

Welcome to Southminster
Christ's love is here for YOU!

Prayer Requests:

Jan Boehm, Edie & O. B. Chaffee @ 770 427-6533, Golda Fuller, Dennis Grimm, Jamee Johnson, Jill & Mike Kerns, Doin and Lizbeth Kibaara as they travel to Kenya for a wedding and Jessica Bilikha as she returns to Cameroon for the school year.

Julius Nyaga Church – Our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

September 5, 2010– Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: New Lebanon Presbyterian Church, organized in 1977 in Pickens County at 389 Bent Tree Drive in Jasper. The Pastor is the Reverend Ben Laughlin. Clerk of Session is Jerry Rogers. Active membership is 182.

This Week's Calendar:

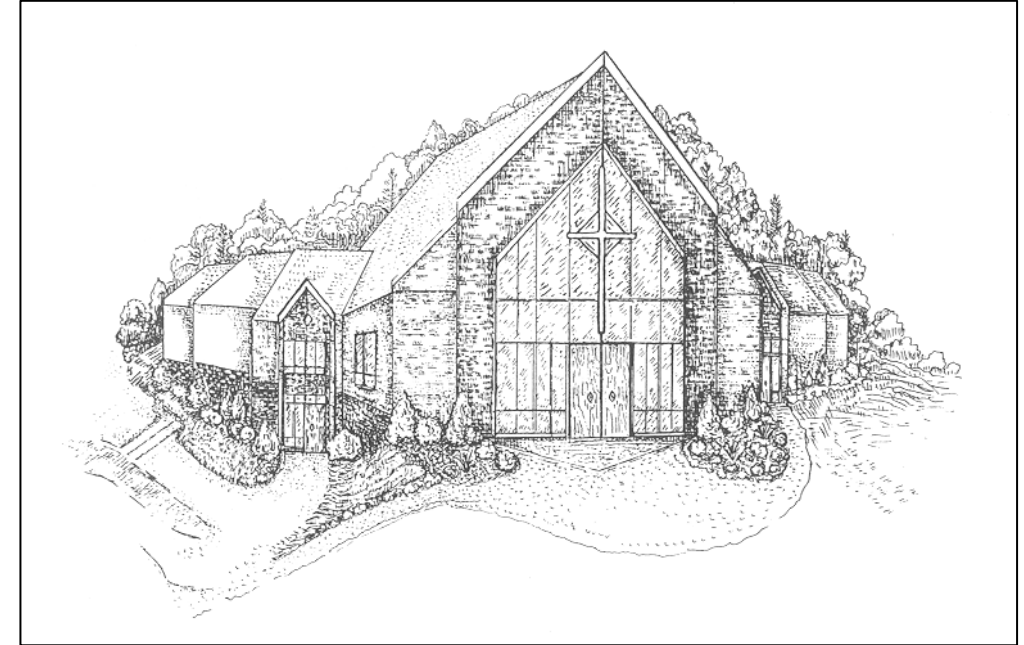
Today	Sept. 5	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion/PATH offering
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
Monday	Sept. 6		LABOR DAY—Church office closed
Thursday	Sept. 9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	Sept. 12	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting

WELCOME once again to the Rev. Tino Ballesteros, who will lead us in worship today while Rev. Paulsen is on retreat at Montreat. Tino and his lovely wife Esther continue to enjoy the retirement life as residents of Presbyterian Village.

HURRAY!—We're getting new fabric on our pews! The opportunity is now open to all who would like to contribute to the fund for this project. When you make your contribution, please indicate on your check that it is for the "Pew Seat Fund." No gift is too small or too large.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT ELDERS—Please be present immediately following worship on Sunday, September 26, when the Nominating 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.

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

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September 5, 2010, 11:00 a.m. - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Call on the name of the Lord in praise;

All: make known God's deeds among the nations!

One: Sing to God with joyful songs;

All: Come let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are generous to all who call on you. You sent Jesus to this earth to be a friend to your people. We confess that we do not often act as his friend, thinking of ourselves instead of others, focusing on our wants instead of others' needs, and desiring our own will not yours. Forgive us, Lord. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Yet you still love us and forgive us unconditionally. Show us your mercy we pray in Jesus' name. 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

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

(Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Children's Church.)

CHOIR

"Victory in Jesus"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 16:4-22

Pew Bible, page 234

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Sampson's Famous Haircut"

Rev. Ballesteros

Response to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional),

page 14 in front of hymnal

*HYMN 398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

THE EUCHARIST

(Worshippers are invited to partake of the bread individually as it is served. Please wait to partake of the cup until the minister does so, at which time everyone will partake of the cup at one time.)

Offering of our gifts and ourselves

***Doxology – Hymn 592**

*Prayer of dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 561

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn 587** *"Amen"* (sung twice)

Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Charles K. Nyaga—Pulpit Assistant

Jackie Searles—Children's Time

Pat Mukora—Children's Church Leader

*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery Provided — First floor