

March 29, 2011

Presbyterian Things

As I write this article, our denomination is going through the biennial process of amending our constitution. This year, we are considering a number of proposals, three of which are especially substantive.

The first is whether or not to add the Belhar Confession to The Book of Confessions. This statement speaks about the need for unity and equality in the Church and emerged out of the South African struggle against apartheid in the mid-1980s. It has been argued that this confession would be a good addition to The Book of Confessions because it recognizes the global nature of our Reformed theological tradition and because it was specifically written by a group suffering from oppression. At the same time, others point out that our Confession of 1967 and A Brief Statement of Faith already address similar issues. Although a strong majority of Presbyteries are approving the Confession, it appears that it will not achieve the two-thirds majority needed to change The Book of Confessions.

The second issue under consideration is a sweeping overhaul of our Book of Order's section called the Form of Government. This revision, called nFOG (New Form of Government), is intended to simplify denominational procedures and free people up from one-size-fits-all rules so that they may be more flexible in their unique ministry contexts. Items changing the Book of Order require a simple majority, and this change seems like it will probably pass.

The most controversial issue under consideration is a change in the language regarding ordination standards. For approximately 50 years, the Book of Order has included the following words regarding ordination:

Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

This wording was, at least in part, an attempt to resolve ongoing conflict over the possible ordination of homosexual persons. If you have followed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) over the last 50 years, you know that this phrasing has not resolved the differences in Scriptural interpretation and theology that exist within our denomination. After nearly every General Assembly, we have had to vote on some proposed change to this part of the Book of Order. This year it seems likely that the required majority of Presbyteries will approve the replacement of the above language with the following:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

This language of this new amendment, by itself, is not a radical departure from Presbyterian tradition. In fact, the words are in keeping with our historic principles of church government, which leave decisions about ordination up to individual Presbyteries and Sessions. Were it not for the contemporary debate about the ordination of gay and lesbian persons, this would probably not create a controversy. But we don't live in a vacuum, and in our cultural

context this new language has the effect of changing our standards for ordination.

An immediate question that comes to mind is, "What difference will this make in the life of our congregation?" The fact is the new wording makes no demand on Presbyteries or Sessions to ordain anyone they don't feel to be fit for office. This is important for our Church, because it means that the change in constitutional language will not change our current practices. Our congregation members will elect people they know and believe to be suitable candidates to serve as elders or deacons, and you will still have the freedom to elect pastors of your own choosing. There will certainly be churches and Presbyteries that choose to ordain homosexual persons. But the General Assembly is not forcing that choice on any Presbytery or congregation.

The biggest concerns related to this issue are the following: 1) Deep-seated theological disagreement over the issues. Our denomination contains people of strong Christian faith who interpret the Bible in different ways. There are people on both sides of this issue who are equally earnest in their desire to serve God through Jesus Christ. The question this poses is "How can we serve together in the midst of disagreement?" There are no easy answers to this question. 2) The fear of some Presbyterians that the denomination will ultimately require Presbyteries and congregations to ordain gay and lesbian persons without regard to their judgment about the fitness of individual candidates for ordination. While this is not the issue before us now, it is a concern that some people have for the future. This is an issue that needs to be looked at carefully by our governing bodies, including the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

The most important thing I'd like to convey to you is that your pastoral staff is united in the midst of this process. While we do not all share the same exact point of view, we are all equally committed to honoring our ordination vows as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and working within the governmental processes of the denomination to seek what we believe to be the most faithful results. We are determined that Southminster should continue to be a church in the middle, avoiding extremism, and offering the love and grace of Christ to people with varying theological viewpoints. This is who we have been as a congregation, and it is our desire to remain so. We are most interested in continuing the positive direction our ministry has

taken and to build on the numerical and spiritual growth we have seen over the last couple years. Certainly, unlike some other congregations with which you may be familiar, we will not allow ourselves to be polarized or divided over this or any other issue. Your pastoral staff is convinced that what unites us in Christ is far more important than any issue that divides us. As the song goes, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And they'll know we are Christians by our love."

May God bless you, our congregation, and our denomination.

Your Companion on the Journey,

Pastor Eric

A good, moderate source for information about these and other denominational issues can be found at: <http://www.pres-outlook.com/>

Kevin Lawler to Be Ordained, April 2



Kevin Lawler will be ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, April 2, 4 p.m., at Blue Ball Presbyterian Church, Franklin. Special music, featuring the Mossburg Strings, will begin at 3:30 p.m. A reception in the church's

Fellowship Hall will follow worship.

Kevin has owned and operated several businesses including his family's retail floral business, which was one of the top ten percent in FTD. He also built his own marketing firm, which placed in the top one percent in its field. He received his master's of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary, Trotwood.

Kevin has served three churches as a student pastor and has served as a hospital chaplain.

Kevin and Patricia have a son **Sean**, who is a Navy Corpsman serving with the Marines. Kevin and Patricia live in Kettering and are members of Southminster.

Pastor Jackie Nowak is serving on the Presbytery Commission.

The Path of Worship



Worship Schedule

8:30 and 11 a.m. with

Sunday School for all ages,
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Sermon and Liturgical Schedule

April 3 *Five Fruitful Practices:
Risk-Taking Mission and Service*
Pastor Megan preaching
Communion

April 10 *Five Fruitful Practices:
Extravagant Generosity*
Pastor Eric preaching

April 17



One Sweet Ride
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11
Pastor Eric preaching

11 a.m. Youth Worship
in the Community Room

April 21
7 p.m.



John 13:1-7, 31b-35
Communion by intinction

April 24



Alive!
Matthew 28:1-10
Pastor Eric preaching

Your Southminster Fortune Cookie: Humility
makes us reachable and teachable.

Steps on The Path of Worship

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*.

The texts of Pastor Eric's recent Sunday sermons are also posted on the Southminster website: www.sminster.com under *The Path of Worship*.

Easter Flowers

It is time again to be thinking about ordering Easter flowers to beautify the Sanctuary and to honor a loved one at the same time. Just as last year, you may choose from Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, tulips, hydrangeas, and azaleas. Watch the bulletins of April 3 and April 10 for details. Be sure to record what you order and whether you will donate your flowers to shut-ins so everyone gets what they order.



Southminster Gallery

Be sure to take time this month to visit our Gallery, which is presently displaying art for the Stations of the Cross. This tradition depicts the 14 stations, starting with the Condemnation of Christ and ending with the laying of his body in the tomb. Pastor Eric has developed a "walking-tour" guide that describes the Stations; it is available in the Narthex.

After Easter, the Gallery will feature a quilt display, which will include a quilted tribute to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. If you have a special quilt you would like to display, contact Kurt Jacobsen.

Faith Book Tip:

I asked God to give me happiness; and he said, "No, I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you." I asked God to help me love others, as much as he loves me. God said, "Finally, you have the idea."



The Path of Learning



Vacation Bible School

Southminster's VBS, August 1-5, will be titled **Shake It Up**. The focus is on feasts in the Bible. This year we will be cooperating with Sugar Creek and with Central Presbyterian Churches, using the same curriculum and decorations. At Southminster, there will be separate schools for elementary-age children and for preschool children. Save the date and register in June. Contact Jill Parker for more information or to volunteer.

Nursery Volunteers Are Needed

We have a need for Nursery volunteers during both the 8:30 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services. Volunteers will be asked to take care of our youngest and most-precious members. Right now, we have several infants and need some extra help to care for them. Anyone who is sixth grade or older and loves to rock babies may volunteer by contacting Ashley Reazer in the Nursery or Cindy Battelle (436.0561) of the Young Children's Committee.

Workshops for April

April workshops during the Sunday School hour (9:45 to 10:45 a.m.) for grades K-5 will focus on The Last Supper. This will be a special time for education about Communion. The following workshops will be conducted: art, Karen Locke; Bible puzzles and games, Mary Stahley; computer, Rusty May.

Children and Worship

Children will leave Sunday services following the Word with the Children, to continue their worship experience with Children and Worship. Barbara Dettenmayer will lead the children through stories about Jesus and Easter.

Small Groups

Lenten small groups continue to meet during the season of Lent and will conclude at the end of April. Approximately eighty people have registered for groups and have been reading and dis-

cussing the book Forty Days of Fruitful Living: Practicing a Life of Grace.

Easter Coffee Hour

A special Coffee Hour is planned for April 24 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., featuring our puppet ministry, our wonderful Children's Choir, the Children's Chimes, and an Easter egg hunt. We will also have hot cross buns, sausage balls, and fresh fruit in addition to coffee, tea, and lemonade. Bring your friends and family and celebrate with your Church family.



Family Ministry at Southminster

Join us for **Gustafer Yellowgold** in concert here at Southminster! Bring your kiddos and **invite your friends** to this free event on Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. in the CFC. Go to gustaferyellowgold.com to meet our yellow friend from the sun and to preview some of the music that will be included in the show.

Date Night is back on Friday, April 15. Put aside your tax work and come at 6:30 for a time with other couples from Southminster. Then leave your kids for their fun evening at Church while you and your spouse have an evening out from 7 to 9 p.m. Let Pastor Megan know if you plan to attend.



Youth Ministry at Southminster

Youth Third Sunday is on April 17. Come for Youth Worship at 11 a.m.; then head to **Bounce U** for a private bounce party! Friends are definitely welcome! It costs \$10 to bounce, and you need socks and a signed liability form from your parents.

Hey, high schoolers! We have been doing some new things at **Sunday School**. Make sure you join us in the ARK on Sundays at 9:45 before we go on summer break!

Montreat!! Do we need to say anything else? Put in your \$100 deposit today (or talk to Pastor Megan if money is an issue), and put July 10 to 16 on your

summer schedule for the most awesomest week ever. That's right—awesomest!

WOW! It's Logos continues this month. But we are almost done for the semester, so make sure you come to youth group on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Becoming the Parent God Wants You to Be



Here is a fun activity* that you and your children can do together to help them learn about Holy Week and Easter.

First, you will need to get 12 small or medium-size colorful plastic Easter eggs. Be sure the eggs will fit into an egg carton. Number each egg 1 through 12. Then tell the children that they are going on a scavenger hunt to find items around the house to fit inside each egg. Following is a list of items needed:

1. A small plastic leaf or a piece of a palm branch or a blade of grass
2. A cotton ball with perfume on it
3. A small piece of cracker to represent the Pass-over bread
4. Three dimes
5. A toothpick that is cut and glued in the form of a cross
6. A small thorny branch or a single, large thorn (or a toothpick would work too)
7. Miniature dice
8. A nail or push pin
9. A Q-tip
10. A few whole cloves or other whole spices
11. A small rock.

When the children have found each item, have them place each item on a table. Then place each item and each of the messages below in the corresponding egg. (The children may notice that there are only 11 items but 12 eggs. Tell them not to worry and that they will soon discover what happens to the twelfth egg.) Read each Bible passage as you open the egg.

Egg 1

Passage: Matthew 21:1-11

Message: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people waved palm branches.

Egg 2

Passage: John 12:2-8

Message: Mary poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet.

Egg 3

Passage: Matthew 26:17-19

Message: Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples.

Egg 4

Passage: Matthew 27:3

Message: Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Egg 5

Passage: John 19:17

Message: Jesus carried his cross.

Egg 6

Passage: John 19:2

Message: Soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head.

Egg 7

Passage: John 19:23

Message: Soldiers parted Jesus' garments and cast lots for his coat.

Egg 8

Passage: John 19:18, 37 and John 20:25-29

Message: Jesus was nailed to a cross and pierced in his side.

Egg 9

Passage: Matthew 27:34

Message: They gave Jesus vinegar mixed with gall on a sponge to drink.

Egg 10

Passage: John 19:40

Message: Spices to prepare Jesus for burial.

Egg 11

Passage: John 20:1

Message: The stone covering Jesus' tomb was rolled away.

Egg 12

Passage: Luke 24:6

Message: The tomb is *empty*. He has risen!

God bless you this Easter, for Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

*Reference: www.TeachKidstheBible.com

Peace, Priscilla Stapleton

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

God is present everywhere. He is also *beyond* all worlds. It's a concept which fills us with wonder.

It is well and wise that in our worship we take time to know and enjoy the wonder of God's attributes. Entire books have been written about the aspects of his nature. Yet there is no way the marvel of God's greatness can be exhausted by human analysis. Still, theological expertise isn't a prerequisite to worship God—but a hunger to know him is. Intellectualizing God's traits does not certify a more worthy worship, but passive indifference or mere excitement will miss the mark too. We are called to neither a mind trip nor an emotional binge. Let Holy Spirit-filled worship be a blend of our highest thoughts and our deepest feelings so that the goal of true worship will be reached: *the reshaping of our lives*.

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The Path of Community

Remember in your prayers...

Our sympathy

To the family of Bill Sutherland, who died on February 27, 2011. A memorial service was held at Southminster on March 9, with Pastors Megan Collins and Eric Pasanchin officiating.



To the family of Elizabeth Joy, who died on March 13.

To the family of Dave Dawson, who died on March 14, 2011. A funeral service was held at Southminster on March 18, with Pastor Eric Pasanchin officiating.

To the family of Dorothea Culver, who died on March 18. A memorial service was held at Southminster on March 22 with Pastor Jackie Nowak and Pastor Eric Pasanchin officiating.

To Mike Geary and family, in the death of his wife, Jackie, who died on March 18. A memorial service is pending.

Hospital: Michael Heaton (Jamie and Jeana Heaton's father), Janice Short.

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

Elderberries: Presentation on Aging in Place



Have you thought about whether or not you will be able to stay in your own residence as you get older? If so, you will not want to miss lunch and this presentation at Elderberries on Friday, April 1, 11:30 a.m., in the CFC. Eileen Bendel, a Certified Aging in Place Specialist, will address and provide the following:

- How to find out what you need to have a safe, independent living environment, including adaptations to your physical environment.
- Gadgets and gizmos that can make your everyday tasks easier and safe.
- Resources and handouts about such things as fall prevention, joint protection, work simplification, etc.

Eileen is a very entertaining presenter, and everyone will leave with new ideas to make life a little easier and safer.

Elderberries typically meets the first Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CFC.

Coming in May, Matt Dunn, Centerville Police Dept.

The Dying Process: Its Impact on Patients, Family, and Caregivers

The Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network, of which Southminster is a member, is offering a workshop on the dying process. The speaker will be Bernadine Parks, Director of Pathways of Hope at The Hospice of Dayton. Providence Lutheran Church, 11475 Providence Road in Brookville, is hosting the event on Sunday, March 27, from 3 to 5 p.m.

For reservations, please contact Marj Lawson (lawsongm@aol.com or 434.8614) by March 25. For directions, please visit the web site <http://www.superpages.com/bp/Brookville-OH/Providence-Lutheran-Church-L0010071962.htm>.



Spring and Posy Power!

Presbyterian Women of Southminster (PWS), through the New Neighbors Garden Club, is offering you the opportunity to purchase bags of Posy Power, an organic compost. This product is used in many nurseries and public places throughout the state. The *prepaid* price is \$5.50 per bag. PWS receives \$0.50 for each bag purchased. Proceeds support the organization's mission-giving. Pickup is Saturday, April 16, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information and order forms are available in the Church Office. Please think spring and purchase Posy Power!

Southminster Cookbook and Note Cards



Are you going away on spring break or Easter to visit with family or friends?

Presbyterian Women of Southminster has the perfect hostess gifts. Our Church cookbook Feeding the Flock is a wonderful way to say thanks for great fellowship and hospitality. At only \$15, the cookbook may be purchased in the Narthex and in the Church Office. Oh, and don't forget that Mother's Day will be here before you know it! I'd bet Mom would enjoy the wonderful recipes! Thank you notes, get-well wishes, and thinking-of-you greetings always look impressive when written on Southminster note cards. A package of eight cards is \$5 and may be purchased in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

Monies collected go toward PWS's many mission projects.

Share Your Garden



Share Your Garden

This spring you can thin your garden and also help feed the hungry! The Compassion and Assistance Committee of The Path of Community, also known as the Board of Deacons, will hold a Share Your Perennials event. If you have perennials to share, please prepare to bring them in pots or plastic bags tagged with the name of the plant, the flower color, and site and growing instructions (e.g., sun, shade,

moist soil). Dates for bringing and adopting plants will be announced in April worship bulletins and *The Window*. Free-will donations will go to the Food Pantry. Questions? Call Shirley Oglesbee, 433.8350.

Bulletin Insert: Caring for One Another

On the first Sunday of each month, Southminster worship bulletins will include a caring ministries insert titled *Caring for One Another*. This insert is designed to be used as a monthly prayer list. Members listed are living with chronic debilitating conditions, are homebound, are hospitalized or recently hospitalized, or are bereaved. Because we pray for joys as well as concerns, wedding and births will also be noted.



The weekly worship bulletin will include currently hospitalized people as well as deaths which have occurred that week.

Please provide updates to Pastor Jackie at Jackie@smminster.com or 433.1810.

Safety Tip

Do you know that handicap placards must be hung from the rear view mirror? Placing a placard on the dashboard is not acceptable, as police, in passing by, cannot see it or read the expiration date. Improper use can result in a \$500 fine and possible loss of the placard for two years.

CareNotes

When Your Prayers Go Unanswered is the title of a CareNotes booklet that addresses the feeling that many of us have had or will experience at various points in our lives. The author tells us, "No matter how hard you pray, you cannot manipulate God's response. You can, however, learn to open yourself to receive and accept God's answer—an answer that always, although sometimes mysteriously, represents the fullest measure of divine love."

Look for this booklet in the CareNotes display rack in the Narthex. There are two other CareNotes display racks: one in the Community Room and the other in front of the Church Office. Each display contains different free, helpful, and informative CareNotes titles for all age groups. Take one; share one.

Do You Know That Southminster Has Two Prayer Groups?

One is the Prayer Chain. Prayer concerns can be an illness, a job situation, or the needs of a family, friend, or co-worker. . . anything. These concerns are relayed from you or the Church Office to the Prayer Chain coordinator Janne Allison. She passes the concerns on immediately via phone to the next person on the list who calls the next person and so forth. Your request is offered in prayer as it is received. If you have a prayer request or would like to be a link on this Prayer Chain, call Janne Allison, 433.1486. The Prayer Chain is always open to new members. All that is needed is a loving and caring heart.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

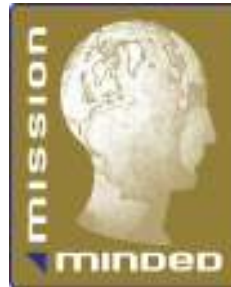
The other group is the Wednesday Evening Intercessory Prayer Group. It meets year round from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Group members pray for the people who were called by Care Connection Callers the previous Sunday. There is also an ongoing list of concerns that are prayed for every week. Who can be a member of this Prayer Group? You can. You don't have to pray eloquently; just pray from your heart. We would like to see the Prayer Group increase, so pray about whether you are called to join the Group in the Chapel. In doing so, you will have the feeling of being blessed and of receiving more than you give.

Men's Breakfast

Come to the CFC on Saturday, April 9, for coffee at 7:30 a.m., followed at 8 with a hearty breakfast, prepared by Chef George and Mike Stevens, of eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, hash brown potatoes, and fresh fruit compote. What a breakfast for only \$5! The speaker of the day is David Milam, Jr., a member of Boy Scout Troop 516, sponsored by Southminster. David's presentation is titled *My Journey to Eagle Scout*.

Come—and bring a friend—or make a new one! This is a great opportunity to meet other men of the Church and in our community and to enjoy casual fellowship. Prepaid reservations are required by Tuesday, April 5, and may be made by signing up with George Lawson on Sunday mornings, by phone to 434.8614, or by e-mail to lawsongm@aol.com.

The Path of Service Service and Mission Opportunities




Do you know that our **Service Council** coordinates tons of mission ministries at Southminster but has only a handful of members? Are you free on the third Monday evening of the month at 6:30? Talk to Pastor Megan about becoming a part of the Service Council to help with exciting service and mission opportunities for our congregation!

The **Alternative Gift Market** preparations are already under way for November. Last year, our market brought in over \$20,000 for humanitarian and environmental programs around the world and right here in Dayton. Contact Pastor Megan if you would like to be a part of the planning team! We have teams for booths, finance, children's activities, publicity, and market-day details—so we can use you!



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding to the massive **earthquake and resulting tsunami** that struck Japan on March 10. In addition to praying for all affected by the disaster—victims and their families, aid workers from Presbyterian World Mission, faith communities and leaders, and so many others, we have an opportunity to make donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). You may give by calling 1.800.872.3283, by accessing the secure PDA website at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/> (scroll down to the giving section in the left panel), or by sending a check to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Gifts should be designated for *Account DR000117—Japan Earthquake and Tsunami*.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Note: This is the information that was provided on March 15. For changes or corrections on this calendar, please call Carl Kienzle after 7 p.m. Mon thru Thurs at 433-1810 ext. 106					1 11:30 Elderberries 4:00 Southminster Academy of Music and Arts	2 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Lenten Small Group
3 8:30/11 Worship & Communion [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 8:30/11 Children & Worship 9:45 Christian Education For All Ages 5:00 Lent Sm. Grps 5:30 Children's Choir 6:00 Finan. Peace U. 6:00 Children's Chim 6:30 PB'nJ Puppet Ministry 6:30 Care Conn. #4	4 9:00 Staff Mtg 6:30 BSA Troop #516 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Stewardship Council	5 9:00 Kindermusik 9:00 Covenant Quilters 2:00 Lenten Small Group 4:00 Kirkmont Center Board of Trustees 7:00 Grace Circle 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non	6 9:00 Kindermusik 5:00 Intercessory Prayer Service 6:00 WOW Worship 6:30 WOW Dinner 6:30 Knitting Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 Lenten Small Group 7:00 WOW Classes & Small Groups 8:15 Bells of Southminster Milton Color Guard Overnight	7 9:00 Kindermusik 6:30 Toastmasters Milton Color Guard Overnight	8 9:00 Mom to Mom Milton Color Guard Overnight	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Lenten Small Group 12:00 Milton Color Guard Departure 2:00 Collins' Party
10 8:30/11 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 8:30/11 Children & Worship 9:45 Christian Education For All Ages 12:15 4 th & 5 th Grade Fellowship 5:00 Lent Sm. Grps 5:00 Care Conn. #5 5:30 Children's Choir 6:00 Children's Chim 6:30 PB'nJ Puppet Ministry	11 9:00 Staff Mtg 9:30 Moms In Touch 11:30 PEO 6:30 BSA Troop #516 7:00 Session 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Venturing Crew	12 9:00 Kindermusik 2:00 Lenten Small Group 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non	13 9:00 Kindermusik 5:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 WOW Worship 6:30 WOW Dinner 6:30 Knitting Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 WOW Classes & Small Groups 7:00 Lenten Small Group 8:15 Bells of Southminster	14 9:00 Kindermusik 10:00 Grief Support 6:30 Science Olympiad	15 6:30 Date Night	16 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Lenten Small Group 9:30 Posey Power Pick-up
17 Palm Sunday 8:30/ 11 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 8:30 /11 Children & Worship 9:45 Christian Education For All Ages 11:00 Youth Worship 12:15 Invitation Council 5:00 Lenten Small Grps 5:30 Children's Choir 6:00 Children's Chim 6:30 PB'nJ Puppet Ministry 6:30 NO Care Conn.	18 9:00 Staff Mtg 9:30 Moms In Touch 6:30 Service Council 6:30 BSA Troop #516 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Community Council 7:30 Investment Committee	19 9:00 Kindermusik 9:00 Covenant Quilters 6:30 Science Olympiad 7:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non	20 9:00 Kindermusik 5:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 8:15 Bells of Southminster	21 Maundy Thursday 9:00 Kindermusik 10:00 Women's Reading Group 6:30 Toastmasters 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	22 Good Friday 9:00 Mom to Mom Church Office Closed	23 9:00 Men's Bible Study
24 Easter 8:30/11 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 8:30/11 Children & Worship 9:45 Christian Education For All Ages 6:30 NO Care Conn.	25 9:00 Staff Mtg 9:30 Moms In Touch 6:30 BSA Troop #516 6:30 Children's CE Committee 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Venturing Crew 7:15 Building & Grounds Committee 7:30 Learning Council 7:30 Stephen Ministry	26 7:00 Worship Council 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non	27 9:00 Kindermusik 9:30 Ruth Circle 5:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 8:15 Bells of Southminster	28 9:00 Kindermusik 12:00 Personnel Committee 6:30 Science Olympiad	29	30 9:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Optimist Oratorical Contest

The Path of Stewardship

Minutes of Session Meetings

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Book of Order provides that members of the congregation elect Ruling Elders, who together work as a Session and are responsible for the mission and government of the individual church. The work of Southminster's Session is documented in minutes, which are available on a current basis in the Church Office and on the Stewardship table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy and learn more about the work of your Session and its six councils (Community, Invitation, Learning, Service, Stewardship, and Service).

Jerry's Corner



I want to thank organizers Darlene and Ken Irwin as well as the four other adults and 13 youth who cleaned the Sanctuary of wax on the carpet and pews. They also

oiled the Communion table, the organ, and the information desk.

Mark your calendars for May 7. That's a *Two-for-One Day*: Two activities are scheduled for May 7—a blood drive and our annual Church cleanup day.

If you give blood that day, you get a light-duty job for the cleanup. If you don't or can't donate blood, then you get a light-duty job anyway! Cleanup starts at 9 a.m.



The Church is in need of someone to “adopt a garden.” The area in front of the Sanctuary entrance as well as the three pots at the entrance itself are open for adoption, to keep out the weeds during this year. For details, contact me at the Church or Shirley Oglesbee at 433.8350.

Speaking of gardens, get some Posy Power from the Presbyterian Women of Southminster. (See article under *The Path of Community*.) It's a great soil additive. I added it to my vegetable garden last spring and never had such large green peppers and tomatoes! Order now, and pick up on Saturday, April 16.

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