**Bearing Fruit–January 31, 2021**

**Nominating**

Presbyterians, the reformed branch of Christianity, are unique from other Christian traditions because we ordain both clergy and elders, and together they lead the church. Southminster is governed by elders, elected by the congregation, which collectively make up the session. Together with the pastor, the session is responsible for the government, discipline, and life of our church. The work of the church is done through ministries or committees. Now might be a good time to connect with one of the people below and ask about sharing in one of these ministries.

Our ministries and their moderators are:

Nominating: Elder Gretchen Fleming

Finance: Elder Ron Birchall

Personnel: Elder Victor King

Endowment: Elder Ron Birchall

Property: Steve Kozich, moderator; Elder/Session Rep Steve Shierry

Worship & Music: Elder Sarah Allen

Stewardship: Elder Chris Kozich

Christian Education and Discipleship: Elder Andrea Schmidt

Youth Action Team: Marta Sundquist, moderator; Elder/Session Rep Sean Salins

Mission: Elder Sandy Lopata

Welcome and Outreach: Elder Steve Shierry

Along with our pastor, our Board of Deacons are the shepherds of Southminster, tending to the physical and spiritual cares of the congregation.

The Nominating Ministry is presently seeking people to fill a new class of elders and deacons whose term will begin in mid-May. If you would like to suggest someone or are interested in serving yourself, please contact Gretchen Fleming, call the office 630 469-9149, or email [admin@southminsterpc.org](about:blank).

Any member of our church may serve as an officer. Individuals are recommended by the congregation, nominated by the Nominating Ministry, and elected by the congregation.

This is one way we do church together and bear the fruit of God’s love.