

The Messenger

Southminster Presbyterian ~ July 2021

Summer of Patience

If Southminster had a motto for the summer of 2021 it would be this: "We don't know". We would like to know how long it will take for the PNC to find a new pastor for Southminster. And they will be providing updates on a monthly basis. The people I know who are familiar with the process expect it to take a long time. And it might. And it might not. We don't know. What we do know is that our PNC is filled with competent and committed people. We don't know how long it will take, but what we do know is that the people doing the work can be counted on to do it well. As for the rest of us, we are called to patience.

Worship also calls us to patience. We are able to offer the option to join us in person. And we are rejoicing in our togetherness. The tape excluding some pews from use has been removed. In July we will return to passing the offering plates and the friendship pads. We will maintain our mask protocol until the end of summer. Masks not only protect our own safety, but the safety of others. We do not want to exclude anyone on the basis of their vaccination status. And even those who are vaccinated can contract COVID. They do not get as sick as they might otherwise, but they can still pass it on. Our masks are the visible symbol of our love for one another. When will we finally take them off? We don't know for sure. For now, we will be patient.

I can think of one more thing that we do not know. On Sabbath Sundays, does anyone ever try to visit our church and then go find another church? We don't know, but we can find out. If our members will agree to join a few friends for a time of fellowship on a Sabbath Sunday, we can find out. Again, patience will be needed. Last Sabbath a few friends gathered to drink coffee, eat muffins and wait for visitors. One of our members, having forgotten that it was Sabbath Sunday, did stop by. But no visitors came. In July, we are looking for a different group of church friends to gather at the church for coffee. We don't know if any visitors will ever come. With patience we will find out.

There is so much in this world that we do not know. Psalm 139 offers us a beautiful glimpse of what we do know. The psalmist answers the question: where can I flee from your presence with a stunning set of answers. If we go to the highest heaven, God is there. If we go to the darkest depth, God is there. If we rise on the wings of dawn and settle on the far side of the sea. God is there. We don't know what is going to happen. Not here at Southminster. Not with our country. Not with our climate change. But what we do know is that whatever happens, wherever our life takes us God will be there. Knowing that, we can be patient.

Rev. Marianne Paul



Instead of collecting prayer requests in person we are asking that any request be emailed to Phyllis Sanderson. She will forward concerns to the pastor who will include them in the weekly prayer. If you do not want your name and concern spoken publicly please let us know and we will honor your desire for privacy. Phyllis's email is pjsanderson@fiberpipe.net

Those Participating in Worship this Month

July 4th

Preaching: Marianne Paul
Liturgist: Pam O'Connor
Greeter: Judy Evans
Ushers: Dave & Lori Stokes
Harvey & Eleanor Pitman
Servers: Lori Casady
Liz Leonardson
Judy Evans
Wilma Luke

July 10th Sabbath Saturday

Preaching: Marianne Paul
Liturgist: Jill Gertje
Greeter: Dawn Phillips
Ushers: Marva Wertz
Juno Van Ocker
Priscilla Oja
Carla Middleton
Servers: Lori Casady
Kiran Spees
Abby Wolford

July 18th

Preaching: Deanna Watson
Liturgist: Lisa Baker
Greeter: Judy Evans
Ushers: Carol Town
Beth Baker
Andy & Helen Winkle

July 25th

Preaching: Ruth Goldthwaite
Liturgist: Evelyn Cates
Greeter: Mary Poston
Ushers: Ian Bott
Mike Zeller
Kay Hamilton
Gloria Levis



Dawn Phillips	2nd
Linda Tuley	2nd
Sue Whitted	2nd
Andy Winkle	2nd
Julie Estrera	3rd
Betty Grisso	7th
Liz Leonardson	7th
Sara Nevill	9th
James Buffington	20th
Christian Middleton	20th
Rita Multerer	23rd
Larry Chase	31st
Harvey Pitman	31st

If we missed your birthday
please let Susan in the office know.

Thank You from the family of Maxine Wright for
your donations in honor of their Mom.

A Memorial service for Glenn Romig will be held at
Southminster on July 10th at 11am

The church **Soundboard/Live-stream crew** is looking
for a few warm bodies to assist with the weekly service
as back-ups. Talk with Bret if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE! Although Pride is traditionally celebrated in June, the Boise Pridefest committee moved the dates to September this year due to the pandemic. Please mark Sept. 11th and 12th on your calendar! We will need lots of volunteers to walk with us for the parade and to staff the exhibit booth. We'll have more info soon about t-shirt orders including a new design of our favorite saying! "Jesus Loves You. We Think You're Fabulous!" If you would like to volunteer to help organize Southminster's participation, please email Rebekah Harvey (harvey.rebekah@gmail.com).



Scholarships are available for students who attend Southminster Presbyterian Church and who are planning on attending a post-secondary school full-time for the 2021-22 academic year. Applications can be found in the church narthex or you can request an electronic version by emailing Jill at jillg@growrasmussen.com or the church office.

**All applications must be emailed to Jill Gertje or delivered to the Church office
no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 15, 2021**

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Zoom book club 7pm T.V.. Caduceus 7:00pm	2	3
4 Worship 9:30am	5 AA Men's Group 7pm Overeaters Anonymous 7pm	6 Men's Lunch 11:30 Deacons 7pm	7	8 T.V.. Caduceus 7:00pm	9	10 Romig Memorial 11am Sabbath Saturday Worship 5pm
11 Sabbath Sunday No Worship service	12 AA Men's Group 7pm Overeaters Anonymous 7pm	13	14	15 Scholarship deadline T.V.. Caduceus 7:00pm	16	17
18 Worship 9:30am	19 AA Men's Group 7pm Overeaters Anonymous 7pm	20 Men's Lunch 11:30 Session 7pm	21 Newsletter deadline	22 T.V.. Caduceus 7:00pm	23	24 Hopefully Yours Sale 9 - 4
25 Worship 9:30am	26 AA Men's Group 7pm Overeaters Anonymous 7pm	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST

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1 Worship 9:30am	2 AA Men's Group 7pm Overeaters Anonymous 7pm	3 Men's Lunch 11:30 Deacons 7pm	4	5 T.V.. Caduceus 7:00pm	6	7
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Pastoral Nominating Committee Newsletter June Update

The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting weekly since May. We have accomplished quite a bit in a short amount of time, including:

- Conducting an in-depth review of the Mission Study which will guide our endeavors
- Electing Co-Chairs, Kate Savage and Emily Ghorley
- Completing the Ministry Information Form, which will be used to match us with pastoral candidates

Many of you have reached out to various members of the committee asking for updates. While we appreciate your support and interest, it is important to understand that identifying and selecting a new pastor will take time. The completion of the Mission Study and the Ministry Information Form are two of the **early** steps in the process.

The PNC will be providing monthly updates through the newsletter. As we get further along in the process, we will provide more frequent updates as warranted.

Some of you have asked how you can help. Here are three things you can do now:

Please keep the search for our next pastor in your daily prayers. This is the **best** way to ensure we find the right person to lead us.

If you have made a financial pledge to Southminster, please continue to give. If you haven't made a pledge, please consider doing so. Meeting our budget goals is an important aspect of calling our next pastor.

If you have questions outside of our PNC updates, we ask that you submit those via email to Susan (office@spcboise.org). She will forward them to the committee and we will review them during our weekly meetings and send you a response.

HOPEFULLY YOURS SALE

July 23rd & 24th 9am - 4pm

Come one, come all, to the 2021 "Hopefully Yours Sale". Bring your family and friends for a time of bargain hunting. Shop for tools, outdoor equipment, sport items, plants, furniture, household items, and so much more.

Bring your donations (clean and in usable condition) to the church starting Tuesday the 20th through Thursday the 22nd. We will accept them between 9:00am and 2:00pm. Please do not bring items the day of the sale. Bring items like jewelry, collectables, furniture, books, small appliances, games, holiday decorations, household items, tools, sport and exercise equipment, and anything you think we could sell.

Please no clothing, shoes, large TVs, computer monitors, baby cribs or baby car seats.

If you have questions please call: Lindy Reagan 208-322-6937 or Phyllis Sanderson 208-860-5438

PWS THOUGHTS FOR JULY

We have the last HOPEFULLY YOURS SALE this July 23rd and 24th. Carolyn and Lindy have been pricing items for it. Help setting up will be needed, starting Tuesday, July 20th.

We are all happy that there will be a HOLIDAY BAZAAR this year in October. October 22nd and 23rd to be exact. Vendors will set up their tables in the Genesis room and in the basement our members' wonderful crafts will be displayed. So keep knitting, canning, crocheting, potting plants, and preparing all of the other wonderful things that you do.

Remember the dates: HOPEFULLY YOURS SALE-----JULY 23 AND 24.
 HOLIDAY BAZAAR-----OCTOBER 22 AND 23.

Have a wonderful summer and call someone.

Helen Winkle

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by seeking a caring and just society: there is a place for you here.**

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