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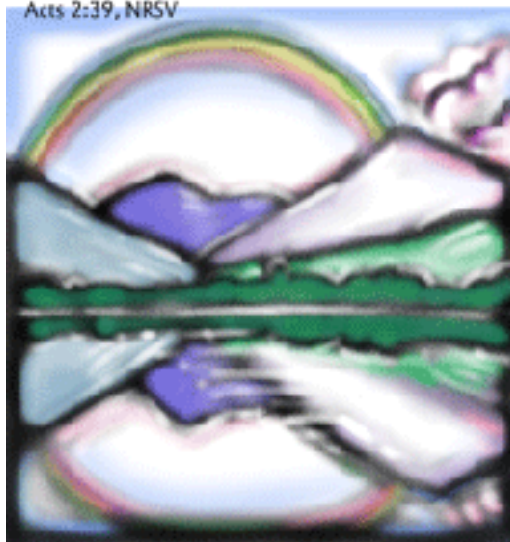
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2017

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For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2:39, NRSV





From the Pastor

The Sabbath Year

At my house, the garage is presently a staging area for two college-bound young adults.

We've been in Fall / Advent conversations for some time in our committee work around the church. I note that 6 am is no longer bathed in sunlight. It doesn't seem possible, but summer is waning and the bustle and activity of fall is impending.

I don't know about you, but I have mixed feelings. It seems like I've just downshifted and left the run-as-fast-as-you-can mode for summer's more relaxed pace. Speeding back up doesn't seem quite fair just yet. The set constant in all of this is that the calendar won't wait for me to feel ready, it marches on. Away we go!

I do have a favor to ask of each of you this fall. As we enter my third year of service at Southminster, we're at something of a crossroads. The last two years have been busy. Lots of changes in the tools we use, the building in which we meet, and perhaps even the topics we have under consideration in our life together. My desire for this church year is simple: I would like for us to set aside the projects we'd like to undertake and the various perspectives and causes for which we advocate and concentrate on the "gathering" part of our mission statement.

At its most basic, a church community exists to gather together followers of Jesus, new ones and old ones. Right now, we need to really focus on that task: gathering together those in the community of Taylor who want to hear more about Jesus, those who are new followers of Jesus, and those who have been

followers for a long time but have perhaps grown weary and discouraged. Our most basic purpose is this gathering function.

You can help by making “gathering” a priority.

I know how busy life can be, but the difference between 60 people gathered for worship on a Sunday and 90 people in our facility is huge. As guests join us, they are impacted by the community around them. We NEED you here because YOU bring something special to our community, we are less than what we can be when you’re not here.

It happens that our first big activity this fall (Founders’ Day) is all about gathering. Please help by making sure we have contact information for church members who are no longer on our rolls, family members who may have been a part of Southminster in the past but haven’t been here for a while, and friends from days gone by. A quick email to the church office (office@southminstertaylor.org) with the names, email addresses and physical addresses of these contacts would go a long way to helping us gather together on Founders’ Day weekend.

The 2017 - 2018 church year needs to be about gathering, inviting new and new-to-us friends and neighbors to join us on our journey. Please join us in this emphasis.



Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

Thanks again to all of those that helped with Cave Quest vacation bible school. The children had a great time learning that God

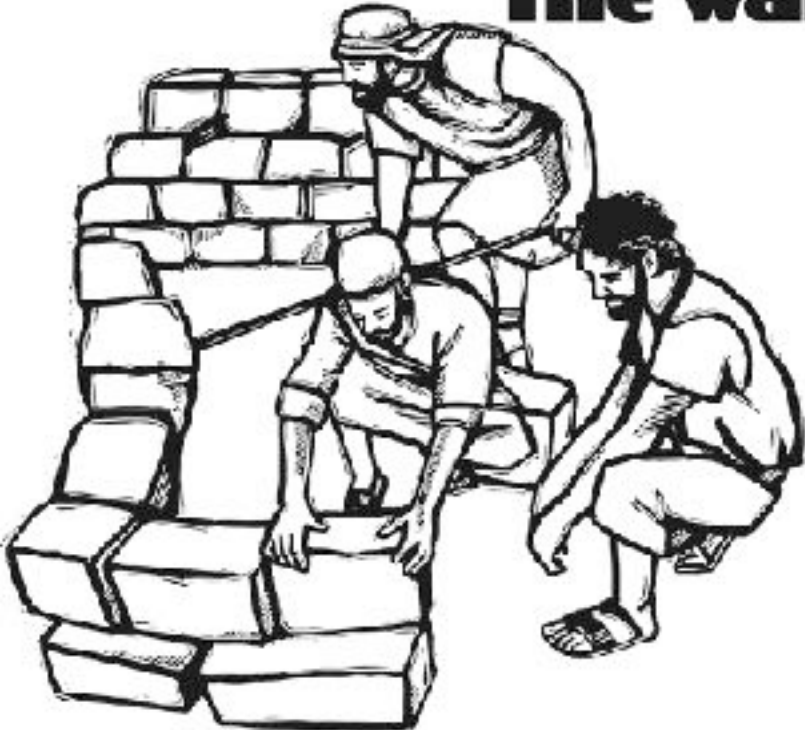
gives them hope, courage, direction, love and the power to know they are not alone.

Jesus' light shines bright in our lives every day.

There were 18 children every evening, many young adults serving as crew leaders and a host of dedicated volunteers. We really appreciate the many hands and volunteer hours it took to make this a successful event!

On September 10th the "Discovery Zone" Sunday school start time will again be 10 am followed by an 11 am worship service. This time slot is for everyone, not just the children. It is a family friendly time for adults and children to learn. If you feel called to assist with the teaching of drama, games, crafts, cooking, science,

Nehemiah Builds the Wall



music or would like to help out in the classroom, we need to hear from you! Materials will be provided.

The first fall biblical focus of “Discovery Zone” is the Ezra and Nehemiah stories, Return from Exile.

It is a four weeklong series on rebuilding spiritual foundations. Beginning on October 8th the focus will then turn to Jesus and an eight week series on the Beatitudes. November 26th concludes the first two series with a sing along and quiz sequence on the material covered during the first two rotations.

The advent selection begins on December 3rd covering Isaiah promised Jesus fulfilled. If possible, it would be nice if volunteers would commit to one rotation at a time. This need not be an entire year of commitment. If there is a particular series in this group that appeals to you, please let us know. In Discovery Zone, the entire family learns the same lesson. Pastor Clint leads the gathering bible story time in fellowship hall. After the opening 15-20 minutes, the youth will then break in to their groups and the adults will meet with Pastor Clint in the sanctuary. This gives all of us the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together, learning the same message. It is necessary to have enough volunteers so that we can maintain two adults in every classroom each week, per policy.

We have been searching for an additional paid child care worker to assist Marlene in the nursery weekly for both hours on Sunday morning. If you, or someone you know is interested in this position please let Wendy or Marnie know.

Due to the lack of the desired number of volunteers needed during the worship hour, the children will remain in the sanctuary during the worship service. Children under second grade are being

supervised at the small table currently located in the back of the sanctuary. For children older than second grade, the blue bags are available and have coloring and work sheets inside to keep them busy. The weekly context of the learning material has the same biblical context as the Discovery Zone material.

All youth groups will kick off the new church school year by gathering for a Polaroid party on September 10th at 3:00pm. Youth of all ages will meet at the church at 3:00pm and go on a scavenger hunt picture taking event and then will return back to the church. The kids had a great time last year and are looking forward to it again.



Southminster: A Place Called Home

September 23rd & 24th

In celebration of Southminster's 60th Anniversary, we will be celebrating Founder's Day on Saturday, September 23rd with an Open House from 4-6pm, following with a Banquet at 6pm to include dinner and a program.

The following day on Sunday, September 24th, we will have a worship service at 11am, following with a Picnic lunch and Southminster Olympics. We will be bringing back all the games of the past: 3-legged races, volleyball, kickball, potato sack race, and more!!!!

These events will commemorate the founding pioneers of our church who organized it back in 1957, as well as looking forward to the pioneers of today leading the church into the future. We are hoping to bring together all of those who have been a part of Southminster's history, whether you live near or far now, as Southminster will always be a warm place that you can call "Home".

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We are asking that everyone who can attend please fill out a RSVP form so we can plan accordingly for activities, seating & meals. These forms will be available after church in the Fellowship Hall, or online at the Southminster website:

www.southministertaylor.org

We are currently asking for the congregation to submit to the committee any email addresses or regular addresses of past friends/family members that we can invite but may not have their contact information. There will be a list at church in both the narthex and Fellowship Hall that you can add this information to, or can let the church office know via email/phone call. You can also contact one of the committee members: Mark Donnan, Michele Hintz, Phyllis Fink, and Dorothy Gillespie. We will send out the email invite/paper invite once we have contact information.

Please plan to attend this exciting time in the life of our church – 60 years is a big milestone to reach doing God's work!!

Thank you!

Founder's Day Committee: Mark Donnan, Dorothy Gillespie, Phyllis Fink, Michele Hintz, & Pastor Clint

Expressions

Co-Chairs: Michele Hintz & Kandi Wood

Fish & Loaves Cereal Drive – August through the start of school (post Labor Day) – many children in the Downriver area depend on the school food program for meals; when summer time comes and school is out, these children may not have access to any food. As a result, Fish & Loaves sees a great increase in children's needs during the summer, and had asked Southminster to hold a Cereal Drive to help fill their shelves. The request was that each member supplied one box of cereal to make a difference; Southminster will more than likely surpass that number by the time September rolls around. At the time of article submission here, we have already



delivered 88 boxes of cereal!!!! We still have 3 more weeks to collect and provide, so keep those cereal boxes coming in. The

collection box is in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. We will have a running tally on the Expressions board in the FH and narthex. Many thanks to all who brought boxes in and to those that helped deliver!

Heritage Glen Lunch Bags – To further help in the area of children’s food insecurities during the summer, we have partnered with the management at Heritage Glen to start providing Lunch bags for children in the apartment complex who are in need of a meal. These bags include a sandwich, snack item, fruit item, brownie, & juice box. We were able to make one delivery at the end of July of 34 bags to the complex, which is storing them in their fridge and will distribute to those in need. Over half of the bags went in the first week; unfortunately the project is on temporary hold as they are remodeling the offices and cannot store/distribute while under construction. Once the facility is ready again, we do plan to continue to do the lunch bags through the start of school. We are also looking into how we may fill this need during school breaks and holidays as well. Thanks to all who have helped out so far!

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 1st – 1 – 4pm: This event will be open to the community and will center on a theme regarding being a good Steward of God’s animals. Activities for the afternoon may include a low-cost vaccination clinic, on-site training demo’s, tips from groomers, homemade dogs treats, as well as a time for our beloved pets to be blessed. Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer.

Trunk or Treat Fall Event – Saturday, October 28th – Save the Date!!! We have plans in place for a spooktacular time!

Christnet – week of December 10th.

Next meeting: Committee Day – Sept 4th @ 3pm tentatively (Labor Day weekend) – we would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God's plans for helping our community needs!



Book Club

Joyce Rowley

Southminster Book Club

Over the summer, we have read whatever strikes our fancy. We will discuss our summer reads when we resume discussions on Friday, September 8th. We will also be deciding what we will be reading for the remainder of the year. Give some thought to joining us and sharing with us what you have been reading!!!

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” 😊

Deacons

Submitted by Sharon Puschaver

Deacon's Duties for September

Communion set up ~~ Carla Long, Sharon Puschaver, Mary Cline

Communion clean up ~~ All deacons present

Pew Patrol ~~ Mary Cline

Coffee clean up ~~ Nancy Gillespie

Session Motions June 10 2017

Submitted by Connie Dainus

- Motioned by Worship Committee to offer Greg Walker the position of “Contemporary Music Coordinator” at a rate of \$15 per hour based on an estimated 15 – 20 hours a month to start immediately. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Worship Committee that if Greg Walker accepts the position, to authorize the purchase of:
 - 1. Electronic Drum set – An electronic drum set gives better control of volume and having our own kit allows us to have all the levels preset.
 - 2. Small Bass Amplifier – This will serve as a monitor for the bass player.
 - 3. Small Guitar Amplifier – The same as above.
 - 4. Electronic Keyboard – Having our own instruments will allow us to set the levels and provide better quality music. The church did have a cheap keyboard, but it no longer works. Not to exceed \$3000.00 using Memorial Funds. Motion carried.
- ADMIN/FINANCE/IT:
Motioned by committee to approve additional insurance cost of \$33.00 for Terrorism coverage on the Church Mutual Policy. Motion carried.
- Motioned by committee to support the Lord family missionary work with Wycliffe by donating \$100.00 per month till the end of the year. Will re-evaluate at the first of the year. Monies to be taken from Special Offerings. Motion carried.
- NURTURE:
Moved by Nurture committee that session allow us to create an

additional position in the Nursery not to exceed \$20.00 weekly.
Motion carried.

- Moved by Nurture committee that we approve funds for 12 youth and three chaperones to attend Howell Nature Global Village. \$60.00 per person to be taken from the Youth Group Fund. Motion carried.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

Senior Citizens Lunch Kickoff

We will resume our Senior lunch program on **Monday, September 11th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Swedish meatballs, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverage for a small donation of \$3,00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open ages 55 and older.

Attention Choir Members Past, Present, Future

Jeff Day, son of founding organist Clete Day, has offered to work with anyone interested in singing at the founders celebration worship service on September 24th. Practice will be the



Choir *Rehearsals*

preceding two Wednesdays, September 13 and 20th. If you are interested in participating please let Bess Kirkland know. Bess can be reached at 313-291-9159 or at bkirk1012@aol.com.

Calendar Notes

July, August & September Birthday

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| Ronald Jensen | 7-1 | Joyce Rowley | 7-18 |
| Gregory Walker | 7-5 | Darvin Long | 7-18 |
| Gregory Walker II | 7-7 | Terriann Donnan | 7-23 |
| Gloria Olsowy | 7-7 | Ian Walker | 7-25 |
| Margie Hudson | 7-8 | Ron Gillespie | 7-25 |
| Karen Miller | 7-12 | Emma Cash | 8-1 |
| Nancy Gillespie | 7-13 | Pam Hutchens | 8-3 |
| Filomena Savastano | 7-14 | Patricia Tucker | 8-4 |

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| Mark Donnan | 8-6 | Pat Wells | 8-19 |
| Melissa Head | 8-7 | Dave Calendine | 8-20 |
| Giovanna Savastano | 8-8 | Wendy Woodley | 8-22 |
| Fred Mount | 8-8 | Dorothy Gillespie | 8-25 |
| Genevieve Cairns | 8-10 | Scott Barclay | 8-29 |
| Sue Landis | 8-13 | Suzanne Smith | 8-30 |
| Sabrina Mihalik | 8-16 | Patricia Lalinsky | 9-2 |
| John Gillespie | 8-16 | Sharon Puschaver | 9-4 |

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| Phyllis Fink | 9-5 | Barbara MacDonald | 9-21 |
| Del Wonnacott | 9-7 | Kay Snaddon | 9-22 |
| Jerry Kirkland | 9-7 | Carla Long | 9-22 |
| Jackie Jensen | 9-7 | Jerry VanHook | 9-27 |
| George Smith | 9-9 | Rich Pratt | 9-27 |
| Katelyn Nutter- Dowling | 9-9 | Gabby Sanchez | 9-30 |
| Connie Dainus | 9-10 | Laurie Barclay | 9-30 |
| Sue Frederick | 9-14 | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

July, August & September Wedding Anniversary

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| Ron & Dorothy Gillespie | 7/9 52 Years | Dave & Pat Fraser | 8/19 23 Years |
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| Chadrick & Darcy Matthies | 7/14 24 Years | Ron & Pat Wells | 8/25 50 Years |
| Tim & Laurie Barclay | 7/15 40 Years | Gary & Candi Cash | 8/30 20 Years |
| Albert & Barb Ettore | 7/20 27 Years | Arnold & Shirley Aue | 9/9 67 Years |
| Ron & Jackie Jensen | 7/22 46 Years | Wayne & Andrea Held | 9/18 13 Years |
| Dale & Vickie Simon | 7/24 42 Years | Ken Renner & Sue Landis | 9/19 25 Years |
| Brian & Michele Hintz | 7/29 23 Years | Al & Barb MacDonald | 9/30 17 Years |
| Jerry & Bess Kirkland | 8/13 57 Years | | |

Memorials

In Memory of Revalee Hutchens: Alice Short,
Southminster Prayer Chain

In Honor of George & Suzanne Smith's 50th Anniversary:
Arnold & Shirley Aue, Tim & Laurie Barclay

Upcoming Dates

1. September 3 10:00 a.m. Worship
Committee Day 3:00 p.m.
2. September 4 Labor Day
3. September 5 Rachel Circle Noon
4. September 8 Book Club 10:30 a.m.
5. September 10 Discovery Zone returns 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
6. September 13 Ruth Circle 10:00 a.m.

September 13 Choir Rehearsal for Founder's Worship

7. September 15 Eric & Melissa Gillespie Rehearsal

8. September 16 Eric & Melissa Gillespie Wedding

9. September 17 Discovery Zone 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Session 3:00 p.m.

10. September 20 Choir Rehearsal for Founder's Worship

11. September 22 October Newsletter Deadline

12. Saturday, September 23 Founder's Weekend

13. Sunday, September 24 Founder's Weekend

10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone

11:00 a.m. Worship

Youth

Giovanna Savastano

Welcome back, and I hope you all had an incredible summer vacation!

To kick everything off for the fall, we will be doing a Polaroid Party/Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, September 10th 2:00-4:00pm. This is an event for all of the youth in the church K-12 as our new year starts! There will be pizza served while we add up all the scores as well!

As fall continues, we are going to change things a little bit for the middle and high school youth groups for this coming year. Starting Sunday, September 17th, we will be having regular youth group meetings every week, unless there is something else going on within the church life (like the Founder's Day activities happening the following week, for example). The meetings will last an hour, with the middle school youth (6th-8th grades)

meeting first at 5:30-6:30pm, and the high schoolers following from 7:00-8:00pm. We will meet for an hour for some Bible study and fellowship every Sunday!

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to volunteer at one of these meetings, please let me know! Otherwise, stay posted for events and activities happening for the rest of the year! I am looking forward to what these next few months will bring!



Prayers

We pray for those healing at home:

Joan Watson, Vorrey Holmes, John Fields, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Joyce Rowley, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie and Tim Barclay, David Grove, Jean Page,

We pray for those needing long-term and emotional support:

Scott & Jennifer Willis, Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Katherine Hutchinson, Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthes, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsowy friend), Linda Solis (Sue Grove friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Wayne Tetz (Terri Donnan brother), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friend), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Sue Grove tests, Success & understanding in school and safe travels (Veronica Dor, Flora Kbone, Yvonne Ngong), Jack Tyre, Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner, Sue Landis, Steve Premo (Stephanie Pratt friend), Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Kim Renner (Ken Renner daughter), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Katelyn Nutter as she completes her PIF and considers her first call, Christine Simpson family

We pray for those who serve our country:

Our President and Cabinet Officials, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service 10 a.m.

Middle and High School Groups 10 a.m.

Return Service Requested