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The Messenger

Southminster Presbyterian Church

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We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. As our church family continues to grow, the directory will help us connect names with faces for members new and old.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Or you can sign up online at www.signup.olinmills.com. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate. No purchase necessary. Again—you do not need to purchase a picture or pay anything to have your portrait taken.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The schedule Dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing Are:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, from 2pm to 9:20pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, from 9:30am to 5:10pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, from 2pm to 9:20pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, from 2pm to 9:20pm
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, from 2pm to 9:20pm
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, from 2pm to 9:20pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, from 9:30am to 5:10pm

If you have questions, please contact Ron Baker (938-9598). Portrait sitting schedules are in the narthex.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

Sincerely,

Marci Auld Glass
Pastor

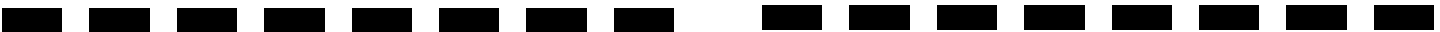
BOOK REVIEWS

As I preview Christian Fiction for the Library, I have avoided books with a heavy emphasis on Angels, particularly the unseen global warfare genre ala Peretti. We now have a few that do reference Angels in a minor role. Two of several books by Robert Whitlow do include angel figures: *The Sacrifice* and *Jimmy*. While all of his books feature lawyers in primary roles, a few have minor (?) characters with other-world insight.

In *The Sacrifice*, a group of high school students meet regularly at lunch to pray for their school, fellow students, etc. An elderly immigrant (Vietnamese) Christian custodian has a long history of perceiving guardians. At one point he ponders why, when he is just an appendage to his younger family and has been unable to speak English, he wonders what his purpose is in being in the place he finds himself. He often observes this lunch-time prayer group and silently and unobtrusively joins them, along with the guardians he alone perceives in this place.

In *Jimmy*, the main character is a mildly retarded 12 year-old boy who often observes beings he calls "Watchers", with whom he can communicate. Obviously, when others learn about this, they question his ability to perceive reality. If you are one of those Christians who find it hard to "believe in Angels" in these modern times, this may be area where you can "suspend belief" (which fiction oftentimes requires of us anyway) for the sake of the larger story.

Lois McDonald - Librarian



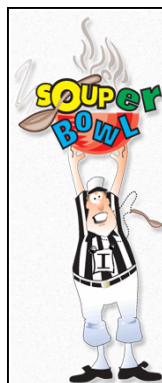
SAGES announce the March Meeting

The planning committee of SAGES are pleased to announce the next meeting for **March 8** (Thursday) at 11:30 to 1 p.m. in the Cana Room. Lunch will be catered.

Our featured speaker will be Paula (Pusey) Dorney who grew up in Boise and in Southminster, and graduated from The College of Idaho in 1971. After a career of 25 years in the banking industry in Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, and Florida, Paula traveled extensively for several years to more than 40 countries. She will be speaking specifically about her challenging service in the Peace Corps (2008-2010) in Makindu, Kenya. Plan to include the March 8 meeting on your calendars.



On behalf of my children and myself - Thank You SPC. Thank you to our Pastor, the Deacons, and many SPC members for the Christian love they gave in providing the memorial service for Gail Heist. Words can't express my appreciation for this Presbyterian home.
Noreen Pusey.



Soup'er Bowl Sunday!
The 4th-6th grade class will be standing by the sanctuary doors on **February 5th** with empty soup pots hoping you will donate to their "Soup'er Bowl" Fundraiser. All funds collected will be donated to the Jr/Sr High's mission project going toward building wells in Africa!

Mission Giving Update

Uncle Ned came storming into the kitchen where Aunt Tillie was preparing supper. "My goats are missing!" he announced. Aunt Tillie smiled to herself. She had read the January messenger too and she knew it was only a matter of time before Ned discovered that the details of the gifts to the Haiti Education Foundation had somehow been mislaid.

Not only was Uncle Ned's goat missing, four other goats along with gifts of scholarships, school supplies, and more had unintentionally been left out.

"Don't worry Ned," Tillie assured him, "Your goat has been delivered to a very grateful family in Haiti. You can rest assured that our friends at the Haiti Education Foundation and the schools and people that they support are even now enjoying the generosity of the Southminster family."

Here's a list of what was donated to the Haiti Education Foundation through Southminster's alternative Christmas gift program:

5	Scholarships	\$375.00
8	School Supplies	280.00
5	Goats (for 5 very grateful Uncle Neds)	100.00
1	Haiti Building Fund	50.00
1	Poorest of the Poor	90.00
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		\$895.00

On behalf of the Mission Committee, the HEF, the very grateful recipients of your generosity, and Aunt Tillie and Uncle Ned; Thank you for sharing Christ's love in this special way.

Thank You letters to the congregation from both the Haiti Education Foundation and Heifer International for your recent Christmas Donations can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

February 12th
at 5:30pm



So.....you think you make the
best chili or soup at
Southminster?

Bring a pot to share, and let
the congregation be the judge!

Deadline

The deadline for the
March newsletter
is February 21st



...to Lindy Reagan, who has been spending a great deal of time and energy paring down the sanctuary decorations we have used over the years. Her knowledge of the history of items is invaluable and informs the decisions made. Lindy is always behind the scenes making sure the paraments and banners are the right colors, the candles have enough oil, the communion table is set correctly, the Christmas candles for "Silent Night" are in the holders, and the tables at the sanctuary doors are decorated! The extra effort she has devoted toward the project of sorting through the many silk flowers, baskets, vases, ceramic figurines and fabrics is much appreciated. For your behind the scenes ministry, we are thankful for you, Lindy!
The end....I am now bowing....

Nancy



“Add the Words” Campaign: Southminster House Church for Human Rights

Imagine living in fear of being fired from your job, being denied housing, public service or educational opportunities because you are Presbyterian, or White, or from Idaho (or aren't), are married, single, or divorced? Seems unfair, yet people all across Idaho experience this fear everyday because they are gay or transgender.

A 2007 statewide poll found that more than 63% of Idahoans felt it should be illegal to fire someone because they are gay. Yet still lawmakers fail to include the protection of human rights for gay and transgender people.

Simply adding the words "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to Idaho's Human Rights Act can change this. The “Add the Words” campaign aims to get this wording added during this legislative session. Will you help?

The “Add the Words” campaign started during last winter's legislative session. People posted sticky notes on the Senate State Affairs Committee doors asking the Chairman to allow a public hearing about this issue. Unfortunately, the legislation was not changed last year.

But, the sticky notes were a powerful presence, like having voices from all over the state speaking from the committee room doors. Security took the sticky notes down. But, every day people put new ones up.

This year, supporters of the “Add the Words” campaign continue their efforts to get legislation changed. Southminster's House Church for Human Rights is asking our church family to help too.

On Sunday, February 12th, the House Church will host a table during coffee hour where you can learn more about the campaign and write a message of support on a sticky note. Our House Church members will make sure the notes get posted on the doors of our Senators.

Thanks for helping support the Human Rights House Church!

SPC/OSL PRAYER GROUP

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our first Communion Sunday with prayer partners available after receiving the elements, for you to stop by for short personal prayer. We want to make this a monthly event, one that will help our congregation feel comfortable with people praying for you in person. We who are praying with you are people who strongly believe that the love and healing power of Jesus, through prayer, can comfort and heal anxieties, fears, and discomforts of the whole person, body, mind, and spirit. Always it is only Jesus who heals, but everything and anything may be brought before God, and much of the time these needs are best addressed when someone can share with a trusted other who will join in prayer with them. We regard this sharing of prayer as very much a pastoral calling and a commitment.

As has been stated in the bulletin for the past few weeks, anything said or prayed for we hold absolutely confidential. Also, any need for longer prayer is available by request. We do pray this opportunity will be a blessing to you.

Prayer – it connects us to each other as it connects us to our Savior and Lord. We notice that Marci receives numerous prayer requests to read to the congregation each Sunday. We would like to make it possible to personally pray with you for the requests that might be dearest to your heart. Each of us who pray with you have known our own absolute need for communion with our Lord, have found God's presence to be real, and have realized God's compassion and healing of spirit, mind, and yes, even body, to be personally real. We pray together, with and for each other, and so know the comfort this communal prayer can give. It is what we do for each other. Each of us who pray with you are answering a calling to do this, are conscious of the need to share the blessing with which God has blessed us.

In Paul's talk to the Athenians (Acts 17: 24-32) he tells them, . . . "[God] is not far from each one of us. For 'in him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'"

God is as near as our next breath. In community of prayer we become more conscious of God's nearness, and of the Spirit that can dwell within each of us.

Thanks be to God.



Book Club

The Southminster book club is gearing up to start discussing a variety of books we chose to read at our gathering last May. The group is quite eclectic and we would welcome anyone who wants to read the books and join us for discussion.

We meet at 7:00 pm in the Jean Moore Lounge on the **fourth Monday of the month**. The chart below shows the dates, titles, and authors of the books we will be discussing. The names of the presenters are also in the chart.

You are always welcome to join us.

MONTH	PRESENTER	AUTHOR	TITLE
Feb. 27	Beth	Jacqueline Novogratz	The Blue Sweater
Mar. 26	Cora	Amanda Hodgkinson	Britannia Road
Apr. 23	Deanna	F. Forrester Church	Life Lines-Holding On and Letting Go

Library Scribbles

We are seeing more books being borrowed from the Library (I think). I have heard that some of you are borrowing books during classes or other meetings and very carefully returning them to the shelves. While I really appreciate your thoughtfulness, this practice leaves me with no record of usage (unless I have seen you do it). I have found it is much easier to count books/magazines/pictures when they are returned so I need to know they are being circulated. It would help if you just leave these materials on the desk or in the box under the desk marked "Video-Book Return".

Also, I am very grateful to the people who have found books on their shelves that belong to the Library and have been returning them occasionally. If you happen to find one of these, we would appreciate its return. (I know how it is, you read part of the book, set it aside to finish and it just sits there buried by newer acquisitions – I've got a few of those at my house too.) Is it too late for a New Years' Resolution? Take a look around. Someone else may be looking for that book you have been trying to get finished. Thanks, folks.

Lois McDonald, Librarian

Tutoring at the Step Up Education Center has begun! See information on the bulletin board outside of Marci's office for information about the house church and tutoring opportunities.

Meeting in February:

February 2: Cavey Home

February 16: Chambers Home



Puppets Return~ Come join in the fun!

Bring a sack lunch and join us Sunday, February 5th and 19th from 12 -1:30 as we rehearse for our upcoming puppet performances. All those who are interested are welcome! Talk to Dianne Harenberg or Christy Barkell if you have more questions.

Serving in February

February 5

Liturgist: Laurie Cavey
Ushers: Cora Beatty
Virginia Gabica
Darleen Gilbert
Marva Wertz
Greeter: Jane Taylor
Servers: Deanna Clark
Ron Baker
Judy Varvel
Junko Perryman

February 12

Liturgist: Diana Sower
Ushers: Gloria Levis
Evan & Nina Chamber
Maxine Wright
Greeter: Juno Van Ocker

February 19

Liturgist: Jim Sower
Ushers: Paul & Noreen Pusey
Harvey & Eleanor Pitman
Greeter: Judy Varvel

February 26

Liturgist: Bobbie Tomlinson
Ushers: Sally Tollinger
David & Lori Stokes
Greeter: Rita Multerer

Coordinators

Liturgists and Servers—
Lindy Reagan
Greeters—Juno Van Ocker
Ushers—Glenn Romig

Men... join us for Lunch

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every
month at noon.
Casa Mexico in Hyde Park - Boise



Bethany Spillett	4th
Noah Leal	5th
Thomas Metzger	5th
Lelia Inlow	7th
Rex Reagan	13th
Patsy Chase	15th
Barbara Flinn	15th
Haidyn Roethlisberger	18th
Carol Brunlinger	23rd
Catherine Walker	24th
Eli Baker	25th
Glenn Romig	25th
Loleeta Gwin	26th



Bud & Esther Keyt
Feb 21st

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
 A note from your Moderator:
 Here it is February already and we have been going full speed this new year.
 At our January Women's meeting we had chili and cornbread while we were touring around our Great State of Idaho.
 February 1st was our Dedication of "2 cents for Hunger"; our own Dr. John Kriz with his program of Miles of Smiles was the speaker. Our beautiful homemade Valentines for our homebound were on display to be delivered this week.
 Looking ahead to our gathering on March 7th at 11am our program will be Life of Grace Jordan. Come join us on any First Wednesday of the month. You are all welcome!
 God Bless
 Jacky Wood - 376-6016

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
 If you think you might be interested in joining Southminster, we will be having new members classes starting in March. Please call or email Marci Glass for more information. Classes will be held March 11, 18 and April 1. New Members will be received on Easter Sunday, April 8th.



Volunteers are always needed to either be a Reading or Lunch Buddy at nearby Grace Jordan Elementary School. Contact Mary Lou Downey (672-1358) if interested in helping out.



MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP TODAY
 In the Narthex for the upcoming SPC Talent Show **February 12th** following the Chili/soup cook-off

Tap, sing, share original poetry, tell a story, play and instrument....break-dance! Unleash your hidden (or not so hidden) talent. Entries should be 3 minutes or less

Men's BREAKFAST MEETING
 Join us at the church the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30am for breakfast and study.



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