

May 26, 2011

A Word from Pastor Eric**Hello Goodbye**

There is an old song called “Hello, Goodbye.” The title of this song is appropriate for us this month. First, there are some “good-byes.” On June 15, our Director of Christian Education Jeanne McIver will be retiring from her position at Southminster. You may not remember the process by which Jeanne came to us, but she actually began working with us as a consultant while we were engaged in the search for a long-term educator. We soon discovered that Jeanne made an excellent contribution to our ministry team, and she volunteered to come out of retirement in order to serve as our educator for several years. Jeanne has now been with us for nearly four years. During this time, she has made an amazing contribution to the life of our church, especially to the ministries under the Learning Council. She helped develop our workshop rotation model of Sunday school for children, led the way in creating a computer lab, and made it possible for us to have the special Children and Worship ministry. Jeanne has also done some excellent work with our adult education ministry and helped bring about some very helpful collaborative work with the Presbytery and other churches. Of equal importance is the fact that Jeanne has been a full member of our pastoral ministry team. She has worked as part of our little staff family to offer care, build community, and help us navigate times of stress. We all owe Jeanne a debt of gratitude for what she has done for Southminster Presbyterian Church. Thankfully, Jeanne’s retirement is different from the retirement of a pastor. There are no regulations preventing her from attending our church or volunteering as a member (with the exception of our educational ministries, which need to be handed over to our new staff for the Learning area). In a sense, then, this isn’t necessarily a good-bye as much as it is a transition.

In any event, Jeanne will be quite busy during the coming year, as she has been elected President of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators. We will be celebrating Jeanne’s ministry in worship and with a special luncheon on Sunday, June 12. Please come and help us show Jeanne how thankful we are for her contribution to our ministry.

In early June, we will also be saying farewell to Child Care Worker Ashley Reazer. Ashley is getting married this month and will be moving to Kentucky to be with her husband Jake Morgan. We are thankful for Ashley’s two years serving our children and will be showing our gratitude by having a special coffee time in her honor on June 5.

Along with the good-byes there will come some “hellos.” Beginning July 1, Barbara Van Doren will join us for a six-month period as Interim Christian Educator. Barbara has a master’s degree in Religious Education, and a Doctor of Ministry degree, as well as many years’ experience in ministry. She is also a skilled musician! Her role will be to oversee the day-to-day details of our educational ministries while Pastor Jackie works toward assuming full staff responsibility for the Learning Council. This process should be complete by the end of 2011. We look forward to welcoming Barbara next month.

Another area in which we will be saying “hello” is in our Nursery. Ashley Dorsey has been hired as a new Child Care Worker, and we anticipate hiring a second Child Care Worker in the very near future. We look forward to welcoming these new members of our ministry team.

Obviously, change is hard. No one likes it. But, thankfully, we can be confident that these transitions are being managed so as to provide for maximum continuity within our ministry and that they will allow us to continue having the kind of united, collegial staff family that has been a distinctive feature of this Church for the past four years. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Southminster, and thanks to Jeanne and Ashley for their work. I look forward with anticipation to what this new phase in our congregational life will bring!

Your Companion on the Journey,

Pastor Eric

The Path of Worship



Worship Schedule

10 a.m., May 29 through September 4

Sermon and Liturgical Schedule

- June 5** Communion
Words to Live By: Ten Commandments
One: Have No Other Gods
Pastor Megan preaching
- June 12** **Pentecost Sunday and Retirement Recognition for Jeanne McIver**
Words to Live By: Ten Commandments
Two: Don't Worship Idols
Pastor Eric preaching
- June 19** **Father's Day**
Words to Live By: Ten Commandments
Three: Don't Misuse God's Name
Pastor Eric preaching
- June 26** *Words to Live By: Ten Commandments*
Four: Keep the Sabbath
Pastor Eric preaching

Your SPC fortune cookie

We are not human beings on a spiritual journey.
We are spiritual beings on a human journey. -
Stephen Covey

Mark Your Calendar: Wholeness Service, July 10

A summer Wholeness Service of prayer and Taize music will be held on Sunday, July 10, at 4 p.m. Come and participate in this quiet time, set aside especially for praying for God's shalom of body, mind, and soul—for yourself, for others, for the world.

Summer time. . .

and the livin' is easy, or so it is for the choir when we take a break from weekly rehearsals and Sunday anthems. However, this means that we need volunteer singers and instrumentalists to provide music for services during June, July, and August. If you are such a person, please call the church office (433.1810) or e-mail Kathryn Moore (kathryn@sminster.com).

Pentecost Is June 12

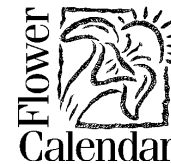
You are invited to a Birthday Party for the Church! Join us on Sunday, June 12, to celebrate Pentecost, which means "50th Day" and falls on the 50th day inclusive after Easter as well as the tenth day after Ascension Thursday. This is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Church was born. Please wear something Red! Red shirt, red dress, red hat, red coat, red tie, red scarf, red skirt, red sweater, red blouse, or red shoes will do! Come, celebrate!

Gemstones from the Gallery

Next time you come to Church, consider this: Enter the sanctuary or leave after worship by walking through the Gallery (the hall directly east of the Sanctuary). If you did that in May, you would have been treated to a beautiful display of quilts made with a labor of love of that art form. Thank you to Mary Kaiser (several times), Ruth Hall, Ruth Kronson, and Nancy Millhouse for loaning their beautiful quilts to make the May display meaningful. Also thanks to Jerry Stahley for enabling the display of Mary's very large quilts, which were hung on the wall, and to Kurt Jacobsen and Walt Kaiser for all their work in setting up the entire display. In June, Kurt will have a Pentecost display—art and stained glass works by our children and youth. He is thinking about having a display of dolls in July. If anyone has a collection or at least one doll to display, please contact Kurt (434.3943) and let him know. Thank you for your interest in our Gallery.

Flower Calendar

There are several Sundays which are open on the summer schedule: June 12, 19, and 29 and July 31. God has given us amazing beauty through a variety of flowers for our enjoyment—and they look so lovely in our Sanctuary. Please check the flower calendar in the Narthex to select a date of significance to you such as a birthday or an anniversary or to honor a friend or



family member. Please call Liz Taylor, 847.2587, if you select one of the four remaining summer dates.

Opportunities to Serve

Liturgists are needed for summer services at 10:00, and starting in September for 8:30 and 11:00 services. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Betty Norris, church secretary (433-1810).

Acolytes are needed, too. If your son or daughter (in kindergarden through grade five) would like to serve as an acolyte this summer and/or fall, please contact one of our acolyte coordinators: Laura Torres (886.1883), Karen Locke (937.748.9233), and Gretchen Campbell (384.7742).

Assistance with Communion. We are in need of a few volunteers to assist in cleaning up communion elements and supplies after the 10 a.m. service (summer) or 11 a.m. service, one Sunday per month. It only takes about half an hour and relieves the folks who came in at 7:30 a.m. to set up.

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*.

Wait!! Don't buy ALL of your annuals yet! Help decorate the Sanctuary with red flowers for Pentecost, June 12.

There are forms in the Church Office available for ordering a red geranium for Pentecost. Please print clearly and return the form to the Church Office with your check, payable to Southminster Presbyterian Church, and with the notation *Pentecost Flowers*. The cost for each red geranium is \$5 (4.5-inch pot) or \$10 (10-inch pot). The deadline for orders to be received is **Sunday, June 5**. Flowers may be picked up or donated to plant on the Southminster grounds.

We value your opinion. Please read and respond.

In response to inquiries from members of the congregation, the Worship Council is looking at the current Sunday morning schedule and discussing whether or not to pursue some possible adjustments. In an effort to better understand the needs of the congregation and to ensure these decisions are made with the greater good in mind, the Council asks for a few minutes of your time to thoughtfully consider the following questions.

We understand that this is an important topic and want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to offer their initial thoughts. To that end, we ask you to **complete and sign the comment card and place it in the collection plate or return it to the Church Office in person or by mail, by June 26**. Please understand that you will most likely receive a call if we do not receive a card from your household because we want to make sure that all voices are heard. Thank you for your time.

- 1. What service do you usually attend? 8:30__ 11:00__ Both__ Neither__
- 2. Do you attend the 10 o'clock service in the summer? Yes__ No__
- 3. Would you prefer one Sunday service instead of two throughout the entire year? Yes__ No__
- 4. Would you be willing to adjust your schedule to worship at a different time? Yes__ No__
- 5. Would you continue to attend Southminster no matter what service schedule we have? Yes__ No__

Please be assured that this is an exploratory survey in order to determine whether or not there is sufficient congregational interest to pursue a possible schedule change. No changes are being made at this time. If a change is ever to be made, that decision will rest in the hands of the Session after proper study and prayerful reflection.

Your Name(s): _____

The Path of Learning

Summer Learning Program for Children

Each Sunday, beginning May 29, children who are age four through first grade will go to Children and Worship, just as they do in the fall, winter, and spring. Children who are in second grade through fifth grade will go to a workshop following the Time with the Children, to help them explore the same themes as in worship. Workshops will be art, computer, cooking, music, and more. Teachers and shepherds are needed for this program, and we expect adults to teach or shepherd **one** Sunday in the summer. Contact Jill Parker to step forward. Children are always welcome to stay in worship if they wish.

Vacation Bible School Scheduled for August 1 to 5, 9 a.m. to Noon

Jill Parker is the director of the elementary VBS program, and Megan Collins will direct the pre-school program. The theme for this year is Shake It Up Café. Learn about the feasts of the Bible.

Big Tent Event



This summer, thousands of Presbyterians will gather from across the country to celebrate the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). There are nine different partner conferences involved in the Big Tent. Choose just one, or design your own Big Tent experience by registering for workshops that interest you.

- Clergywomen's Leadership Institute/Young Women's Leadership Development
- Evangelism and Church Growth Conference
- Healthy Ministry Conference
- National Elders' Conference
- National Multicultural Church Conference
- Peacemaking Conference
- Presbyterian Communicators Network
- National Conference
- Racial, Ethnic, and Immigrants Convocation
- World Mission Matters

Children and youth are vital participants of Big Tent, too! There will be children's and youth programs; and older youth will have the option to participate in a Pathways event, which will run in tandem with the Big Tent.

The Big Tent conference will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana. Three spirit-filled days of Presbyterian celebration are planned for the Big Tent including the following:

- worship led by Mark Labberton and J. Herbert Nelson
- keynote speaker Serene Jones
- nine partner conferences
- an exhibit hall showcasing the newest PC (USA) ministry resources (that's where you will find Jeanne McIver)
- time to reconnect with Presbyterians from across the country.

Come for a few hours or for all three days. See more information at www.pcusa.org, and register now.

Becoming the Parent God Wants You to Be

She was my princess first. Those are the words that I think Catherine Middleton's father must have been thinking while he walked his gorgeous princess down the aisle on April 29 as she prepared to marry her prince at the fabulous royal wedding. Weddings are a glorious time for celebration. Yet, I often wonder if fathers of the bride do not share in the same enthusiasm as the bride, for the father knows that he will no longer be the only man in his daughter's life. He will now have to share her with her new husband (Genesis 2:24). It can be a bittersweet experience, letting go and hoping that all the fatherly love, support, and encouragement have been enough.

From the very beginning of a child's life, a father plays a distinct and important role of nurturing, guidance, and discipline. The Bible clearly sets forth some guidelines for fathers to adhere to as well. Ephesians 6:4: *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.* That same theme is reinforced in Colossians 3:21: *Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.* Fathers tend to walk a fine line between encouragement and discipline. Hebrews 12:7-11 shows that we are disciplined for our own good: *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been*

trained by it. I like the way the Bible uses the words *trained by it*. Discipline requires training and a constant reminder that through discipline a father is able to show his child that he is invested in the best interests of the child. There can be no clearer mandate for a father than the words from 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12: *For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives worthy of God. . .*

Father's Day is a special day set aside to honor fathers for all that they do. Perhaps a father would most like a word of thanks from his children. He probably doesn't need another Father's Day tie, but he does need to know that his children love him for all that he does.

Sometimes that "thanks" can be as simple as a smile, a nod, or a glance when eyes meet and there is no need for words.

Happy Father's Day!
Peace, Priscilla Stapleton

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

GOD Rules!

When you recognize God as Creator, you will admire him. When you recognize his wisdom, you will learn from him. When you discover his strength, you will rely on him. But only when he has rescued you from the storm—the fight, the ripped moorings, the starless night—will you worship him.

Before then, you could easily keep God at a distance. Comfortably dismissed. Neatly shelved. Sure, he was important—but so was your career, your status, your salary. He was high on your priority list, but he shared the spot with others.

Then, when your bearings were gone, when despair fell like a fog, when you knew in your heart there was no exist, what happened? Turn to your career to help? Only if you want to hide from the storm, not escape it. Lean on your status for strength? A storm isn't impressed with your title. Rely on your salary for rescue? Many try—and many fail. Suddenly you are left with one option: God. And when you ask—genuinely ask, he will come. And from that moment on, he is not just a deity to admire, a teacher to serve, or a master to

obey. He is the Savior. The Savior to be worshiped.

Don Dameron



Jeanne McIver, our Director of Christian Education, will retire from Southminster on June 15. Her outstanding dedication is reflected in the following highlights:

- establishment of a successful Rotation Workshop program for children in kindergarten through grade five, involving many Church members who have shared their talents with the children;
- establishment of the Children and Worship program during worship services, for three-year-olds to seven-year-olds;
- being the Nursery supervisor establishing training and policies to bring safe, supportive, professional care to our babies and toddlers;
- partnering with the Adult Education Committee to bring interesting and timely learning topics and expert teachers; and
- development of a strong and active committee structure for the Learning Council, which encourages many to be involved in the educational ministry of the Church;
- linking with the broader church to make us aware of special learning and growth opportunities such as Kirkmont summer camping.

Jeanne has been an effective asset to our Church; and we will miss her guidance, her hard work, and the love and devotion she has given to the position and to all of us. She is looking forward to a new time in her life and to new opportunities to serve God, especially as a volunteer in Southminster's Learning Resource Center and as the incoming national president of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators.

A thank you brunch to honor Jeanne will be held after the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 12. Please sign up in the Narthex if you wish to

attend, or call the Church Office by Sunday, June 5. If you want to make a donation for a thank you gift, please send your donation to the Church Office. Please make checks payable to Southminster Presbyterian Church, with *Mclver Thank You* noted in the memo section. We are sure Jeanne will love any cards or written messages. These may be brought to the Church Office at any time or to the brunch on June 12. Please contact Gay Amos, 438.5960, with any questions.

Youth Ministry at Southminster



Get out your summer calendar, and plan to be at our summer activities!

June 13-17 is **High School Youth Mission Week!** We will be building a swing set and a sandbox for a local family—and we need your help! Sign up by June 1 to be a part of the effort. The youth will have the option to spend the nights at the home of a youth, for movies and bonding.

July 10-16 is **Montreat**, our youth summer camp in North Carolina. Students who have finished eighth through twelfth grade are eligible to attend. Sign up today by turning in your \$100 deposit. The total cost is \$350, and financial aid is available.

July 26-29 is **Middle School Mission Week!** Come and partner with the middle schoolers at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, for a mystery mission week, with a different project every day!

August 1-5 is **Vacation Bible School** from 9 a.m. to noon! Sign up with Pastor Megan to come and help out with the kiddos at this awesome week. We really need your help to make this year's VBS the best yet!

There will be lots of other fun get-togethers throughout the summer—so make sure Pastor Megan has contact info for your cell phone, e-mail,

and/or Facebook, so she can let you know what's coming up next!

Learning in Community

Lenten Groups a Success!

The small groups formed in early March for the purpose of studying the book Forty Days of Fruitful Living were a big success, with nearly 120 people participating in nine groups. This is the largest number we have had taking part in a small-group experience at Southminster. The feedback, both verbal and through the evaluation process, was very positive. It seems many of you enjoy being in fellowship with others and having the opportunity to share, learn, and grow.

This is exciting news for one group of people in particular: the new committee formed by merging the Adult Education Committee of the Learning Council and the Member Involvement Committee of the Community Council/Board of Deacons. We are now known as the **Growth Groups Committee** and have the responsibility of starting and maintaining small groups as a new and continuous ministry at Southminster.

Beginning in September, Growth Groups will take the place of Adult Education classes, with a variety of topics for study and discussion. As was done with the Lenten study, these groups will be offered at different times and on different days. We will have three terms of study per year (trimesters), each lasting approximately 12 weeks, with a break of about four weeks between each. Each term, new topics and groups will be offered. You will have the option of changing groups or study topics or of even opting out for a term. During trimester breaks, Church-wide, intergenerational fellowship events will be held. It is our hope that everyone who is able will be a part of this new growth experience.

Look and listen for more information in the coming weeks, as the excited new Growth Groups Committee continues planning for our fall kick-off in September.

The Path of Community

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 Richard and Barbara Metcalf and family in the death of Barbara's sister, Cordie Ellen, who died on May 16.

To Betty Mickey and family in the death of Betty's sister, Anna W. Bair, of North Carolina who died May 6.

Elderberries: Presentation on The Castle

Join us on June 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the CFC for lunch and a program on The Castle. The lunch menu is chicken salad croissant, fresh veggies and dip, potato chips, and banana and brownie. Southminster provides support to The Castle, so it will be interesting to find out:

- What is The Castle?
- Who sponsors The Castle?
- What's its history?
- What does The Castle need?



Make a reservation by calling the Church Office at 433.1810, or sign up at Church.



To All Our Friends at Southminster

We want to thank you for all the many wonderful cards and flowers we received on the death of our daughter. We are so grateful to Pastor Jackie for her comforting memorial service and to Marj Lawson with the Stephen Ministry team for the special booklet to help us heal from our loss.

Robert and Gladys Jones



Homestead Exemption Program

We've received a letter from Karl Keith, Montgomery County Auditor, encouraging every homeowner 65 years of age or older or permanently disabled to take advantage of the Homestead Exemption program. This statewide program, administered by the County, offers a property tax break on real property or manufactured home taxes.

Eligible homeowners who are already receiving the reduction need not reapply. However, new applicants must apply with the Montgomery County Auditor's Office before June 6. Applications are available in the Church Office or may be downloaded

from www.mcreatestate.org. Questions may be directed to 225.4341.

Standard for Congregational Care Adopted by Session

At its May meeting, the Session approved a *Standard for Congregational Care*, which is designed to bring consistency to pastoral care, by pastors and by members of Southminster, and to help your officers in developing and evaluating programs for care for those who are connected to our Church.

All active elders and deacons have received a copy of the *Standard for Congregational Care*, and copies are available to members through Pastor Jackie (Jackie@sminster.com or 433.1810). Feedback is welcomed about the ministries of pastoral care provided by Southminster, which include but are not limited to most of the ministries of the Community Council/Board of Deacons, celebrations of passages in the life of faith, and many others.

Stephen Ministers Are Good Listeners

Our congregation has trained Stephen Ministers who are available to meet one on one with members struggling with life's issues. If you would like to consider developing a relationship with one of our Stephen Ministers, who are skilled in listening, please contact Pastor Jackie (Jackie@sminster.com or 433.1810) or Stephen Leader Pat Elliott (671.8517).

If you feel God calling **you** to this particular ministry of caring and would like to know more about the Stephen Ministry training course which will begin this fall, please come to a short, informal seminar on July 10, following the worship service, in the Adult Lounge. Or contact a Stephen Leader: Pat Elliott, Marj Lawson, and Lois Thorp.

Tangible items of Nurture and Care Can Be Given by Members

Baby prayer blankets and knitted caps, prayer shawls, blankets and quilted squares, booklets of Scripture, CareNotes, needlepoint crosses, lambs, and other items—all reminders of God's presence and the prayers of the people of Southminster Presbyterian Church—are available to members involved in our caregiving ministries. Most of these are kept in Pastor Jackie's Office. Contact her about taking one of these the next time you visit someone in the hospital or nursing home.

These items can mean a great deal to the ones who receive them. Jim said, "I have spent too much time in the hospital lately. Every time I go, I take my prayer shawl and keep it at my feet. It reminds me that members of the Church are praying for me and that I can trust God to be with me."

New crocheters, knitters, and others are welcome to become involved in prayerfully crafting tangible items of prayer and comfort. Contact Pastor Jackie (Jackie@sminster or 433.1810) for more information.

Education Outreach



Computer Basics Class This Summer

Want to open and send attachments, use your e-mail, and surf the Web more easily? This summer, if there is enough interest, Barbara Dettenmayer and Helen Davis will teach these computer skills. Contact Pastor Jackie at the Church, 433.1810 or Jackie@sminster.com, to register your interest. Call Barbara (433.8269) or Helen (885.0574) with questions about the class.

Share Your Garden



Thank You

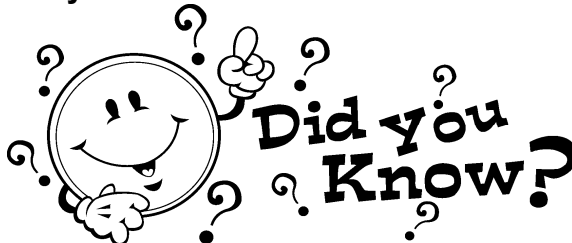
Thank you! Thank you!

We appreciate the donations of perennials and the contributions to the Food Pantry. Through your generosity, \$313.70 was collected. Keep Share Your Garden in mind for our August sharing of fruits and vegetables.

Blood Drive

The blood drive on May 7 was a big success, with 25 registered to donate and 23 units collected. Many thanks to all who came to the drive and who provided refreshments.

Monthly Care Insert



On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday), a complete *Caring for One Another* insert is in the bulletin. This insert lists members and friends of the congregation who are in the hospital, recently hospitalized, recently bereaved, recovering at home, living with cancer, homebound or in extended care, and serving in the military. Following Communion Sunday, copies of the list will be available outside the Church Office and on the Path of Community table in the Narthex. You may also have a copy mailed to you by calling the Church Office at 433.1810. You are encouraged to use this list for praying, sending cards, visiting, and making phone calls. You can be a great blessing to others.

New Member Class

"Exploring Church Membership"

Sunday, June 26, 11:30 – 2:00

Lunch and child care will be provided.
RSVP by June 20 to
office@sminster.com
or call 433-1810.

Please contact Pastor Jackie
(Jackie@sminster.com, 433-1810) with
questions.

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

The Path of Service

The Castle



For many years, members of Southminster have been helping The Castle with its monthly potluck dinners. Located at 133 North Main Street in Centerville, The Castle is a social center where adults with mental illnesses can come during the day. Thirty-five to 40 people are served by The Castle each weekday.

The potluck dinner is held the last week of each month, when people are often short of money. The main course is provided by Fairmont Presbyterian Church, whose members cook and often serve the meal. Southminster provides salads, rolls, veggies,

cookies, and cupcakes; this past year, 38 people signed up to bring needed items.

Won't you please consider helping occasionally? Sign up on the monthly schedule, found in the Narthex on the Path of Service table. Thank you.

Youth Letters to the Military

The youth of Southminster wrote stacks of letters to our men and women serving in the military, and we are receiving many words of appreciation from them! Take time today to say a special prayer for those in harm's way in service to our country.



POWER WAS LOST. HOMES WERE LOST. HOPE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

U.S. Storms April 2011



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Regions throughout the United States continue to be buffeted by a series of storms, tornadoes, floods and wildfires that have caused loss of life and severe damage to homes and property. During April 2011, more than 300 tornadoes were confirmed.

Especially hard hit were states in the South. April 27 tornadoes caused 130 deaths in Alabama alone. Lives were also lost in Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia; the total of about 200 is expected to rise, officials said. North Carolina experienced its worst tornado outbreak in 25 years over the Palm Sunday weekend. Flooding is taking a toll in several states, with record flooding of major rivers and levee breaches reported.

One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds from PDA are already at work in at least ten presbyteries as they address disasters within their areas. At the request of 11 presbyteries in 10 states, members of the PDA National Response Team (NRT) are working with affected presbyteries as they organize their response for local communities. PDA is monitoring a number of presbyteries in case a need for assistance arises. Additional team members are on stand-by.

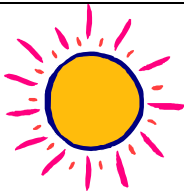

How Can We Respond?

Give — to support the relief and recovery ministry. Designate gifts for DR000015, U.S. Disasters.

- Act** • Register your team's interest in future rebuilding possibilities. Call 1-866-732-6121.
- Assemble *Gift of the Heart* clean up buckets to help families as they begin the overwhelming task of storm and flood clean up. Visit pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm.

Pray — that the hope that is found in Christ will be evident to those displaced, those who lost loved ones, and those who offer spiritual and emotional care or help with restoration efforts.

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
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| Saturday |  | | <p>1 9:00 Kindermusik 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer Service</p> | <p>2 9:00 Kindermusik</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters 7:30 Stephen Ministry</p> | <p>3 11:30 Elderberries</p> | <p>4 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p> |
| <p>5 10:00 Worship/Communion [Rev. Megan Collins preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship 11:00 Children's Choir Practice</p> <p>5:00 Eagle Court Dinner 6:00 Eagle Court of Honor 6:30 Care Conn. Team #4</p> | <p>6 9:30 Moms In Touch</p> <p>6:30 BSA Troop #516 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Stewardship Council 7:00 Venturing Crew</p> | <p>7 9:15 Kindermusik</p> <p>7:00 Grace Circle Salad Supper 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p> | <p>8 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer Service</p> | <p>9 9:30 Kindermusik 10:00 Grief Support</p> | <p>10</p> <p>5:30 Big Six Presby</p> | <p>11 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p> |
| <p>12 10:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship</p> <p>12:15 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship 5:00 Care Connection #5</p> | <p>13</p> <p>6:30 BSA Troop #516 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Session</p> | <p>14 9:15 Kindermusik</p> <p>7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p> | <p>15 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer</p> | <p>16 9:30 Kindermusik</p> <p>6:30 Toastmasters</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:00 Theta Presby</p> | <p>18 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p> |
| <p>19 Father's Day 10:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship 10:00 Youth Worship</p> <p>12:15 Invitation Council 6:30 NO Care Conn</p> | <p>20</p> <p>6:30 BSA Troop #516 6:30 Service Council 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:00 Venturing Crew 7:00 Community Council</p> | <p>21 9:15 Kindermusik</p> <p>7:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p> | <p>22 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer</p> | <p>23 9:30 Kindermusik</p> <p>12:00 Personnel Committee</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 9:00 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 1st Presby Overnight</p> |
| <p>26 10:00 Worship [Rev. Eric Pasanchin preaching] 10:00 Children and Worship</p> <p>6:30 NO Care Connection</p> | <p>27.</p> <p>6:30 Children's Christian Ed Committee 7:00 Kettering Chorus 7:15 Building & Grounds Committee 7:30 Learning Council</p> | <p>28 9:15 Kindermusik</p> <p>7:00 Worship Council 7:00 Literacy Tutoring 7:00 Beginning Ala-Non 8:00 Ala-Non</p> | <p>29 10:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 Intercessory Prayer</p> | <p>30 9:30 Kindermusik</p> | <p></p> | <p>Note: This is the information that was provided on May15. 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> |



About 135 people have helped Learning in Community at Southminster this year. We thank those who have served on the Learning Council and its committees; teachers of Sunday School for adults, children, and youth; WOW! It's Logos leaders; Youth Group leaders; Nursery volunteers; Vacation Bible School volunteers; Library volunteers; and staff. Some jobs are very time consuming and big, while others are short term and only a few hours. We thank the following folks for using their gifts and talents in the ministries of learning:

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The Path of Stewardship

Treasurer's Report

The Finance Committee wants to thank you for your financial support. Session approved a budgeted deficit of (\$23,863) for the first quarter; and at the end of the quarter, the Church's Net exceeded the budgeted deficit by (\$245).

Southminster relies heavily on all of us to be timely with our pledge payments. Our church's monthly financial responsibilities are ongoing as we base our planning, our programs, and expense management solely on the generous pledges we received from you. Please do your part to keep as current on your pledge as possible. We also encourage everyone to pay their *per capita*, as Southminster must make a payment to the Presbytery in 2011 of approximately \$15,000. Thank you!

| | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | Variance |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Receipts | 156,687 | 182,667 | (25,980) |
| Disbursements | 180,305 | 206,530 | 26,225 |
| Net Excess (Deficit) | (23,618) | (23,863) | (245) |

Jerry's Corner

Have you ever had a bad day? Maybe it's the moon or the way the stars are getting into alignment. Or maybe it's me!

I came in to the office today, Wednesday; and I found the elevator was not working and the boiler room under the sanctuary was flooding due to a "back-flow device" not working. So I had to shut off the water to the building. The Internet was down (again); and, to top it off, there was a staff meeting at 10 a.m.!



If it would stop raining, maybe I could get the roof leaks fixed and get some trimming done around the Church. The windows need cleaning also, but it won't quit raining!

I have a solution. I just need to wake up from this dream I must be having!

I want to send thanks out to our garden twins Shirley Oglesbee and Marge Gentis, Ken and Darlene Irwin, Linda Wiggers, and Gretchen Cleaves for their hard work getting our flower beds and landscaping looking fantastic.

Jerry

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