

Keyhole Press

Southminster Presbyterian

May 2022

From the Pastor

WE ARE NEVER NOT CALLED

In the *Christian Century* magazine, Paul Wadell has an essay about his elderly parents, and their sense of grace and gratitude. He writes:

Baptism initiates Christians into a magnanimous adventure in which we are called to imitate Christ by growing in goodness, generosity, service and love. Even though what this might mean changes as we move through different stages of our lives, we are never not called to bring Christ to life for others.

We are never not called – what a wonderful double negative. At every stage of life - young, middle, old, single, married, divorced, widowed, with or without children – we are the ones who have the vocation, the calling, to bring the love of Christ to the people we meet. We may be the only “Bible” someone else ever reads. They watch us to see what a follower of Jesus looks like.

There is no postponing of this call until we have more time. There is no setting aside this call because we are retired, or busy raising children or just starting some new job or school. This is why we are here.

There is also no postponing this call until we get the next pastor for Southminster Church. I once saw a sign out in front of a small country church. It read “Preachers may come and go, but we still believe in God.” I have always wondered what was behind that statement. With or without a pastor, our call remains the same.

Now is our time to fulfill God’s calling in the life of this congregation. As we worship and serve together, we bring a smile to God’s face. This is why God has put us where we are today – to answer God’s call for the good of the world that God loves.

It is a privilege to serve with you in this time.

Rev. Charlie Summers

Summer Worship

We will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 5th!

9:00 AM- Outdoor Worship in the Chapel in the Woods: This service is family friendly, active children are welcomed, and dress is casual. Bring a blanket to reserve your spot on a bench or your own lawn chair for extra comfort.

11:00 AM- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary: Our indoor summer worship will follow its traditional format.

Church In The World

Nehemiah Action Report

We had 38 people from Southminster Church attended the annual RISC Nehemiah Action at the Richmond Convention Center on April 5th. You can read about it (front page news) in the Richmond Times Dispatch article, "Congregations Lobby Richmond, Chesterfield to Allocate Funding for Mobile Home Repair." Those Southminster members who attended the Nehemiah Action were invited to Southminster on Wednesday, April 27th to give their thoughts on and evaluate the event. Rev. Charlie Summers and Emily Small, RISC lead organizer led the meeting.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering was officially collected on Easter Sunday, April 17th, but to our extreme gratification we saw generous donations come in all through the month of April. **We are pleased to report that we collected \$1,466.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing in 2022 at the time of this printing.** Donations are used domestically and globally by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for three outreach missions: hunger assistance, natural disaster relief, and self-development of people.

Hunger actions include helping with immediate needs and addressing chronic poverty and its effects. In disaster relief, both the physical and the emotional needs of affected persons are addressed. Self-development of people helps those experiencing oppression, injustice, and poverty and to educate all Presbyterians about how these experiences affect our brothers and sisters.

Finance

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.

Applicants must be confirmed members of Southminster and attend at least two worship services or church-sponsored events each year. (The Scholarship Committee will offer grace on the participation requirement due to the extraordinary circumstances of 2021.) Applications and guidelines will be available at the church and will also be mailed to eligible students. If you think you are eligible and do not receive this mailing by the end of April, please contact the church office at 804-276-1749. Applications are due by June 15, 2022.

Leadership & Planning

Interim Pastor Update

Our interim pastor nominating committee is currently working to find suitable applicants who will be a good fit for Southminster. Please see the committee members (Rich Kowalski, Robin Lapsley, Clay Spillman, and Jennifer Weddle) if you have any questions.

Facilities

Spring Work Party Report

Brown Pearson and the Physical Facilities Committee would like to express their gratitude to everyone who came out for the Spring Work Party. We had a wonderful turnout and got so much accomplished! Thanks and kudos go out to:

Brown Pearson, Laura Pearson, Eddie Pearson, Susan Pharr, Mitchel Kirtley, Clay Spillman, Chuck Greenberg, Matt Briggs, Jacob Wetzal, Nate Schlaudt, Jim Davis, David & ChiChi Huff, Charlie Summers, and Lynn Hodges.

We also want to thank anyone whose name we may have missed getting on the day. We are so grateful for your support.

Presbyterian Women

Ruth Circle
May 3rd at 2:00 PM
Conference Room

Anna Circle
May 3rd at 6:30 PM
Debbie Greenberg's residence

Martha Circle
On hiatus until September

Special Announcements

Youth Sundays

May is an exciting month for our youth. The school year is winding down and, for some, graduation is approaching. It is also when Southminster honors and recognizes its young members with a special worship service. We will honor our graduating seniors on both Sunday, May 1st and Sunday, May 8th.

Bible Fun Week- Now Enrolling

“Round the world or just down the street, make peace with everyone you meet”. This quote is taken from this year’s program, “PASSPORT TO PEACE” developed by the Shine Curriculum. This year our Bible Fun Week Program will be held July 25th thru July 29th; 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This program is open for toddlers to 5th graders. Older youth are invited to volunteer and will surely benefit.

This program is right on time as it is nevermore important to foster peacemaking skills as Christians. Five separate Bible stories are used to illustrate how children can respond and live as peacemakers as Jesus taught. Passport to Peace invites children to see every person as part of God’s family and every interaction as an opportunity for peacemaking. Passport to Peace is a reminder that the Love of God and the way of peace transcend all borders and divisions.

Come and join the fun. Sign up forms for children and volunteer forms can be found in the church Narthax or on the church’s website: <https://www.southpreschurch.org/bible-fun-week.html>. You may also contact Laura Pearson at phone: 804-387-3913, or by email: Laura.Pearson53@gmail.com

News from Our Children’s Nursery and Children’s Sunday School

Our church nursery will be open on Sundays through May 29, 2022 for the 11:00 am worship service. The nursery will then be closed during the summer months, June, July and August, and will reopen in September 2022. We are currently searching for a person to staff our nursery each Sunday beginning in September 2022. If you know someone who may be interested in working in the nursery, please ask them to call our church office for more information.

Our Children’s Sunday School classes are not currently being offered, but we look forward to the re-opening of our Children’s Sunday School program beginning in September 2022. The classes are designed to be age appropriate and engaging for young children in Pre-K through the 5th grade.

If you are interested in teaching in our Children’s Sunday School, please contact Mary Bielen, Covenant Pastor, at mary@southpreschurch.org.

Southminster Quiz

Test your Southminster knowledge! Can you identify the subjects of the pictures and their locations?

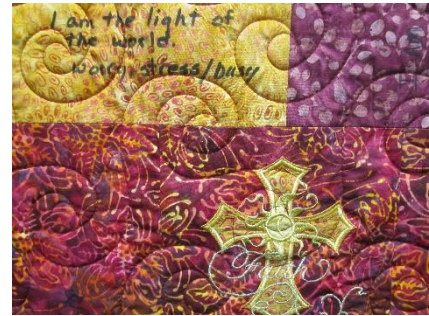
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Southminster Notes

Dear Southminster Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, calls, hugs, and prayers during my brother's brief cancer battle and passing. Your caring got me through this most difficult time. I am blessed to have all of you in my life.

Sincerely,
Jan Belote

Dear Southminster,

Thanks to all for the generous donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a joy to see the playgrounds filled with precious little ones on Easter morning. Your thoughtful treats brought smiles to their faces.

Special thanks to all the wonderful helpers with a big shout out to Lynn Hodges. Southminster knows how to make things happen!

Blessings and thanks,
Joyce Grier & Mary MacKenzie Swenck

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

May Birthdays

- 2 Bobbi Briggs
- 9 Guy Dixon, Doug Briskman
- 10 Ron Howlett
- 12 Ron Crenshaw
- 13 Bob Hall
- 14 David Stahl
- 15 Margaret Hall, Ryan Willis
- 16 Linda Abercrombie
- 22 Laura Pearson,
Kate Bunkholt, Owen Bunkholt
- 23 Ron Witcher, Melody Clopton
- 24 Elizabeth Waldron
- 25 Susan Pharr
- 29 Wendy Briskman, David Reeser

May Anniversaries

- 10 John & Carolyn Surber (47)
- 17 Mike & Cindy Ferguson (25)
- 21 Jeff & Tammy McDonald (39)
- 24 Ron & Cindy Howlett (42)
- 30 Mark & Tracey Williams (30)

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

May Schedules

***If you cannot be present on your scheduled day,
please notify your schedule's organizer.***

Communion Team

May 1: Team 2 (Unit)

Elder Greeters

- 1 Jennifer Weddle
- 8 Mary Stahl
- 15 Robin Lapsley
- 22 Clay Spillman
- 29 Rich Kowalski

Ushers

- 1 Pat Thomas, Kathy Liesfeld,
Jerry & Cheriene McCall
- 8 Gail DeCosta, Tracey Williams, Pat & Rick Abbott
- 15 Gail DeCosta, Tracey Williams, Pat & Rick Abbott
- 22 Jan Belote, Moses Adiele, Margaret & Jim Hall
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Visitation Team

- 8 Rick & Pat Abbott
- 15 Rick & Pat Abbott
- 29 Karen Stafford

Food Closet

- 3 Mary Stahl, David Stahl
- 5 Jane Tarter, Rose Spradlin
- 10 Shelley Murray, Frank Grier
- 12 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 17 Jane Williams, Melba Jolly
- 19 Ann Potts, Jane Tarter
- 24 Margaret Hall, Shelley Murray
- 26 Cheriene McCall, Mary Stahl
- 31 Jane Williams, Frank Grier

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	2 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	3 Food Closet 2 PM: Ruth Circle 6:30 PM: Anna Circle 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	4 7:15 PM: Sanctuary Choir	5 Food Closet 6 PM: Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting	6 3 PM: LVS Cooking 7:30 PM: IPCN	7 7:30 PM: IPCN
8 Mother's Day 10 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM: Pastor's Aid 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	9 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	10 Food Closet 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	11 7:15 PM: Sanctuary Choir	12 Food Closet	13 8 AM: Pioneers Meeting 7:30 PM: IPCN	14 10 AM: RMTA Event 3 PM: Plano Recital 7:30 PM: IPCN
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22 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 12:30: Session 3 PM: IPCN	23 10 AM: Balladeers 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	24 Food Closet	25 7:15 PM: Sanctuary Choir	26 Food Closet	27 7:30 PM: IPCN	28 7:30 PM: IPCN in Fellowship Hall 7:30 PM: IPCN
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Return Service Requested

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Outdoor Worship
Begins Sunday, June 5th
9:00 AM in the
Chapel in the Woods

Traditional worship at
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

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