Abbott, Moses Adiele
- 25 Eddie Pearson
- 26 Luca Cruciata
- 27 Bill Hevener
- 28 Cindy Ferguson
- 29 Jennifer Weddle, Vickie Adiele

June Anniversaries

- 1 Richard & Wanda Carneal (25)
- 4 David & Jennifer Williams (40)
- 8 Art & Ginny Williams (67)
- 10 Ron & Helen Raetz (43)
- 10 Ken & Kathy Brammer (41)
- 13 Ron & Debbie Crenshaw (35)
- 16 Ron & Mary Ann Hepp (48)
- 19 Gene & Sue Rhodes (45)
- 20 Frank & Joyce Grier (40)
- 23 Bruce & Christy Jones (42)
- 23 Charles & Lynda Reed (37)
- 23 Craig & Naomi Campbell (14)
- 24 Reggie & Ivy Stennett (43)
- 26 Jim & Jane Lewis (67)
- 30 Mark & Jana Paterson (20)

June Schedules

Communion Team

June 6: Team 1: Chapel & 11 AM (Unit)

Elder Greeters

- 6 Rich Kowalski
- 13 Anne Smith
- 20 Eddie Pearson
- 27 Mary MacKenzie Swenck

Ushers

- 6 TBD
- 13 TBD
- 20 TBD
- 27 TBD

Visitation Team

- 6 Karen Stafford
- 13 Laura Pearson
- 20 N/A
- 27 Kathy Liesfeld

Garden Watering

- 5/31 – 6/6 Jacob Wetzel
- 6/7 – 6/13 Laura Pearson
- 6/14 – 6/20 ***Open***
- 6/21 – 6/27 Kathy Liesfeld
- 6/28 – 7/4 ***Open***

Food Closet

- 1 Lyndale Baptist, Terry Liendecker
- 3 Jane Tarter, Shelley Murray
- 8 Lyndale Baptist, Margaret Hall
- 10 Edna Warncke, Jane Tarter
- 15 Melba Jolly, Shelley Murray
- 17 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 22 Terry Liendecker, Lyndale Baptist
- 24 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 29 Lyndale Baptist, Margaret Hall

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

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 (30)
- 2 Keith & Pam Lumsden (36)
- 14 Eddie & Audrey Pearson (12)
- 25 David & ChiChi Huff (55)
- 26 Tim & Jennifer Weddle (33)
- 26 Jack & Lou Ann Daniel (44)

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July Schedules

Communion Teams

July 4: Team 2: Chapel & 11:00 AM (Unit)

Elder Greeters

- 4 Terry Liendecker
- 11 Jan Belote
- 18 Matt Briggs
- 25 Frank Grier

Ushers

- 4 TBD
- 11 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 25 TBD

Visitation Team

- 4 N/A
- 11 Jan Belote
- 18 Anne & Gary Smith
- 25 Karen Stafford

Garden Watering

- 7/5 – 7/11 *Open*
- 7/12 – 7/18 *Open*
- 7/19 – 7/25 *Open*
- 7/26 – 8/1 *Open*

Food Closet

- 6 Terry Liendecker, Shelley Murray
- 8 Edna Warncke, Jane Tarter
- 13 Melba Jolly, Margaret Hall
- 15 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 20 Terry Liendecker, Lyndale Baptist
- 22 Lyndale Baptist, Shelley Murray
- 27 Lyndale Baptist, Margaret Hall
- 29 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowaski

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June / July 2021



**Join us for
Bible Fun Week**

August 2nd – August 6th

Sign up at

www.southpreschurch.org/bible-fun-week

Would you like to receive your newsletter electronically?

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June 2021

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		1 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	2	3 Food Closet	4 7:30 PM: IPCN	5 10:30 AM: Girl Scouts Outdoor Day & Closing Ceremony 7:30 PM: IPCN
6 Communion 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: 1st Sun. Fellowship 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	7 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts	8 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN Rev Deyerle Vacation	9 Rev Deyerle Vacation	10 Food Closet Rev Deyerle Vacation	11 7:30 PM: IPCN Rev Deyerle Vacation	12 7:30 PM: IPCN Rev Deyerle Vacation
13 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10:15 AM: Pastor's Aid 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN Rev Deyerle Vacation	14 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts Rev Deyerle Vacation	15 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	16 Rev Deyerle Vacation	17 Food Closet	18 7:30 PM: IPCN Rev Deyerle Vacation	19 7:30 PM: IPCN Rev Deyerle Vacation
20 Father's Day 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	21 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts	22 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	23	24 Food Closet	25 7:30 PM: IPCN	26 7:30 PM: IPCN
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