



From the Pastor

Friends,

“Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.” + Psalm 98:8

“Together.” We used to think we knew just what that word meant, didn’t we? We never used to wonder, most of us, how the definition might be stretched, how important togetherness might become or how clever we’d need to become in order to make it happen.

But my oh my, hasn’t 2020 changed and challenged things? Amid a sea of confusion, fear, and discord, we suddenly became desperate for some kind of joy, precisely when it became impossible to get *together* for joy in most of the ways we knew like potluck suppers, choir rehearsal, and Sunday morning worship. So we stretched, hard. Flexed more than we thought we could. Groaned and reached and complained (only a little!) and wept (sometimes a lot!).

- Our Pastor’s Aides kept us connected and prayed over.
- Kimberly and Gabriella found incredible ways to inspire us with music made in their living rooms.
- Caitlyn and volunteers created an online Compassion Camp so all of our kids could grow in their faith this summer.
- You all rose to the occasion with food closet donations and kept one of our most vital ministries not only functioning but flourishing during a global pandemic!

And in the end, we were together, weren’t we? When we logged on for Zoom meetings, streamed worship services, and shared communion from our homes, and created new ways of having fellowship virtually.

Our togetherness may not have always happened in the sanctuary, or in the fellowship hall, or in the Sunday school rooms, but it happened! And through it all, we were together with God, whose love covers every distance and heals every heart.

Later this month you will receive from the Stewardship Team a pledge card and a prayer. I hope you will join me and James, along with Abigail and baby Rose, in praying the prayer regularly as we discern together our giving for 2021. So much is different; so many circumstances have changed. But here’s what I know: with God’s help, the music we create, in person or in spirit, will be well worth the rejoicing.

I can’t wait to see you all again on October 18th to begin our Stewardship season together!

Peace,

Caitlin Deyhle

Communion During Covid-19

Southminster will celebrate communion on Sunday, October 4th at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. As with everything else these days, in person communion will be a little different.

We will serve communion in a similar manner to intinction. The elements will be contained in a single-serve unit. Members will come forward in the center aisle single file and receive the unit containing a wafer and juice, then return via the outer aisles to your seats. Once you are back in your seat you will remove the tabs and partake of the elements. After worship, please dispose of your units and tabs in the white recycling receptacles in the Narthex. There will be two stations to better allow for social distancing. In the case of outdoor worship the receptacles will be at the back of the outdoor chapel. We will have communion in this manner at least through December of this year.

Fall Festival

Hi Southminster Families! This year's Fall Festival will be very different from all those in the past, but we are excited to offer a fun but smaller gathering for you and your family. I hope you will join us **Saturday, October 24th** for hayrides, hot chocolate and snacks, games, and pumpkin decorating. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** You will register to attend the festival with your family for **one hour between 2:00 and 5:00 pm.** Up to 4 families can attend per hour.

We want everyone to have a ton of fun, but we also want everyone to stay safe and healthy! You can learn more about the safety measures we'll be taking at the registration link below. I hope you'll put on your best costume and join us on October 24th!

Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAE2BA0F8CF8-fall>
Sign up to volunteer by emailing caitlynhathaway@gmail.com.

Church in the World

CCHASM Thanksgiving Baskets

Southminster is proud to support the CCHASM Thanksgiving Basket program which provides families in need with a full holiday meal. Southminster will be accepting non-perishable food items and monetary donations during the month of October.

As with Food Closet contributions, items for the Thanksgiving Baskets can be brought to the church any time during normal office hours and left at the back door (we ask you to give the office a call to let us know you're coming.) Food items can also be left in the food baskets at the church and marked "CCHASM." You may give individual items from the list below or put together an entire basket. If you are giving a complete meal, please place items in doubled grocery bags and mark "Thanksgiving." Food items should be dropped off by **Sunday, November 8th**.

Contents Of A Full Thanksgiving Basket

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| 1 | 40 oz can of yams / sweet potatoes | 2 | Boxes of stove top dressing |
| 1 | 13 oz box of mashed potatoes | 2 | Cans or packages of gravy (no glass jars) |
| 1 | 14 oz can of cranberry sauce | 1 | Box of hot chocolate |
| 2 | 15 oz cans of corn | 1 | Box of tea bags |
| 2 | 15 oz cans of green vegetables | 1 | Large box or bag of cookies |

Stewardship

October is our month to focus on Stewardship. Stewardship is the act of living out God’s call to make good use of our lives and our resources. We will kick off Stewardship season on October 18th with a four-week sermon series focusing on what it means to live out our Christians values.

During this time you will also be receiving a letter from our Stewardship committee asking you to consider your pledge to God for your personal giving in the coming year. We hope that you will take this opportunity to give thanks to God for all the gifts in your life and consider how you can best use them to glorify God.

Sunday, November 8th will be Commitment Sunday, the celebration of the commitments we each make to God.

Leadership & Planning

Welcome Back, Reverend Deyerle

On Sunday, October 18th we will welcome Rev. Caitlin Deyerle back to the pulpit. It’s hard to believe that ten weeks have passed so quickly! We’re glad that Caitlin, James, Abigail, and Rose have been able to take this time to bond as a new family of four, and are excited to welcome Rose into the Southminster family.

We would like to take this time to thank all those who have seen to the smooth operation of Southminster during Caitlin’s leave: Rev. Rosalind Banbury for leading us in worship on Sunday and moderating Session. Caitlyn Hathaway, Kimberly Ryan, and Gabriella Ryan for bringing all the elements together for uplifting services, both in person and online. Our Elder Liturgists for helping lead services. Our soundboard volunteers for manning the mircophones and worship slides. Anne Smith for being responsible for Session agendas and minutes. And to everyone else who has taken the time to keep Southminster working well from day to day.

Facilities

Fall Work Day

The Southminster Facilities Committee will host a fall work day on Saturday, October 10th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

All volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. When you arrive please come to the Fellowship Hall. There will be a list of tasks that you can sign up for and work on independently.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, we will not be serving lunch.

Presbyterian Women

Martha Circle

October 7th at 10:00 AM
Conference Room

*Welcome New Circle Leader
Barbara Jordanger!*

Anna Circle

No meeting planned for October

Ruth Circle

No meeting planned for October

Esther Circle

No meeting planned for October

End of Outdoor Worship

During the summer Southminster, like many churches, was faced with a unique dilemma: How to bring people together for worship while simultaneously keeping them socially distant. In addition to streaming services online, one of the methods many churches adopted was to conduct multiple services so that the congregation would have more room to spread out.

Southminster already had a long, beloved tradition of holding an early service on Sunday mornings in our Chapel in the Woods during the summer. Given that this system was already in place, it was an easy decision to extend the outdoor worship season by two months. Rather than end our 9:00 AM outdoor service on Labor Day weekend we chose to continue running the service through the end of October.

The results have been very positive. Our outdoor service has been well attended, averaging around a dozen members in attendance each Sunday. In the words of Rev. Banbury, "Outdoor worship has uplifted us as we sat in the midst of the lovely woods that God has created. We relaxed, laughed and shared easily there. The birds' songs or crows, the cicadas humming and even rock music from neighbors' yards has punctuated our worship." As we head deeper into autumn those at the outdoor service can enjoy cooler mornings and changing leaves as they gather for worship.

Our final 9:00 AM outdoor worship service will be on Sunday, October 25th.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 1st Southminster will celebrate All Saints Sunday. During our worship service we will take time to remember family and friends who we have lost in the past year.

Due to concerns about spreading germs we will not have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex as usual. However, submitting your names is very easy. Just call or email the church office (804-276-1749 or office@southpreschurch.org) and give your names to the office manager. Please submit your names by Monday, October 26th.

Session Highlights

- Approved request from Kathy and Charlie Krausse to be removed from the membership roll, as they are moving out of the area.
- Approved moving Don Watkins from the membership of Southminster as per his request.
- Approved a motion supporting Camp Hanovers' #GreatCampGive on Wednesday September 30th, with a donation of \$500.00.
- Approved an alternative version of Fall Festival for October 24th.
- Ratified a previous email vote that confirmed no outside group usage for events to be held inside the church facilities until after November 1st; with the exception of chair yoga.

Chair Yoga Update

We are pleased to announce that Chair Yoga is set to resume weekly classes. Our new class time will be on Mondays from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Our first class will be on October 5th. As before, Chair Yoga is open to all and no experience is necessary. There is no fee for the class, but a free will offering will be taken to help offset costs.

We will, of course, be taking precautions in light of Covid-19. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall which is already set up with socially-distanced chairs as a rain space for outdoor worship. Masks will be required, and we will wipe down chairs and surfaces in the Fellowship Hall following the class. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Bonnie Kowalski at 804-745-8740 or bonniek6@verizon.net.

Southminster Ringers

We are still in need of one bell ringer to complete our ensemble! The ideal candidate is someone with basic music reading knowledge, and availability most Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please contact Kimberly Ryan if you are interested! keliseryan@gmail.com

Faith At Home Devotionals

Though we cannot gather for Sunday School this fall, we will be posting weekly devotionals for all ages on our website, along with an opening prayer video from one of our Sunday School teachers. The devotionals will come from “Faith @ Home” a blog from the Episcopal Church, and each one includes 4 different devotionals: one each for small children, elementary age, youth, and adults. So adults can join in too! You can find the weekly devotionals here: <https://www.southpreschurch.org/faith-at-home.html>

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for our military personnel, Pat Abbot, Jean Collier, Bob Davis, Matt Davis, Mark Endries, 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.

Southminster Notes

Dear Southminster Family,

Heartfelt thanks for all the good thoughts and prayers sent my way during my post surgery treatment with radiation. Every call, card, and expression of care and concern made a difference. I am doing very well and will see you all in church again soon.

Gratefully,
Barbara Reid

October Birthdays

- 2 Joey Williams
- 3 Matt Briggs
- 4 Winki Lampe
- 6 Audrey Pearson
- 7 Cathy Kirtley
- 9 Amy Pond
- 10 Diane Watkins
- 12 Macy Bowser
- 13 Marley McDonald
- 15 Jan Belote, Frank Willis
- 16 David Campbell
- 18 Carolyn Griles
- 20 David Kirtley
- 21 Jerry Davis, Mike Ferguson, Sarah Hollingsworth
- 24 Dorothy Dixon
- 26 Samantha Waldron
- 28 David Williams

October Anniversaries

- 6 Gary & Melanie Miller (35)
- 14 Chuck & Debbie Greenberg (48)
- 15 Larry & Bernie Chamberlain (43)

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

October Schedules

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

Communion Team

October 4: Team 3, Unit, Indoor & Outdoor

Elder Greeters

- 4 Tracey Williams
- 11 Rich Kowalski
- 18 Anne Smith
- 25 Eddie Pearson

Facility Stewards

- 4 Andrew Swenck
- 11 Ben Nwoke
- 18 Chuck Greenberg
- 25 Brown Pearson

Ushers

- 4 Dianna Scott, Laura Pearson,
Jerry Davis, Matt Briggs
- 11 Tracey Williams, Marsha Lane,
Guy Dixon, Moses Adiele
- 18 Tracey Williams, Marsha Lane
Guy Dixon, Moses Adiele
- 25 Terry Liendecker, Guy Dixon,
Kathy Liesfeld, Ben Nwoke

Food Closet

- 1 Lyndale Baptist, Margaret Hall
- 6 Jane Williams, Terry Liendecker
- 8 Mary Stahl, Shelley Murray
- 13 Lyndale Baptist, Mary Stahl
- 15 Margaret Hall, Jane Tarter
- 20 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 22 Terry Liendecker, Shelley Murray
- 27 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 29 Lyndale Baptist, Jane Williams

Southminster Presbyterian Church

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Food Closet	2	3
4 Communion 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	5 12 PM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM: BSA Scouts Outdoor Meeting	6 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	7 10 AM: Martha Circle 7 PM: Handbell Rehearsal	8 Food Closet	9	10 8:30 AM Fall Work Day 7:30 PM: IPCN
11 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	12 12 PM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM: BSA Scouts Outdoor Meeting	13 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	14 7 PM: Handbell Rehearsal	15 Food Closet 3 PM: LVS Cooking	16	17 POJ Meeting Via Zoom 7:30 PM: IPCN
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25 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 11 AM: Worship 1:00 PM: Session 3 PM: IPCN	26 12 PM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM: BSA Scouts Outdoor Meeting	27 Food Closet 7:30 PM: IPCN	28 7 PM: Handbell Rehearsal	29 Food Closet	30	31 Halloween 7:30 PM: IPCN
Notes						
Don't forget to set you clocks back on the night of October 31st!						

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Return Service Requested

October 2020



Communion

Sunday, October 4th

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
See page 2 for details

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