

November 29, 2011



The Window

A Blessed Christmas to All

Bob & Jan Doren
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Karin Pasanich
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Ashlei Dorsey
Jessica Kauffman
Lisa Holan
Megan Collins
Jackie Nowak
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
(John 1:1)

Inviting to Worship



December Worship Schedule

Sermon and Liturgical Schedule

December 4	Communion Sunday Advent II Mark 1:1-8 Pastor Megan Preaching
December 11	Advent III <i>The Great Clean-up</i> Isaiah 64:14 and 8-11; John 1:6-8 and 19-28 Pastor Eric preaching
4:30 p.m.	Feast of Carols and Pudding
December 18	Advent IV <i>Small Beginnings, Great Results</i> Luke 1:26-38 Pastor Eric preaching
December 24	Christmas Eve
6 p.m.	Family Service
8 p.m.	Choir and candlelight service
10 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion Service
December 25	Christmas Day One service: 11 a.m.
January 1	New Year's Day One service: 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services Are for the Whole Family

There will not be Nursery services for Christmas Eve services, at 6, 8, and 10 p.m. Worship bags will be available, and families of young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Lounge is available for those whose little ones are restless enough to make their parents uncomfortable.



Christmas Day Service

There will be one service on Christmas day, at 11 a.m. Come and bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Dress casually, or even stay in your PJs; and we will worship the Babe, born in a manger on a silent night, holy night. Nursery care will be available.



Christmas -Day- Service

From the Worship Council

Did you know that parts of each week's worship service, including the sermon, can be viewed online via Southminster's Facebook page? So, whether you are out of town for a weekend, for a season (such as snowbirds), or away at college for the school year, you can watch/hear all of the sermons at Southminster. Join Facebook, and look for us under *Southminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio*.

Southminster Fortune Cookie

Once wise men followed a star. Now they follow the Son.

Gemstones from the Gallery

We hope you all had an opportunity in November to visit the Gallery, featuring an amazing collection of original-design, handcrafted silver and gemstone jewelry by our own Jana Bobo. In mid-December, you will find a display of photography of Beth Doyle, who studied at the University of Dayton and is now at Duke University in North Carolina. She is the daughter of Marilyn Doyle, retired liturgical arts professor at United Theological Seminary, who has taught classes at Southminster. If you have any ideas for a display for January, please contact Kurt Jacobsen at 434.3943.

Time to Order Poinsettias

Lovely poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary again. They will be available for purchase in honor or in memory of someone special. The cost is still \$6 per plant. Watch for order blanks in Sunday bulletins. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 6.



Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2012 is posted on the Narthex hall wall, so be thinking about the winter months. If you would like to honor a friend or family member with flowers on a special occasion, just sign up for that date. Please call Liz Taylor at 847.2587 if you have any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Acolytes are needed. If your son or daughter (grades K through five) would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact one of our acolyte coordinators: Laura Torres (886.1883), Karen Locke (748.9233), or Gretchen Campbell (384.7742).

Liturgists are needed. If you are interested in contributing to the worship experience in this special way, please contact Church Secretary Lisa Hoban at 433.1810.

Learning In Community

Remember in your prayers...



Military: Sean Leibrock (Afghanistan; Pastor Kevin and Patricia Lawler's son), Michael David Milam (Afghanistan; David and Donna Milam's nephew), Brian Vaughn (Germany; Charlotte Mort's son)

Our sympathy

To Renee Paris and family in the death of Renee's daughter, Kathy who died on November 7, 2011.



Thank You

I appreciate all the cards, prayers, and concerns while I was healing from pneumonia. Thank you so very much.



Yours in Christ,
Joyce Morse



Thanks from the Presbyterian Women of Southminster

The women of PWS want to thank the congregation for its support of the Thank Offering on November 20. At least 40 percent of your gifts are allocated for health ministries throughout the world. The remainder is used to fund proposals which deal with

issues such as domestic violence, homelessness, child services, education, and injustice.

We also thank Marge Sarringar, members of Ruth Circle, and helpers who prepared for and served the delicious Potato Bar, which was held after the 11 a.m. service. Many women provided the delicious desserts, and we thank them too!

Amazing Generosity!

The members of Growth Group 7 want to thank the Southminster congregation for all the donations of household goods for Homefull. The items you gave will help several formerly homeless persons to set up housekeeping in the newly rehabbed River Commons apartment building. Homefull began moving people into these apartments during the month of November. Homefull workers will be assisting the new residents in making the transition to a stable life in the Dayton community.

For more information, you may visit www.homefull.org.

Blood Drive

The October 29 blood drive was a great success! There were 24 donors registered and 21 pints of blood collected. A big thank you to the donors and to the members of the Health and Wellness Committee who provided the refreshments. The next drive will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

Santa Is Coming!



Come to greet Santa and to enjoy a delicious breakfast on December 3, 9 to 11 a.m., in the CFC. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Feast of Carols and Pudding: Feast, Fellowship, and Entertainment

This annual event will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the CFC. Reservations are needed by Tuesday, December 6,



and can be made by signing up in the Narthex, in the Coffee Corner, or outside the Church Office or by calling the Church at 433.1810. Payment will be accepted in the Choir Room beginning at 3:45 p.m. on December 11.

Chef George Lawson has a wonderful dinner planned: Mixed green salad with cherry tomatoes, with ranch dressing; carved blackened filet mignon; macaroni with asiago cheese sauce; green beans with lemon-pepper butter sauce; warm sweet yeast rolls and butter; choice of chocolate mousse, vanilla mousse, or bread pudding with raisins and English vanilla sauce; and coffee, tea, and water. Music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir, the Children's Choir, the Children's Chimes, and, of course, the Puppets.

Pricing: Adults: \$10; youth (ages 7 to 14): \$6; kids ages six and under: free; family plan: \$35.

Holiday Visits, Calls, and Cards

Southminster people are all ministers for one another. You might want to pick out one or two (or more) of the people on our Caring for One Another bulletin insert and send a Christmas card, make a cheerful call, or even drop off a small gift at their home. Questions: Please contact Pastor Jackie (jackie@sminster.com or 433.1810) to volunteer or for more information.

Be a Secret Santa



Families might like to choose an elderly member of the congregation, especially one without family nearby, and become for that person a "secret Santa." Involve everyone in shopping, wrapping, and delivering. Send

cards and/or drop off small gifts (lotion, chocolates, stamps, cards for them to send, an ornament they can hang in a window, etc.) during Advent. Then, between Christmas and New Year's Day, call or visit your chosen person and wish them blessings in the New Year. Please contact Pastor Jackie (jackie@sminster.com or 433.1810) to volunteer or for more information.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Fellowship, December 18

Come to worship at 8:30 a.m. and stay for Christian education at 9:45. Then meet in the Hospitality Room at 11 a.m. to begin Fellowship time. We will play Christmas games. Questions? Ask Pastor Jackie (jackie@sminster.com, Facebook [Jacqueline Nowak], or 433.1810).



Candles Available in Worship Each Week

For some of us, the holidays are stressful; and it is hard to be light hearted. For some, despair and grief dim and darken the angelic chorus proclaiming the birth of our Messiah. Others have hearts so full of gratitude that it can barely be contained. If any of these descriptions fit you, consider lighting a candle for someone you are holding in prayer and/or for yourself. The light of Christ can be a reminder that *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.* (John 1:1, 3b-5, NRSV)

There are candles set up in the back of the transept (the side pews). If you would like, you may light a candle to recognize your prayer for a special person and/or commemorate the anniversary of an important date in your life. The candles will be available each week during Sunday worship services.

The Acolytes Need Your Help



Many of our Acolytes are smaller than the robes we have for them. We need people who will shorten the sleeves and hems so our children can more effortlessly lead the congregation in worship

by their gifts of bringing the light of Christ and the cup of salvation each week. If you can sew and would like to help, please let Pastor Jackie know (jackie@sminster.com or 433.1810).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry at Southminster

This month we will not be going to the Gateway Men's Shelter, as it falls on Christmas Day, when they will have plenty of help! We will head back on January 22.

Youth group continues on December 7 and 14 at 6:30 p.m. December 14 will be our Christmas party! Middle school and high schoolers are invited to come at 6:30 to the high school youth room.

Are you an upperclassman at Centerville High School? Bring a friend for pizza at the Church on Monday, December 5, when you leave the campus at lunchtime! Let Megan know if you are coming.

Youth summer plans are already under way. Come with your parents to the meeting on Sunday, December 4, at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary Balcony to hear about our high school summer mission trip!

CareNotes

When you've lost a loved one, the holiday season can be a painful reminder of the terrible loss you are feeling—instead of bringing warmth, love, and excitement. There are steps you can take, however, to help give the holidays a new meaning. *Getting through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One* by Darcie D. Sims is a little CareNotes booklet that addresses this situation. It may be found in the Narthex CareNotes display that is located on the wall in the Coffee Corner.

Many titles are presented in this display, along with a few more holiday-related titles. There are also displays in front of the Church Office and in the Community Room. The booklets are free; so take one for yourself, or share one with a friend.

M M: R & R (Men's Message: Read and Reflect)

The man whispered, "God, speak to me." And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!" And the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

The man shouted, "God, show me a miracle!" And a life was born. But the man did not notice.

So the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God; and let me know you are there." And God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing that may not be packaged the way you'd expect. Expect the unexpected. .

Shared by Don Dameron

BLESSINGS
FROM
GOD

Becoming the Parent God Wants You to Be

I want to share with you my top five parenting tips—plus a bonus. Hopefully, if you take a moment each day to focus on these tips, you will create a more harmonious atmosphere in your home.

1. **Teach your children to have an *attitude of gratitude*.** For instance, if your child receives a gift from a friend or a relative, it's important to teach your child to say *thank you*. A verbal thank you shows manners, but a handwritten thank you note shows gratitude. You can never underestimate the power of the pen. Taking the time to handwrite a note is becoming a lost art. Parents, we must keep it alive and well! *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* (Colossians 3:15-17)
2. **Forgive** those who have done you wrong. Children need to be taught that forgiveness is a critical aspect of the Christian life. . . . *Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. **Do to others as you would have them do to you.*** (Luke 6:27-31)
3. **Manners matter!** As a substitute teacher for Centerville City Schools, I find myself at times complimenting a child when he or she uses good manners; and, as soon as I compliment one child, other children will catch on, and good manners seem to flow. Parents, we must teach our children that respectful words such as *please* and *thank you* have merit. Good manners don't just happen; they have to be taught repeatedly at home and reinforced each day. Children learn by example, so be sure to use good manners when you are out and about, running errands with your children. *'Each of you must respect his mother and father, and*

you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God.' (Leviticus 19:3)

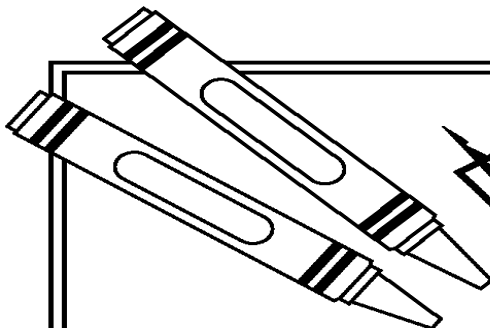
4. **Quiet time is necessary.** Our days are jammed packed with activities, rushing here and there. We all need to take some time to stop and rest. Find some time each day to be quiet: no distractions, no cell phones, no computers, no electronic devices; just quiet. *My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.* (Psalm 62:1-2)
5. **We are all blessed to be a blessing.** Each of us has a unique, God-given gift that can bless another. Helping your child discover his or her unique gift or talent may take some time; but, as you explore the possibilities, you may discover more about yourself in the process. In this case, it's all about the journey, not the destination. *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.* (1 Peter 4:10)

Bonus: I want to add this last thought: **Life is not fair, but God is good.** Perhaps you have heard this saying before; and, although it may seem a little cliché, it's so true. Things happen, and we discover that life just doesn't seem fair at times. Yet, as Christians, we must hold on to the belief that God has a better plan; he is in control, and we must trust that he will provide. This is a hard lesson that we must teach our children, but first we must believe in it ourselves. *Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.* (Psalm 37:5-6) *But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.* (Psalm 39:7) . . . *I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever. I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise him in the presence of your saints.* (Psalm 52:8-9)

May God grant you peace and wisdom.

Priscilla Stapleton





PUZZLE



A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

Directions: To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.

"He _____ and _____ his _____
15 20 10 17



in the _____ of the _____ And they _____
13 4 11 24

_____, for then _____
19 16 14 6

_____ to the _____ of _____."
3 12 25 7

M I C A H 5 : 4 , N I V

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Note: This is the information that was provided on November 15. For changes or corrections on this calendar, please call Carl Kienzle after 7:00 p.m. Mon thru Thurs at 433-1810 ext. 106 or email Carl@sminster</p>				<p>1 10:00 Growth Group</p> <p>3:30 Bells of Southminster</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters</p> <p>6:30 Stephen Leaders</p> <p>7:00 Science Olympiad</p> <p>7:00 Growth Group</p> <p>7:30 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>2 11:30 Elderberries</p>	<p>3 8:00 Breakfast with Santa</p> <p>9:00 Growth Group</p>
<p>4 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/Communion [Rev. Megan Collins preaching]</p> <p>5:00 Care Connection #5</p> <p>5:00 Children's Choir</p> <p>5:00 Children's Art</p> <p>5:30 Children's Chimes</p> <p>6:00 Family Meal</p> <p>6:30 PB'nJ</p> <p>6:30 Care Connection#5</p>	<p>5 9:00 Moms In Touch</p> <p>4:00 Cello</p> <p>7:00 Stewardship Council</p> <p>7:00 Venturing Crew</p> <p>7:00 BS Troop #516</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 Literacy Tutoring</p> <p>7:00 Beginning Ala-Non</p> <p>8:00 Ala-Non</p>	<p>7 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>4:30 Intercessory Prayer</p> <p>6:30 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>6:30 Youth</p>	<p>8 10:00 Grief Support</p> <p>3:30 Bells of Southminster</p>	<p>9 9:00 Mom To Mom</p>	<p>10 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>11 8:30 & 11:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching]</p> <p>9:45 Special Session Meeting</p> <p>4:30 Feast of Carols and Pudding</p> <p>5:00 NO Care Conn.</p> <p>5:00 Children's Choir</p> <p>5:00 Children's Art</p> <p>5:30 Children's Chimes</p> <p>6:30 PB'nJ</p>	<p>12 9:30 Moms In Touch</p> <p>11:30 PEO</p> <p>4:00 Cello</p> <p>7:00 Session</p> <p>7:00 BS Troop #516</p> <p>7:00 Venturing Crew</p>	<p>13 9:00 Covenant Quilters</p> <p>10:00 Family Network</p> <p>7:00 Literacy Tutoring</p> <p>7:00 Beginning Ala-Non</p> <p>8:00 Ala-Non</p>	<p>14 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>4:30 Intercessory Prayer</p> <p>6:30 Knitting Group</p> <p>6:30 Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>15 10:00 Women's Reading Group</p> <p>3:30 Bells of Southminster</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters</p> <p>7:00 Science Olympiad</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 Date Night</p>	<p>17 9:00 Christmas Basket Distribution</p> <p>9:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>18 8:30 & 11:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching]</p> <p>12:15 Invitation Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:00 Cello</p> <p>7:00 Community Council</p> <p>7:00 BS Troop #516</p> <p>7:00 Venturing Crew</p> <p>7:15 Building & Grounds Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>7:00 Finance Committee</p> <p>7:00 Worship Council</p> <p>7:00 Literacy Tutoring</p> <p>7:00 Beginning Ala-Non</p> <p>8:00 Ala-Non</p> <p>8:00 Bells of Southminster</p>	<p>21 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>4:30 Intercessory Prayer</p> <p>6:00 Community Meal</p> <p>6:30 Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:30 Bells of Southminster</p>	<p>23 9:00 Mom to Mom</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>6:00 Family Service</p> <p>8:00 Lesson and Carols</p> <p>10:00 Lesson and Carols w/communion</p>
<p>25 11:00 Worship [Rev. Jackie Nowak preaching]</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>Happy Birthday, Jesus!</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>4:30 Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>

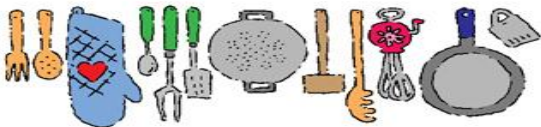
Serving As Stewards

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Some of you may be aware that four churches from our Presbytery are in the process of leaving the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) because of recent changes to the Book of Order. For those who have wondered about our Church's response to this situation, the Session, with full support of the pastoral staff, has adopted the following policy:

We affirm Southminster's ongoing identity as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and our continuing obedience to Scripture and to the historical confessions of the Church. We also affirm our commitment and call to be a congregation that welcomes members of varied theological perspectives into dialogue and unity as followers of Jesus Christ, the one Lord of the Church and true Friend of Sinners.

COOKS FOR CHRIST



The Cooks for Christ ministry was launched several years ago to provide meals for members and friends of the congregation returning home from hospital stays or with related needs. Three cooking teams prepare the meals monthly in the Church Kitchen and store them in the Cooks for Christ freezer until use. Many grateful recipients have sent notes of appreciation.

Anyone interested in cooking or delivering food may contact Gretchen Cleaves at 885.2921 or Maggie Jones at 435.0535. If you are aware of people who are in need of meals, please contact either the Church Office or Maggie Jones.

Alternative Gift Market Thank You

I would like to thank all the ladies who made soup and cookies and also donated money to buy the supplies for the AGM Market Day's Caring Café. I'd also like to give a big thanks to all the ladies who worked in the Kitchen and to Stephen Al-



bright as well! You all made the Caring Café a huge success! Thanks to everyone who supported us.

Jodell Schlotterbeck
Caring Café

Southminster in Service Christmas Baskets

The Christmas Basket tree is now decorated with gift ornaments! Ornaments are organized by family; spending of at least \$25 per child is suggested. Donation envelopes for Christmas dinners will be available too! The average cost to provide a dinner for a family is \$55. Over 27 percent of the people we now serve don't have children living with them and will be receiving the Christmas dinner only. If more money is collected than spent, remaining money may be donated to the Food Pantry or to the Dayton Urban Ministry Center.



Southminster is starting a new mission program in partnership with the Chevy Chase apartments in Centerville. Many families there are headed by single mothers and are in need of men who are willing to spend two hours a month with their son(s), showing a responsible, caring male presence. Volunteers will attend a brief training session and submit to a background check; then they will be matched with an interested family. The time commitment is two hours a month for activities like our Community Dinner, an ice cream outing, or attending a child's sports event. Come and make a huge difference in the life of a boy! Talk to Pastor Megan for more information.

Southminster now has "snack packs" available for individuals walking in to the Church and looking for help. The bag contains a snack as well as information on where to get a regular warm meal in the Dayton area. You can find these packs at the Narthex information desk or at the welcome desk near the Church Office. You may also have a bag to keep in your car!

Our Appreciation of the Southminster Staff..

This Christmas season of giving and sharing reminds us of the blessings we have received throughout the year from our staff. *We may witness their efforts and contributions to our Church every week—or we may appreciate their work “behind the scenes.”*

Thank You to
Our Staff

Our staff includes Teaching Elders (Pastors) Eric Pasanchin, Megan Collins, and Jackie Nowak; Barbara Van Doren working in children’s ministry; Karisa Pasanchin and Tammi Eslinger offering music ministry; Lisa Hoban as church secretary; Sharon Ark, financial secretary; Jerry Stahley and Carl Kienzle working with our property; and Ashlei Dorsey and Jessica Kauffman providing child care.

Again this year, the Personnel Committee is offering members an opportunity to contribute, if they wish, to provide Christmas gift certificates of equal value to these staff members. Such gifts, given directly to the staff, are not tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to Southminster Presbyterian Church, with a memo notation of *Staff Gratuity*, on or before Sunday, December 11. Thank you.

Cindy Stevens, Chair
Personnel Committee

Annual Reports

Council Chairs, please submit your annual report to the Church Office by December 31. The report need be a brief summary only, of your Council’s activity in 2011 and a look forward to your plans for 2012. Thank you.



Highlights of the November Session Meeting

At its November 14 meeting and following a time of worship, the Session

- approved the report of the Strategic Planning Task Force re: priorities for building and grounds projects that need to be addressed,
- in response to the situation of four churches from our Presbytery which are in the process of leaving the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) because of recent changes to the Book of Order, adopted the following policy: *We affirm Southminster’s ongoing identity as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and our continuing obedience to Scripture and to the historical confessions of the Church. We also affirm our commitment and call to be a congregation that welcomes members of varied theological perspectives into dialogue and unity as followers of Jesus Christ, the one Lord of the Church and true Friend of Sinners,*
- granted approval to move forward with partnering with the West Carrollton YMCA for their use of Southminster’s facilities to provide youth sports programs for the community. A church youth league, playing sports such as basketball and volleyball, would be operated by the Y, with five percent of gross revenue collected from program participants to be paid to Southminster and all fiscal matters and insurance coverage to be the responsibility of the Y,
- received the report of the representatives to the Presbyterian Fellowship meeting in Minneapolis.
- approved the baptism of Wesley Donovan Baez, to be celebrated on November 27.
- received the Clerk’s report, reflecting receiving into membership George and Ann Fahnlne, Richard and Kathy Jester (and, into fellowship, their baptized children), Gail Robbins and Beverly Barnes, and Robert and MaryAnn Schroeder, as well as the death of Kenneth Weeden.
- received the reports of the Pastors (now called *Teaching Elders*); the reports of the Community, Invitation, Learning, Service, Stewardship, and Worship Councils, including the annual financial compilation report and the annual insurance review; and the report of the commissioners to the September 13 Presbytery meeting.

Note that copies of full minutes of recent Session meetings continue to be available for pickup in the

Church Office and on the Stewardship table in the Narthex.

Jerry's Corner

The first snowflakes fell the other day, and I can't wait for spring to get here. Not because of the warmer weather (which I prefer), but because the spring bulbs I just planted outside the Community Room entrance will be popping up. Don Snyder gave the bulbs again this year; thanks, Don!



How about those flags around the Church on Invitation Sunday, November 13, when we thanked our active military, veterans, and their families? I think we all felt proud that our "little church on the corner" showed how much we care. Thanks to the Centerville Noon Optimist Club for providing the flags.

Hope to see you at Church.
Jerry

Please note that the deadline for contributions to Southminster for the year 2011 is **Saturday, December 31**. If you mail your contribution, it **must be postmarked by December 31**.





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Rev. Megan Collins, Associate Pastor
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Dr. Barbara Van Doren, Interim Christian Educator
Tammi Eslinger, Interim Director of Music
Karisa Pasanchin, Staff Musician
Jerry Stahley, Property Manager

Time Sensitive Material