

Welcome to Southminster
Christ's love is here for YOU!

Prayer Requests:

Jan Boehm, Doris & Dennis Grimm, Bill Hammond, Jamee Johnson, Jill & Mike Kerns, J.J. Larsen (at Marine Boot Camp, Parris Island, S. C.), Chris LaVine (deployed to Afghanistan), Rosalie Morgan (scheduled for surgery April 11), Ify Noyelu (family member of B.Q. Orinika), Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

April 3, 2011—*Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week:* Covenant Presbyterian Church, organized in 1964 in northeast Cobb County at 2881 Canton Road, Marietta. Carolyn Duncan is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 234.

This Week's Calendar:

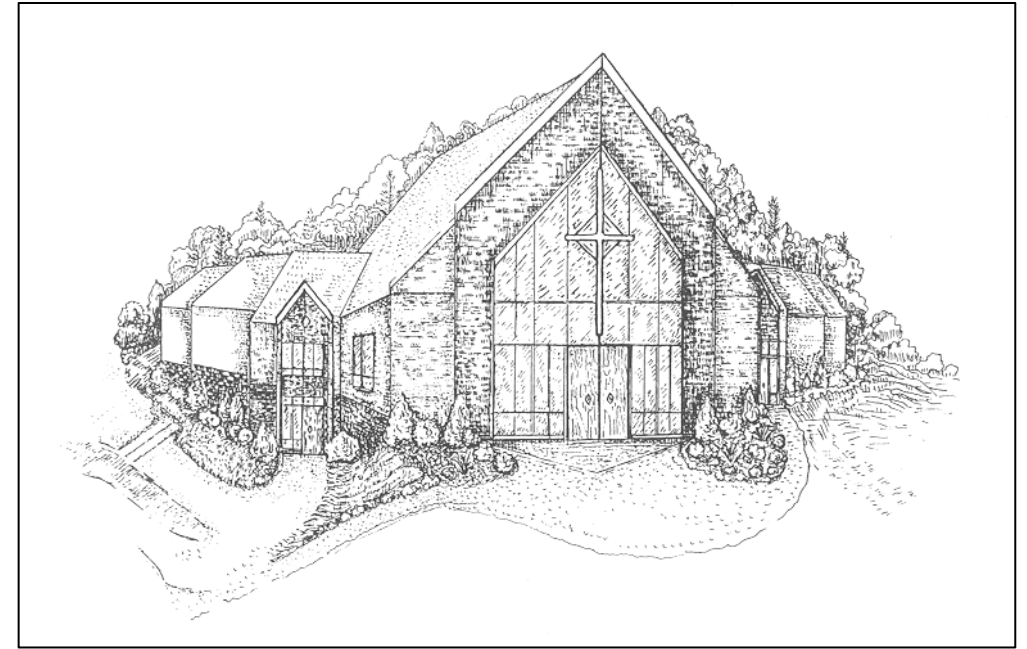
Today	April 3	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion & PATH Offering
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
Monday	April 4	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Golda Fuller & Charles Nyaga
Tuesday	April 5	11:00 a.m.	Communion Service @ Calvary Presbyterian
Wednesday	April 6	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study @ Calvary Presbyterian
Thursday	April 7	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Friday	April 8		Life Line Screening in fellowship hall
Sunday	April 10	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch & Congregational Meeting
		2:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting

The rose on the Baptismal Font is placed by the Presbyterian Women of Southminster in honor of the birth on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, of Graham Parker Moon. Congratulation to his parents Ginny and Allen Moon and grandmother Jackie McCown.

The session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship next Sunday, April 10, 2011, to present to the congregation a vision for the future of Southminster. This extremely important meeting will include a covered dish lunch. When your Flock Shepherd calls, say you'll be there and will bring a big dish of something delicious to share! Beverages will be provided.

Easter Offering: Sharing Resources, Changing Lives—Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Where does the money go? *The Presbyterian Hunger Program* receives 36% of undesignated *One Great Hour of Sharing* gifts, while the *Self-Development of People* and *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* each receive 32%. Learn more by visiting www.pcusa.org. Take home one of the Fish boxes today and start saving your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars for this special offering. **Your offerings will be received on Easter Sunday, April 24.**

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April 3, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – Fourth Sunday in Lent – The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in the bulletin and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.)

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS, WELCOME, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.

All: God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.

One: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.

All: For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.

All: We shall dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.

*HYMN 324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, our comforter and guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently. *(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.)... Amen*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

One: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

*GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Hymn 579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.)

THE LAW

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.)

ANTHEM

“Who is That Man?”

Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

Pew Bible, page 102

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Seeing is Trouble”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) Page 14 in front of Hymnal

*HYMN 520 (Sung to the tune of 326)

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face”

THE EUCHARIST

(Worshippers are invited to partake of the bread individually as it is served. Please wait to partake of the cup until the minister does so, at which time everyone will partake of the cup at one time.)

Offering of ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology – Hymn 592

*Prayer of dedication

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

*HYMN 280

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (verses 1-4)

PATH OFFERING *(Please bring your Presbyterian Answer To Hunger Offerings forward and place them in the silver offering plate during the singing of this hymn.)*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 280 (verse 5)

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship: Pam Hudson—Church Musician Dave Markle—Song Leader
Chris Curschmann—Pulpit Assistant Pete Paulsen—Children’s Time
Helen James & Jarod Dunn—Children’s Church Leader
Mike & Jill Kerns—Greeters Charlie Allen & Robert Holman—Offering Counters

*All who are able please stand

Nursery provided—First floor