

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician
Kate Tutwiler—Children's Time
Pat Mukora—Children's Church Leader
Rosalie Morgan & Candace Brisbane—Greeters

Lizbeth Kibaara—Pulpit Assistant
Dave Markle—Song Leader

Prayer Requests:

Wayne Allen (Judy Curlee's brother), Edie & O. B. Chaffee, Pat Dunn, Dennis Grimm, Jamee Johnson, Jill & Mike Kerns, Bob Larson, Tim Rolstad, Dorothy Ross (Helen James's sister)

May 16, 2010 – *Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week*: Faith Presbyterian Church, Blue Ridge, organized in 2004 – the newest and 40th oldest church in the Presbytery. Faith is located in Fannin County and holds services at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Blue Ridge. Active membership is 55. The Reverend Carol Wade is Pastor; Ann Rand is Clerk of Session.

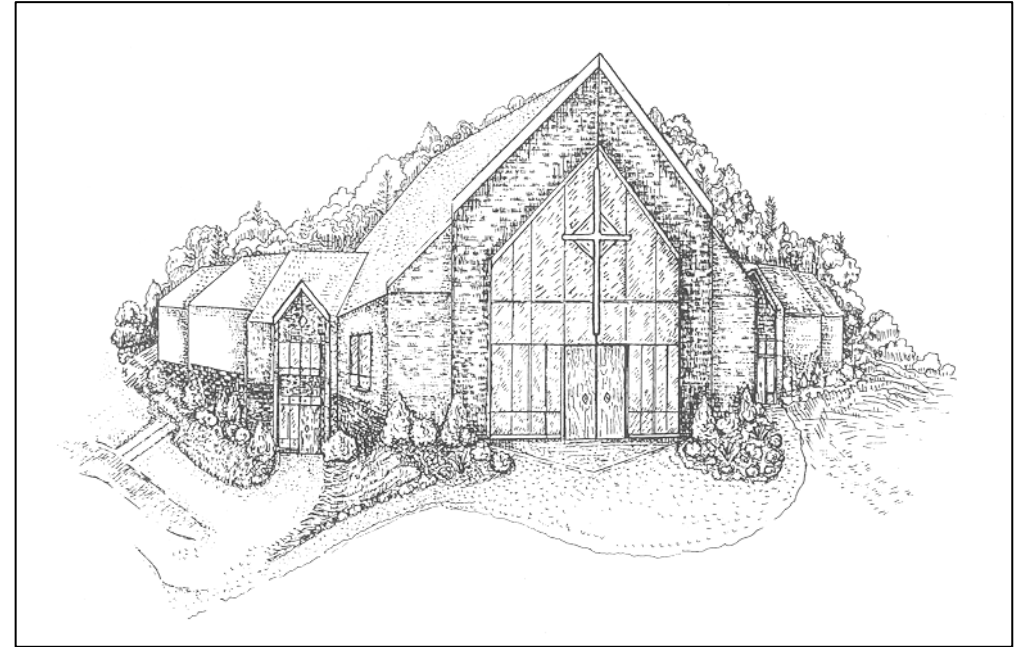
This Week's Calendar:

Today	May 16	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship/NAMI Nickel Sunday
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
		3:00 p.m.	Movie @ Mary York's house
		5:30 p.m.	Vespers @ P V led by Southminster P W
Tuesday	May 18	6:30 p.m.	Supper
		7 to 9 p.m.	Alzheimer's Seminar (see May newsletter for details)
Thursday	May 20	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	May 23	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church

May 23 is Pentecost Sunday. Remember to wear something red, yellow or orange like the color of the "tongues of fire" that descended on each of the Apostles fifty days after the Resurrection signifying the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010 – Mark your calendars now! Southminster's *Galactic Blast* VBS is scheduled for 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Sunday, July 11 through Thursday, July 15. Remind your family and also bring your friends for a fantastic time of food, fun, fellowship, and following in the footsteps of Jesus. Look for more information of how you can be a part of this important ministry in the May and June newsletters.

Southminster Presbyterian Church



Welcome! There's a place for YOU at Southminster!
Proclaim—Build—Create—Serve

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May 16, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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: The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice. Let all the coastlands shout with glee.

All: Clouds and thick darkness are round about you; righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.

One: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

All: Give thanks to God's holy name.

*HYMN 559

“We Gather Together”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious, hospitable, open. While you direct us to follow in his way and embrace the qualities that marked his life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen. Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us. Forgive our failings. Encourage us to start again, trusting that what we have seen in Jesus is true and nothing, not even our sin, can separate us from your 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: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

All: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

One: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*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 Word

*HYMN 309

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Pew Bible, page 260

ANTHEM

“Sweet Beulah Land”

Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

Pew Bible, page 111

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“My Community”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

HONORING OUR TEACHERS

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 420 (verses 1-3)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 420 (verses 4 and 5)

*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery provided – First floor