

June 29, 2011



A Word from Pastor Eric

It surely has been a time of transition here at Southminster. Last month I wrote to you about the retirement of Jeanne McIver and the comings and goings in our child care staff. This month, I'd like to recognize the departure of our beloved, long-term organist Russell Elias. Although we all shared great concern for Russell as he went through months of hospitalization and illness, it was always our hope that he would be able to return to his duties at Southminster. Unfortunately, his health and healthcare-related needs have required him to withdraw from active employment—not only at Southminster but also from his job at Stivers. It was with great sadness that the Personnel Committee and Session received his resignation.

Because the Personnel Committee did not anticipate Russell's resignation, we didn't have any lead time to plan an appropriate farewell. As I write, the Personnel Committee and other leaders are in the process of discerning the best way we can say "thank you" to Russell for his ministry among us. Because of his health and disability issues, it is a little more complicated to plan something for him than it was for previous staff departures. Even so, I am confident that you will receive notice of what will happen shortly after this edition of the Window is mailed. Whatever the plan turns out to be, I hope that you will be able to respond in such a way that Russell is truly able to feel our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude. He has been a tremendous blessing to our Church, and his musical gifts are without parallel.

As we move ahead, please be assured that the Nominating Committee is at work putting together an Organist Search Committee, which will hopefully begin its work in the near future. As with most things Presbyterian, it takes a little while for all the pieces to fall into place through our committee process. Nevertheless, the wheels are in motion; and progress is being made.

It is always difficult to lose a beloved staff member; and during the past twelve months, we have had more than our share of such staff transitions. Nevertheless, I am very grateful for the outstanding team of pastors, musicians, and support staff that we have, as well as for the love and dedication of our congregation. Together, we will continue to strive for the growth and health of Southminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you for being such an amazing Church family!

Your Companion on the Journey,

Pastor Eric



Inviting to Worship

Reach Out!

Invite Someone



One dimension of our calling as Christians is to invite others into a relationship with God. Think about unchurched people you might invite to worship. . . You probably know a number of people who might welcome an invitation. They may be your neighbors. They may be a family with a new baby; many times couples turn or return to church when they begin having children. The people with whom

we work are also potential followers of Jesus who will benefit from the care and fellowship of our congregation. Contacts in clubs could be another way of inviting people. Of course, anyone going through a time of struggle or difficulty can benefit from the spiritual support of a church home and a strong relationship with God. Encourage your friends.

What better gift can we give than to invite another to be a part of a church family? It is a well-documented fact that **75 percent to 80 percent of people who join a church do so because they were personally invited by a member.** God is working through Southminster in many wonderful ways, but people will find this out only if **we** take the risk and invite them to worship or to a small group. Reach out and invite someone to Southminster today!

Summer Wholeness Service, July 10

Southminster will hold a Service for Wholeness at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, in the Sanctuary. In this short worship time, we will sing simple Taize songs, pray for individuals and the world, and be offered Scripture affirmations which remind us of God's presence. Individual blessings, prayers, and anointing will be offered by the Pastors and by Stephen Ministers, who will be available to pray and speak with worshipers after the service.

If you are bearing a personal burden, need to be fed by a quiet experience of God's presence, or wish to share in corporate prayer for others, this service might be just what your soul needs.

Summer Worship Schedule

10 a.m. service, May 29 through September 4

Sermon and Liturgical Schedule

- July 3** Independence Day Weekend
Communion
Words to Live By: Ten Commandments Six: Life and Other Necessities
Pastor Eric preaching
Pray for Montreat students' trip
- July 10** *Words to Live By: Ten Commandments Seven: An Adult Conversation*
Pastor Eric preaching
4 p.m. Service for Wholeness
- July 17** *Words to Live By: Ten Commandments Eight: Thieves!*
Pastor Eric preaching
- July 24** *Words to Live By: Ten Commandments Nine: Honesty: More Than the Best Policy*
Pastor Eric preaching
- July 31** **VBS Teacher Dedication**
Words to Live By: Ten Commandments Ten: You Can't Have It All!
Pastor Megan preaching

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Summer time...is an opportunity to "try choir" by being part of the Hymn Choir while the Sanctuary choir takes a break from weekly rehearsals and Sunday anthems. This choir provides vocal leadership for songs during summer worship services and occasionally prepares simple anthems. The Hymn Choir meets in the choir loft at 9:40 a.m. to review the music for the 10 a.m. services. If you are interested in being part of this group, call the Church office, 433.1810 or e-mail Director of Music Kathryn Moore, (Kathryn@sminster.com).

Liturgists are needed. If you are interested in contributing this way, please contact Betty Norris, Church Secretary, 433.1810.

From the Worship Council

Did you know that parts of each week's worship service, including the sermon, can be viewed on-line 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.

Gemstones from the Gallery

In June, did you see the Pentecost display: art and stained glass works by our children and youth? In July, our Gallery coordinator is thinking about having a display of dolls. If anyone has a collection of dolls or at least one doll to display, please contact Kurt Jacobsen, 434.3943, and let him know. Thank you for your support of our Gallery.

Pentecost Flowers

Thank you to the following members who helped "color the Sanctuary red" by purchasing red geraniums for Pentecost: Bob and Jean Clements, Pat Custer, Pat Elliott, Martha Kienzle, John and Karen Kronson, George and Marj Lawson, Don and Marge Sarringar, Walt and Sue Schenk, Pearl Scott, Jerry and Mary Stahley and Liz Taylor.

Learning in Community



I want to thank each and every person at Southminster, from our babies in the nursery to our charter members (and everyone in between). You welcomed me four years ago into your community and have made me a part of you. I thank God for your love and patience as more than 125 of you have helped craft a workable program of Christian education for the children and adults of Southminster. We have had great joy as we put together a Workshop Rotation program to teach the Bible to children, including a state-of-the-art computer lab with six computers and all the software. You worked alongside of me as we designed and built a Children and Worship program to help our children learn about worship. Did you know the children have their own worship space with stories made alive in wood? You have been with me in ministry, and I do appreciate your commitment to the children and growing our program.

Many of you have worked to grow our adult education program that has brought not only members as teachers but also some excellent teachers from the community. You even hung in there as we brought speakers in to help us understand homosexuality in the Bible, the church, and the community. We have

learned together in small groups during Lent and in bigger lectures as we have heard several authors.

We shared some Seder meals and even a stone soup supper or two in our midweek program.

Perhaps as you look at our Learning Resource Center, you will remember as I do the transformation of our library into a regional LRC for churches in the area. We currently have nine churches and three individuals who are members of the LRC, and each month we grow. I look forward to helping Gay Amos and her crew with the books and resources.

I thank you so much for the lovely gifts to mark my retirement. The picture of the beautiful window, the nativity set from Alaska, and the monetary gift—but especially that you all shared lunch with me and my family and friends. How did Gay pull off such a great party so seamlessly? How about that song! It is always a treat to hear our children sing and watch our talented puppets. Thank you to Liz, Mark, and Erinne for the entertainment.

In conclusion, I want to thank the staff of Southminster for their excellence. Eric has a true gift for collegial ministry, and it has been a joy to serve with every member of the staff. I am so glad this isn't goodbye. See you soon at the LRC or worshipping together on Sunday! You are a blessing in my life. Thank you.

Jeanne McIver, Certified Christian Educator, PC(USA)

Becoming the Parent God Wants You to Be

I'd like to be the kind of friend that you have been to me.

I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be.

I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day.

As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you.

To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue.

I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft have heard,

And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me,

Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be.

I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.

I'm wishing at this blessed time that I could but repay

A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way;

And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be:

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

Edgar Guest



As I was preparing for this month's article, I was thinking about how important it is to have at least one good friend that will be there for you, no matter what happens—someone you can trust with your innermost thoughts and know that they are safe with this person. A friend is someone who can cheer you up when you are feeling down and out. A friend listens without passing judgment. A friend

offers advice and wise counsel. Abraham Lincoln once said, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships." Parents, we must help our children discover how to foster and develop friendships that will last, not just a "fair-weather" friend but one who will stick with us when the going gets tough. Teaching our children how to be a friend is one of those skills which requires modeling behavior. Our children watch us as we meet with our friends; they see how we treat our friends; and they notice what we say to one another. *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you* (Ephesians 4:32, NIV).

As a substitute teacher for elementary-age students, I spend much of my day saying to the students, "That's not how we treat our friends." I'm discovering that we need to spend as much time teaching our children how to be a friend as we do teaching them how to read and write. Teaching children how to show compassion, to compromise, to forgive, and to carrying each other's burdens is a must for parents. *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ* (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

Parents, spend some time each day talking about how to be a good friend; share some of your experiences with friends to your children. Let them know that making, keeping, and maintaining a good friend takes work, just as in any relationship; but the joy of sharing life with a true friend is a wonderful blessing.



Peace

Priscilla Stapleton

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



We do not know what lies ahead, just over the hill. Terrible things are happening in our world, and we

are afraid. But deep beneath our fear of life often lies, carefully hidden, our fear of death. When we lack the freedom and release which comes from taking Jesus at his word, we cannot fully live. But when we have faith in his promise of eternal life, we have a sense of anticipation and a tingle of adventure as we look forward to that experience which shall surely reward our hopes and exceed our most glorious expectations!

It is only when we know Jesus that we are not afraid, for there is nothing to fear. And it is only when we have something to die for that we have everything to live for. And death, when it comes, will come as a welcome friend, sent to usher us into the glorious life that awaits, just around the bend in the road.

Don Dameron

Shake It Up Café Is Coming to Southminster!

This year's Vacation Bible School, *Shake It Up Café!*, will be held Monday through Friday, August 1 to 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Children from three years of age through fifth grade are invited to participate. Youth and adults are still needed as helpers and leaders. To volunteer, contact Pastor Jackie. Pastor Megan will help with the preschool program; Jill Parker, with the elementary program. Watch the weekly bulletins and e-news for registration forms and more details.



Our Interim Christian Educator Begins July 1

Dr. Barbara Van Doren will be in her office on Friday, July 1, to begin her time with Southminster. Drop in and say hello! Tell her how you are involved at Southminster. Offer to help her "learn the ropes." Assure her of your prayers!



No Elderberries in July

Watch your *Window* and the bulletin/e-news for information about the fun program being planned for August!

Please remember the deadline for the newsletter is **always** the 15th of the month.

Hospital Visitors Needed

Hospital visitation is an important Southminster ministry. If you would like to be considered as an official Southminster Hospital Visitor, contact Carolyn Kennedy, 299.6431, or Pastor Jackie. A short training session will be provided for new volunteers.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Fellowship to Resume in the Fall

This group offers fun activities, service projects, and fellowship opportunities for all Southminster children in these grades and for their friends. Parents and others will be needed to help with planning the monthly events and then providing leadership for them. Contact Pastor Jackie, Jackie@sminster.com, with questions or to volunteer. Watch for more information.

Summer Family Faith Formation Tip

Going on vacation this summer? Whether you are staying home or traveling, you can help your children and grandchildren deepen their faith in many ways. One activity you can do will assist everyone in being aware of God's presence in their lives. And even the youngest can participate!

Pick a time each day when you share with the others in your family one blessing you have been aware of this day. You might find a blue jay's feather or gaze upon a rainbow or spy a spider spinning a web. Awareness is the key! As you look for blessings and share them with each other, you will each become more aware of all God's blessings and also deepen your connection with one another. After you have shared, say a prayer of thanksgiving together. Grandparents: You can participate also, even if you are not with your grandchildren, by sending them notes, photos, and objects you find which make you aware of God's love and magnificent presence.

Volunteer Opportunities



Drivers Needed on Sunday Mornings

Some of our senior members who no longer drive and are unable to attend Sunday Church services miss being here. And we miss them! If you can occasionally drive a member from Kettering or Centerville to Church, you will fill a great void in their

lives. To volunteer or to ask questions, please leave a message at the Church office, 433.1810; and I will return your call.

Dorothy Douglas, Transportation Chairperson

Remember in your prayers...

Military: Jeff Amos (Germany; Jim and Gay Amos' nephew), Ben Barlow (Qatar; Jerry and Mary Stahley's son-in-law), Sean Leibrock (Afghanistan; Pastor Kevin and Patricia Lawler's son), Brian Vaughn (Germany; Charlotte Mort's son)



Our sympathy

To Pearl Scott and family in the death of Pearl's sister-in-law, Anita Scott Chlebus who died on June 2, 2011 in Erie, PA.

To Edna Webb and family in the death of Edna's husband, Donnie Webb, who died on June 18.

To Robert and Galdys Jones in the death of Robert's brother, Virgil Jones, who died on June 23.

To the family of Virginia Peterson in the death of Virginia, who died on June 28. A Memorial Service is pending.

Congratulations and Blessings

To Dustin and Tammi Laycox in the birth of their daughter, Alexa Laycox, born on May 31. The proud grandparents are Michael and Roxy Laycox.

To Marissa and Raymond in the birth of their son, Landon Gillies born on June 15. The happy grandparents are Raymond and Ann Gillies.

To Kristen and Nathan Wiggers in the birth of their son, Grant Prescott Wiggers, born on June 13. The proud grandparents are Fred and Linda Wiggers.

Homebound Visitation

Southminster is fortunate to have a Homebound Visitation ministry, headed by Irene Tipword. Twenty-six homebound members have been paired with 23 dedicated members who visit at least once a month. Some are able to visit more frequently, and there are other members who visit because of longtime friendships. Members of the Homebound Visitation ministry also provide small gifts to cheer the homebound and



send birthday and other cards. The names of homebound members and contact information are listed in a special bulletin insert the first Sunday of each month. Please feel free to visit or to send cards. If you know of homebound members who are not on the list—or if you believe you are being called to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Irene at 435.2339 or irenetip@att.net. You may also call Pastor Jackie or Pastor Eric. Together in Christ, we can make a difference in the life of a member.



Thank You

I want to thank my Southminster extended family and the staff for all the cards, phone calls, and hospital visits during my recent stay. I am on the mend, thanks to your prayers. Thanks again for your concern.

Jack Kemper



Thank You

In April I had back surgery,
I thought it would be a piece of cake!
Little did I know how much my legs would ache!
It seems to take time to recuperate,
But thanks to you for the great food, which I ate.
You friends, one and all, have been so good to me
With cards, visits, flowers, which came almost every day.
My prayer blanket was a blessing, I too want to say.
I want to thank you all, but words just are not enough
For the things you brought me—it was wonderful stuff!
But I will say it just the same:
Thank you! Thank you!
You know who you are, and I know your name!
I am really blessed!

Pat Custer



Card Ministry

Another ministry of the Community Council/Board of Deacons is to send cards to members of the Church during significant life-changing events—bereavement, illness, births, and other times of need or celebration. Members at home or in extended care are also remembered. In addition, cards are available in the Chapel for use by

members wishing to extend the hand of Christ to others.

CareNotes

Have you checked a CareNotes display recently? With 14 new titles, it may well be worth your time to stop and browse. CareNotes booklets are available at no charge and are available in the Narthex, on the desk in front of the Church Office, and in the Community Room. CareNotes share real-life situations and bring messages of comfort, direction, hope, encouragement, and compassion. There are topics for all ages—children, teens, and adults. If you do not find what you are looking for at one display, please check the other locations, as we try to present as many titles as possible; and the displays are changed regularly. Take one for yourself or for a friend.

Ladies, please mark your calendars for the Presbyterian Women of Southminster's fall kickoff salad supper! This time of fellowship and a scrumptious supper will be Tuesday, August 30, at 6 p.m. in the CFC. It will be the perfect time to catch up on what everyone has been doing during the summer and to get ready for the coming Church year. Please bring a salad to share; desserts, drinks, and table service will be provided. Signup sheets will be available in the Narthex and on the table outside the Church Office. Please join us!



The Ministry of Listening

Think of a time when you felt truly cared for. Chances are it was when someone was focused on you and what you had to say and listened to how you felt—instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

For demonstrating honest caring, listening is one of the most powerful tools at our disposal. In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in learning and practicing listening skills. It takes energy and commitment to listen well. But good listeners aren't completely silent. By restating key thoughts or ideas, a good listener can show true caring and total focus on the person speaking *and* on what is being said.

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to people who may be facing a challenging time. They use both words and deeds, listening, comforting, and calling on the training they have received to show Christ's care to others. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, then

please prayerfully consider exploring Stephen Ministry.

Southminster's Stephen Ministry Team is sponsoring an informational forum on Stephen Ministry on July 10. We will be meeting in the Adult Lounge immediately following the worship service, at approximately 11:15 a.m. All who may be interested in being considered to serve as a Stephen Minister are welcome.

The Extraordinary Women Conference will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 14 and 15, 2011. More information about this conference can be found on the Presbyterian Women of Southminster's bulletin board across from the Church Office or at www.ewomen.net or 1.800.526.8673.

Knitted Blessings Made Dolls for Dominican Republic



In January, our **Knitted Blessings Small Group** partnered with First Church, Wethersfield, Connecticut, to make dolls for the children of sugarcane workers and for the Children's Hospital in the Dominican Republic. The goal was 500 dolls, and **our group contributed 53 dolls.** Other churches around Connecticut heard of the project and helped First Church to make its goal.

Other projects we did this year were making hats and mittens for the Christmas baskets, prayer shawls for members who need comfort, premie caps for Dayton's Children Hospital, and baby blankets for new babies in our congregation. If you are interested in making some blessings, come and check us out, beginning in September, on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Can't make that night? Stop by to pick up some yarn and patterns to knit or crochet at home. Want to learn to knit or crochet? We have patient teachers! Who knows what blessings we will make in the fall? Come join us and find out.

Please see Library news on page 10.

Friends,

Southminster Presbyterian Church is known as a truly caring community of people. We strive to welcome and embrace all who visit and encourage each person to become a regular part of the life and ministry of Southminster. Our call always is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to show the love of God, and to seek the will of the Holy Spirit in our lives as individuals and as the body of Christ.

To that end, we try to be attentive to the needs of our brothers and sisters in faith, in good times and in bad. In each of our lives, there will be life passages, joys and celebrations, and times of stress, crisis, and sadness. During these extraordinary moments, Southminster's pastors and lay members are available to walk alongside you. The smiling member who brings a bouquet of Sanctuary flowers is an example of the kind of informal supportive relationships which flourish at Southminster. More formal avenues of caring and compassionate support are also available, as you can see, below.

The Session and the Deacons of Southminster, in order to offer appropriate encouragement to all members and participants, approved in May a new *Standards for Congregational Care*. Full copies of the plan are available from Pastor Jackie. A summary follows.

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STANDARDS FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Pastoral Care Provided by Our Pastors

In times of crisis, our clergy provide pastoral care and counseling, referring to professional counseling services as appropriate. They may offer tangible items of prayer and comfort.*

When surgeries are scheduled, members/regular visitors are visited and prayed with prior to surgery. Following surgery, an on-call pastor visits or makes a phone call to the patient.

Hospitalized members/participants (non-crisis) are also visited by a pastor on call, once a week. During a visit, tangible items of prayer and comfort* may be offered.

At times of death and dying, a pastor is present at the time of death if possible and desired by the family. He/she may provide tangible items of prayer and comfort* at this time. The pastor officiating at the Service of the Resurrection contacts the Bereavement Team about a meal after the service, at the family's request. A Stephen Minister takes a grief book to the bereaved within a month of the death. Follow-up calls are made once a month for four months, by Stephen Ministers or by the pastor providing care for the grieving family, which is coordinated by the pastor providing the original care. Cards are sent and/or calls are made at Thanksgiving and at Christmas and on the anniversary of the death for three years, by Stephen Ministers or by the pastor providing original care.

The Office notifies the Prayer Chain and the Intercessory Prayer Group, as appropriate. The Office care board is maintained by the Office staff.

Pastors Eric, Jackie, and Megan share the above duties in this manner:

Monday: Jackie	Friday: Megan
Tuesday: Eric	Saturday: Eric
Wednesday: Eric	Sunday: Jackie
Thursday: Megan	

* Tangible items of prayer and comfort include prayer shawls, blankets/throws, and quilt squares; lambs; CareNotes; Scripture booklets and bookmarks; Sanctuary flowers, and needlepoint crosses. These items may change over time.

Pastoral Care Provided by Lay Persons

When members/participants are undergoing surgery, volunteers visit with the family during surgery as requested, coordinated and requested by the pastor who prayed with the patient.

Hospitalized and rehabilitation facility members/participants whose illness is not life-threatening are visited or called once a week. Their names are listed on Office care board (unless requested otherwise). Tangible items of prayer and comfort* may be offered. Food is offered to families during hospitalization and after a patient returns home. Home Communion is taken monthly, if requested by the member.

Our homebound and nursing home members/participants are visited monthly. Tangible items of prayer and comfort*, Sanctuary flowers, cards, HomeTouch letters, and Home Communion are a part of our ministries extended by lay members. As appropriate, people are connected one to another through the Hello, Good Morning program.

When a member/participant dies, lay members provide refreshments or a light meal after the Service of the Resurrection. Cooks for Christ offers to bring food to the home of the bereaved. The coordinator of the Card Ministry of the Deacons sends cards. Our Grief Group meets monthly and always welcomes new members.

All members/participants in ordinary circumstances and non-life-threatening situations are extended ministries of care, which include:

- Care Connection calls six times a year. (The coordinator communicates regularly with the Deacons and pastors, to identify follow-up needs.)
- College care packages.
- Tangible items of prayer and comfort.*
- Prayer Chain notified as requested.
- CareNotes, which are available in various locations around the Church.
- Meals in times of special need.
- Home assistance, through Care Crew and Transportation teams as requested.
- Celebration of faith formation milestones.

June 1, 2011

Serving as Stewards

Highlights of the June Session Meeting

Beginning with this issue, *The Window* will summarize the work of the Session, comprised of Ruling Elders you've elected to facilitate the congregation in carrying out our mutual mission. (Note that copies of full minutes of the most recent meetings will continue to be available for pickup in the Church Office and on the Stewardship table in the Narthex.)

From the June 13 meeting, the Session

- discussed in small groups the duties of Elders as outlined in the Book of Order and the covenants and spiritual practices we engage in to prepare us for this work,
- received the Clerk's report, reflecting the receipt of eight confirmands into membership as well as two adult new members and the baptism of three children,
- received the reports of the Pastors and of the Community, Invitation, Learning, Stewardship, and Worship Councils as well as the report from the Commissioners to the May 10 meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley,

- approved the creation of a Strategic Planning Task Force to identify and prioritize the needs of Southminster,
- accepted, with regret, the resignation of Russell Elias as Organist,
- agreed to invite the Moderator of the General Assembly to visit Southminster,
- approved a summer shoe drive, facilitated by Food2Go, to provide new tennis shoes for school-age children in our community whose families cannot afford them,
- approved a plan to provide a monthly free meal for the congregation and for the community, beginning in September 2011 and continuing in the months of October, November, February, March, and April, funded by the Service Council,
- agreed to send one or two representatives to the Presbyterian Fellowship meeting in Minneapolis on August 25 and 26, and
- prayerfully reflected on each part of our mission: *Inviting to Worship, Learning in Community, Serving as Stewards*, giving thanks for the many members who serve Home Communion, praying for Jeanne McIver in her retirement, and giving thanks for all who came to the Habitat build and for the youth who gave a week of work to local mission projects.

Jerry's Corner

Remember my last *Jerry's Corner*, where I said, "Have you ever had a bad day?" And what happened on May 25? The hail and wind came. Talk about a bad day! Just like many of you, the Church had a lot of damage--roofs, air conditioners, siding, gutters, downed trees, etc. It's going to take a while to get everything back to normal. But it will happen, so I ask for your patience.

We have replaced the refrigerator and two stoves in the Community Room kitchen. It was cheaper to buy a new refrigerator/freezer with an icemaker than to have the old one fixed. Next on our to-do list is to have the carpets cleaned, with the CFC being first.

Hope to see you in Church, and I promise no more "pity-me" *Jerry's Corners*!

Jerry



pleasant, quiet room; and I often find people taking advantage of the peace and wealth of knowledge in that area. Note: You who had been accustomed to slipping into the former library for a book on devotions will now find those books in the East Room.

The West Room is the former library room. It contains the "office," fiction for adults, fiction and non-fiction for children, videos and DVDs for all ages, and magazines. This area is still a work in progress. Our priorities here are to enter the children's books into the catalog and to arrange the space to best serve our patrons—all of you in our Southminster congregation and the nine churches and three individuals who have joined the LRC.

Our magazine section is displayed on shelves which allow the titles to be easily seen. It includes periodicals such as *Presbyterians Today*, *Christianity Today*, *Horizons*, and *Presbyterian Outlook*. Interesting reading on these shelves!

Please stop in to browse the materials in our East and West Rooms. Perhaps you'll find something of interest to borrow.

New titles have recently been added to our collection:

- Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary: Four brief essays for each lesson, offering preachers different approaches to proclaim God's word. I found the essays very interesting.
- Matthew's Gospel from Scratch: A leader guide and participant's reading.
- Life Is Tough But God Is Faithful by Sheila Walsh: How to find meaning and purpose in spite of pain and suffering. Also contains a study on the book of Job.
- Shaped by the Word: The Power of Scripture in Spiritual Formation by M. Robert Mulholland, Jr.
- Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived by Rob Bell. Bell presents a deeply Biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined.

Middle School Mission Week

Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 - Middle School Mission Week! Middle schoolers will be joining forces with the middle school students of Sugar Creek Presbyterian in Kettering to do local mission projects around the Dayton area. Students will return home in the late afternoon each day. There is no cost for this event. Sign up by July 15th!



Great Clips



Clipping for Kids

July 4

12:00—3:00



Food 4 Summer/ Food 2 Go Booth

Get a hair cut and support feeding hungry children in Centerville.

News from Your Librarian, Gay Amos

If you have not recently visited the LRC (Learning Resource Center, AKA the Library), perhaps you'd like a little tour. The LRC is housed in two rooms, which I have taken to calling the East Room and the West Room.

The East Room is the reading/research room. It houses books on a wide range of subjects. It is a

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	<p>2 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 1st Presbyterian overnight</p>
<p>310:00 Worship/Communion [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship</p> <p>6:30 NO Care Conn.</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th of July Church Office Closed</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p>5 9:15 Kindermusik</p> <p>7:00 Stewardship Council 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p>	<p>610:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer Service 7:00 Equipping for Ministry</p>	<p>7 9:30 Kindermusik</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters 7:30 Stephen Ministry</p>	8	<p>9 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>10 10:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship 11:00 Stephen Ministry 4:00 Service for Wholeness 5:00 Care Connection #1</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Session</p>	<p>12 9:15 Kindermusik</p> <p>4:00 Kirkmont Board of Trustees 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p>	<p>13 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer 7:00 Equipping for Ministry</p>	<p>14 9:30 Kindermusik 10:00 Grief Support</p>	15	<p>16 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>17 10:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship 10:00 Youth Worship</p> <p>6:30 Care Conn. Team #2</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Service Council 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Investment Committee 7:00 Community Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p>	<p>2010:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer 7:00 Equipping for Ministry</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters</p>	22	<p>23 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>24 10:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship 11:15 VBS Leaders</p> <p>6:30 Care Conn. Team #3</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 Children's Christian Ed Committee 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:15 Building & Grounds Committee 7:30 Learning Council 7:30 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 Worship Council 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p>	<p>2710:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer 7:00 Equipping for Ministry</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00 Personnel Committee 7:00 PWS Steering Committee</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>4:00 Alpha Presby Group</p>
<p>3110:00 Worship [Rev. Megan Collins preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship</p> <p>6:30 NO Care Connection</p>						<p>Note: This is the information that was provided on June 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.com</p>

