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### Southminster Connections

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## Peg's Perspectives — June 10, 2009

*"There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are varieties of service, but the same God who is served. To each is given the manifestation of the spirit of for the common good. Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it." (From First Corinthians)*

At Southminster, we always begin the ordination and installation of Elders and Deacons with that reading. Personally I find this service very powerful. The Presbyterian polity that designed this form of governance and these roles is both spiritually wise and practical. Elders and Deacons are elected by the congregation to be leaders of the community for a specified number of years. Then that responsibility is passed on to other members. Leadership does not become entitlement for some or a burden on only a few. We are reminded that each person in the community has her or his special role to play; over the years those roles can and will change. Our Nominating Committees look for the best fit between members' talents and skills and circumstances and the needs of the congregation at this particular time. And it is amazing how well it works!

Southminster has been very blessed with people who have, over the years, taken on the responsibilities of Elders and Deacons. I know that sometimes people have needed a little "assist" to accept the nominations! They worry about how much time and energy it will require. They worry about issues they may have to deal with...whether they will have the insight and courage and knowledge to make good decisions. But people step up...and it's amazing how the right people seem to be in leadership at the right time! But it shouldn't be amazing, should it? After all, we do rely on the Spirit of God to guide our actions and decisions!

The ramifications for me are that Session meetings are enjoyable and very productive. I once said to a minister colleague that I enjoyed and looked forward to session meetings. His response — there must be something wrong with me -- session meetings were the part of ministry he dreaded most! They were long and

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# Peg's Perspectives

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contentious and often hostile. I feel sad for him and for his congregation. Session should be -- can be -- the place where people bring all their talents and skill to support each other and to work together for the betterment of the congregation. As a pastor, I know the Elders and I are in this ministry together...and that process is very satisfying and rewarding. (I will admit, though, that the Elders said while they were glad I enjoyed working with them, they didn't want me to get so enamored of the process that I scheduled meetings more than once a month!)

But I want all of you to know and appreciate the work of our congregational leaders and the real partnership that does exist at Southminster. I believe it reflects and also intensifies the partnership that exists throughout the whole congregation. Something to celebrate!  
Next Newsletter -- more on lay leadership and the Deacons...the ministry they offer the congregation.

We are all blessed by ministry of leadership in this congregation!

Blessings to you all... Peg Pfab

## **Sunday, June 28...Come and Celebrate**

### **Rev. Jim Petersen's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to Ministry**

Jim will preach at the 10:00am Service with Presbytery acknowledgment and Southminster congratulations! Reception following worship in the Petersen Gallery.

As most of you know, Jim is Pastor Emeritus at Southminster...and was the pastor here for about 32 years before his retirement. A good part of his fifty years in ministry was spent with this congregation...so let us all join in his celebration!

# Calendar of Events

[See Website– Calendar](#)

# 2009 Graduates

## 2009 GRADUATES \* \* \* CONGRATS !

### GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

MARIAH BUELL, daughter of Chris and Mellody Buell, from Century High School.

ERICA BURNHAM, daughter of Dick and Robin Burnham, from Southridge High School to Oregon State University to major in Industrial Engineering.

AUBREE CHECK, daughter of Alice Check, from Southridge High School to Oregon Institute of Technology.

TIMOTHY MICHAEL CRUMP, son of Andy and Linda Crump, from Hillsboro High School He will be exploring a work/study program.

REBECCA EVE HARBURG, granddaughter of Pieter and Greta Rol from Grant High School in Portland to Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO.

RYAN NAGAKI, son of Jerry and Sharon Nagaki, grandson of Darlene and Lou Balmer, from Ontario High School to Willamette University.

KEVIN PARSONS, son of Marilyn and Michael Parsons, from Beaverton High School to Oregon State University to major in Exercise and Sport Science.

DENISE SCHEIDLER, daughter of Audrey and Merle Scheidler, from Aloha High School to Western Oregon University.

ABBY TYO, granddaughter of Peg and Les Tyo, from Caitlin Gable High School to Santa Clara University.

### COLLEGE & ADVANCED DEGREES

CANDICE CHECK, daughter of Alice Check, from Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, with a degree in Computer Science.

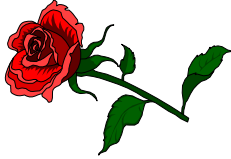
TIMOTHY ROSS, grandson of Jacque French, from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA with degrees in Political Science and Economics.

MICHAEL TOWLE, grandson of Pat Towle, from Oregon State University with a major in Engineering.

KAREN WITTENBURG, from Portland Community College with an Associate of Applied Science in Building Inspection Technology.

# Southminster Life

## Prayer Concerns



Updated prayer concerns are available from the church office.

## Upcoming Events

### **June 14 — Music Sunday, Bread for the World letter campaign & Gay Pride Parade**

This is the final Sunday for the Chancel Choir until fall — a time to honor and affirm the ministries of music. Southminster has traditionally been represented at Gay Pride by a group walking in the parade with our church banner. We can walk with the Community of Welcoming Congregations, carrying the Southminster banner. Rides are provided for those who cannot walk the entire route. Please let the church office know if you are interested in participating.

### **June 21 — Father's Day** Peg Pfab preaching.

### **June 28 — Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Jim Petersen's Ordination**

Jim Petersen, pastor emeritus, will preach. Reception for him following.

## Job Board

Almost all of us know people who have lost their jobs or are very worried about losing a job. How can we help as a community? One suggestion is always networking...letting people know you need work and what you are looking for. A very important role of the community is to pass along information about job openings.

So the Job Board is back. Look on the Mission Kiosk in the Petersen Gallery for the Job Board. This is a place for job-seekers to list their name and contact information; for those who have access to information on job openings to list opportunities. Or you may want to contact the job-seekers directly to talk with them about their expertise, talents and needs. The Job Board can also serve as a reminder of "prayer concerns". In our personal prayer and meditation time please remember all those who are seeking work in these difficult economic times.

# Southminster Life



## Coffee Break

Coffee Break is a group of women who meet at 9:30am weekly in private homes to discuss a variety of books, articles and other topics. If you have any questions or would like a ride, please contact Barbara Walker at 503-643-4937.

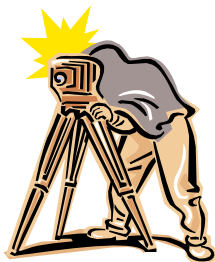
*June 11 -- Darlene Balmer's*

*June 18 -- Portland Art Museum - Art & Conversation*

*July 16 -- Portland Art Museum - Art & Conversation*

## Pictorial Directory Reminder

We need 120 families to sign up for the pictorial directory. Sign-up sheets are available in the Petersen Gallery following the church service.



### Summer Scrip Order Dates

Last June order date – June 14

ONLY July order date – July 5

ONLY August order date – August 2

Don't be caught 'SCRIPless this summer!

# Southminster Life

## Thank You

Dear Southminster Friends,

Thank you so very much for your kind words, cards and calls at this time of loss. It has been a hard time losing a parent each, and family and friends have helped so much. We cherish our ties to Southminster and you all. (s) Julie and Wayne Huisman

## Thank You

Thank you to the following who installed our new acoustic ceiling tiles in the Petersen Gallery. We have had many folks comment on how much difference it makes. Thanks go out to: Bob Buell, Lou Balmer, Pieter Rol, Bryce Adkins, Bill Taylor, Allan Ryun, Roger Fleck, Andy Crump, Wally Carey, Glenn Olson, Ed Hill, and Chris Platt. You all did a great job!

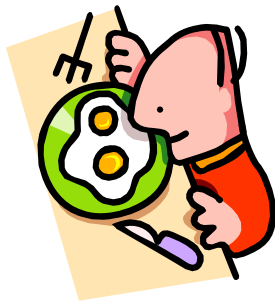
(s) Matt Schulze, Elder for Building & Grounds.

## Harbor Lights Mariners

The next Harbor Lights Mariner gathering is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at 6:30pm and will be a MSG-free family style Chinese dinner at: Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry Road, Lake Oswego (actually in Lake Grove), OR 97035. The cost of the dinner will be \$12 per person including the tip.

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Come join us for breakfast on Saturday, June 27, at 8:00am in the Petersen Gallery. We'll eat, meet new people and reconnect with old friends. Hope to see you on Saturday, June 27, at 8:00am. If you have any questions, call Mark Mullins at (503) 615-5718 or Greg Jones at (503) 292-5453.



# Celebration of Creativity

## Final 2009 Art Show Financials

The books for the 2009 Celebration of Creativity were closed May 31, and the results are printed here. We are grateful to have done so well in these hard economic times. We are also grateful that we can both give back to Southminster and reach out to the community by supporting struggling art education programs. Southminster's impact continues to go beyond our own doors to make a difference as a dynamic, positive presence in the community.

### Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Seed Money from 2008	\$12,000
Gross Art Show Income	59,186
Less Expenses:	
Artist Payout	(38,785)
Cost of Show	<u>(11,912)</u>
Net Proceeds to Southminster	\$20,489
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#### Distribution of Proceeds:

Payment to Southminster for Building Use	\$ 1,000
Payment for Southminster Carpet Cleaning	1,041
Donation to PCC Foundation for Art Scholarships (2 scholarships @ \$1,500.00)	3,000
Donation to Beaverton Arts Foundation for Scholarship (Outstanding High School Student in Visual Arts)	500
Donation to Beaverton Art Literacy Program (K-8)	1,000
Donation to Southminster Concert Series	156
Donation to Beaverton Arts Commission (Public Art Mural Fund)	50
Transfer to Southminster Surroundings Fund	742
Seed Money Retained for 2010 Show	<u>13,000</u>
Total Distributions	\$20,489
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# Getting Involved



## **Beaverton Recycling Day -**

**Saturday, June 13 (9am to 2pm)**

Bring your "hard to recycle items" to this FREE event! Click on the website for more information:

<http://beavertonoregon.gov/departments/neighborhoods/news/recycling.aspx>

## **Interfaith Climate Vigil**

**Sunday, June 28, 2009 - 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Tabor Heights United Methodist Church, Portland**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, along with other groups, is sponsoring an Interfaith Climate Vigil on Sunday, June 28 starting at 7:00pm. The service is focused on our relationship with and responsibility for the earth and each other, featuring wisdom from multiple faiths, cultures and generations. For more information call 503-221-1054, ext. 214 or 210, or check out the website [www.emoregon.org/power\\_light.php](http://www.emoregon.org/power_light.php).

## **2009 Summer Conference -- Weekend Edition**

**First Presbyterian Church - Bend, OR – July 16-20, 2009**

The 2009 Cascades Presbytery Summer Conference - Weekend Edition will be held July 16-20 in Bend, OR. The keynote speaker this year will be the Rev. Craig Williams, Director of New Church Development at Cascades Presbytery. The registration deadline is June 15 and the registration forms are available in the church office. For more information, check out the Cascades website -- [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).

## **Summer Camps for everyone**

### **- Day Camp – new this year, July 6-10**

Presbytery Day Camp is for kindergartners through third graders to enjoy camping activities just for the day at Menucha. Learn about God's love and enjoy God's creation. For more about camping programs please contact Biz Larkin, Camp Coordinator at 503-460-3024.

### **- Summer Camps for children and families**

This will be another great summer filled with fun, new friends, and spiritual growth. Register online at the camp website or mail in your registration today. Don't wait; camps fill up fast.

### **- Family Camp at Honeyman State Park, August 8-15.**

For all kinds of families - bring a tent or a trailer and enjoy an incredible week at the Oregon coast in Christian community.

Southminster's **June 14 Offering of Letters** comes on the very day that Bread For the World begins a three-day celebration of its **35<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** What began in a church basement 35 years ago has become a nationwide network of Christians and church members working to end hunger.

The 2009 Offering of Letters undertakes one of the most challenging and complicated campaigns in Bread's history. The time is right to rework our foreign assistance so that it is more effective in reducing hunger and poverty. At this time the immediate objective of the Offering of Letters is to secure passage of H.R. 2139, the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009. This bill is intended as a precursor to a broader reform effort later this year, including a comprehensive rewrite of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

When you come through the Peterson Gallery on Sunday, June 14, you will find the following materials ready for you at Bread For The World tables:

- A take-home copy of addresses and phone numbers for Oregon's two senators (Wyden and Merkley) and for representatives of Oregon's District 1 (Wu), District 3 (Blumenauer), and District 5 (Schrader), with advice about the effectiveness of hand-written letters or postcards, phone calls, and emails.
- Sample letter and postcard texts asking your representative and senators to support passage of H.R. 2139 and its companion bill in the U.S. Senate.
- A summary of the 4 main sections of H.R. 2139:
  - o Requiring development & implementation of a National Strategy for Global Development
  - o Requiring monitoring & evaluation of assistance programs for efficiency and effectiveness
  - o Requiring all information about these programs to be made publicly available
  - o Requiring repeal of now-irrelevant provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.
- Paper, envelopes, postcards, postage, and space for you to sit down and write to your representative and senators before or after the morning worship service.

You will also see two posters on the **Mission Opportunities Kiosk**, illustrating the complexity of the current process of getting U.S. assistance to achieve progress in any of the world's poorest countries.

*If you were inspired with hope upon election of Barack Obama to the presidency, remember that realization of your hope depends on continual public support and public pressure—exerted however and whenever we take opportunity for action.*

# Children's Chatter

## Busy Sundays

This week our third graders received Bibles from Southminster. Those receiving bibles are Evan Kepner, Sophia Halleen, Isabel Fisher, Noe Lambert and Eric Wolfe. Take a minute and share your favorite Bible story or verse with these children and encourage them to find hope, love and strength in God's Word.

We said goodbye to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are moving up to the middle school program. We will miss them but we are looking forward to the leadership we know they will provide here at Southminster.

The children made self-watering planters this week and started their plants for the garden. We have a lot going on this summer here at the church. Make our Sunday morning program, 'SonCamp' a part of your family's summer plans.

## Children's Garden



Work has begun on the raised garden beds to plant a garden for the hungry. This is in response to the children finding out that we would not be working with the city to have a community garden this summer. The children will be tending the garden they proposed to help have fresh vegetables for the food bank or other venues for the hungry.

Sunday mornings during the summer the children will be participating in Creation Adventure. We will explore creation and do some creating ourselves. We need adults to help in the exploration of God's creation and in attending to the garden with the children. Think about being involved this summer and let Dee know or answer yes when she calls!

## Kids Camp



Mark your calendars for July 13 through July 17. We are going to have a camp for children ages 5 through 12. Our theme is Harry Potter. How he is a hero, how you can be a hero and what does it takes to be a hero. The new Harry Potter movie opens on the last day of our camp...how fun! Our enrollment is limited to 50 and the fee is \$10 dollars with scholarships available.

## Camp Leaders

Be a Camp leader for a week, a hero for a lifetime. We need Craft, Games, Story, Music and Snack leaders for our Kids Camp July 13-17. Harry Potter will be our guide through the ins and outs of being a hero. What does it take to be a hero, can I be a hero and exactly how old do you have to be to be a hero. The sixth Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince opens on July 17. What a nice reward for a hero who has worked hard all week with some terrific Kids.

The Sign-up Poster will be outside of Dee and Don's offices. We need Facilitator Heroes, Helper Heroes, Food Heroes, Team Heroes, Barrista Heroes and Decoration Heroes. We need heroes that can work one hour or two and heroes that have twenty hours. This is a community camp and we need a community to bring it together. We even need a Hero Builder for our Hero Lab.

# Youth News

## Student Ministries -- Summer 2009 Fellowship At a Glance

### Youth Group Wednesdays: DV8 & SNL

(Every other Wednesday through August 5 – 6:00 -8:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified)

#### June

June 17 – Summer Kickoff: Youth Group Wednesday at PGE Park!

**Portland Beavers vs. Tacoma Rainers—Cost - \$6.50—Time – 6:00-10:00pm**

#### July

July 1 – Water Games and Blizzard Blast at the church!

**Bring your favorite Candy Bar!**

\*July 13-17 -- Kids Camp and DV8 Adventure Week! (9:00-3:00pm Daily)

**See DV8 Adventure Week Brochure!**

**July 15 – No Youth Group Wednesday (Kids Camp)!**



**July 15 – 8/High College Mission Preparation Meeting!**

\*July 18-26 -- 8/High & College Wapato Mission/Creationfest!

July 29 -- Barbecue and Wild & Wacky games at Pastor Peg's! — **Bring Chips/Snacks!**

#### August

August 5 – Swim Party! Location T.B.D.

**Bring Swim Suit & Towel and Chips/Snacks!**

**Friday, August 7 -- SNL FLICKS ON THE BRICKS!**

**Family Camp -- August 8-14**

**August Spontaneity: Guitar Hero Competition – “Twilight” Retreat – Etc —  
TBD by Student Leaders.**

#### August Group Project(s):



1. Paint & Decorate/Furnish “Meeting Spot”
2. Paint & Decorate & Organize Loft – “Makeover”
3. Fundraiser for Youth Space Development
4. Planning for 2009/2010

# Adult Education

## **Ponder This - Every Sunday Morning**

**Sundays -- 9:00-9:50am, Room 7  
Facilitated by Al Contreras - No Fee**

Close friends of Jesus -- Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus will be our discussion in "Ponder This". They were quite a family -- sisters with different points of view, and a brother who dies and Jesus brings him back to life! Their home in Bethany was provided to Jesus and the disciples on many occasions. The Bible says, "Jesus loved Martha, and her sister and brother" and you will too! Join us, as we continue learning about some of long ago brothers and sisters. We are learning that they were very much like us! Coffee, cookies, and good folks. **Childcare provided.**

## **So You Want a House with a View**

**with John Mohney – Sunday, June 14 – 11:30am – Room 7**

Explore problems associated with steep sites. Case history examples. Helpful information from Portland State Geology Department/Fema.rvl.



## **Sustaining Our Parcel of Creation – Natural Systems**

**with Warren Aney & Bill Barnes, PhD – Sunday, June 21, 11:30am – Room 7**

Presentation and discussion of spiritual, ethical, and scientific views of our responsibility for sustaining our earth and all its systems.

## **A Time for Horses & Kids**

**Saturday, June 27 - 1:00pm – Home of Rae & Karen Endicott**



An opportunity for young people ages 5-10 to learn about grooming, preparing to ride, and taking daily care of a horse. Supervised riding is an option at the end of the session. Come and meet Rae's best friend, Dusty. Class limited to six -- Helmet required. No fee. Please call Rae for sign-up at 503-649-2363.

## **"First-Time Jammers"**

**Saturday, June 27 - 1:00pm – Home of Rae & Karen Endicott**

If you have never made jam before, come and convert fresh strawberries into frozen or cooked jam. I will provide the strawberries, pectin, and jars. Time taken in the summer can provide a real taste treat in the winter. Class limited to six. No fee. Please call Karen to sign up at 503-649-2363.



## **Sustaining Our Parcel of Creation – Economic Systems**

**with Warren Aney & Bill Barnes, PhD – Sunday, June 28, 11:30am – Room 7**

Presentation and discussion of spiritual, ethical, and scientific views of our responsibility for sustaining our earth and all its systems.

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