

June 25, 2009



**There is still time to send your child to Kirkmont for a week of Christian learning.** Check ([www.kirkmontcenter.com](http://www.kirkmontcenter.com)) for a camp brochure, or contact Jeanne McIver at the Church office. Southminster can provide a scholarship of \$100 per child for those who apply. Several children and adults have already gone to camp—Laura May to beginners camp, Sarah Izor to PYC camp, and the Lawsons and the Kempers to grand camp. Ask them, and they will gladly share their experiences.

**Have you been to the new Learning Resource Center at Southminster?**

There are books for adults, youth, and children; research materials for Bible study and devotions; video tapes and DVDs; and curriculum and periodicals. Count how many copies of the Bible we have. And each one is a little different. The Center is open any time the church is open, and there is a self-checkout system. All the resources will soon be listed on the computer and hopefully soon available on the Southminster website. Come in and look around. The center is staffed on Thursday afternoons, and Jeanne McIver will be glad to assist you in selecting materials or finding your way in the Center.



A special thanks is offered to the people who helped bring the Learning Resource Center to Southminster: the Barlow family for expertise in moving, Gay Amos for her library skills, Chuck Dickerson for his skill in transforming the room from a meeting room to a large resource center, the Washington-Centerville Public Library for their loan of book carts, Jerry Stahley for the multitude of tasks he took on, Sally Ruh for entering books in the new computer system, the Women of Southminster for helping to purchase a new software system to track our books, and Pastor Eric for his vision for the project. There were also about 30 more people who helped move the books and pack and unpack. THANK YOU TO ALL! Jeanne

**Adult Classes on Wednesday evenings through the summer** will include Pastor Eric teaching about the parables of Jesus in the Hospitality Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. through July 29. On July 1 Ken Morse will begin a class on what the Bible says about *Heaven*, also on Wednesday evenings. Call the Church office for more information, to register, or to arrange for child care.

*The Window*

**We need your help for Vacation Bible School.** Even if you'll not be teaching, we need your help. VBS is August 3 through 7, and our theme this year is Discovery Canyon. Do you have a stuffed lizard, donkey, owl, fox, or praying mantis; or do you have cactuses or rocks (or fake rocks) that you could loan to the church? And Phyllis Strayer, teacher for Science of the Canyon, needs film canisters, plastic eggs, yogurt containers with covers, combs, small pieces of fabric, turkey basters, unbreakable thermometers, safely goggles, hard hats, foam packing materials, and old eyeglasses. (And we may have other requests for art projects as well. Watch the bulletin for more ways you can help.)

Let us know if you can provide any of these items. Stop by the registration table in the narthex on Sunday to tell us, or e-mail Jeanne McIver at [Jeanne@sminster.com](mailto:Jeanne@sminster.com). Also, let your neighbors and friends know that all children are welcomed; invite them to register on our website ([www.sminster.com](http://www.sminster.com)) or through the Church office.

**More summer programs for children**

are taking place during worship each Sunday. Children who are age four through the first grade are invited to come to Children and Worship after the Time with the Children in the service. Children who are in second, third, and fourth grades may go to a workshop about the sacraments. The first Sunday of each month, children in grades two through four will remain in worship for communion.



## ATTENTION YOUTH!

### Hey Middle and High Schoolers!



In June the youth took a mission trip to the River of Hope in Waynesville where they helped with the campers, the horses, and scooped poop for Jesus!

Mark your calendar for these youth events coming up in July:

- **Messy games on July 1:** Meet at the church for the messiest, silliest games you can imagine!
- **Bibles and Bagels:** Every Monday at 12:30 at Panera, Centerville.
- **Mystery day:** Come on July 10 for a mystery outing!
- **Guitar Hero:** It's Wii Guitar Hero on the big screen on July 15.
- **Montreat for high schoolers** July 19 - 25! Pray for the 13 students and their leaders as they travel to North Carolina for a week of bonding and faith!
- **Youth Hike:** Come July 30 for some outdoorsy time on a hike!

## THE PATH OF SERVICE

Check out the mission wall to see pictures of Southminster's work at Habitat Blitz Week in May. Two teams participated from Southminster, one to work on the house, and another to make lunch for the volunteers.



Please remember that the deadline for the newsletter, the *Window*, is always the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month**, so that your articles will appear in a timely manner.

## Becoming the Parent God Wants You to Be...



"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10-11.) How often do you find yourself being still? We are in such a hurry each day, busy making plans while life goes on around us. Do you ever wish that you could just stop the world from spinning for one day and just relax—just be still and listen to God's voice telling you what direction you should be going in your life?

Why not take some time this summer to stop all the noise and distractions in your life? Turn off your cell phone, computer, and television; put away your Blackberry, I-pod, MP3 player, and any other electronic devices that are attention stealers; and just spend time talking with your children. Make a family pact for at least one night a week to turn off all the distractions and have a family fun night. Take a walk around the block, ride bikes, have a cookout and make s'mores—do something together as a family. Spend time talking with your children about your childhood and what you did during the summer when you were a kid. Perhaps you could get your children to play capture the flag or kick the can, grab some sidewalk chalk and draw a hopscotch game, and—if you want to get really creative—build a tent in your family room out of sheets and blankets, cook up some popcorn, and share some family stories.

Whatever you do, make time this summer to really focus on your children. Give them all the attention they deserve, and you will realize what special people they are. Talk to them about their strengths and their God-given talents, and encourage them to find ways to share their faith with others through volunteering or being a good example with their friends. Also, find a quiet moment to relax, to unwind, and to be still and listen to God's voice. "But I have stilled and quieted my soul. . ." (Psalm 131:2.)

Priscilla Stapleton

## THE PATH OF WORSHIP



10:00 a.m.

### Sermon and Liturgical Schedule

- July 5**      **Independence Day Sunday**  
Communion  
    **“Dissidents and Patriots”**  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Mark 6:1-13
- July 12**      **Kettering Community Chorus**  
**(No Sermon)**  
Commissioning of Montreat Youth
- July 19**      **“Life Isn’t Easy**  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- July 26**      **“How Low Can You Go?”**  
Montreat Youth Speak at Service  
2 Samuel 11:1-15, Ephesians 3:14-21



The Kettering Community Chorus will be singing the sermon on July 12. Under the direction of Marvin Hileman, the Chorus will take us through the life of Jesus. Please come, and bring a friend for a very moving set of music performed by people who love to sing.

Southminster is a special place to this group, as the Chorus practices here every Monday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., from February through September. The Chorus is very grateful for Southminster’s gracious gift of space and support.

The Chorus is open to anyone who just loves to sing. There are no tryouts, and the Chorus is made up of people of all ages. If you are interested, please talk with any Chorus member, Reverend Hileman, or Janne Allison, who is the Southminster contact, at 433-1486.

#### Your SPC Fortune Cookie

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.”



### New Director of Music, Kathryn Moore

On behalf of the Search Committee, I am overjoyed to announce that Kathryn Moore has joined our professional staff as Director of Music, effective June 15. This action was approved by the session on June 8 and was effective June 15.

Kathryn comes to us with a baccalaureate degree in Vocal Music Education from Capital University in Columbus and is currently working on a Master of Music Education degree at UD. In addition, she has completed a choral conducting course at the University of Michigan and has studied musical instruction in Hungary. Kathryn is a choir, general music, and drama teacher at Catholic High School and Junior High in Springfield, where she has led students in a variety of musical genres, from traditional hymns to contemporary selections to musicals. Kathryn formerly taught music at Marburn Academy, where she was highly commended for her work with learning-disabled children.

Kathryn grew up in a Presbyterian Church in Columbus, where she participated in choir, handbell choir, and singing with a praise band. She is a woman of faith and considers music ministry to be her calling. Kathryn and her husband Jeff make their home near Wright State.

Please warmly welcome Kathryn to her new role.

Jane Preston, Chair

Committee: Janne Allison, Karen Chelle, Russell Elias, Erinne Johnson, Marj Lawson (Personnel Committee), Betty Mickey, David Milam (youth representative), Frank Nagy

### Children's Dance Workshops at Southminster

Little ones (ages 18 months through two years) will focus on creative movement. Ages three through 13 years will spend two weeks on each of the following: tap, jazz, ballet, Hawaiian, and tumbling.

The workshops are held in half-hour increments on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 103. Classes are open to the community and are grouped by age. The summer term is from June 17 through August 19. The cost is \$5 per class. Instruction is provided by Southminster Academy of Music and Arts instructor Aleshia Hutchison. To register, contact Aleshia at [dancinlesh@yahoo.com](mailto:dancinlesh@yahoo.com).

# THE PATH OF COMMUNITY

## Remember in your prayers...

Sue Blank, Jim Custer, Dave Dawson, Laura Elliott (Pat Elliott's granddaughter), Gladys and Richard Eichhorn, Joyce and Jim Fisher, Elizabeth Joy, Jean Latta (LaVerne Dettenmayer's sister), Elmer Livingston (Lisa Hoban's father), Nadine McCalley, Sarah Milheim, Joyce Morse, Ralph Nesbitt, Elsie Nelson (Lisa Kelchner's mother), Adele and Jim Pitsinger, Carl and Dorothy Putzier, Milt Simmons, Netti Spurlock (Mary Strahler's mother), Ruth Stilwell, and Paul Tootle (Mary Fonteles' father).

**Military:** Dustin Laycox – Iraq; Jason Nilsen – Korea – (Friend of Robyn Kleinschmidt); Patrick Yost and Adam Worthington (Betty Yosts' grandsons); and Brian Vaughn – Germany (Charlotte Mort)

**Living with cancer:** Margaret Barclay, Carl Day, Roger Carlyle (Jackie Lindsey's father), Karen Mergy (Mary Fonteles' sister), Irene Tipsword and Blake Williams (Kathy Johns' brother-in-law).

### Our heartfelt sympathy to:

John and Holly Woods and family in the death of Holly's mother, Mary Martin, who died recently.

Daryl and Jackie Lindsey and family in the death of Jackie's brother, Bennie Carlyle, who died June 20.



helped my recuperation move along speedily. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community of faith.

Carolyn Nagy

## Invitation to the Congregation

The congregation is cordially invited to join Jerry and Nancy Millhouse in celebrating 50 years of marriage. The party will be Sunday, July 26, beginning at 4 p.m., in the CFC. No gifts, please. More information, the guest book, pictures, and an opportunity to RSVP can be found on John Millhouse's website at <http://web.me.com/millhouse/anniversary/>.

## Share Your Garden



Later this summer, when you have zucchinis coming out of your ears, the Path of Community will be holding its first-ever Share Your Garden event. If you have produce in your garden that you would like to share, bring it to the Church on the specified Sundays. A table will be available for you to donate your produce. Then people without a garden will be able to make a donation to the Food Pantry and take some produce home. A similar event will be held in the early fall for sharing of perennials from your flower garden. If you'd like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Carolyn Nagy or Darlene Irwin.



Thank you for the gift presented during our last service at Southminster. It will remind us of how blessed we have been with the welcome we received and the friends we developed these past six years. We are proud to have been a part of such a warm and friendly congregation. We wish you the very best, and we will miss you.

Fondly, Doug, Jane, Andy, and Ryan Sheats



Following my recent surgery, Frank and I found out what it is like to have friends who are truly "there" when you need them. I call them the angels of the Alpha Presby Group who graced us with cards, meals, flowers, phone calls, transportation, and especially friendship. I am grateful to all the members of Southminster for their prayers, cards, and well wishes. I am especially indebted to Pastor Sue for her phone calls of support and genuine concern. Each of these thoughts, prayers, and deeds has

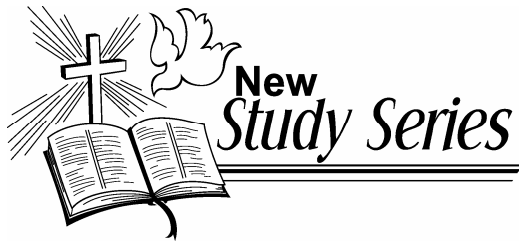


## Elderberries

A Fifty-Plus Ministry for Seniors

Seniors, mark you calendar for Friday, August 7, when Elderberries will meet in the pavilion at 11:30 a.m. for a picnic lunch. Following lunch, we will relax and enjoy fellowship playing bingo, accompanied by prizes and lots of laughter. Rain or shine this event promises to offer a good time! Please sign up by calling the Church office.

## Care Ministry Training, Fall 2009



The Prayer and Presence Committee and Southminster's Stephen-Ministers are excited to offer a new training opportunity this fall. The series, specifically designed for individuals who visit in hospitals, assisted living centers, and nursing homes or who call on homebound members, centers on the theme of compassion. It focuses on how to communicate in ways which ease the pain and lift the spirit. Using unrehearsed video vignettes, it demonstrates compassion in action, especially how to be more effective in emotionally difficult conversations. The training will begin on Wednesday evening, September 23, and will be offered on consecutive Wednesdays through October 28. More information to follow.

### Grief Support Group

Finding healing through loss and grief is a difficult journey but one that finds support and encouragement in community. At Southminster we desire to help. A grief support group gathers on the second Wednesday of each month to offer such support. If you are experiencing loss, we hope you will consider joining us. Our next gathering is Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. in the Coffee Corner. For more information, please contact Jane Hancock at 433-0972.

### July Prayer Walks

Please consider joining one of two prayer walks this month. On Tuesday, July 14, we will meet at 8:45 a.m. at Smith Gardens, located at the corner of Oakwood Avenue and Walnut Lane in Oakwood. On Tuesday, July 28, we will meet at the same time at Leonard E. Stubbs Memorial Park, located west of State Route 48 along the north side of West Spring Valley Road. Both walks begin at 9 a.m. A suggested prayer meditation is shared before each walk; prayer walks last about 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the walk, participants gather briefly to thank God for blessings received and grace for the day. Put on your walking shoes and join us at the park!

Southminster Health and Wellness Committee

## Summer: A Good Time to Cultivate Friendship



A gentle rain splashes upon my car window as I sit at a nearby park. The grass is lush and green. Accentuated by colorful flowers, the park provides a wonderful place to rest and pray.

Earlier in the day I talked to a good friend who lives out of state; it was good to catch up. Thinking about our conversation, I express thanks to God for this friendship. It has spanned many years; we have shared together both joy and sorrow. Watching the rain, I am reminded that friendship, like nature, needs nurture in order to grow.

Summer is a good time to cultivate friendship, when schedules are often a bit more relaxed. Is there someone whose day you might brighten by picking up the phone? Whom might you ask to go for a cup of coffee, a bite to eat, or a round of golf? Next Sunday take a good look around you. Perhaps you will notice someone you haven't talked to in a while or do not know at all. Introduce yourself and engage in conversation.

Scripture tells us of another friendship to be nurtured. In John's gospel, chapter 15, verse 15, Jesus says, "I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father." It is a powerful thing to consider oneself a friend of Jesus and, in turn, what one can do to develop this friendship. As you read this newsletter, look for opportunities that offer personal relevance, such as prayer walks, educational classes, and times of worship. Remember, summer is a good time to cultivate friendship.

Sue

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A big thanks to the Ruth Circle for hosting the Coffee Corner the month of June.

**Join Us for Sunday**



Coffee Fellowship

## Brunch

The Path of Fellowship will provide a Sunday brunch in the CFC following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, July 12. The menu consists of chicken-ham crepes; egg soufflé; bacon, sausage; tossed salad; mixed fresh fruit; coffee, tea, lemonade, and water. Reservations may be made on Sunday mornings or by calling the Church office. For planning and cost considerations, the brunch will be limited to the first 120 *paid* reservations received by Wednesday, July 8. There will be no reservations taken on Sunday, July 12. Cost: Adults \$7; ages 7-14, \$4; ages six and under, free. We hope to see you there!



## *M M, R & R* (Men's Messages, Read and Reflect)

### Men

A worthy goal for a man, which may run counter to his early learning, is to become a “balanced man.” And that is where Christianity comes in, by eliminating a man's inner conflicts and bringing about this balance as seen in Jesus Christ.



Jesus' personality had several facets, but he did not hide them from anyone. He could chase the corrupters out of his temple in righteous anger, displaying his manhood in what might be called “masculine” ways—and yet later he wept over Jerusalem, displaying what is considered a “feminine” side.

He met the challenge of the enemy and faced them in open debate—and yet he could hold children on his knees and in a moment of tenderness express how precious they were to him and to the kingdom of God.

He walked the bloody highways of Palestine—pursued, harassed, and carrying a price on his head—and yet he could sit and allow a woman to wash his feet and dry them with her hair and rebuke those who thought it inappropriate.

Here is the king of the universe, sweating blood during the deep revulsion he felt in Gethsemane concerning the death that faced him—and yet pressing on to take that death on the cross without wilting.

There is no greater picture of the “whole man”—a man who was “masculine” in terms of strength, muscle, sinew, and courage—and yet was not ashamed to show his “feminine” side in terms of tears, compassion, gentleness, and peace.

Don Dameron

## ***THE PATH OF STEWARDSHIP***

### ***Jerry's Corner***



There's something new at Southminster! We're expanding our recycling program. We will now accept your old inkjet printer cartridges, toner cartridges, and even your old cell phones. Just bring them to the sign-up table outside the Church office, and drop them in the container there. We'll ship them to a company (for free) and will receive payment in return.

Tell your friends and work buddies to save their cartridges and old cell phones for Southminster. (The Washington Township administration office is already saving these items for us).

This new recycling program will help make our landfills cleaner.