

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

Prayer Requests:

Jan Boehm, Jamee Johnson, Chris La Vine serving in Afghanistan, Stella Moore (Ken's mother having radiation treatment), Pam Moseley (traveling mercies), Charles Nyaga, Bill Pearce, Kay Schuler, George Shelor (Bob's father), Janet Wright, Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Doris Grimm and family in the death on Sunday, August 14, of her husband Dennis Grimm. The funeral service was held Wednesday, August 17, followed by interment in Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

August 21, 2011– Cherokee Presbytery Prayers for the week: **Educational Institutions.**

Your ten seminaries and two theological institutions related to the denomination by covenant agreement have been entrusted to provide the educational foundation pastors need to be able to preach, teach, pray and lead. Together they prepare men and women to be pastors, educators and musicians for congregations, provide continuing education and advanced degree programs for ministers of the Word and Sacrament and for lay church leaders, and serve as centers for theological discourses, reflection and research for the benefit of the wider church during changing times.

This Week's Calendar:

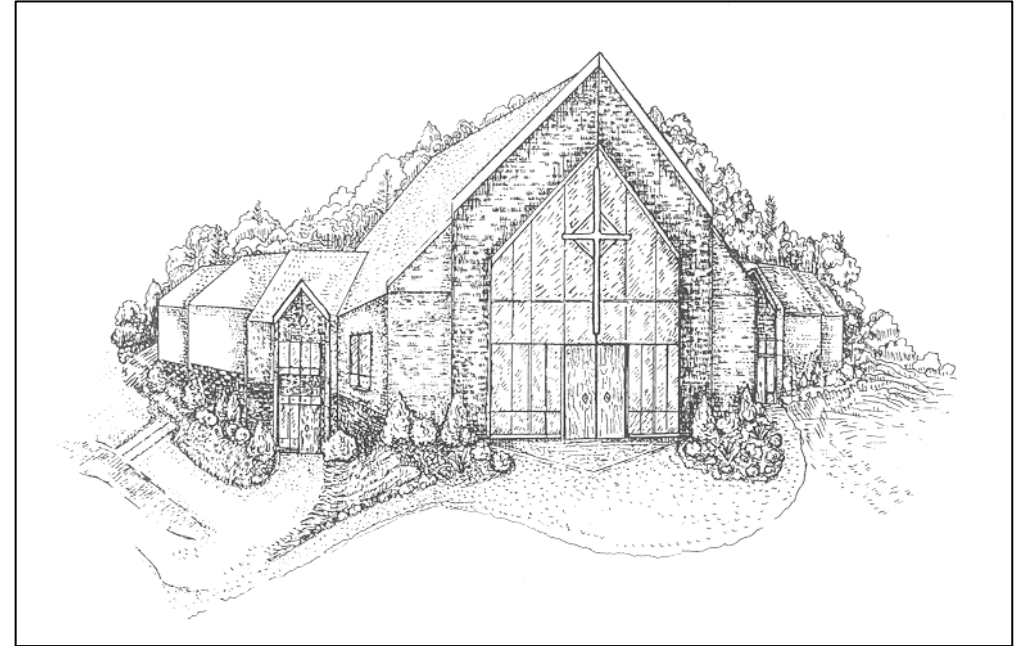
Today	August 21	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	August 22	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Golda Fuller & Charles Nyaga
Wednesday	August 24	6:30 p.m.	"Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry" program @ Calvary (4 th session)
Thursday	August 25	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal-new members welcomed
Saturday	August 27	9 a.m.	4-Church Vision Teams meeting-Woodlawn Pres.
		11:30 a.m.	SPC PW Fall Kickoff and luncheon
Sunday	August 28	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship

"Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry"

Join us in this five-session program to learn how we can become a viable ministry in South Cobb County as we move forward to form our new church entity. We will continue meeting at the Calvary Presbyterian Church on each of the two remaining Wednesday evenings in August 24 & 31. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the classes will run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. each week. The meals are free. A \$5 contribution is suggested if you can do that. Don't miss out on this very important opportunity to learn about our community and how we as individuals and as a new church entity can minister to it.

PW Fall Kickoff—Presbyterian Women mark your calendars for the Kickoff gathering and luncheon on Saturday, August 27, at 11:30 a.m. Laura Gunter, CPPW Moderator, will be our guest speaker. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert for the luncheon. See the August newsletter for more details.

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August 21, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Our help is in the name of the Holy God, who made heaven and earth.

All: Blessed be God, who has not given us over to our enemies.

One: If it had not been God who was on our side, we would have been swallowed by our enemies.

All: Our help is in the name of the Holy God, who made heaven and earth.

*HYMN 466

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Gracious God; we have allowed this world to shape us and enslave us. You call us to live as one body and to honor each member’s gifts, yet we confer honor with rank and divide classes one from another. You call us to freedom and rest, yet we toil at endless tasks and impose such labor on others. You call us to love and serve you, yet we serve gods of profit and production; they swallow us alive. Redeem us, O Lord. Transform and renew us, that we might discern your will—what is good and acceptable for all. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

All: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgression from us.

One: Believe the Gospel, and go forth to live in peace.

*GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Hymn 579

*THE 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 Word

*HYMN INSERT

“Send the Light”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Children 4 years through 5th grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.)

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING

Psalms 124

Pew Bible, page 572

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible, page 161

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Angel Band”

Choir

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Pew Bible, page 18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Be Non-conformists”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Larger Catechism, 1647)

Q. 79. May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

A. **True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (unison)

Hymn 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER SONG

*All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the Mercy Seat and leave it there,
Never a burden He doth not bear, Never a friend like Jesus.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (traditional)

Hymnal page 16

Sending

*HYMN 369

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE—Hymn 586

“Amen”

Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Connie Swain—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Jennifer Whitehead—Children’s Time

Pat Dunn & Chris Curschmann—Greeters

Doin Kibaara & Mary York—Children’s Church

*All who are able, please stand

Nursery provided for infants and children to 3 years—First floor