

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

WELCOME, Friends in Christ. We are glad you chose to worship with us today, and it is our hope that you will be blessed by our time of praise and worship. We hope that you feel welcome and that you will join us again. Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Pad and visitors are asked to include their name and address.

Prayer Requests:

Jan Boehm, Renee Byrom (Dan Searles' mother), O. B. Chaffee, Jamee Johnson, Chris La Vine serving in Afghanistan, Stella Moore (Ken's mother), Ify Nonyelu (family of B. Q. Oranika), Kaye Schuler, Janet Wright, Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

October 16, 2011-Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: Sixes Presbyterian Church, located in Cherokee County at 2335 Sixes Road in Canton. The Reverend Lucas Pina is Pastor. Active membership is 118. Jerry Johnson is Clerk of Session.

This Week's Calendar:

Today	Oct. 16	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship/Nickels for NAMI Sunday
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
Wednesday	Oct. 19	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study @ Calvary Presbyterian Church
Thursday	Oct. 20	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal—new members welcomed
Sunday	Oct. 23	10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—It is appropriate to ask people how you can help them so, *“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.”* John Wesley
The title of our Stewardship program this year is **“A God Given Life”**. This past Sunday we sang the first two verses of the theme song **“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**. Everyone will receive a stewardship letter soon, so please read it carefully and mark your calendars for Pledge Sunday, November 6. We will present our pledge cards during worship, then gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy a catered luncheon and to hear a progress report from the Visioning Team: Charlie Allen, Beverly Larsen and Linwood Swain.

On All Saints Sunday, October 30, we will remember those in our church family and extended family who died since last October. Please give Rev. Paulsen the names of any whom you want remembered that day.

Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Kate Tutwiler—Children's Time

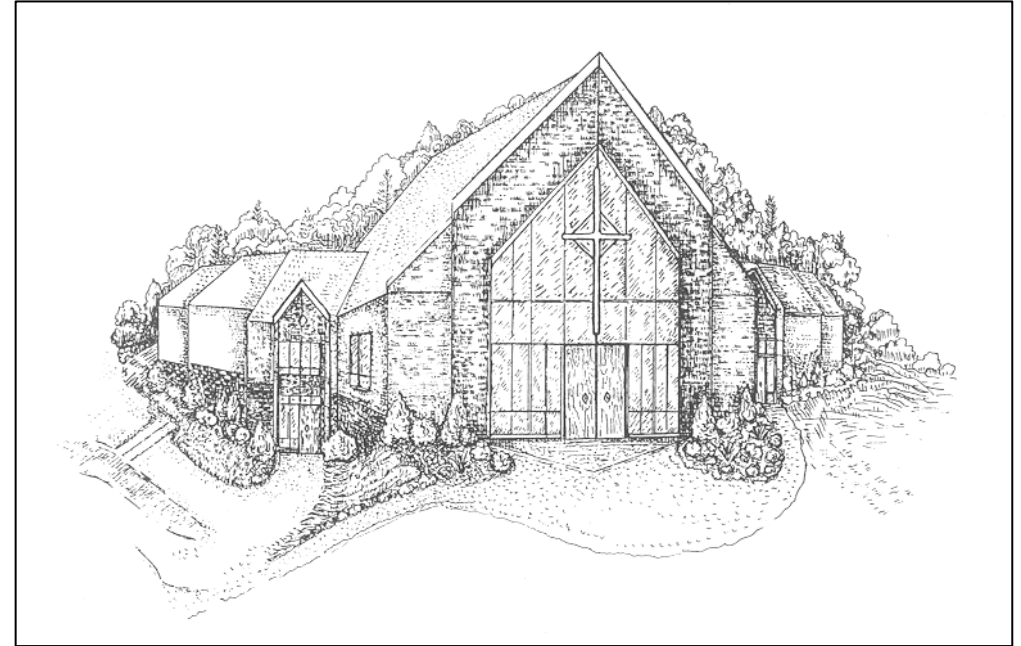
Charlie and Shirley Allen—Greeter s

Carmen Freemire—Pulpit Assistant

Beverly and Nicole Larsen—Children's Church

Neal and Betty Cheek—Offering Counters

Southminster Presbyterian Church



Welcome! There's a place for YOU at Southminster!

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Southminster Presbyterian Church

October 16, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - Eighteenth 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: God is great and greatly to be praised.

All: We praise the great and awesome name of God.

One: Our God is a lover of justice, who executes justice and righteousness.

All: Holy is our God!

*HYMN 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our ruler and deliverer: you have loved us and put faith in us, and we have disappointed you. We have forgotten your good works on our behalf and failed to trust your promises. Our world shows little evidence of the justice and righteousness you love; our governments are corrupt and our economies brutal. We do not honor you with our lives. O Lord, be gracious, and show mercy to us. Lead us and sustain us by your presence, that we may know you and find favor in your sight. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

One: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

All: You desire truth in the inward being; - therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

One: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

One: Almighty God has forgiven us our sin in Christ. Live in peace and joy!

*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 422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Pew Bible, page 80

CHOIR

"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Pew Bible, page 24

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Church and State"

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen 1934)

We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State. "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." "The word of God is not fettered." The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Ephesians 2:10

Charles Nyaga

HYMN 428

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (verse 3)

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 291

"O God of Earth and Altar"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 586

"Amen"

POSTLUDE

*All who are able, please stand

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