**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**1st Sunday in Lent or the 104th Sunday of Covid**

**March 6, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
2) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos>
3) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

 Gathering Music: *Joyful Is the Dark;
 In the Bulb There Is a Flower;* *Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!;
 Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise*

 Our slideshow today is “Living Legacy Fund.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

 **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

 Call to Worship ([John 6:35](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%206.35), [41](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%206.41), [48](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%206.48), [51](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%206.51); [John 8:12](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%208.12); [9:5](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%209.5); [John 11:25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2011.25))

 Leader: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

 **People: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”**

 Leader: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

 **All: Let us worship our living Lord.**

 Hymn: *Hold Me Fast* (verses 1, 4)

**I am not there yet, I’m still flawed and broken.**

**Sometimes I can taste the sweetness, but I can’t yet hold it fast.**

**Christ Jesus, hold me fast; Christ Jesus, hold my soul;**

**Christ Jesus, hold my life; Christ Jesus, bring me home.**

**God still calls us on, calls us up to heaven.**

**Sometimes I can see it shining, but I can’t yet hold it fast.**

**Christ Jesus, hold me fast; Christ Jesus, hold my soul;**

**Christ Jesus, hold my life; Christ Jesus, bring me home.**

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Gracious, loving God, we come to you admitting the truth of our lives. There is much that is good and beautiful, and much that is hateful and hurtful in us. We love with condition, we judge, we condemn. Heal us and forgive us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (1 Peter 1:3-4)

 Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

 **All:** **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope!**

 Leader: We have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

 **All:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

 Response: *Kyrie*

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

 (The words are Greek for *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*)

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children

 For children worshiping in the sanctuary, please stay with your families during the Word
 with Children. When our Covid rules change, we will welcome you back up front.

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: John 11:1-17

 John 11:18-28

 John 11:32-35

 Sermon: “Laying Down for Life”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 Hymn 522: *I Am the Bread of Life*  (verses 1, 4)

**“I am the bread of life.**

**You who come to me shall not hunger,**

**And who believe in me shall not thirst.**

**No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.”**

**“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,**

**And I will raise you up on the last day.”**

**“I am the resurrection;**

**I am the life.**

**If you believe in me, even though you die,**

**You shall live forever.”**

**“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,**

**And I will raise you up on the last day.”**

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Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory: *Lovely Needy People* The Many

 \**Doxology* Hymnal #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 *The minister gives thanks…*

 The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **According to Christ’s commandment**

 **We remember his death,**

 **We proclaim his resurrection,**

 **We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

 Our Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

 Communion Music: Variations on *Let Us Break Bread Together*

 *The music during communion gives us time to reflect on God's love and grace found
 in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. When the music is finished, our pastor will invite
 everyone to partake by saying, “Take, eat, and drink, all of you.”*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 166: *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*  (verses 1, 4)

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins
And close by you to stay.**

**Abide with us, till when this life
Of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last.**

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 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Steve Henkels, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door: Paul Jeziorski

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Sean Salins, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell celebrating his grandson, Ryan’s, birthday and in holding the people of Ukraine before God.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. No food or beverages will be served at this time; masks and social distancing are now optional for those who are vaccinated.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that **we will not offer Zoom fellowship** **until further notice**. Our deacons will explore other ways to stay connected.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.** via Zoom. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355
You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:16 p.m. each week Tuesday through Friday.

Even though we have returned to in-person worship, we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15)
at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos> or by going to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Bearing Fruit – March 6, 2022**

**Leaves and Flowers**

Southminster received its charter from the Presbyterian Church USA on March 5, 1961. The charter was issued to the Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, which within the first year was renamed Southminster Presbyterian Church. Sunday, March 5, 1961, was also the very first meeting of our Session at Wagner School. Some may argue that the church was born through the giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. It could also be said that March 5 is the birthday of Southminster Presbyterian Church. Happy 61st birthday, everyone!

We celebrate God’s work and presence in us when we celebrate our birthday. It is not about us, but it is about what God is doing through us and around us. One way we celebrate is by dedicating the leaves on our Living Legacy Tree. Each leaf represents a life lived in the Kingdom of God here on Park Boulevard. This tree is about stories of lives invested in serving our Lord. A bronze leaf is a memorial leaf in honor of our beloved members who have died. A silver leaf represents a living gift. Some of these gifts are given by people for milestones, birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries. Others are simply gifts given in gratitude for what the Lord has done. A gold leaf represents a legacy gift, a gift given when Southminster is remembered in a will.

Many stories are represented by the leaves on our Living Legacy Tree; each leaf is a story about God’s love active in a person’s life. The tree branches stretch backward with stories of the past, but also the branches stretch forward into the future because the financial gifts represented by the leaves help fund the future ministry of Southminster. Through the Endowment Funds, investment income finances new programs, property, and mission. This is one of the ways we are blessed to be a blessing. We are community, a church grafted onto the family tree of God where we bless and invite people to belong and believe.

There are several ways to pray, not just with words, but with actions as well. Our Living Legacy Fund represents the prayers of our people in gratitude for the life lived and loved at Southminster, as well as continued blessing and ministry into our future. Another prayer enacted among us is the flowers which sit at the Lord’s Table in the chancel each Sunday. Generally, people give flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, or in gratitude to God. During Lent our flowers will also represent our shared prayers for the people of the Ukraine. The sunflower is the national flower of the Ukraine, and the colors blue and yellow are the colors of the Ukrainian flag. We are grateful that those who are donating flowers this season are willing to share not only their flowers in honor, remembrance, or gratitude, but also as a prayer for peace. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with prayer.

Flowers and leaves are among the ways we bear the fruit of God’s love at Southminster.

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre-worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here are some upcoming opportunities to share your photos:
**March 13**: “**Hobbies**” What are your hobbies—how do you spend your “free time?”
 Send photos by March 10.

**March 20: “Tattoos, Freckles, and Birthmarks”** Send photos by March 17.

**March 27**: The day of our Annual Congregational Meeting, we’d like **photos from the
 various Ministries of the church**. Moderators and ministry members, show us what
 your work is. Send photos by March 24.

**April 3: “Throw-Back Talent Show”** In preparation for our annual Talent Show on
 April 24, let’s see photos taken at past shows. Send yours by March 31.

Send photos to David Kozich, who assembles the PowerPoints: kozichd1@gmail.com. (Email is preferred, but if you need to send a photo to David by text, call the church office to get his cell phone number.) Include ***the date and slideshow title for which your photos are to be used.***

We are interested in your ideas for slideshows. Please connect with Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com or with Pastor Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Habakkuk is next! Join us at 11:15 a.m. by using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355.

**Youth: Pizzaless Games** today, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Remember, **Talent Show** is coming, and we have to get our act together—literally. So, be thinking of skits, jokes, and other fun stuff we can do to entertain our church family.

**YUM! Cookies!** Our youth and 2022 Mission Team will be selling cookies after worship next Sunday, March 13, to raise money for this summer's Youth Mission Trip. They will be baking up a storm, but we could use some help, so please contact Blair if you would like to donate a batch of your best cookies ever!

**The Talent Show is coming!**Southminster’s fabulous **Talent Show** is coming Sunday, April 24. The exact format will be determined closer to the date—the virus gets a say—so be prepared for either live or recorded performances. But there is time to think about that. Most important, we need acts! So, get your act together, and let Blair know what you are planning. This is a variety show, so you don’t have to sing or play an instrument or tell jokes or juggle cats—you can do all of that at once!

Our Talent Show is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip, and speaking of that, the **Rummage Sale** is on the calendar for June 4-5. So keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning.

**Annual Reports are due!**The Session of Southminster Presbyterian Church has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held following the worship service on Sunday, Match 27. That means the annual reports are due soon! **Staff and Ministry Moderators, all narrative reports for the annual reports packets are due by noon this Wednesday, March 9.**

**Easter Saturday Celebration**!
Spread the word! Southminster is hosting a big **outdoor Easter story and egg hunt** on the day before Easter – Saturday, April 16. No reservations are needed for this free event, and everyone is invited!

Volunteers are needed! Watch for bags of Easter eggs to stuff at home. Also, please let Angela Smith know if you can come to help with the party on April 16.

**How you can help now**:

**Candy donations** – please donate candy that will fit in a small, plastic Easter egg.
 - Prewrapped
 - No nuts, no nut butter (no Snickers, no Reese’s)
  - No hard candy
  - No chewing gum
  - *Leave candy in the collection bin in the hallway across from the church office***Stuff Easter eggs at home**
  - Eggs will be available for pick up inside the nursery
 - Please return stuffed eggs to the nursery
  - Please use the sign in/sign out board, to help us keep track of our progress

**Donate plastic bags**
  - We will use these bags to package crafts, to send home with the kids from the Easter celebration.
  - We need some quart size and gallon size sealable bags.
  - Leave bags in the collection bin in the hallway across from the church office.

**From the Mission Ministry**Coming soon – **March Mission Madness**, in which your competitive spirit benefits the missions that Southminster sponsors! Keep your eye on NCAA men’s basketball – the 2022 tournament brackets will be announced next Sunday. Look for information in the March Dialog and an eBlast this Friday telling you how to join the fun.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** is a special offering collected during Lent that supports the work of our denomination – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Envelopes for the OGHS offering will be on the Mission shelf at church, or you may write a check to Southminster with “OGHS” on the memo line and mail it, drop it off, or put it in the offering any time before Easter.

**A Special Appeal: Emergency Response to the War in Ukraine**
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently working with trusted groups already present in the Ukraine to provide financial assistance for humanitarian aid efforts.  The PDA anticipates that its ongoing work in the Ukraine and the region will include both financial and technical assistance. Southminster invites you to assist in relief efforts by making a special donation—a check to Southminster with PDA on the memo line—that Southminster will send on an unrestricted basis to PDA to use as needs arise.

**Bread Tags Needed:** Scarce is collecting and recycling bread tags for funds to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. It takes about 260,000 bread tags to purchase a wheelchair, so please keep those bread tags coming in. There is a glass jar on the nametag table where you can leave them.

 **From the Worship Ministry**Worship Moderator Sarah Allen will be recruiting readers for Holy Week services (Palm Sunday-April 10, Maundy Thursday-April 14, and Good Friday-April 15). Or, you can always volunteers before she asks you.

**Flowers costs have gone up!** Due to rising costs, our Sunday flower supplier***,*** *Green Branch Florist*, has increased the price of weekly flowers to $35.00 for 2022. This is completely reason-able, as they have worked very hard to keep the flower cost at $30.00 for many years. For anyone who has already **pre-paid** $30 for your 2022 flowers, no additional monies need to be sent to church. But going forward, all flower arrangements in 2022 will be $35.00.

Only one date is still open: October 23. Please check the flower chart or email Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com if you want that date, tell her the honoree, and a make $35 check out to SPC with “flowers” in the memo line.

**Women’s Circle: Decorate Your Own Ukrainian Easter Eggs!**

On Friday, March 18, the Presbyterian Women’s Circle will be learning how to create Ukrainian Easter Eggs using a wax resist process. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited for this unique demonstration.

Before that date, please start saving blown-out eggs! The technique is to poke very small holes in each end of the egg and blow the contents out into a bowl for use in baking or scrambled eggs. If this process doesn’t work for you, consider purchasing a “Blas-fix egg blower” online. The remaining shells should be washed in water only and allowed to dry. White eggs work best for the project. You may want one each for practice and one for your final project.

Even if you do not have blown-out eggs, you are invited to watch the demonstration. We hope to have some extra eggshells ready if you decide you’d like to try the decorating process... or just enjoy watching. Christine Olfelt looks forward to seeing you all and leading you in this project!

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): **Now ordering just once per month!**
Today, March 6, is your only opportunity this month to order Jubilee Bucks. This is a good way to prepay for groceries and other items as well as earn “free” money for our church. Please email bobbifrey@aol.com with your order, number and value of cards and total of your order by 9:00 tonight. Cards will be delivered to you mid-week and payment can be made at that time.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We continue to make weekly deliveries of donated food, personal items, paper goods, etc. to PRC. No donation is too small! Everything is greatly appreciated and put to good use. The collection box is in the entryway of the church. Donations can also be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, we are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.

***Friends, with our new communication style the eNotes Joys and Concerns (sent most Wednesdays) will include new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For the eNotes/Dialog (sent on the first Wednesday of the month) and Sunday bulletins our list will be full and complete.***
**Joys and Concerns
The flowers today** celebrate the birthday of Lanny Russell’s grandson, Ryan, and in holding the people of Ukraine before God.

**We celebrate joys:** - Tom and Bobbi Frey have a new grandchild, Penelope Grace Frey, daughter of Matt and Elle.
 - Craig and Sarah Allen also have a new grandchild, Allison Shirley Ross, born Monday to Laura and Thure.
 - Avery Rose, daughter of Andee and Brad Benson and granddaughter of Pete and Pam Petersen, went home from the NICU at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn.
 **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
 **We pray for those who mourn:** - We pray for Del Meester and family – the service for his wife, Linda (who died December 21), will be held Saturday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights, 900 Thomas Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.
 - Our good friend, Bill Curry, died in his sleep on February 17. We pray for comfort and peace for Gretchen and for Bill’s family and friends. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Southminster on Saturday, March 19, at 11:00 a.m.; visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m.
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn. **We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  - Dan Bohi
 - John Wallace, former longtime member of Southminster, recently diagnosed with cancer
 - Kurt Parent (a friend of several Southminster members), facing cancer surgery this spring
  - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer
  - Beverly Webb, Bill Curry’s sister, who had previously undergone treatment for ovarian cancer but now expects additional treatment after a scan showed cancer in some lymph nodes.
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, recovering from a very painful surgery, but they believe they got 100% of the cancer. She is very grateful for her prayer shawl and wears it every day.
  - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer
  - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Boden-Nelson family. She is also very grateful for her prayer shawl.
 - Jim Rundquist, friend of Angela Smith, colon surgery **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  - Prayers for our leaders as they discern the wise way forward  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school, travel, work, and other activities, and all those who are still feeling vulnerable, especially those who are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions.
  - Those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic
 - Strained relationships due to the pandemic

**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.**
 - Barb’s Aunt Ruth and cousin Mike both remain hospitalized with multiple health concerns.
 - prayers for peace for Amanda
 - Angela’s father, Frank cataract surgery
  - Ed Koska, who is receiving care at Tabor Hills
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems. Jan is with her now
to help.
 - former pastor Rich Thompson, hospitalized following a fall
  - Katha, a friend of Jeziorskis, health complications
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
 - Carolyn Hudson, friend of Angela Smith, continued recovery from brain aneurism surgery
 - Renne Lorton, friend of Angela Smith, recovering from hip replacement surgery
  - the many people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns **We pray for those who are far from home.**
**We continue to pray for our friends and family who work in the health fields**: **nurses, doctors, and all other health care workers.**
**Food Pantries**: Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, People’s Resource Center, Lakeview Food Pantry, and our members who serve them

**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board, the boards of the local school districts: 41, 44, 87, 89, 200, COD, and our library boards.

 **Caring for you!**Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands in March, call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. Email Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also call your deacon if you need help from the church.

**Office Schedule Change:** Barb will now be in the office most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (usually 8:45-11:00 a.m.) while her son attends his day program part-time. (The change from Wednesday to Thursday was made based on the scheduling at the day program; more changes will come.) When she is not in the office, she’s working from home.

Grace and peace to you! Remember that we love God and neighbor. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge.

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, March 6 – 1st Sunday in Lent, Communion
Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. During winter fellowship gatherings will be in the narthex, no food or drinks served. Masks and distancing now optional for those who are vaccinated, but please wear your mask when singing during the service.
 **Online Fellowship** is canceled until further notice. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: Pizzaless Games** in Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
**Monday, March 7** – **Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, March 8**
 **Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **YAT** meets at 7:45 p.m. at a location TBA
**Wednesday, March 9** is the **deadline for narrative reports for the annual
 reports** packets. Moderators and staff, please take note!
 **Confirmation** meets at 7:45 p.m. at the Boden-Nelson home **Thursday, March 10** **Session docket deadline** Moderators, and staff – reports, motions, and
 information items are due by noon **Friday, March 11**
 An eBlast will go out explaining how to join **March Mission Madness**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, March 12**
 **Set your clocks to “spring forward” one hour** before you fall asleep
**Next** **Sunday, March 13 – 2nd Sunday in Lent
Daylight Saving Time begins**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service.
 **Youth Cookie Sale** following worship.
 **Online Fellowship** is canceled until further notice. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
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