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Southminster Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri, is called by God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to minister in love to the needs of members of the congregation and residents of the community, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

It's hard to believe I have been with you four months already – proving the truth of the saying, “Time flies when you’re having fun!”

It continues to be a privilege and a joy to worship with you on Sundays, to work with you in committee meetings, to fellowship with you at special events, to learn with you in Bible Study, and to pray with you in the hospital, at home, and over the phone. Thank you for trusting me, for partnering with me in ministry, for allowing me to be your pastor.

I know this time of change and uncertainty is especially difficult for this congregation. I can only imagine how hard it is to think about leaving the building that has been your church home....

Before moving to Springfield, I served a church in Iowa, and we lived in the manse right next door to the church. The house was about a hundred years old, but it had been well-maintained and it served us well. My daughter was born while we lived in that house. My son learned to read and ride a bike there. We celebrated seven Christmases, Easters and Halloweens; we enjoyed summers in the sandbox and on the swing set; we made snowmen in the front yard and warmed up in the kitchen with a cup of hot chocolate in the winter.

About a year ago, I learned that the house was going to be torn down. It had come into great disrepair, and the church no longer had need of it as their pastor lived in another town. Even though I never would have lived there again – I might not have even seen it again – I grieved over the loss of it. It still makes me sad whenever I think that where my young family once lived is now a parking lot....

So, I do understand, in part, some of your feelings about the potential merger.

Part of the reason that I am not involved in the decision-making process of the merger is that **I am your Pastor – I want to be your Pastor – first and foremost.** Please know that it is my priority to care for you, to listen to your frustrations, to answer your questions (if I can), and to pray with you. I invite you and encourage you to call on me as, *together*, we muddle through with anxious – yet believing hearts.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ellen

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 7TH ANNUAL HERITAGE OF HYMNS CONCERT—a community gathering that will join our hearts and voices as we celebrate the blessings that are our in Christ. This will be a very special event as The Messiah Project partners again with the Springfield Symphony on Saturday, **October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Evangel University Chapel**. We also welcome Jonathan Story, a young rising star in the Christian music world, who will inspire us with selections on piano and organ. ‘A community in harmony’ is the theme of this year’s concert. Come experience a room filled with the beautiful sound of music as we sing, hear, and speak His word. This will be an inclusive experience for the entire family. The concert is free and open to the public. For those who prefer reserved seating, tickets are \$15/adults and \$5/children (12 & under). Sent reservations to heritageseating@gmail.com or call (417) 883-5274. Let’s celebrate His goodness together!

The Scottish St. Andrew’s Society of Springfield
cordially invites you to attend

“THE KIRKIN’ OF THE TARTAN”,

a worship service celebrating our Scottish roots,

Saturday, October 25, 2014,

at 6:30 p. m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

More information in a future bulletin!

EQUALS AT COMMUNION

After saving England from Napoleon’s threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday as the duke approached the altar for communion, a poor man from London’s streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered for the vagrant to move away. “Don’t you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?” he asked.

When the duke overhead, he responded, “Leave him alone. We’re all the same here. The ground is level at the cross.”

That’s the spirit in which we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. Paul says believers share the Lord’s Supper by partaking of the “one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:17). Everyone at the communion table is equal in God’s sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.



**Sunday,
November 2nd
at 4:00 p.m.**

Held at & Hosted by
**Southminster Presbyterian Church
2245 South Holland**

*For additional information: Contact Nora Burgess
at 881-3762 or smtrpc@sbcglobal.net.*

Praying Through God's Word

IN SYMPATHY

The Family of Elizabeth 'Betty' Potts

HEALTH CONCERNS

Harlan Diehl, recovering from surgery

Harold Feyh

Grant & Cece (Lumpe) Hayden

Kim Will, *friend of Rosemary Finney*

Rich Marsh's friend—John

Nora Burgess' relative—LaDora

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

Lea Barcomb at Home

Mary Brunner at Elfindale Manor

Vera Goodall at Sonshine Manor

Dale McDonald at Mount Vernon

Sharol Neely at Home

Ruth Peterson at Maplewood

Margaret Randall at Home

Jean Stokke at Home

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Charles Bess, *father of Jeff Bess*

Ruth Billingham, *Phyllis Feyh's mother*

Mike Crain, *Barbara Crain's brother-in-law*

Carol Dusenbury, *friend of Rosie Finney*

Carolyn Fay, *mother of Felicia Whitaker*

Jerry Holt, *brother of Don Holt*

Linda Ice; Deidre, *sister & niece of Nancy*

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OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

4th—Nora Burgess

5th—John Bogue

8th—Jim Jester

10th—Bob Kinloch

12th—Dotty Thomas

13th—Denise Ashley

15th—Mary Brunner

18th—Randi Laves

20th—Malaki Duke

Ryan Kelley

22nd—Julian Shaw

23rd—Jim Anderson

Gale Summers

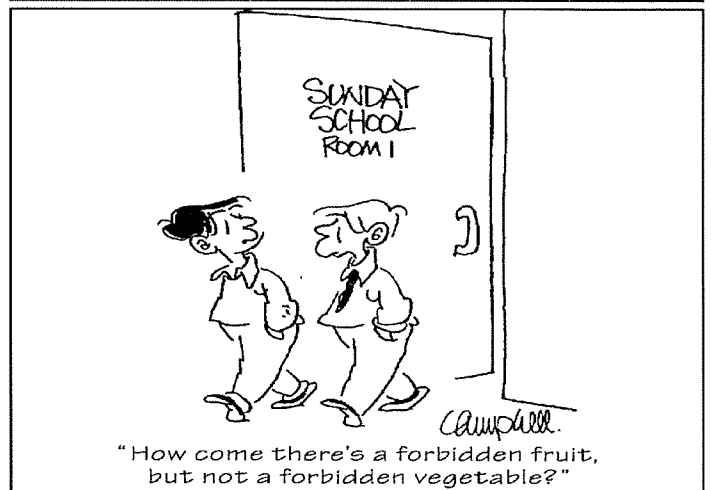
24th—Charles Newton

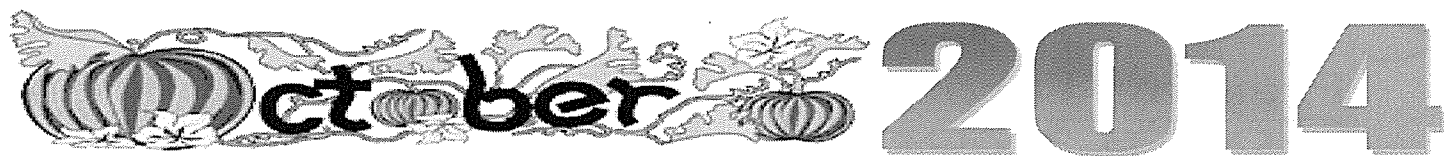
30th—Dee Diehl

ANNIVERSARIES:

3rd—Charles & Louise Newton

18th—Nathaniel & Lindsie Schmoranz





October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 PM - Free Lunch, No Questions 1:00 PM - Property Committee 5:00 PM -Parkcrest AA Group 6:30 PM Choir	2 5:30 PM -Debtor's Anonymous 7:00 PM -Bethany Evangelical Church 7:30 PM -New Freedom Group	3 7:00 PM -New Beginnings Al-Anon Alateen Family Group 7:00 PM -Parkcrest AA Group	4 8:00 AM -New Freedom Group 12:00 PM - Free Lunch, No Questions 12:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 PM - Bethany Church
5 World Communion Sunday 9:30 AM - Worship Service 10:30 AM - Sunday School 12:00 PM -Blood pressure checks after worship 1:30 PM - Bethany Evangelical Church	6 10:30 AM - Bible Study (Westminster) 5:30 PM - AA Back to Basic Group 6:00 PM -Parkcrest AA Group 7:00 PM - Bethany Church 7:00 PM - New Beginnings Al-Anon Alateen Family	7 9:30 AM -PWCT Meeting 6:00 PM -Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM -New Freedom Group 7:00 PM -Bethany Evangelical Church 7:30 PM -New Freedom Group	8 12:00 PM - Free Lunch, No Questions 1:00 PM JC Living Waters 1:30 PM - Congregational Care 5:00 PM - Parkcrest AA Group 6:30 PM Choir	9 5:30 PM -Debtor's Anonymous 7:00 PM -Bethany Evangelical Church 7:30 PM -New Freedom Group	10 7:00 PM -New Beginnings Al-Anon Alateen Family Group 7:00 PM -Parkcrest AA Group	11 8:00 AM -New Freedom Group 10:00 AM INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER BRUNCH 12:00 PM - Free Lunch, No Questions 12:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 PM - Bethany Church
12 Stewardship Commitment Sunday 8:30 AM - YOTB discussion 9:30 AM - Worship Service 10:30 AM - Sunday School 1:30 PM - Bethany Evangelical Church 5:00 PM - Session Meeting	13 10:30 AM -Bible Study (Westminster) 4:30 PM - Mission Committee 5:30 PM - AA Back to Basic Group 6:00 PM -Parkcrest AA Group 7:00 PM - Bethany Church 7:00 PM - New Beginnings Al-Anon Alateen Family	14 9:30 AM - Morning PW Circle 1:30 PM Afternoon PW Circle 6:00 PM -Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 PM -New Freedom Group 7:00 PM -Bethany Evangelical Church 7:00 PM - Evening PW Circle 7:30 PM -New Freedom Group	15 12:00 PM - Free Lunch, No Questions 5:00 PM - Parkcrest AA Group 6:30 PM Choir	16 5:30 PM -Debtor's Anonymous 7:00 PM -Bethany Evangelical Church 7:30 PM -New Freedom Group	17 7:00 PM -New Beginnings Al-Anon Alateen Family Group 7:00 PM -Parkcrest AA Group	18 8:00 AM -New Freedom Group 12:00 PM - Free Lunch, No Questions 12:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 PM - Bethany Church
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OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Liturgist Kathy Morriss	Liturgist Steve Palmer	Liturgist Rosie Finney	Liturgist Phyllis Feyh
Head Usher Mike Lyons	Head Usher Mike Lyons	Head Usher Mike Lyons	Head Usher Mike Lyons
Ushers Dee Diehl Carolyn Mitchell	Ushers Nancy Robinett Bill Crighton	Ushers DeAnn Holt Denise Moll	Ushers Kathy Miler Kay Vergien
Greeters Gene & Martha Charles	Greeters Jeannette Wotherspoon Frances Smith	Greeters Skeeter Harbaugh Kay Vergien	Greeters June Meyer Carolyn Mitchell
Head Counter Brenda Stone	Head Counter Don Holt	Head Counter Steve Palmer	Head Counter Todd Morriss
Counter Denise Moll	Counter Ted Scott	Counter Todd Morriss	Counter Brenda Stone
Child Care Worker Tami Lions	Child Care Worker Dee Diehl	Child Care Worker Gondy Shuler	Child Care Worker Tami Lyons

SOUTHMINSTER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
September 14, 2014

Reverend Greg Esselman, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Ellen Brantley

Pastor Ellen reported on her pastoral activity since coming to Southminster. She has made 17 pastoral calls, served home communion to Mary Brunner, Ruth Peterson, and Betty Potts assisted by Sue Moore, and officiated at one funeral.

Treasurer's Report Rich Marsh, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:	Rich Marsh, Treasurer		
Income for August:	\$ 12,038.00	YTD:	\$ 84,460.88
Expenses for August:	\$ 8,380.90	YTD:	\$ 83,683.29

The treasurer's report will be filed for review.

Clerk's Report

Correspondence:

- BOP letter explaining change in medical coverage for pastors and their families.
- Letter from Kathy Morriss requesting \$1500 for Free Lunch program.
- Council of Churches of the Ozarks – Thank you for contributions to Crosslines.
- New Beginnings Al-Anon – thank you with contribution of \$100.
- Letter from Rich Marsh, treasurer, recommending that a \$20,000 Savings Certificate with PILP, that gains only .5% interest per year, be cashed with proceeds to be used for mission projects.
Nora moved that the \$20,000 Savings Certificate in PILP be cashed with \$1000 going to the Free Lunch Program and that the Mission Committee be charged with recommending to Session how the balance of the \$20,000 will be spent. The motion was seconded and approved.

Narrative:

- Communion –June 15, 2014, July 13, 2014, August 4, 2014
- Death – Isabel Laimore, July 30, 2014; interment – Maplewood Cemetery, Springfield
- Summer E-mail Votes
 - Terms of Call for Ellen Brantley, ½ time – Approved (5-31-4)
 - Special Offering for School Kits – Approved (6-27-14)
 - Provisions for filling Administrative Assistant vacancy and salary – Approved (9-1-14)

Committee Reports:

Administration and Personnel (written report) Todd Morriss

A motion was made by the committee to pay Mary Howell, Westminster Administrative Assistant, at her current rate of pay, \$11per hour, for the work she will be doing at Southminster. (She will work in the Southminster office from 2:30-5:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.) The motion was approved in an e-mail vote on September 1, 2014.

Christian Education (written report) Jane Bogue

Sunday School began August 31, 2014. *Year of the Bible* discussion is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2014. Pastor Ellen will assist with the discussion. *A Rally evening - First night back to Wonderful Wednesdays* is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 p.m.

Congregational Care (written report)

Sharon Marsh, Lou Howard

- Prayer Chain - May - 6 calls for 7 people; 1 rose to Betty Mulford.
- June - 7 calls for 12 people; 1 rose to Jean Stokke.
- July - 13 calls for 18 people; 2 roses to Jean Stokke and Lynda Crowder.
- August - 9 calls for 11 people; 2 roses to Gondy Shuler and Jean Stokke.

A day trip to the *Passages* exhibit is planned for Sunday, September 28, 2:00 p.m. Interest in going to Stained Glass Theatre to see *The Hiding Place* (Corrie Ten Boom) will be gauged during *Passages* sign-up.

Mission (written report)

Carolyn Mitchell

80 families, 195 individuals were served at Crosslines in July; in August 80 families, 172 individuals were served. The committee served breakfast Holland School teachers and provided a large amount of supplies to the school. The committee declined a request from Free Lunch coordinator, Kathy Morriss, for \$1500 for the Free Lunch program to come from the Interest on the Endowment Fund.

Property (written report)

Ted Scott

Fall work days will be September 25 and 26 with make-up Oct. 2 and 3. Bethany Church will assist with tree trimming and cutting.

More "offering counters" are needed.

The committee submitted a motion to replace the southeast AC compressor this year. Following discussion, Todd Morriss moved the motion be deferred until a later date when Ted would be present to respond to questions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Stewardship (written report)

Todd Morriss

The joint Stewardship Committee is planning a joint Stewardship campaign. People will be invited to one of 5 small group meetings where one Stewardship person from each church will explain how the joint campaign will work. An initial letter announcing the Stewardship campaign will be followed by personal phone calls. The Session agreed to make the phone calls using the established calling plan.

Worship (written report)

Nora Burgess

The Worship committee moved that the Session of Southminster extend an invitation to Westminster to join us for a joint worship service at 11:00 preceding the Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 16, 2014. The motion was approved. Southminster PW has invited them to the Thanksgiving dinner.

Choir Fest is scheduled for November 2, 2014. Invitations have been sent but there have been no responses. Nora will work with Ellen to follow-up on the invitations.

Organization Reports:

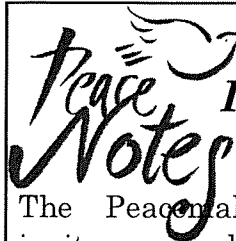
There are no reports from Endowment, Peacemaking, Presbyterian Women, and Seekers.

Peacemaking

- International Peacemaker will be at Southminster on Saturday, October 11, 2014.
- Brunch at Southminster – 10:00 a.m.
- Westminster has been invited

Other Business:

Merger – Committees of both churches are meeting jointly to generate a document that will reflect what the committee will look like in the *new church*. Kent Hollingsworth has resigned as the moderator of the Committee of Six. The Administrative Commission will select a new person to chair the committee.



A VISIT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER

The Peacemaking group of Southminster invites members of Southminster and Westminster to a Saturday morning brunch, **October 11, 2014** to welcome Jocabed Gallegos, an International Peacemaker sponsored by PC(USA). Brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex at Southminster. Reservations are needed by October 7. Please complete the form below and return it to either church office.

Jocabed Gallegos, (Joca) serves as the Mexican Coordinator for Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora Mexico and Douglas, Arizona. She is well acquainted with issues of violence, poverty, trade, health care, and family life faced by these two cities along the US/Mexico border. Joca is a graduate of the Presbyterian Seminary in Mexico City and has served in the Presbytery of Chihuahua. She is a 4th generation Presbyterian, a rarity in Mexico. Joca currently lives in Agua Prieta.

With the recent news of children immigrants crossing the border, it seems timely to hear someone with first hand experience of border issues. The Presbyterian Church has had a ministry in the area for several years. Finding the right solution that is compassionate and enduring is a challenge. The Peacemaking group hopes that you will come and listen to the information Joca has to share.

RESERVATION FORM

Please return by October 7th.

YES, I plan to attend the brunch October 11 to hear the International Peacemaker Jocabed Gallegos.

How many guests _____

Name _____



FROM THE ACTING GENERAL PRESBYTER

October really snuck up on me. It seems like just yesterday when we gathered for the Presbytery meeting in Forsyth. There has been a lot going on in the Presbytery this past month. As committees meet, the new members are getting an idea about the work they have volunteered to accept and many people are excited about their new assignments. That is what I like to see - excitement in committees. When people are excited about possibilities, amazing things can happen.

I would have to say that I have seen amazing things happen in the last three years. As of October 1st, I have been in this position for three years. I have to say that I really love this call. It seems to fit right in with my personality. The thing I love the most about this call is getting to meet all the people who are a part of this Presbytery. I have learned that Presbyterians are a very passionate bunch of people. They are passionate about serving the God they love. They are passionate about reaching out into the communities where they are and making a difference. They are passionate about touching the lives of those caught up in circumstances beyond their control. They are passionate about worshipping together. I could go on and on. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring group of people and I thank God for the people of JCP.

As committee work begins for a new year, I pray for the passion of Presbyterians in JCP and that our passion will continue to make a difference in the lives of our communities and around the world.

May God's blessings abound in your lives.

Pastor Susan Rosenbaum