



From the Pastor

Last year the fence surrounding our backyard started to deteriorate. For those of you who have met our very energetic dog, Molly, you know that this is a problem! So, we started researching fences, and of course we had a quick conversation with our neighbors to let them know what we were up to. I was particularly mindful of our neighbors to the west who also have dogs. I let them know we were planning an updated version of what we already had, a low 4ft style fence with open slats that had always allowed us to share friendly conversation with them about gardening and our pets. I was surprised at their response! They said they were going to take the opportunity to put up a tall, 6ft, privacy fence. I wondered, “Did they not enjoy our company? Had I mistaken our previous friendly interactions?”

After spending several weeks worrying that I had unintentionally offended them I happened to run into them while weeding the garden one Saturday afternoon. They mentioned the fence again, and admitted rather guiltily that they didn’t think they would put up their part of the fence after all because of the expense. There was no surprise there, I had come to learn that fences are awfully pricey. I was surprised to learn that the reason they had wanted to put up the fence was as a favor to us! They were worried that their dogs barked too much at Abigail and they didn’t want to be a bother or a safety concern. What they had intended as a courtesy, I had worried was a slight!

Being a neighbor is full of possibilities for great friendship, but also a source of frequent misunderstandings and tensions! This Lent we will be offering a 4-week intergenerational bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30, starting March 4th. The class will be called “Won’t You Be My Neighbor.” We will discuss the intersection of the classic children’s show Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood and what the bible says about being a good neighbor. We will meet in the fellowship hall and enjoy some fun, learning, and even a few cookies! This is the perfect topic for Southminster, whose longstanding mission statement is, “Loving God and neighbor we welcome, worship, serve, and share!” Some come and learn more about what it means to really welcome, worship, serve, and share with our neighbors.

All ages are welcome to participate in this class since it is meant to be an intergenerational study. We will share group discussion, bible study, singing together, and even a few crafts! For our youngest members the nursery will be staffed and Miss Caitlyn will provide special Mr. Rogers themed activities for kids during the bible study portion of the large group study. Our final week we will hold a closing potluck and share in an intergenerational service project to share what we’ve learned with our neighbors. I hope you will join us.

Caitlin Deyhle

March Highlights

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Holy Week & Easter

Save the date for our Easter worship season!

Sunday April 5th- Palm Sunday Worship, 11 AM- All children are invited to help us welcome Jesus by waving palm branches and our children's choir will perform!

Thursday April 9th- Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 PM- A powerful worship service re-telling the story of Jesus' last hours from the last supper until the moment of his death. Childcare will be provided; a Hot Cross Buns reception will follow.

Friday April 10th- Good Friday Prayer, 12 PM- Join us for a short interactive prayer service recognizing Jesus' death and looking towards the resurrection.

Sunday April 12th- Easter Worship 10 AM, Reception and Family Egg Hunt 11 AM- Don't miss our biggest worship service of the year followed by a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun! This is the best Sunday of the year to invite a friend to worship!

Easter Lilies for 2020

The church office will begin taking orders for Easter lilies in early March. The lilies will decorate our Sanctuary on Easter morning, and there will be a special insert in which people may dedicate their lilies in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of personal milestones. If you purchase a lily or lilies you will have the option of taking them home or having them delivered to one of our special care members.

The lilies will cost \$10.00 each. Order forms will be made available in the Sunday bulletins. The deadline to order will be March 30th. If you have questions or are in need of an order form, please call the church office at 804-276-1749.

Church in the World**Community Festival & Potluck Lunch**

Please join us on Sunday, March 29th from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM for Community Festival! We will gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship for a potluck lunch and then enjoy the festival together..

This year's festival is a joint effort of all the communities that meet at Southminster—our church, the BSA and Girl Scouts, Kehillah, and IPCN. Each group has something unique to offer, from a leatherworking station with the Scouts, to a Passover booth with Kehillah! This will be a great opportunity for all of us to get to know one another better and to enjoy fellowship together as one community. We hope you will join us! Please remember to bring a side dish to share.

Presbytery of the James Spring Meeting

Elders Tracey Williams and Matt Briggs attended the Presbytery of the James (PoJ) spring meeting along with Presbytery Youth Council Member Joey Williams and Rev. Deyerle. The meeting was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville on February 15th.

Meeting Highlights:

- The PoJ Self Development of People committee presented a \$7000 grant from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to the RVA League for Safer Streets in a heartfelt ceremony.
- The Presbytery approved a five year start up grant to a new worshipping community called Voices of Jubilee, a ministry working with youth at the Bon Air Juvenile Detention Center.
- We also approved two new pastors for ordination, and commissioned an elder to serve as chaplain at a retirement center.

Leadership & Planning

Congregational Meeting

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 8th in the Sanctuary for the purposes of electing Frank Grier to fill the unexpired term in the elder class of 2021 and to address a correction in the benefits coverage for the Pastor’s terms of call. All active members are invited and encouraged to stay and vote.

Facilities

Security Cameras

As much as we don't want to accept it, our society has changed and security issues in churches have become more prevalent. Consequently, in order to safeguard our members and our facility, we are planning to install a security system with motion sensor cameras placed in various strategic places around our campus. This will be much like you see in churches, businesses, and office buildings all around town. At this point in time, we see no adverse impact on our operations or on church use and believe that it will make us more secure.

Presbyterian Women

Ruth Circle

March 3rd at 2:00 PM
Conference Room

Anna Circle

March 3rd at 6:30 PM
Debbie Greenberg’s residence

Martha Circle

March 4th at 10:00 AM
Christian Life Classroom

Esther Circle

March 10th at 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Special Announcements

YMCA Rescheduled Community Conversation

On Thursday, March 19th Southminster and the Manchester YMCA will co-host a Community Conversation on Human Trafficking in Chesterfield. This free community forum will be held at Southminster in the Sanctuary from 6:30pm-8pm. We will hear from local law enforcement and other experts on how our teenagers are particularly vulnerable targets for human traffickers and what we as a community can do to help protect our children. Please invite you friends and neighbors, particularly those who are parents, teachers, grandparents, or caregivers.

S'More News from Girl Scouts

Thank you Southminster for providing Girl Scout Troop 603 with a home. We have had an exciting scout year! We have two girls working on their Gold Awards this year! We shared in celebrating the birthday of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low at the Fall Festival. Over the holidays, we had a pancake breakfast with a "Special Guest" (Santa Claus). The troop finished off 2019 singing Christmas Carols at the Virginian, a local senior living facility. February was busy with our annual Lock-in at Southpark Mall and World Thinking Day. We have two camping trips planned for this Spring, at Westmoreland and Lake Anna State Parks. Finally, we have a Family Fun Day planned at Ironbridge Sports Park in May.

We look forward to celebrating Girl Scout Sunday on March 8th with the congregation. The day will start at 9:30 AM with the Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (suggested donation for breakfast is \$5.00). Every time you buy a box of girl scout cookies or a stack of pancakes, you support this wonderful opportunity for girls in your community.

Save the date for Camp Hanover Day Camp

It's hard to believe that Summer is just around the corner and I'm asking you to save the date for another fun-filled week of Camp Hanover Day Camp. This year Camp Hanover staff will be here August 3 - 7 from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost for the one week day camp will remain the same as last year at \$150 per child with discounts for Southminster members and scholarships available. Southminster is opening enrollment to children entering K-6th grade in the Fall of 2020. If you have any questions please contact Sue Rhodes at cabinsue@verizon.net or call (804) 938-9299. Stay tuned for additional information in future newsletters.

Session Highlights

- Approved a Congregational Meeting for March 8th for the purpose of correcting the 2020 pastoral call and to elect Frank Grier to serve a two year term to fill the vacancy left by Naomi Campbell, due to move from area.
- Heard report from the recent Presbytery meeting held at Westminster Presbyterian in Charlottesville.
- Reported by Rev. Deyerle that Rev. Pete Smith will be filling in during her maternity leave.

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for our military personnel, Sue Carlton, Jean Collier, Bob Davis, Matt Davis, Frank Farrington, 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.

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Disaster Relief Mission Trip

We have a mission trip group of folks going to Ocracoke, NC March 21st-28th, 2020 to help the those who were devastated by Hurricane Dorian with the rebuilding of their homes. If you have been concerned about these folks, now is the time to act. Skill in construction is nice but definitely not required. We make use of all volunteers. Please consider going on this mission trip - it promises to be a life changing endeavor.

If you would like to learn more, there will be a Q&A session about the trip on Sunday, March 1st at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Brown Pearson at 804-347-8895 or cbpearson3@erg-homes.com, or contact David Huff.

Save The Date: Spring Work Party

There will be a church-wide work party on April 4th to spruce up the church before Easter. All are welcome! Pencil into your calendar to come that morning and help around the church making it look good. We start at 8:00-8:30 and lunch is provided.

Visa Process Update from Enikő

Friends, I have a small update for you regarding my visa process. Immigration Services sent a letter to Muskingum Valley Presbytery in Ohio—presbytery where I've been accepted as minister member in December 2018 and who submitted the visa application in May 2019—stating that they will be in touch soon to schedule the site visit. It is routine part of the process that Immigration Services conducts a site visit to verify that the employer of the applicant is real. To date that site visit has not yet taken place. In the meantime, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wooster, Ohio, the congregation I'll be serving as pastor once my visa is issued, petitioned Senator Sherrod Brown's office (local senator in Ohio) asking him to look into my case. He did and was told that the site visit process is pending, but if we do not hear within 30 days, we can follow up with Immigration Services. I have filed a similar petition to Senator Tim Kane's office here in Virginia last week. I'm hopeful that between these two inquiries, the process will finally move along. As we enter month 9 of waiting, I'm grateful for your support and I welcome your continued prayers for patience and faithfulness.

March Birthdays

- 2 Jane Lewis, Liz Snead
- 5 Ted Coryell, Lynn Hodges
- 7 Jim Hall, ChiChi Huff, Megan Pond,
Jennifer Wheeler
- 9 Ann Kearns
- 14 Janet Crawford
- 15 Katie Roland
- 17 Matt Ellenberg, Jane McGee,
Ryan Witcher
- 18 Pattie Pinchbeck
- 22 Anne Dugger, Emily Cruciata,
Andrew Bookman
- 23 Christy Jones
- 26 Matthew Endries
- 28 Mark Endries,
- 31 Bernie Chamberlain, Jane Tarter

March Anniversaries

- 6 Tim & Melissa Moore (10)
- 9 Bob & Marty Griffin (59)
- 12 Ted & Jeanne Coryell (31)
- 24 Hal & Debbie King (39)

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

March Schedules

Communion Teams

March 1, 2020: Team 2 -- Intinction

Elder Greeters

- 1 Matt Briggs
- 8 Anne Smith
- 15 Frank Grier
- 22 Tracey Williams
- 29 Rich Kowalski

March Schedules, cont.

Acolytes

- 1 *Communion*
- 8 Grady Osborne
- 15 Luke Pearson
- 22 Meleana Grogan
- 29 Luke Pearson

Facility Stewards

- 1 Ben Nwoke
- 8 Chuck Greenberg
- 15 Dan Bice
- 22 David Huff
- 29 David Kirtley

Ushers

- 1 Matt Briggs, Dianna Scott,
Marsha Lane, Guy Dixon
- 8 Girl Scout Troop 603
- 15 Matt Briggs, Dianna Scott,
Marsha Lane, Guy Dixon
- 22 Jim & Margaret Hall, Ben Nwoke, Moses Adiele
- 29 Jim & Margaret Hall, Ben Nwoke, Moses Adiele

Visitation Team

- 1 *Communion*
- 8 Bonnie & Rich Kowalski
- 15 Bonnie & Rich Kowalski
- 22 Karen Stafford
- 29 Bonnie & Rich Kowalski

Food Closet

- 3 Terry Liendecker, Melba Jolly
- 5 Mary Stahl, Lyndale Baptist
- 10 Shelley Murray, Jane Tarter
- 12 Terry Liendecker, Lyndale Baptist
- 17 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 19 Edna Warncke, Lyndale Baptist
- 24 Mary Stahl, Jane Tarter
- 26 Melba Jolly, Shelley Murray
- 31 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski

Southminster Presbyterian Church

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 10 AM: Sunday School 10 AM: Mission Q&A 10:40 AM: Choir Rehearsal 11 AM: Worship 12 PM: First Sunday Prayers 12:30 PM Stewardship Mtg. 12:30 PM: Mentoring Team 3 PM: IPCN	2 10 AM: Balladeers 6:30 BSA Pinewood Derby	3 Food Closet 11 AM: Bible Study 2 PM: Ruth Circle 6:30 PM: Anna Circle 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	4 10 AM: Martha Circle 6:00 PM: Pot Luck 6:30 PM: Lenten Study 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal	5 Food Closet 12 PM Chair Yoga 7 PM: Presbyterians	6 3 PM: LVS Cooking 7:30 PM: IPCN	7 7:30 PM IPCN
8 Girl Scout Sunday 9:30 AM: Pancake Breakfast 10 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM: Pastor's Aid 10:40 AM: Choir Rehearsal 11 AM: Worship 12 PM: Congregational Mtg. 12:30: L&P Meeting 12:30: RISC Mtg 3 PM: IPCN	9 10 AM: Balladeers 6:30 BSA Scouts	10 Food Closet 10 AM: Esther Circle 11 AM: Bible Study 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	11 6:30 PM: BSA Leader Mtg 6:30 PM: Lenten Study 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal	12 Food Closet 12 PM Chair Yoga 7 PM: Presbyterians	13 7:30 PM: IPCN	14 7:30 PM IPCN
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Notes						
Daylight Savings Time begins at 3:00 AM on March 8th. Remember to spring forward on Saturday night!						

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Community Festival 2020

Sunday, March 29th from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM



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