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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

With Labor Day and cooler weather, the program year for our congregation is beginning with a bang. During September we will move forward with the work of calling and electing the next class of elders to lead us in our ministry. The session will be working on a proposed budget for 2011 that matches our call to mission and ministry to the resources God has given us. We will also provide an opportunity for people to join us as members.

It is not necessary to be a member in order to participate actively in the life and work of our congregation. We have people we love and who have worshipped and worked with us for years who are not members. If you are in that number and still feel that you are not ready to commit to membership that is fine. We will continue to hold you in high regard.

If it seems right that you join with us now, you will have the opportunity to attend a new member class on September 26 following worship at the Southminster church building.

People join with us in one of three ways. If you are a member in good standing in some sister congregation and can get a letter of transfer (not all congregations nor all denominational families give letters of transfer), you can join by transfer of letter. If you were a member somewhere and cannot get a letter of transfer, you can join by reaffirmation of your faith. If you have never been a member anywhere and now feel the leading of God in your life to make a commitment to Christ and the Church, you can join by affirmation of faith (and be baptized if you have never been baptized).

During the new member class we will discuss three things. Membership in a congregation is more than membership in some human organization. One becomes a member as an expression of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and as an affirmation of a sense of call to serve Christ through our congregation. No matter how many questions you may have about the God and Jesus, you have to have enough faith to say that you believe in Christ's saving work and are willing to work with the questions until you get the answers you need.

Joining with us means joining a particular family within the larger Christian family. We are Reformed Christians. We stand alongside Wesleyan Christians (Methodists of all sorts), Lutheran Christians, Anglican Christians, Orthodox Christians, Roman Catholic Christians. We share with them the basics of the faith but we hold to some particular beliefs that make us different. For Reformed Christians in the Presbyterian family such particular beliefs include the sovereignty of God, the priesthood of all believers, and the requirement of a disciplined life. (If you are a member and want a refresher on all this, please feel free to come to the class. Just let me know you're coming as we want to have enough food at lunch.) Also, you are joining a particular congregation. Some of our elders will be present to provide an introduction to our mission and ministry and to our unique congregational culture.

On a Sunday in early October you will meet with our elders at the regular session meeting. Action will be taken then to affirm your desire for membership.

If you have questions, please be in touch with me. I look forward to seeing many of you on September 26.

- Pete Paulsen

Worship Schedule

September 5

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Labor Day Weekend

Communion

PATH Offering

Rev. Tino Ballesteros, Preacher

September 12

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
I Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Searching

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher

September 19

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
I Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Who is your friend?

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher

September 26

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
I Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

How's your eyesight?

Rev. Pete Paulsen, Preacher

New Member Class

following worship

(Three hours, including lunch)



Presbyterian Women

Now that September is here, we can look back with pleasure on two very recent meetings.

The Tri-Presbytery Fall Leadership Event on August 21 at Trinity PC in Atlanta provided stimulating workshops on a variety of subjects as well as an unique dialogue sermon by Sara Hayden and Bill Honor entitled "There's Room at the Table," with special music by participants attending the Choir Seminar, and a Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Those attending from Southminster were Jan Boehm, Kate Tutwiler, Ruth Webb, and Betty Cheek.

Our Annual Kickoff on August 28 was a time for fellowship and consideration of the 2010-11 budget and mission projects. We are grateful to Mary Scott and daughter-in-law Julie Scott for presenting their DVD on the rebuilding efforts of the Good Shepherd School in Pele, Port-au-Prince, Haiti and of their recent visits to that suffering nation. There is no other school in Pele and was built in 1982 under the direction of Rev. Charlie Scott and the late Rev. Tito Caneus; now supervised by Rev. Chedrick Caneus. The Scotts have been longtime leaders in *Young Life* and in mission travels created the *Child Sponsorship Program*. The School has been receiving all of its funding from this source. Since the devastating 2010 earthquake it is even more in need for its reconstruction. Serving over 1,100 students it has been a glimmer of hope to an impoverished community by supplying food, water, shelter and education employment to as many of its students, teachers, and staff as possible. For more information visit www.HaitiChildSponsorship.org.

Once again we are indebted to Doris Grimm for editing and printing our Yearbook with such care and ingenuity. Copies may be obtained from Moderator Kate Tutwiler or circle leaders.

This month circle members will be reconvening at their regular time and place; to begin the Horizons Bible Study, *Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today* by Barbara R. Rossing. This study was written to help us discover more about God and God's great love for the whole world, especially as encountered in the challenging crises confronting us today.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 13 – Evening Circle at 6:30 p.m.
In Fellowship Hall
Pat Dunn, Leader

Tuesday, September 14 – Day Circle at 10:00 a.m.
In the Magnolia Room, Presbyterian Village
Helen James Leader

We welcome newcomers to join in either group. Contact Ruth Webb, 770-819-7108, if you have questions.

A number of PW are looking forward to the 2010 Gathering of the Synod of South Atlantic, October 22-24 at Epworth by the Sea. If interested in attending, contact Kate Tutwiler, 770-431-8228.



What is Labor Day, Anyway?

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

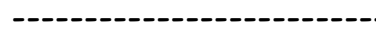
The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday – a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

Pew Seats are to be recovered.

The mauve-colored fabric, which covers the original gold-colored fabric on our pew seats has been there a long, long time and has become very soiled. The session accepted a generous gift to improve that and approved having an upholstery team come and do the installation. After consulting with an Interior Decorator, a fabric was chosen which will blend with the carpet colors and the chairs in the sanctuary.

The opportunity is now open to all who would like to contribute to the fund. When you make a contribution, please indicate on your check that it is for the "Pew Seat Fund."

We look forward to having clean seat covers and a bright, new look in the sanctuary.



Don't forget to plan for the

Fall Soup and Sandwiches

Lunch October 17.

After worship service we will gather in the fellowship hall for three different homemade soups provided by Gail, Beverly, and Robbie. Sandwiches and desserts are requested from the congregation for this great,



Fall get-together.

New Member Class is September 26

The class is for three hours on Sunday, September 26, following morning worship, and will include lunch in the Fellowship Hall. This is for persons desiring to become members and is open to those who are already members and want to learn more or refresh their memory.

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 September?

We start the month off with Labor Day Weekend, customarily viewed as the end of the summer, especially of the vacation season. On September 5, the Reverend Tino Ballesteros will be our guest preacher. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and receive the PATH (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship. Our Session Committees have resumed their meeting schedules with Resource and Worship meeting on September 1.

The worship choir will practice each Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30 with warm-up at 10:30 each Sunday morning. Tuesday Evening Prayer is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Jan Boehm's home.

Presbyterian Women will resume circle meetings this month with the Night Circle meeting on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall and the Day Circle meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Room at Presbyterian Village.

On Saturday, September 18, Presbyterian Men will meet for breakfast and Bible study at 7:30 a.m. Jan Boehm will walk in the South Cobb NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk on September 18. September 19 is NAMI Nickel Sunday.



On Friday, September 24, you can hear the Steadfast Quarter in concert at Calvary Church at 7:30. On Saturday, September 25, Presbyterian Village will host a fundraiser dinner for C.A.M.P. at 6:00 p.m. Advance registration is required.

On Sunday, September 26 there will be a New Member Class following morning worship, and will include lunch. You are welcome to sit in on the class, even if you are already a member.

On Tuesday, September 28, Cherokee Presbytery will hold its September Stated Meeting. Rev. Pete Paulsen and one Elder Commissioner will represent Southminster.

The Nominating Committee is busy at work and will report to Session on September 12. On September 26, the Committee will present its nominations for Elder, Class of 2013, for election by the Congregation. Members of the Nominating Committee are Helen James, Bill Kershaw, Lizbeth Kibaara, Tim



Rolstad, Nicole Larsen, and Chris Curschmann.

Please turn your information in to Betty Cheek by September 26 for the October newsletter.

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.

Episcopal

Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Assembly of Saints

Sunday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.



Choir News

The Southminster Worship Choir resumed rehearsals on August 12. New choir members are needed! If you are interested, this is a great time to join the choir.

The Stewardship Committee

could use a few more volunteer members to help with planning and carrying out the details of this year's program. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact Jennifer Whitehead, 770-000-0000.

Gospel Singing From the Soul

You are invited to hear the Steadfast Quartet in concert on Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church.



August Birthdays

5th - Mary York
 20th - Louise Cantrell
 (Belated)

September Birthdays

7th - Carmen Freemire
 14th - Amber Whitehead
 17th - Mikayla Larsen
 20th - Nicole Larsen
 21st - Doris Grimm

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.



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## Remember in your prayers

Please remember Edie and O. B. Chaffee in your prayers. Edie had knee surgery recently and is now having rehabilitation at Signature Health Care of America (770-422-2451). She is in Room 7H (770-422-4790, Ext. 598).

## Financial Information January through July

Operating receipts: \$103,644  
 Operating Expenses: \$91,316  
 Net Income: \$12,328

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Special Offering Receipts January through July

Haitian Relief - \$272
 NAMI - \$105.83
 One Great Hour - \$1275
 PATH - \$696.59
 Mother's Day - \$294

Building Use: \$10,750

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Mortgage Reduction Received: \$30,656  
 Mortgage Reduction Paid: \$20,500  
 In addition to our regular payments.

## Diaper Day in Cobb

Diapers are being collected for low-income families in the area. They will be taken to Glover Park on the Marietta Square on October 25. Call 770-819-8818 for questions or pick-up.

## NAMI Walks on September 18

The event will be in Gwinnett County. Please give any donations to Jan Boehm, who will walk for South Cobb NAMI for the fourth year. Each year Southminster's contributions have been more generous.

## A Big Thank You

to Doris Kidney and Robert Holman, who are the new delivery team for our donations to CAMP (Christian Action Mission Program). The amount of school supplies they took in August was awesome!

## Please remember Elimu Vision Initiative

which supports our work in Magumoni Presbytery in Kenya. Call Charles Nyaga with needed items: 404-358-8159. Items needed are:

Back packs

Bicycles

Bicycle Pumps

Sewing Machines

Small Generators

Computers with enough memory to accommodate Windows 2000 or more.

## 4th Annual Empty Plate Gala & Silent Auction

Christian Aid Mission Partnership is having a fundraiser at Presbyterian Village at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25.

Food pantries are taking on more and more people due to the rise of unemployment. By supporting this event you will directly help the lives of individuals and families who are impacted by poverty in our community.

All who attend will be treated to a beautiful setting, professional entertainment, and a delicious dinner by Mother's Finest Catering. At the Silent Auction, you will have an opportunity to bid on a wide variety of unique and interesting items.

Tickets are \$25 each. Send your check payable to C.A.M.P. with your name and address to Empty Plate Gala & Silent Auction, P. O. Box 802, Austell, GA 30168

## Community Outreach Quiz

(from the August newsletter)

What is C.A.M.P.? Christian Action Mission Program

What do we collect for this month? Toothpaste, toothbrushes, Bath Soap

Who do they serve? South Cobb County Residents

What is N.A.M.I.? National Alliance on Mental Illness

What do we collect for them monthly? Nickels

Who do they serve? South Cobb Members

Why do we bring canned food for Highest Praise? It's the closest food pantry to Southminster.

## World Outreach Quiz

What do we do to support the service personnel in war zones? We collect hard candy, drink mix, baby wipes.

What goes into a Health Kit? Toothbrush, hand towel, nail file, 6 Band-Aids, cake of soap, washcloth, 1 comb

Where do we send Health Kits? We send them where Presbyterian Disaster Relief indicates the strongest need.

Why do we ship clean used sheets to Church World Service? Sheets are used for bandages at mission hospitals.

What is Haiti Child Sponsorship? This is the name you put on checks to help Mary and Charlie Scott's school in Haiti.



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## September Newsletter Session Report

At its stated meeting on August 8, 2010, Session took the following actions:

- ❖ Approved the minutes of the June 13 Stated and the July 18, 2010 Called Session Meetings.
- ❖ Approved expenditure not to exceed \$5200 for reupholstering the pews in the sanctuary.
- ❖ Approved asking the congregation for designated contributions toward this reupholstering project to help defray the higher than anticipated cost.
- ❖ Approved the use of the fabric pattern "TIDE" recommended by the Resource Committee to reupholster the pews in the sanctuary.
- ❖ Approved the following individuals for Christian Education leadership rolls during the 2010-2011 academic year: Nursery-Gail Draper; Children's Church-Jan Boehm, Helen James, Doin Kibaara, Beverly Larsen, Nicole Larsen, Jackie McCown, Pam Moseley, Pat Mukora, and Mary York; Adult Sunday School-Golda Fuller, Charlie Allen and David Markle; GEMS Girl Club-Jackie McCown.
- ❖ Approved the Presbyterian Women Kick-off Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 28, 2010.
- ❖ Scheduled the next stated meeting for Sunday, September 12, 2010.

### *September 2010 Worship Responsibilities*

|                       | <i>September 5</i>                                                 | <i>September 12</i>                            | <i>September 19</i>                            | <i>September 26</i>                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                       | <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                     | <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | <i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Preacher              | Tino Ballesteros                                                   | Pete Paulsen                                   | Pete Paulsen                                   | Pete Paulsen                                   |
| Pulpit Assistant      | Charles Nyaga                                                      | Chris Curschmann                               | Jan Boehm                                      | Pat Mukora                                     |
| Greeters              | Carmen Freemire<br>Candace Brisbane                                | Lottie Kershaw<br>Rosalie Morgan               | Jill Kerns<br>Mike Kerns                       | Helen James<br>Whitey James                    |
| Children's Time       | Jackie Searles                                                     | Helen James                                    | Golda Fuller                                   | Betty Cheek                                    |
| Children's Church     | Pat Mukora                                                         | Beverly Larsen<br>Nicole Larsen                | Doin Kibaara<br>Mary York                      |                                                |
| Communion Preparation | Pam Moseley<br>Mary York                                           |                                                |                                                |                                                |
| Communion Servers     | Martha Markle<br>Charles Nyaga<br>Rosalie Morgan<br>Beverly Larsen | <Pulpit Area<br><Downstairs                    |                                                |                                                |
| Assist with Shut-ins  | Beverly Larsen                                                     |                                                |                                                |                                                |
| Offering Counters     | Charles Allen                                                      | Charles Allen                                  | Neal Cheek<br>Betty Cheek                      | Neal Cheek<br>Betty Cheek                      |
| Nursery               | Gail Draper                                                        | Gail Draper                                    | Gail Draper                                    | Gail Draper                                    |
| Session Meeting       |                                                                    | Candace – food<br>Beverly – 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 – September 2010

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>Monday</i>                                                                     | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                                                                                          | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                             | <i>Thursday</i>                                   | <i>Friday</i>                                                                         | <i>Saturday</i>                                                                                                                             |
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| <p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule</u><br/>           9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School<br/>           10:30 – Choir Warm-up<br/>           11:00 a.m. – Worship<br/>           Nursery Provided</p> |  |                                                                                                                                         | <p>1<br/>           Worship Committee<br/><br/>           7:00 p.m. – Resource Committee</p> | <p>2<br/>           7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal</p>  | 3                                                                                     | 4                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>5<br/>           23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br/>           Communion<br/>           PATH Offering</p>                                                                         | <p>6<br/>           Labor Day</p>                                                 | <p>7<br/>           11:00 a.m. – Communion Service @ Calvary</p>                                                                        | 8                                                                                            | <p>9<br/>           7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal</p>  | 10                                                                                    | 11                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>12<br/>           24th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br/>           Session Meeting</p>                                                                                                          | <p>13<br/>           6:30 – PW Evening Circle in Fellowship Hall</p>              | <p>14<br/>           10:00 – PW Morning Circle at PV Magnolia Room<br/><br/>           7:00 – Tuesday Evening Prayer at Jan Boehm's</p> | 15                                                                                           | <p>16<br/>           7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal</p> | 17                                                                                    | <p>18<br/>           7:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/><br/>           NAMI Walks – Jan Boehm walks for South Cobb NAMI</p> |
| <p>19<br/>           25th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br/>           NAMI Nickel Sunday</p>                                                                                                       | 20                                                                                | 21                                                                                                                                      | 22                                                                                           | <p>23<br/>           7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>24<br/>           7:30 – Steadfast Quarter in Concert @ Calvary Church</p>         | <p>25<br/>           6:00 p.m. – C.A.M.P. Empty Plate Gala &amp; Silent Auction at Presbyterian Village</p>                                 |
| <p>26<br/>           26th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br/>           Congregational Meeting to elect Elders<br/>           New Member Class</p>                                                   | 27                                                                                | <p>28<br/>           5:30 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting<br/><br/>           7:00 – Tuesday Evening Prayer at Jan Boehm's</p>                | 29                                                                                           | <p>30<br/>           7-8:30 – Choir Rehearsal</p> |  |                                                                                                                                             |