

SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley
Saturday, February 9, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**Southminster Presbyterian Church
7001 Far Hills Avenue
Dayton (Centerville), Ohio 45459**

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR HOSTS' MINISTRIES

In addition to the \$6 cost of each meal, the presbytery collects a Hunger Offering at every stated meeting. One half is sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund while the other half goes to a hunger ministry of the host's choosing. Please give generously as you register.

We also encourage you to bring an item to the meeting to support a designated ministry. See more information inside this packet about both these initiatives that support God's work through the host organization.

PRINCIPLES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

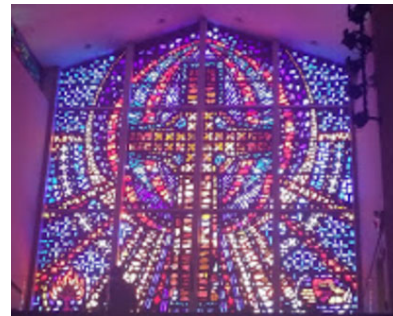
Courtesy to all - One item at a time - Majority rule
Respect the rights of the minority - Justice for all - Partiality for none

"For us as Presbyterians, parliamentary law is a tool we use which is a servant to our theological understanding of the purpose of a governing body: to seek God's will for our actions in the world, as we witness to our faith in Jesus Christ."

- from "Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"
by Marianne L. Wolfe.



Southminster Presbyterian Church (SPC) was founded in 1956 and has worshipped at its current location since March of 1959. In 2018, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Easter Sunday dedication of our Sanctuary and the installation of our beautiful faceted glass window in the Narthex.



Beginning with sixty-three charter members, membership peaked in 1975 at one thousand five hundred and eighteen members. Current membership is four hundred and sixteen.

In October 2017, Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong was called as SPC's sixth Head of Staff and the first woman to hold the position. Prior to Dr. Birdsong's appointment, SPC was served by Dr. Fred McClellan (1960–1972), Dr. Allen Foster (1973–1984), Dr. Robert Smith (1985–1996), Rev. David Jongewaard (1998–2004), and Rev. Eric Pasanchin (2007-2015), and Interim Pastor, Steve Plunkett. In addition, SPC has benefitted from the service of a number of Associate Pastors over the years including Rev. Paul Masquelier, Jr. (1965), Rev. Donald Crank (1970), Rev. Mark Thomas (1980), Rev. John Warner (1987), Rev. Mark Greiner (1992), Rev. Faith Jongewaard (1998), Rev. Sue Hamilton (2007), Rev. Megan Collins (2008) and Rev. Jackie Nowak (2010). Rev. Steve Schumm currently serves the church as interim associate pastor.

SPC is situated in a highly visible location in the community and, at night, the symbols in our illuminated, faceted glass window "tell the story of the church" – the burning bush (a symbol of both our Scottish heritage and the call of Moses), the Celtic cross (symbolizing eternal life, Christian discipleship, and witness to the community), and the Calvin seal (a symbol not only of the early Reformed leader but also the proffering of the heart, alight with the power and spirit of God).

Our Vision is "To be the head, heart and hands of Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for our church and the world beyond." We are a mission-oriented church community that embraces learning, fellowship, worship, and inclusiveness, welcoming everyone. Our recent mission work has included parking lot house frame builds for Habitat for Humanity, which are now collaborative efforts with Catch the Building Spirit. Most recently, the church initiated "The Church has Left the Building," sending teams out into the community or to work in-house on projects for underserved and needy populations at home and abroad. Future plans include mission trips and expanding community service.

