



# Keyhole Press

## Southminster Presbyterian

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### *From the Pastor*

Service.....a familiar word to us

Doing things **for** others, we often think, equates service. And sometimes it is and needs to be it. But service is also much more. It takes on a different character when we do things **with** others. “Doing with” is easier said than done. It is an uphill battle. Constantly asking for patience, care and commitment. Giving credit for what the other contributes and moving forward, not at your pace, but at the others. That is tough.

It is so much easier to do things for others. In “doing,” we set the terms and conditions. We withdraw when we have enough and are available when we find we feel like it. We are in control. We, the quick and efficient selves.

Henri Nouwen said he came to realize that true service “asks for a deep inner conviction that a slow job done together is better than a fast job done alone.” In essence this service has no quick end result in view, no hit and run motive, not at all, it has a process in view. A process of companionship in which a common road is walked together for a period of time.

My mind goes back to The Hollies song of 1969, namely “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother”.

The title came from the motto for Boys Town, a community formed in 1917 by a Catholic priest named Father Edward Flanagan. Located in Omaha, Nebraska, it was a place where troubled or homeless boys could come for help. In 1921, there was a resident at Boys Town who had difficulty walking. He wore leg braces and the other boys would often take turns giving him a ride on their backs. In 1941, Father Flanagan was looking at a magazine called *The Messenger* when he came across a drawing of a boy carrying a younger boy on his back, with the caption, "He ain't heavy Mr., he's my brother." Father Flanagan thought the image and phrase captured the spirit of Boys Town, so he got permission and commissioned a statue of the drawing with the inscription, "He ain't heavy Father, he's my brother." Don't you think “Nobody is heavy at Southminster Father, everyone is my brother and sister” captures our spirit here as a faith community like a glove? I do. I really do.

Yours in Christ,

*Jock O’Connell*

**Rally Day: Sunday, September 11th**

Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the start of a new church year. We will gather together for worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00AM. Following worship we will have a picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Southminster will provide the main course; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Children's Sunday School Begins September 18th**

Our children's Sunday School program for children in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will restart beginning Sunday September 18, the week after Rally Day. Children are divided into groups by age: 1) Nursery and Toddlers, 2) Preschoolers 3) Elementary School Age. Infants and toddlers receive tender, loving care while their parents are in Sunday school and worship. The preschoolers class includes bible stories, games, activities and crafts that are age-appropriate. Children who are in elementary school will be part of a one room Sunday school where they hear and read a biblical story and then do activities that engage them in the multiple ways of learning.

**Confirmation Retreat for Youth This Fall**

A confirmation class will be offered this Fall as a weekend retreat. It will be open to middle school and high school youth (grades 6 – 12), whether or not they are planning to be confirmed in the future. A date for the retreat will be set in the future based on the availability of the youth. If your child is interested, please contact Rev. Mary Bielen at [mary@southpreschurch.org](mailto:mary@southpreschurch.org).

**Church In The World****Rise Against Hunger Event**

We are very excited to once again host this meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger on **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you've participated in this before, you are already excited. If this will be your first time, you will not be disappointed. Our Sunday worship of God will include this energizing, inspiring experience to provide meals for those affected by natural or man-made disasters.

**What time do we meet on October 16<sup>th</sup>?**

10:30 AM	Gather for snacks in the narthex
11:00 AM	Brief service in the sanctuary
11:15 AM	Report to the Fellowship Hall for instructions
11:30 AM	Begin the work!
1:30 PM	Clean up

**What is the work?**

We will have a variety of stations for multiple jobs: filling bags with prepared dried foods (soy, veggies, rice, vitamins); weighing and sealing the bags, boxing up the bags. We also need 'runners' to take the products from one station to another – kids are great at doing this! Some tasks are for those who can stand; others are suitable for those who need to sit! There is a job for just about everyone!

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# Finance

## Online Giving

Did you know that you can give to Southminster online? Many of our members have begun using our safe and secure online giving portal, set up through the Presbyterian Foundation, where you can make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation. Go to [www.southpreschurch.org/giving](http://www.southpreschurch.org/giving) to learn more!

# Leadership & Planning

## We Are Seeking a Nursery Worker

Our church is seeking a Nursery Worker to care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers while their parents are in worship services and Sunday School classes. Responsibilities include caring for the children and keeping the nursery space safe, clean and organized.

Our Nursery Worker must be dependable and able to communicate effectively with children and parents. A background check is required before employment is offered. Compliance with our church's Child Protection Policy is also required. Training on best practices to assure a loving, caring and safe environment will be provided by the church.

Hours are Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM-12:15 PM during the school year. Summer hours are 10:45 am-12:15 pm. In addition, child care may be needed for Session meetings and special events in the church.

Please contact Rev. Mary Bielen, Pastor for Faith Formation at [mary@southpreschurch.org](mailto:mary@southpreschurch.org) for further information if interested in this position.

# Facilities

## Fall Work Day

We have a big workday coming up on Saturday September 24th, from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. We need volunteers to help tackle a number of tasks, including:

- Replace the post in the front drive circle
- Power washing
- Condition wood with mineral oil
- Wash windows
- General tidying, indoors and outside

We hope to get a lot done and have a lot of fun! Contact Brown Pearson if you'd like to take part.

**Presbyterian Women**

**Ruth Circle**  
September 6th at 2:00 PM  
Conference Room

**Anna Circle**  
September 6th at 6:30 PM  
Debbie Greenberg's residence

**Martha Circle**  
September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM  
Conference Room

### **A Reminder About Masks**

Though we've been working hard to get Southminster programming back to normal, it's important to remember that Covid is still very much a part of our lives. Therefore, we ask that you continue to wear a mask when you are inside the building. Masks may be removed once you are settled in your pew. Thank you to everyone for doing your part to keep your neighbors safe.

### **Music Ministry News**

The Southminster Sanctuary Choir will be back this Fall! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm until 8pm, and we will sing for the first time in worship on Rally Day, September 11th! Everyone with any experience level is welcome to sing with our choir. We welcome brand new singers who just want to try it out, faithful choristers who have never missed a rehearsal, and everyone in between! You do not have to be able to read music to join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Southminster Ringers Bell Choir will rehearse and offer music during several worship services during two seasons this year: The Winter season is October through December, and the Spring season is February through April.

Contact Kimberly Ryan if you are interested in making music this year. [keliseryan@gmail.com](mailto:keliseryan@gmail.com)

### **Manchester Concert Series Presents *Bird and Arrows***

The first concert of the Manchester Concert Series will be Saturday, September 3rd at 4:00 PM (doors open at 3:30 PM) in the Southminster Sanctuary. Please join us as we welcome a former member, Andrea Greenberg Connolly and her husband Pete; their group, Birds and Arrows call Tucson, Arizona their home, but will be stopping by Richmond on their East Coast tour.

The suggested donation for admission is \$10.00 per attendee in support of the performers, along with one non-perishable food item for the Food Closet. This event is open to the community, so please invite your family and friends.

### **Session Highlights**

- Communion by Intinction will begin in September. Extended communion will begin again in October.
- Elected Jennifer Weddle as commissioner for October 15th Presbytery meeting, with Robin Lapsley as sub.
- Approved request by Gabriella Ryan for music recital on November 5, 2022 from 3-5:30pm. Sanctuary and fellowship hall will be used.
- Approved Annual Financial Review.
- Approved a half day Friday once a month for Office Manager.

## *Rise Against Hunger Event, continued from Page 2*

### **How do I sign up?**

**PLEASE REGISTER!** The registration deadline is Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

In order to participate, you will need to register yourself as a volunteer We need LOTS of volunteers! You have 2 options:

1. There will be a sign-up table in the narthex beginning on Rally Day, September 11th.
2. There is a link on the Southminster website where you can register:

[Southminster Presbyterian - Home \(southpreschurch.org\)](http://southpreschurch.org)

### **How can I support this program if I am unable to attend?**

Southminster has funded this project through the budget. You may use the online registration link (above) to make a donation that will support emergency relief for Ukraine. Learn more about Rise Against Hunger here: [Home - Rise Against Hunger](#)

### **Facility Usage and Shared Space**

Southminster is extremely fortunate to have a large and versatile physical facility. One of the most gratifying aspects of coming back from Covid has been to be reminded of how many people are able to make use of this space.

In addition to regular Southminster services, classes, and meetings, on a routine weekly basis we share our space with a second church (Iglesia Pentecostal Cantico Nuevo), a Girl Scout troop, a Boy Scout troop, and a Cub pack. We serve as rehearsal space for multiple musicians outside of our Sanctuary and handbell choirs. We regularly host meetings for RISC, and on occasion the Chesterfield Council on Aging. We are also looking forward to a number of special events like our Manchester Concert Series and Rise Against Hunger. And then there are gatherings to mark important events in the lives of our members like weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

It makes for a busy calendar, but we believe that a busy building is a healthy building. It also means that we have to work hard to make sure that groups and events do not conflict with each other. If you plan or wish to have an event or meeting at Southminster, please contact the church office with the **date, start and end times, and area of the church you wish to use** to make sure that it is clear. Thank you all for being good stewards of our building and good neighbors to one another in our shared space.

### **Bible Fun Week Report**

“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”. This year our Bible Fun Week Program was held July 25<sup>th</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. and 16 children participated. The halls of the church were filled with singing and laughter. This program did not disappoint as the children learned through song, stories, crafts and games to be Peacemakers in God’s World. I would like to recognize our wonderful volunteers during the week: Riki Stone, Debbie & Clay Spillman, Madeline Spillman, Kathy Brammer, Mary Bielen, Marit Smith, Gary & Anne Smith, Melanie Miller, Christian Toro, Audrey Pearson, Mary MacKenzie Swenck, Caroline Solaimani, Lynn Hodges, Susan Pharr, Mitchel Kirtley, Joey Williams, and Ana Hobson. Special thanks to David Flynt who helped to set up the computer and soundboard for the program.

## September Birthdays

- 2 Carson Crenshaw
- 3 Ryan Endries, Betty Smith
- 6 Lynda Reed
- 11 Gene Rhodes
- 12 Tom Murray
- 13 Candace Young
- 14 Matt Davis
- 18 Gail DeCosta
- 19 Alberta Lindsey
- 22 Virginia Wagstaff
- 23 Richard Jordanger, Judy Lee
- 24 Mike Bowser
- 25 Rich Kowalski
- 28 Phillippa Solaimani, Alyssa Krigelman
- 30 Mary Ann Hepp, David Knight

## September Anniversaries

- 5 Mark & Pattie Pinchbeck (24)
- 6 David & Kerry Knight (19)
- 8 Don & Shirley Reed (66)
- 10 Robin & Joyce Lapsley (39)
- 11 Jerry & Aileen Davis (51)
- 12 Jim & Ada Park (63)
- 13 David & Mary Stahl (36)
- 15 Rich & Bonnie Kowalski (55)
- 17 Kathy Liesfeld & Ken Irby (4)
- 20 Matt & Ginny Ball (14)
- 20 Jerry & Cheriene McCall (47)
- 23 Rick & Ann Schaffer (33)

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

## September Schedules

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

### Communion Team

September 4: Team 3 (Unit/Intinction)

### Elder Greeters

- 4 Rich Kowalski
- 11 Anne Smith
- 18 Eddie Pearson
- 25 Jennifer Weddle

### Facility Stewards

- 4 Matt Briggs
- 11 Andrew Swenck
- 18 Ben Nwoke
- 25 Chuck Greenberg

### Ushers

- 4 Jan Belote, Moses Adiele, Margaret & Jim Hall
- 11 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 25 TBD

### Visitation Team

- 11 Jan Belote
- 18 Karen Stafford

### Food Closet

- 1 Ann Potts, Cheriene McCall
- 6 Frank Grier, Shelley Murray
- 8 Jane Tarter, Margaret Hall
- 13 Jane Williams, Melba Jolly
- 15 Gail DeCosta, Bonnie Kowalski
- 20 Mary Stahl, David Stahl
- 22 Ann Potts, Frank Grier
- 27 Rose Spradlin, Melba Jolly
- 29 Jane Tarter, Shelley Murray

# Southminster Presbyterian Church

## September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Communion 9 AM: Outdoor Worship 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 3 PM: IPCN	<b>5</b> Labor Day <b>Office Closed</b> 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 IPCN	<b>6</b> Food Closet 2 PM: Ruth Circle 6:30 PM: Anna Circle 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>7</b> 10 AM: Martha Circle 4:30 PM: RISC Team Meeting 7PM: Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Food Closet 10 AM: Balladeers 3 PM: Derrinbaker Memorial Service 6:30 PM: RISC Kick Off Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>3</b> 4 PM: Manchester Concert Series 7:30 PM IPCN
<b>11</b> Rally Day 10 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM Pastor's Aids 11 AM: Worship 12 PM: Rally Day Picnic 3 PM: IPCN	<b>12</b> 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>13</b> Food Closet 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>14</b> 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Food Closet 10 AM: Balladeers	<b>16</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM IPCN
<b>18</b> 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 1 PM: Session 3 PM: IPCN	<b>19</b> 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>20</b> Food Closet 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>21</b> 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> Food Closet 10 AM: Balladeers	<b>23</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Fall Work Day 7:30 PM IPCN
<b>25</b> 10 AM: Sunday School 11 AM: Worship 12:30 PM RISC House Meeting 3 PM: IPCN 6 PM: IPCN Event (FH)	<b>26</b> 12 PM: Chair Yoga 6 PM: BSA Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>27</b> Food Closet 7 PM: Girl Scouts 7:30 PM: IPCN	<b>28</b> 6 PM: Bell Choir 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> Food Closet 10 AM: Balladeers	<b>30</b> 7:30 PM: IPCN	
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**September 2022**

**Rally Day**

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11 AM Worship**

**12:00 PM Picnic**



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