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# The Messenger



**Southminster Presbyterian Church ~ September 2015**

The Deacons hosted a great potluck a few weeks ago after worship. It is always fun to gather around tables for food and fellowship. But our church has grown so much that we do not all fit in the fellowship hall easily. I was thankful to see people willing to get out more chairs and scoot their chairs closer to each other to make room for more people.

The reality is, our facility does not easily accommodate the activity of our congregation.

At the Congregational Meeting back in January, the Session reported that they were going to start exploring the possibility of a building expansion. We've long known there isn't room for all of us in the fellowship hall, and the stairs make it difficult for many people to access the fellowship and education wing of the building.

The session appointed a Vision Committee to prayerfully consider what we might be able to do. The committee is chaired by Larry Andrews and consists of Rex Reagan, Christopher Dahlke, LeAnn Mohr, Phil Woodford, Bret Gertje, Lori Casady, and Randy Marshall.

This Vision Committee read the surveys many of you submitted in the spring and then prioritized our needs based on what you shared. They met with Bob Kukla, who is our campaign consultant. Larry and Marci met with Amber Van Ocker and Ron Polintan, two architects from LKV Architects. After a busy summer of work, the committee's report was presented to the Session at our August meeting and approved by the Session.

The committee would like to present their report to you and show you the draft of the plans we have come up with so far. So please join them after worship for a gathering in the sanctuary on September 20. They will share the blueprints and the vision they have discerned. They are excited to show you what they have done. And they want your feedback to know if you think we're on the right track with this plan before we start raising money for it.

So please plan to join us Sept 20 for a gathering in the sanctuary right after worship. If you can't be there that day, we will have plans available for you to see in the office that next week.

Southminster hasn't done a major building project since the mid 70s when the "new" sanctuary was built. I'm so grateful for the people who had the vision to build such a beautiful sanctuary that has stood the test of time and allowed us the flexibility to meet changing needs. We hope this next construction will serve us as well into the future as the sanctuary has.

From our chartering in 1956 until today, Southminster has faithfully answered God's call to be present in South Boise. The Southern end of Boise may have moved much further south than we are, but our presence in our neighborhood still matters. We pray this next phase will allow us to live more deeply into God's call. Hope to see you September 20!


Grateful to be with you on the journey.

Marci

Starting Saturday, September 12th, Sabbath Services will be on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 5:00 pm.

No worship service on the Sunday following the Sabbath service.

Do you enjoy a good game of Pinochle or Bridge? If so, then you'll want to join us for Game night September 22nd at 7:00pm.




Southminster Puppets will be a part of the service on Sunday, September 20th. Make sure to bring your kids and their friends for this very kid friendly service.



**September 6th**

Liturgist: Noreen Pusey  
Greeter: Kem Clark-Tanner  
Ushers: Loleeta Gwin  
Beth Baker  
John de Veuve  
Mary Lou Downey  
Servers: Liz Leonardson  
Rebecca Harvey

**September 12th (Saturday)**

Liturgist: Billie Smith  
Greeter: Geri Metzger  
Ushers: Kay Hamilton  
Ian Bott  
Jim & Leila Inlow  
Servers: Barb Zeller  
Geri Metzger  
Andy Dahlke  
Jim Multerer

**September 20th**

Liturgist: Deanna Watson  
Greeter: Lori Stokes  
Ushers: Ron & Jonah Baker  
Juno Van Ocker  
Barbara Flinn

**September 27th**

Liturgist: Bobbie Tomlinson  
Greeter: Marva Wertz  
Ushers: Cora Beatty  
Judy Evans  
Darleen Gilbert  
Marva Wertz

**Coordinators**

Liturgists and Servers ~ Dawn Phillips  
Greeters ~ Geri Metzger  
Ushers ~ Andy Winkle



Lunch fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at noon at Casa Mexico in Hyde Park - Boise

Men's Breakfast & Study will start up again on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30am. Please Join us.



Bev Ross	1st
JoAnne Langille	4th
Ashley Morgan	4th
Maxine Wright	4th
Cheryle Andrews	9th
Emily Ghormley	9th
Arvin Spofford	10th
Jordan Multerer	12th
Alden Glass	14th
Marion Hyde	14th
Rebekah Harvey	15th
Carolyn Florence	20th
Kelly Warner	20th
Lori Casady	21st
George Huber	22nd
Cheryl Marshall	22nd
Jean Byers	23rd
Robert Feiler	27th
Chris Dahlke	28th

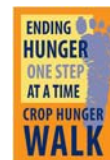
If we missed your special day please let Susan in the Church office know.



Meeting September 20th at Louie's in Meridian - 6:30pm



McCarthy Family  
8511 Nesting Ct  
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95746



SPC needs a church representative for the CROP Walk Oct.18th. For more information contact: Steve Crume at 378-8256 or [scrume@cableone.net](mailto:scrume@cableone.net)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Gay Men's Chorus 7pm</p> <p>Deacons 7pm</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>PW Gathering 11:00</p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>T.V. Caduceus Group 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>AA Group 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>
<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30</p> <p>Puppet practice</p>	<p><i>7 Labor Day</i></p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Men's lunch noon</p> <p>Gay Men's Chorus 7pm</p> <p>Committees 7pm</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 &amp; 7pm</p> <p>PFLAG 7pm</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>T.V. Caduceus Group 7:00pm</p> <p>Sages 11:30</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>AA Group 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Sabbath Service 5:00pm</p> <p>Food Trucks 6pm</p>
<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Sabbath Sunday No Service</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Horizon Study 10am Boise Choristers 12-2</p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Sanctuary in use 3 - 5</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Men's Breakfast 6:30am</p> <p>Gay Men's Chorus 7pm</p> <p>Session 7pm</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Naomi &amp; Ruth Circle 9:30am</p> <p>Rachel Circle 1pm</p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 &amp; 7pm</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>T.V. Caduceus Group 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>AA Group 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>
<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30</p> <p>Education Hour 11:00</p> <p>New Member Class Noon</p> <p>New construction info mtg</p> <p>COM 3pm</p> <p>Brewed 4 Thought 6:30pm</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Merry Martha Circle 7:30am Black Bear Diner</p> <p>Boise Choristers 12-2</p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Sanctuary in use 3 - 5</p> <p>OSL 7:00pm</p> <p>Newsletter deadline</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Men's lunch noon</p> <p>Gay Men's Chorus 7pm</p> <p>Game Night 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 &amp; 7pm</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>T.V. Caduceus Group 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>AA Group 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>
<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30</p> <p>Education Hour 11:00</p> <p>New Member Class Noon</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Boise Choristers 12-2</p> <p>Sanctuary in use 3 - 5</p> <p>Gold Rush Group 7pm</p> <p>Book Club 7pm</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>Gay Men's Chorus 7pm</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>Al-Anon Noon</p> <p>Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 &amp; 7pm</p>			

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 T.V. Caduceus Group 7:00pm	2 AA Group 7:30pm	3
4 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 Puppet Practice Noon  Peace & Global Witness Offering	5 Al-Anon Noon Boise Choristers 12-2  Sanctuary in use 3 - 5	6 Men's Breakfast 6:30am  Gay Men's Chorus 7pm  Deacons 7pm	7 PW Gathering 11:00  Al-Anon Noon  Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6 & 7pm	8 T.V. Caduceus Group 7:00pm	9 AA Group 7:30pm	10  Sabbath Service 5:00pm Food Trucks 6pm
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**New Member Class—**

If you are interested in finding out more about Southminster, we hope you will join us for classes in September. Even if you aren't sure you want to join, these classes will help you meet other new arrivals at Southminster, and will let you know how you can get involved and find your "home" with us. Classes will be from noon to 1:30 on Sept 20 and 27. Lunch will be provided. If you want to receive the information about the classes, please let Susan Dunn know in the church office or indicate that on the sign-in form on a Sunday morning. New Members will be received in worship on October 4.



The **Sage's** senior group will be meeting on **Thursday, September 10th** at 11:30 in the Cana room. The Cobby's Sandwich Shop will cater our lunch for \$7.00. The program leader will be Thor Godtlibsen who will share his story of working at the Idaho State Prison as a Volunteer Chaplain. Come join us! Reservations can be made by calling Glenn Romig at 939-2794 or by calling Susan in the office at 375-5330.



Join the fun ringing praises to God! Southminster Bells would love to have you ring with us. We rehearse Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Genesis room. All you need is a willing spirit and a basic knowledge of notes, rests, and counting measures. Questions? Contact Phyllis Tincher, director, 989-2811 or [RingPraise@msn.com](mailto:RingPraise@msn.com).



We'd love to have you join us!! We rehearse Wednesday nights and will start up for the fall on September 9th at 7:00pm. If you have any questions contact Claudia Sutherland at 859-1820.



Look for sign up sheets for the Sunday mornings Coffee Hour Fellowship on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Southminster 2015—2016**

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 Kate Christiaens  
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 Gloria Levis  
 Marva Wertz  
 Barb Zeller  
 Judy Varvel

**Family Group**

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## Hymn 475

Recently, we sang hymn #475, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing". The notes at the bottom of that page tell us that the text was written by Robert Robinson, who was a British Baptist pastor. He wrote this particular hymn when he was in his early 20's in 1758. The time period during which it was written accounts for the language of the hymn, which takes a careful reading to understand. In reading the text, one can see a familiar phrase in the second verse. If you've been attending our Saturday Sabbath service, you'll recognize it as part of our sending song, "Go in Peace". It reads, "and I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home." In addition, there are similarities in the melodies of these two songs, even though they were written in very different time periods. It's interesting to see how music evolves from one place in time to another, speaking to each audience in spiritually similar ways.

Thanks are in order for the Southminster community members who helped plan and lead Family Camp. We had over 40 folks at Camp Sawtooth, plus three moose, a deer, and at least one rabbit. Carolyn Blackhurst and Christopher Dahlke organized and led a great series of workshops where the adults were led through scripture and experiences to listen to God's message. Drew Harenberg and Donovan Frakes led arts and crafts time for the younger kids and Christian Middleton led the older youth activities. Hilary Roethlisberger led Sunday morning's worship service and shared her musical gifts with us throughout the weekend. It was an amazing time of renewal and relaxation for everyone who attended.

Rebekah H.

### **Calling all Photographers, Painters, and Wanna-Be's**

We will be putting together a limited-edition journal with inspirational quotes, scripture verses, photographs and other artwork. A sample book and order forms will be available at the Presbyterian Women's Holiday Boutique in October. Proceeds from book sales will cover the cost of printing with the remainder going towards the Presbyterian Women's fund-raising efforts. If you have art work or photographs you'd like included, please email a digital file (at least 300dpi) to Rebekah Harvey at [harvey.rebekah@gmail.com](mailto:harvey.rebekah@gmail.com). If you need help getting a good digital copy of your art, email or call Rebekah (208-401-5746) and she will make arrangements to help you.

### **Seeking Volunteers for Grace Jordan**

Work with small groups of children once or twice a week. You get to be the extra set of hands that all teachers can use.

Help support special events like the Kindergarten Round-up. This is a one-day event that helps teachers learn more about the incoming class of students. Volunteers sit at a table in the gym and ask children to complete a specific activity such as naming colors and letters.

See Mary Lou Downey today to sign up. She is the resident expert!



We filled 549 backpacks this year. HOORAY!! Presbyterian Women provide money from their mission funds to support this project, but it is not nearly enough and we rely on our friends and congregation for additional support in the form of money or school supplies. You overwhelmingly respond to this for which we are extremely grateful. This year a filled backpack for the lower grades cost approximately \$11.00, \$13.00 for the upper grades. The average price of the backpack alone is \$7.00. We bought many our backpacks from an outlet in Phoenix, AZ. Phyllis and Steve Sanderson brought some home when they were in Phoenix, saving us shipping costs, and we had several cases shipped from Phoenix. Many of the supplies we needed this year had an increase in price which added to our cost for each backpack.

There are many people to thank for helping complete this project: Bob Cole, Phyllis and Steve Sanderson for transporting backpacks, buying supplies and Phyllis keeping the money straight; Oscar Carson helped deliver backpacks; Lindy Reagan and Carolyn Warner labeled the backpacks per school and grade, and Lindy helped pack up and store remaining supplies. Kathryn Nicholas stored boxes of backpacks and helped fill. Our other backpack fillers, those carrying backpacks to the Sanctuary, those transporting backpacks to the schools were Sally and Brandon Tollinger, Cheryl Simmons, Kelly and Carolyn Warner, Carol Town, Mary Lou Downey, Leila Inlow, Carla and Sydney Middleton, Barbara Pickering, Priscilla Oja, Rita Multerer, Danielle Wechelberger, Kay Hamilton, Marva Wertz, Nancy Amel, Kem Tanner-Clark, Stephen March and Sharon and Wil Mauser. Their help was gratefully appreciated and if I missed anyone, I do apologize.. As you can see it takes a lot of work and people to get this project completed. 212 backpacks were delivered to the following schools: Grace Jordan, Morley Nelson, Lowell, Taft, Whitney and Whittier and 337 backpacks went to Boise City/Ada County Housing Services. This year we received a \$2000 grant from the Boise Presbytery which accounted for 172 of the 337 backpacks for Boise City/Ada County.

Again, we thank you so very much for your support and in making a difference in the lives of 549 needy students.

Barbara Cole for Southminster Presbyterian Women



### PWS

I hope you've had a great, refreshing summer and are ready for an invigorating, rewarding fall! We'll begin September 2 at 11 a.m. with the Gathering. Our speaker will be our own Marci giving a preview of this year's bible study "Come to the Waters". On that note, we want to welcome Carol Brunlinger back as our Bible Study leader and thank Julie Anderson for taking care of this important job last year while Carol had a rest. The study will still be held on the second Monday of each month, 10 a.m., at the church.

Merry Martha circle will be meeting the third Monday of each month this year at 7:30 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner. Please save Saturday, October 10, for the Fall Gathering at Weiser. More information will be coming soon. Sara Nevill and C.T. have again arranged a year of varied, entertaining, informative programs for our Gatherings. Hope you'll be able to attend and invite your friends. Everyone is ALWAYS welcome.

A HUGE thank you to Leila Inlow and all the helpers and participants at the August Women's Sunday. AND congratulations to Marva Wertz and Jacky Wood as this year's recipients of the PW Life Membership Award.

While addressed elsewhere in this issue, I'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Backpack Project. As always we thank Barbara Cole and Phyllis Sanderson for handling the huge job of purchasing and preparing supplies for packing the back packs. Another thanks to all who are working so hard on this year's October Holiday Bazaar. Hope you will be able to donate a little something to sell and come to shop from all our many great items.

The crafts group has need of spools of thread (full, partially full, or empty). I found a fun wreath to make with them. We also could use men's neckties. May Fall bring you many happy days,  
Carolyn Warner - 343-5421



**Presbyterian Womens Holiday Boutique is coming soon ~ October 16th & 17th**

Donations needed include: Baked goods, crafts, antiques or collectables, houseplants, gardening items, and Christmas items.

Please contact Lindy at 322-6937 or Gloria at 336-3405 if you have any questions.

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but not on Twitter.”**

**Deadline**

The deadline for the  
**October newsletter**  
is September 21st