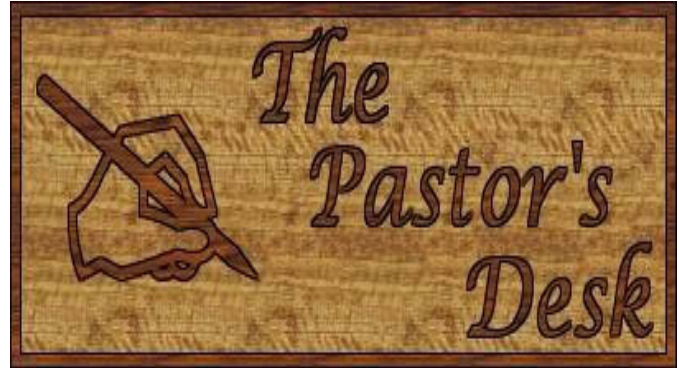


THE VISION

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I love beginnings. The start of a new movie fills me with excitement. When baseball or football seasons start, I am bursting with optimism that my teams will do well. As summer begins, I always look forward to what new adventures are in store. The best days of my life were beginnings: when Kati and I were married almost eight years ago and when Evan was born two years ago. A lot of my life started on those days. Those were great beginnings.



I am writing today at the start of a new journey here at Southminster Presbyterian Church with you. There is so much to look forward to in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. We will have a lot of firsts together over the next months. We have worshipped together already, but I eagerly await many more first worship services like Easter and Christmas Eve as we make our way through the liturgical calendar. I look forward to celebrating communion with you for the first time in a few weeks. We will have first committee meetings and congregational meetings. There will be many first meals and conversations shared.

At this beginning, it is also good to note that we really arrive here together in the midst of our journeys. None of us are starting from scratch. We bring years of knowledge, experience, and faith to this place. While things are very much beginning, they are also truly continuing. It brings to my mind one of the best phrases of our Protestant tradition: "We are the church reformed and always reforming." To put that another way, there is always a lot of old and new mixed together in the church.

I am heartened when I read Jesus' words at the beginning of Mark's gospel when he says that the "Kingdom of God has come near." There is a way in which this is outstandingly new. The Kingdom of God is here. Finally, God will be here with us. Things will change. There is also a way in which this is quite commonplace if you read through the Old Testament. God is always showing up. God is always actively intervening towards justice and life. God is the constant character of the bible. The novel and familiar are joined.

At this new beginning and continuation, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to join in the mission of Southminster Presbyterian Church. I appreciate the fantastic work that has been done here through the years and the legacy of this church. I look forward to being a part of all the first and not so first things to come.

Many Blessings, *Tim* Rev. Tim Blodgett

Session Highlights on May 23, 2016

Fellowship Committee

- **Pot Luck luncheons** for the summer – June 12th, July 10th, August 14th.
- Installation of **Reverend Tim Blodgett** – August 7th, time TBA, followed by a reception.
- Cookies are needed for the Sunday Cookie Fellowship.

Evangelism/Mission Committee

- **Feed My Sheep** mission for July will be Clare House. Need someone to pick up and deliver the donations. Call Kim Keeter to volunteer.
- **Brookside Neighborhood Association** has asked Southminster to host a movie night for the neighborhood in late June or early July. Session approved. Watch for further details.

Finance Committee

Long discussion about future finances and the challenges that the budget will present in 2017.

Personnel Committee

Made two recommendations concerning staff positions at Southminster. Session members asked for further information before taking action.

JUNE Birthdays!!

1. Ryan Grigsby, Tammy Kirk, John DeWitt
2. Anna Kestner
3. Pansy Woodward
4. Debra Dester, Amanda Gibney
5. Caroline Harper
8. Torie Tracy
9. Joan McMurtry, Daniel Martin, Teddy Wilcox
14. Lou Anderson
15. Donna Goodman
17. Jamey Henderson, Lily Heffington, Lola Heffington
18. Jacob Dester
19. Carol Stewart, Larry Zehnder, Jr.
20. Daniel Martin
21. Doug Dodd
23. John Brobston, Pat Hartman
25. Madeline Deatherage Budda, John Johnsen
26. Jessica Myers
27. Mary Rogers
28. Anna Stephenson



The Church of Saint Giles meets in the Dining Hall at 5:00pm every Sunday.

The Prayer Chain Letter for June will be written by Ruth Mason. Please contact Ruth at 918-743-4932.



Next Communion : June 19th

Come Worship With Us

June 5th -Third Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17: 8-16 (17-24) ; Psalm 146 ;
Galatians 1: 11-24 ; Luke 7: 11-17

June 19th—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7) 8-15a ; Psalm 42 & 43 ;
Galatians 3: 23-29 ; Luke 8: 26-39

June 12th—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 21: 1-10 (11-14) 15-21a ; Psalm 5: 1-8;
Galatians 2: 15-21 ; Luke 7: 36—8:3

June 26th –Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 ; Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20 ;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 ; Luke 9: 51-62

Fair Trade News: 2016 Fair Trade Federation Conference

I recently had the great honor of attending the international Fair Trade Federation conference in lovely Burlington, Vermont. It was a whirlwind of educational sessions. I was learning so much I felt like my brain was going to explode! My favorite part of the experience was getting to know other mission-minded people. Participants at the Fair Trade conferences have one goal: to make the world a better place. Whether they were wholesalers working directly with artisan groups, or retailers in churches or shops, they all want to ensure that workers around the world are safe and benefitting from the merchandise they create or food items they produce.

To be called a Fair Trade business, workers must: earn a fair wage, have safe working conditions, be allowed advancement.

Additionally, no child labor or slave labor is tolerated, and all items must be sustainable (don't harm the earth). Through Fair Trade, artisan groups and farmers are able to provide for their families and enrich their communities. I attended sessions aimed at retail groups, so I learned more about merchandising (making the shop look appealing to customers), inventory control, branding, and holding events.

According to presenters at the event, the inventory system is essential to running a successful Fair Trade shop. I'm proud to say that our Fair Trade Shop is making progress in this area, as we recently had enough money to purchase what's called a POS (Point of Sale) system. POS is really just a fancy term for "cash register," except it is computerized and has the capacity to maintain inventory records. It consists of an iPad connected to a cash drawer. If you haven't seen it, come in and take a look. We'd be happy to ring up a sale for you and show you how it works! In the coming months I will be needing volunteers to help me set up the inventory system. It will entail entering items into the iPad. After it is set up, we will be able to see at a glance what we sold at a Fair Trade First Saturday, or other event, and will be notified when and what we need to reorder. I loved being at the conference. It was wonderful to be in the company of so many people working to spread the idea that we, as Westerners, can't continue to buy, buy, buy if it means that people in other cultures suffer in oppressive factories and farms. Where we buy, and what we buy, can impact our world for good or evil. I hope we can all agree to be more mindful this year of our purchasing power!

Blessings, Cindy Webb

SESSION
CLASS of 2016
David Bell
John Calvert
Greg Myers
Gerry Hendon
CLASS of 2017
Linda Hilsabeck
Gaylyn Wattman
Taylor Kilburn
Kim Keeter
CLASS of 2018
Elaine Dodd
Mike Hilsabeck
Pam Deatherage
Ruth Wilcox
DIACONATE
CLASS of 2016
Sharon Coffman
Zach Kilburn
Catherine Stow
Carol Messer
CLASS of 2017
Morgan Harkey
Kay Phoenix
Cindy Webb
Joan Myers-
Moderator
CLASS of 2018
Jody Flippo
Ellen Johnsen
John Johnsen
David Wulf

Prayer of the Day Holy One, as Jesus heard a widow's cry and raised her son from the dead, hear the cry of your people in this place and raise us from death to life so that all will glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the Week



June 5th—First Church, Cleveland ; First Church, McAllester

June 12th—First Church Claremore ; First Church, Sand Springs

June 19th—Federated Church, Checotah, General Assembly, June 18th– 25th, Portland, OR

June 26th—Members of our congregations serving in the Armed Forces ; John Calvin Church, Tulsa

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Sunday School

9: 15—10: 15am

Worship Services:

10: 30am Sunday &

5: 00pm Sunday



*Congratulations and Best Wishes
to all of our
Southminster
Presbyterian Church
2016 Graduates!*

Spencer Flora, grandson of Walt and Gerry Hendon and son of Dana and Scott Flora, graduated from Jenks High School on May 16, 2016. He plans to attend OSU and major in mechanical engineering.

Mary Selakovich Casey, daughter of Wes and Betty Casey, graduated with a Masters of Arts in Spanish and was accepted into a PhD program in Comparative Literature at the University of Illinois.

Katherine (Kat) Stephenson, daughter of Karen Stephenson graduated from KU.

Alec Minielly, grandson of John and Pat Minielly, graduated from Bishop McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City. He will be attending DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Theodore (Ted) Wilcox, son of Ruth Wilcox and grandson of Ruth Mason, graduated from Riverfield Country Day School and will enter TCC this summer.

Ruth Wilcox, daughter of Ruth Mason, completed her PhD from OSU majoring in psychology/education and was just hooded.

Andrew Dodd, son of Doug and Elaine Dodd, graduated Cum Laude from Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow Campus, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Molecular Biology. Additionally, Andrew has two associate degrees from Tulsa Community College. Andrew is married to Kerrie and they have one son, AJ.

Madeleine Kay Vella, a member of Southminster living with her parents in Shanghai, China, is graduating from the American School of Shanghai where her mother, Polly Goodman Vella is a Spanish teacher. She will attend Oberlin College in Ohio this fall. Her proud grandparents are Donna and Jerry Goodman.

Quinn Fischer, grandson of Barbara Fischer is graduating high school in Erie, Pennsylvania this week. He will be attending Penn State this fall with a scholarship for swimming.