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*We believe God calls Southminster to **proclaim** the Good News of Jesus Christ, to **build** a fellowship of Christian love, to **create** an environment that nurtures spiritual growth, and to **serve** our diverse community and the world in the spirit of our Lord and Savior.*

2010 Church Session:

Pete Paulsen, Moderator

Candace Brisbane

Helen James

Whitey James

Bill Kershaw

Lottie Kershaw

Beverly Larsen

David Markle

Charles Nyaga

Linwood Swain

Kate Tutwiler

Linwood Swain, Clerk of Session
Earl Lavender, Receiving Treasurer
Connie Swain, Disbursing Treasurer
Beverly Pearce, Bookkeeper

Pastor's Letter

Early in my ministry, at some conference on stewardship and congregational fund-raising, I learned the phrase, 'the attitude of gratitude.' I was greatly taken with that little phrase and used it regularly in my work until a wiser mind told me that gratitude was more than just an attitude. Gratitude manifests itself in a life marked by thanksgiving. Certainly we need a thankful heart. In spite of present problems, we each are greatly blessed. We also need thankful minds that can list our many blessings and appreciate all that we have and all that we have been given. What we need to develop are lives marked by year round thanksgiving and continual attention to the ways in which we can share the reasons for our thanksgiving with others. The national holiday this month gives us a chance to stop for a moment to reflect on all our blessings. I pray it will also give us a moment of conversion to a life lived in worshipful relationship to God through Christ and joyful sharing with all those around us.

In part, we can show our thanksgiving on November 7 when we present our pledge cards indicating our support for the work of our congregation in 2011. We have accomplished much in 2010 and for that we can all thank God. 2011 holds special promise as we come to understand and address the opportunities and challenges around us. The resources we have available – people, money, time – will give us clarity as to how we should proceed.

These are fear-filled days. In the midst of them Beth and I are challenging ourselves and so have confidence to challenge you to move at least 1% closer to a tithe (10% of your income, however you figure your income) or beyond that to what Scripture calls 'tithe and offerings.' With additional resources we will have flexibility to consider all sorts of options.

If thanksgiving is not a motivation for giving, on November 21 we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday. We give not because we have to, or because it makes us feel good, or because it is the right thing to do; we give because Christ is King. We do not need to worry as the world does for we have a Savior sufficient for these days and all eternity. We give in obedience to the King who rightly demands our worship and service. Over the years I have come to believe that our giving not only deepens our faith, it also witnesses to our faith and trust in God.

The Sunday following Christ the King Sunday is the beginning of Advent. With the faithful of all ages we will wait expectantly for the coming of Christ into the world. We will travel with Mary and Joseph, the Magi, and the shepherds to the simple environment in which Jesus was born and join with them in praise of the salvation offered to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of this gift from God's love.

I look forward to seeing you at worship and in work this month.

- Pete Paulsen

Worship Schedule



November 7

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Luke 20:27-38

It is going to get better.

Communion

PATH Offering

Pledge Sunday

Stewardship Dinner

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher

November 14

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

Hoping against hope

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher

November 21

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 23:33-43

A King like no other king

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher

November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher



Presbyterian Women

It was a perfect autumn day when the Southminster delegation drove to Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island for the 2010 Gathering of PW of South Atlantic Synod. "Messages of Hope" was the theme with worship led by Dr. Margaret Aymer, Assistant Professor of New Testament at ITC, and the Bible Study on Revelation by Dr. Beth Johnson Paulsen, Professor of New Testament at Columbia Seminary. Over 400 were registered for the triennial event and our group included Chris Curschmann, Golda Fuller, Doris Grimm, Helen James, Martha Markle, Kate Tutwiler, and Mary Ellen Shore in Day Circle.

We are happy to announce that the Church Women United, Inc. United Nations Office Human Rights Award was presented to Jan Boehm by CWU of Cobb County at its annual tea, October 2 in Marietta in recognition of her efforts on behalf of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). She is very appreciative of the support Southminster members have given all NAMI projects.

This school semester Kate Tutwiler is the only church mentor at Hollydale Elementary, and recently she helped with its book fair. We encourage anyone interested in this important volunteer service to our neighborhood children to contact her for information: 770-431-8228.

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS: Another year has rolled around for PW to bring holiday cheer to the residents of the Health Services Centers at Presbyterian Home at Quitman and Presbyterian Village as well as other times of the year, e.g. birthday, welcoming a new resident, prizes. A decorated container is in the hallway during November, until December 5, for your gifts. For detailed suggestions/instructions, please look for the green leaflets on the information counter by the front doors or contact Ruth Webb (770-819-7108).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 8 – Evening Circle at 7:30 p.m.
At the home of Mary York, 3295 Doyle Lane, Marietta
(770-319-8967). Pat Dunn, Leader

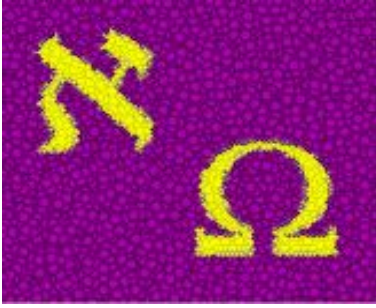
Tuesday, November 9 – Day Circle at 10:00 a.m.
In the Magnolia Room, Presbyterian Village
Helen James, Leader

The main focus on Lesson 3 of the Circles' Bible Study of Revelation is John's vision of Jesus the Lamb who holds the true power. Come and bring a friend.



**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

October Session Report



The Meaning of "Advent"

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. So, as the church celebrates God's in-breaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

At its stated meeting on October 10, 2010, Session took the following actions:

- ❖ Received and welcomed Louise Cantrell into the membership of Southminster Presbyterian Church by transfer of letter.
- ❖ Welcomed Debbie Wells who represented Cherokee Presbytery's Committee on Ministry with its triennial visit to Southminster's Session.
- ❖ Received information that contributions totaling \$2,225 have been received for the Elimu Vision Initiative.
- ❖ Approved the minutes of the September 12 Stated Session Meeting as corrected.
- ❖ Proof-read the minutes of the September 26, 2010, Congregational Meeting that will be submitted for approval at the Annual Congregational/Corporate Meeting in early 2011.
- ❖ Approved the use of the 2009/2011 Book of Order as the official Manual of Operation for Southminster Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ With regret, received Beverly Pearce's resignation as bookkeeper.
- ❖ Approved canceling any unpaid Building Use Fees owed by the disbanded Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and notifying Father David Monroe of this and also expressing appreciation for the \$276 gift given to Southminster by that church.
- ❖ Approved depositing the \$276 gift received from the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church into Southminster's General Account for use by the Care Committee in a Community Ministry of its choice.
- ❖ Approved a new Fellowship Hall Use Policy.
- ❖ Approved a bid of \$11,050 from Northwest Plastering Co. to repair the exterior walls of the original building and to plaster the rear portion of the sanctuary ceiling.
- ❖ Approved a bid from the North Metro Locksmith and Safe Co., not to exceed \$5,100, for the replacement of the security locking mechanisms on the front doors.
- ❖ Authorized the Chairperson of the Christian Education Committee to enter into a four-month contract (October 2010 through January 2011) with Gail Draper to provide supervision in Southminster's Nursery at the rate of \$20 per Sunday.
- ❖ Approved a new Bible Study for Monday evenings at Southminster beginning in November 2010, led by elders Golda Fuller and Charles Nyaga.
- ❖ Scheduled the next Stated Session meeting for Sunday, November 14, 2010, @ 1 PM.

SESSION COMMITTEES

Financial Committee

David Markle, Chair
Receiving Treasurer, Bookkeeper,
Stewardship, Disbursing Treasurer,
Budget, Bank Account

Resource Committee

Whitey James, Chair
Repairs, Landscaping/lawn
mowing/gardening, Outdoor
Lighting, Building and Cleaning
Supplies, Personnel, Signage,
Maintenance, Parking Lot,
Housekeeping, Building Use
Agreement/Contracts, Audit

Fellowship Committee

Beverly Larsen, Chair
Organize all fellowship activities
(inside and outside of the church),
Organize (decorate and provide
food) for all meal functions,
Oversee weddings and other
building-use functions, Oversee PW
handling funeral receptions

Christian Education Committee

Helen James, Chair
Children's Church, Nursery,
Presbyterian Women, Youth Group
Confirmation Class, Sunday School,
Small Groups, Presbyterian Men,
Vacation Bible School

Care Committee

Kate Tutwiler, Chair
Intercessory Prayer, Community
Missions, Global Mission,
Caring/Sharing Fund, Community
Projects, Pastoral Care,
Shepherding

Worship/Evangelism Committee

Lottie Kershaw, Chair
Communion for those in
confinement, New Member's
Classes, Greeting and Assimilation
of New Members, Oversee all
Worship Needs, Evangelical
Events/Promotions/Mailings,
Greeters, Newsletter,
Communication, Communion,
Doorstep Visitation,
Publicity/Promotions, Sanctuary
Set-up/Décor, Music, Directory,
Bulletins



What's Happening in November?

On Tuesday, November 2, the Fellowship Hall will be used for the Oregon 06 Precinct General Election. Setup will be on Monday, November 1.

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 6, as Daylight Saving Time ends.

Sunday, November 7 will offer us many wonderful opportunities. During worship we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and receive the PATH Offering. Pledge commitment cards for 2011 will be received. Following worship we will have our Annual Stewardship Dinner downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The Session will present the 2011 Budget.

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet on Monday, November 8 at 7:30 at the home of Mary York and the Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room, Presbyterian Village. Pat Dunn and Helen James are Circle Leaders. The PW Thank Offering will be received on November 21, and Nickels for NAMI will be taken.

Evening Prayer will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 9 and 23 at the home of Jan Boehm, Presbyterian Village, Apartment 208.

Cherokee Presbytery will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at Presbyterian Village. At that meeting will be a vote on proposed amendments to the PCUSA Constitution. You can learn more about the proposed amendments on November 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary PC, along with Southminster and Calvary sessions.

On Saturday, November 20, Presbyterian Men will meet for breakfast and Bible study at 7:30 a.m.

November 28 is the First Sunday of Advent. Members of the congregation will participate in decorating the sanctuary during the morning worship hour in preparation for the Advent Season.

The next newsletter will be the December issue. Turn your information in to Betty Cheek by November 21 to give time for preparation and printing.

Looking ahead to December:

December 12 - Special Choir Programs during Calvary and Southminster worship services.

December 24 - One Combined Christmas Eve Service at Calvary at 6:00 p.m.

December 26 - One combined Sunday morning service at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster which will be a carol sing for Calvary and Southminster congregations. Refreshments will follow.



Welcome to our Newest Member

Louise Cantrell officially became a member of Southminster on October 10. She is a resident of Presbyterian Village and has been worshipping with us for several months. Louise came to us by transfer of letter.

A PERSONAL NOTE

At the Soup and Sandwich Lunch on October 17 the session, acting for the congregation, gave me a grand gift and a wonderful note as their recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. Many thanks to you and the session for this kind act. It is an encouragement to keep going with the good work we have together here. If October is Pastor Appreciation Month then November must be Congregational Appreciation Month so let me tell you how much I enjoy serving with you. It is blessing to be with you in the sanctuary, the session and other meeting rooms, and by the sides of your beds as you recuperate. Please accept my thanks for allowing me the blessing of serving with you.

Pete Paulsen

Building Use Schedule

Seventh Day Adventist

Friday 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 4:00 - 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Assembly of Saints

Sunday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.



November Birthdays

10th - Ashley Vaughn
 18th - Judy Curlee
 20th - Lorelei Moran
 22nd - Martha Markle
 23rd - Stephanie Grimm
 23rd - Doin Kibaara
 24th - Daisy Langlois
 24th - Betty Cheek
 27th - Lottie Kershaw
 30th - Jeffrey Gaines



If your birthday is not listed, please let us know by writing your name and birth date on a piece of paper and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office.

Southminster Presbyterian Church Financial Committee Report-October 31, 2010 New Building Addition

History:

- Total Cost of Building Addition-**\$1,500,000**.
- In 2002 we took out a mortgage loan of **\$1,024,000** from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).
- By 2008 we had reduced the loan to **\$889,000** with a monthly mortgage premium of \$7,442; a reduction of only **\$135,000 in five and one-half years**.
- Then on January 1, 2008, we began a Three-year Mortgage Reduction Campaign with a **\$150,000 overall goal** to reduce the mortgage principal by **\$50,000 per each of the three years**. The campaign concludes this December 31 and has been a great success with **total pledges made exceeding the \$150,000 goal**. So far, contributions received have allowed us to **make prepayments of \$144,100** toward the principal (with \$5,900 left to meet the goal).

Currently:

- These prepayments have made a significant reduction of our mortgage liability. As of October 2010, we owe **\$653,000** with monthly premiums of \$5,924; a **reduction of \$236,000 in just three years** (since 2008).
- We still have two months left in the campaign to receive the remaining pledges to meet our goal.

Conclusion:

The most effective method of mortgage reduction is accomplished by prepaying principal thus reducing the amount of total interest incurred.

Plan:

Continue the Mortgage Reduction Campaign for another 3-year period with a total goal of \$150,000 (\$50,000/Year).

MISSION

Since November emphasis is Thanksgiving, let's show our thankful hearts with donations for:

C.A.M.P. (Christian Aid Mission Partnership),

Highest Praise Church food pantry,

Gifts for Soldiers,

and Haiti Health Kits

Containers for donations to these causes are in the hallway.

Your generosity to Nickels for NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) means \$25 Kroger certificates to help the NAMI clients through the holidays. Watch the next newsletter to see how many certificates we were able to give.

Children are invited to sing with the choir on December 12. They will be singing "Away in a Manger." Practice will be held during Children's Church on November 7, November 14, and December 5. If you want to participate, contact Helen James or Pam Hudson.



Please remember in your prayers:



The family of Earl Lavender, who passed away on Wednesday, October 27 from complications of the stroke he suffered about ten days ago. Visitation was to be Sunday, October 31, 2:00 to 4:00 at Roy Davis Funeral Home in Austell. The funeral is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2:00 p.m. at Southminster Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be given to Southminster Presbyterian Church.

"Mac" McCown continues to battle lung cancer. While he is weak from the radiation and chemo and doesn't want visitors, his spirits will be lifted by cards and the occasional phone call. As we support this brother in prayer, so now let us support him with regular expressions of our love and best wishes.

Dennis Grimm underwent surgery for throat cancer on Tuesday, October 26 at Northside Hospital. He was scheduled for dismissal from the hospital on Friday, October 29.

Porter Calvin Holcomb, great-grandson of Neal and Betty Cheek, is in the neo-natal care unit at Kennestone Hospital with complications from premature birth.

All Saints Sunday List

In memory of those Saints who died in the past year.

<p><i>Mildred Ayah</i> <i>Kingue Dibonge</i> <i>John Elimbe</i> <i>Ma Frida</i> <i>Bruce Hoffman</i> <i>Peter Insel</i> <i>Pa Njell</i> <i>Frida Makon</i> <i>Zachary Njenma</i> <i>Luisa Satia Nanje</i> <i>Emmanuel Mase Njenma</i> <i>Ma Sophie Njenma</i> <i>Carolyn Rensch</i> <i>Irene Tamagwa</i> <i>Paul Van Elk</i></p>	<p><i>Martha Jean Davis</i> <i>Mamie Sophie Edimo</i> <i>Martha Fonta</i> <i>Peter E. Hegngi</i> <i>Sverre Hogstad</i> <i>Pa Etame Joseph</i> <i>Kanda Pa Njell Lazarus</i> <i>Pete Mboh Mandi</i> <i>Martins Susanna Mondoia</i> <i>Christina Ado Njenma</i> <i>Ma Limunga Ida Njenma</i> <i>Pa Isaac Njenma</i> <i>Isaac Rottenberg</i> <i>John Taylor Tolbert</i></p>
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November 2010 Worship Responsibilities

	<i>November 7</i>	<i>November 14</i>	<i>November 21</i>	<i>November 28</i>
	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Communion</i>	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
Preacher	Pete Paulsen	Pete Paulsen	Pete Paulsen	Pete Paulsen
Pulpit Assistant	Jackie Searles	Frank Kibaara	Charlton Mukora	Charles Nyaga
Greeters	Helen James Whitey James	Martha Markle Pat Dunn	Robbie Rolstad Tim Rolstad	Jill Kerns Mike Kerns
Children's Time	Jan Boehm	Betty Cheek	Pat Mukora	Pete Paulsen
Children's Church	Helen James Jarod Dunn	Rosalie Morgan Nicole Larsen	Jan Boehm	Pat Mukora
Communion Preparation	Kate Tutwiler Lottie Kershaw			
Communion Serves	Charlie Allen Jennifer Whitehead Bill Kershaw Beverly Larsen	<downstairs <pulpit area		
Offering Counters	Neal & Betty Cheek	Neal & Betty Cheek	Charles Allen	Charles Allen
Nursery	Gail Draper	Gail Draper	Gail Draper	Gail Draper
Session Meeting		Beverly – food Bill – devotion		

If you have a conflict with the date you are scheduled, please call the church office, 770-436-4010 and talk with Pete Paulsen, or call Lottie Kershaw at 770-378-8558, or find a replacement.

Southminster Presbyterian Church – November 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>Sunday Morning Schedule 9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School 10:30 – Choir Warm-up 11:00 a.m. – Worship Nursery Provided</p>	1 All Saints' Day	2 Fellowship Hall used for Election all day, Oregon 06 Precinct	3 Worship Committee 6:30 – @ Calvary PC meet to discuss Proposed Amendments 7:00 p.m. – Resource Committee	4 7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal (New Members Welcome)	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends, set clock back. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion PATH Offering Pledge Sunday Dinner for All	8 7:30 – PW Evening Circle at home of Mary York 6:30 – Amendments Discussion @ Dalton 1st PC	9 11:00 a.m. – Communion Service @ Calvary 10:00 – PW Morning Circle at PV 7:00 – Tuesday Evening Prayer at Jan Boehm's	10	11 Veterans' Day 7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal (New Members Welcome)	12	13
14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Session Meeting	15	16 10:00 a.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Presbyterian Village	17	18 7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal (New Members Welcome)	19	20 7:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
21 Christ the King Sunday NAMI Nickel Sunday PW Thank Offering	22	23 7:00 – Tuesday Evening Prayer at Jan Boehm's	24	25 	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30				30