

The Messenger

Southminster Presbyterian * October 2026

Entrusted

Have you ever kept an eye on a neighbor's house while they were out of town? Water the tomatoes, bring in the mail, make sure the back door stays locked. Easy. And yet, it feels strange to walk into someone else's home with their key. You could look inside all the closets! (I don't suggest that). You could cook a full meal! (But then you'd need to triple check the oven is off before you leave). Mostly, you just try to keep things maintained.

I've been thinking about that feeling as we head into October and our annual stewardship emphasis. This year, we're calling it *Entrusted*, which feels just right for the year we're in. As Southminster wraps up its 70th anniversary, it's good to remember that for more than seven decades people have been entrusted with this place, and preparing it for whoever came next. Most of the people who pledged, built, taught Sunday school, sat through long Session meetings, and kept the lights on never met the rest of us. They entrusted us with it anyway.

For four weeks, worship will stay close to that idea.

On October 4 we'll read about the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8–16), who is down to her last bit of flour and oil when Elijah shows up and asks her to feed him first. That's a lot to ask of someone in a drought. We'll learn what it is to be *Entrusted with Enough*.

On October 10 (Sabbath Weekend) we're in Exodus 32, with the golden calf. The Israelites have just walked out of slavery, and almost the first thing

they do with their freedom is take off their gold earrings and build something to worship. Before we get too smug, we might ask what we would've built. After all, we're *Entrusted with Freedom*.

On October 18 we'll hear Jesus asked about paying taxes to the emperor (Matthew 22:15–22). He asks for a coin and wants to know whose picture is on it. If Caesar's face means the coin belongs to Caesar, it's fair to wonder what it means that people have been *Entrusted with God's Image*.

And on October 25 we'll close with the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:34–40): love God, love your neighbor. Jesus says everything else hangs on those two. I'd count our 2027 church budget in that "everything else." We're *Entrusted with Love*.

Each week you'll also hear from someone in the congregation about what this place means to them.

Pledge cards for 2027 are online at link.spcboise.org/stewardship and in the Narthex/Lobby. Stewardship season is a little like having the key to our neighbor's house in our hands. When someone hands it to us, they're entrusting us to keep things alive. Seventy years of people did that for us. Now the key is in our hands, and the tomatoes still need watering.

God's Peace

TJ



(he/him)

Announcement Board

2027 Stewardship Commitment Cards

Throughout the month, commitment cards (pledge cards) for our 2027 budget will be available at the church and online. As your Session plans for the ministries God is calling us to do together in the next twelve months, it is important to have a good estimate of income.



Last Call: Celebrating Southminster – Sat. Oct 3!

Our 70th anniversary Hawaiian-style party is almost here! Join us Saturday, October 3, from 5:00–8:00pm at Kleiner Park in Meridian. Fun, food, and fellowship for all. RSVP: link.spcboise.org/70th

Medical Debt Goal Met in Under a Month!

Incredible news: we've surpassed our \$10,000 goal, raising \$10,028.55 to erase ~\$1,000,000 in local medical debt — and we did it in less than a month!

As we continue celebrating 70 years of ministry, every additional gift continues to free more of our neighbors in Ada and Canyon counties from debt they never should have carried alone. If you've been meaning to give, there's still time! Give by check or cash (memo: "Medical Debt") or online at spcboise.org via the Medical Debt Relief button.

World Communion Sunday – Oct 4

On Sunday October 4, we will join congregations around the world celebrating World Communion Sunday, a nearly century-old tradition with a goal of global peace and unity. We will also receive the World Communion Offering, one of the 3 special offerings of the PC(USA).

Bread for the World Global Nutrition and Health

The United States plays a critical role in global nutrition and health aid — especially for the world's most vulnerable. Our faith calls us to nothing less. Join us at Southminster on Saturday, October 31st, 10:00–11:30am, as we host policy experts from Bread for the World, RESULTS, and the ONE Campaign for a conversation on why international aid matters and what we can do about it. Register for free: go.bread.org/page/102214

Trunk or Treat – Oct 31

Save the date!!! Join us for a very special community Trunk or Treat ON Halloween! Southminster will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 2-4. Trunks should be set up and ready by 1:30. Sign ups from Trunks and Treats donations are in the Narthex. Or let Abby W or Rebekah H know.

Learn About Proposition 1

Want to learn about Idaho's Prop 1, the Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act? Southminster will host a speaker from Idahoans United for Women and Families to discuss the ballot initiative and share ways to talk about Prop 1 with friends and neighbors. Join us in the Cana Room Saturday, October 10, right after Sabbath worship! Contact the church office if you'd like to join on Zoom!

Ecumenical Book Study: Baptizing America

Gathering weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00–8:30pm through October 20 at Southminster, five Boise Bench congregations are studying *Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism* by Brian Kaylor and Beau Underwood. A copy of the book may be helpful, but not required. Exciting news: one of the authors will join us virtually for the final session on October 20.

TJ's Upcoming Travel with Covenant Network

From October 15-17, Pastor TJ will be in Memphis, TN for the in-person board meeting of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. While there, he'll also be assisting in the Covenant Conversation: Mid-South event. To learn more about what the Covenant Network is up to (including the long-awaited return of a national conference in 2027!) talk to TJ or visit <http://www.covnetpres.org>.

Congratulations, Rev. Seth Wheeler!

Many of you know Rev. Seth Wheeler from worship, or from his enthusiastic participation in our handbell choir. We're delighted to share that Seth has been called to serve as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the new Snake River Presbytery. He'll officially begin this work at the October presbytery meeting in King Hill. Congratulations, Seth — we're grateful for your ministry among us and excited to see where this call leads.

Now Serving: Café Justo Coffee

Southminster now serves (and offers) Café Justo coffee — USDA organic, better-than-fair-trade coffee grown by a farmer-owned cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, and roasted by their partners just across the border in Agua Prieta. It's a Presbyterian mission partnership: the cooperative keeps the entire process, and the profit, in the farmers' hands. Support the mission by picking up a bag for your own kitchen — details in the Narthex.

All Saints' Sunday — November 1

On November 1 during worship, we'll gather around the Communion Table in recognition of All Saints' Day. As we pray during this service, we'll lift up the names of Southminster members who've entered the Church Triumphant in 2026, and will make space to name others in our lives whom we've loved and lost this year.

A Wedding Invitation for all of Southminster:



PWS Moderator Thoughts

We had a great turnout for our first PWS Gathering of the year on September 2nd. We enjoyed some fellowship and fun sharing our memories of going back to school, along with discussing the topic, "What did you do on your summer vacation?"

Following our discussion, we enjoyed a delicious sandwich lunch provided by the Coordinating Team and catered by Cobby's.

Our next Gathering will be on October 7th at 11:00 AM, featuring a presentation by Peter and Jan Lauder on "Shroud of Turin." We warmly invite any congregation members interested in this topic to join us. The presentation will begin at approximately 12:45 PM following the luncheon.

We hope to see you there! We'd love to meet you.

Mary P—Moderator PWS

It's Nearly Here!

PWS Holiday Bazaar

Fri, Oct 23, 9am - 2pm and

Sat, Oct 24, 9am - 2pm

We are accepting donations now. There are cabinets downstairs in the Cana room labeled PWS Holiday Bazaar. These are located to the right of the stairs when you're going down.

Please bring baked goods on Thursday, Oct 22 all day. Please package and price if possible. Also, please label what package contains (Choc chip cookies, etc.) and if it contains nuts or is gluten free.

We can also use your plastic or paper grocery bags.

Thanks in advance for your help! Questions? Ask Mary P, Phyllis S, or Priscilla O.

An Evening with Valarie Kaur

Southminster is proud to co-sponsor an evening with nationally renowned author, speaker, and activist Valarie Kaur, whose book *See No Stranger* invites us into the practice of revolutionary love. We're joining the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights, Interfaith Justice Idaho, and several other congregations to bring her to Boise.

Thursday, November 19th, 7:00pm

Bogus Basin Chapel, 3229 Bogus Basin Road, Boise

Admission is free, but seating is limited and registration is required: tinyurl.com/SeeNoStrangerBoise

Ministry Appreciation

Thank you to all who helped organize Pride this year. Thank you to Larry A, Steve C, and Rebekah H for putting our float together. Thank you also to Larry for driving it for us. Thank you to Drew H for making our puppets beacons of welcome both at the Pride parade and at the Pride service. Thank you to Ann A for making sure we had the supplies we needed for our booth. Thank you to Heide H and Layton R for putting together countless flags to hand out. Thank you to Kiran S and Drew H for the extra special handouts this year, too. Thank you to Steve P, Judy E, Randy M, Heide H, and Abby W for putting our booth together and taking it down. And thank you to everyone who came out to Pride, walked or rode in the parade, served at the booth, and brought Christ's love and welcome to all.

Also, thanks to everyone who donated cakes and cupcakes for Grace Jordan's carnival. We supplied at least enough for 40 rounds of the cake walk. The delivery vehicle looked like a bakery stuffed as it was with cakes and goodies! The teachers who helped unload were very appreciative

Boise Pride 2026



Participating in Worship this month

October 4

Preaching: TJ Remaley
Liturgist: Stacy P
Ushers: Carla M, Carol T, Cliff and Pat L
Nursery: Genny C

October 10 – Sabbath

Preaching: TJ Remaley
Liturgist: Peter F
Ushers: Judy V, Noreen P, Priscilla O, Sara N
Nursery: Sue O

October 18

Preaching: TJ Remaley
Liturgist: Dena D
Ushers: Steve P, Sue O, Betty G, Carla M
Nursery: Rae B

October 25

Preaching: TJ Remaley
Liturgist: Janice B
Ushers: Andy and Helen W, Carol T, Judy V
Nursery: Sue O

October Birthdays

Kiran S	1
Vivian L	1
Marilyn T	4
Susan B	5
Darleen B	6
Peter F	6
Julie A	9
Robin L	9
Katie F	10
Nancy T	10
Richard A	10
Pam S	13
Theresa F	13
Jim I	17
Deanna W	21
Genny C	22
Jayne B	25
Darleen G	27
Jim R	27

If we missed your birthday,
please let the office know

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 Al-Anon 1:00 Dominoes 6:00 PSL meeting 6:00 TVCA 7:00 Zoom Book Club	2 7:30 AA	3 10:00 Women's NA 10:00 NOW 5:00 70th Celebration
4 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Ed 11:00 Puppets 2:00 PSL meeting 5:00 Boise Brass rehearsal	5 12:00 Choristers 12:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Men's AA 7:00 OA	6 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Eccumenical Book Study	7 11:00 PW Gathering 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	8 12:00 Al-Anon 1:00 Dominoes 6:00 PSL meeting 6:00 TVCA 7:00 Peace Justice & Outreach	9 7:30 AA	10 10:00 Women's NA 5:00 Sabbath
11 no worship 2:00 PSL meeting 5:00 Boise Brass rehearsal	12 12:00 Choristers 12:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Men's AA 7:00 OA	13 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Casa Mexico 5:30 Building & Grounds 6:00 Spiritual Formation 7:00 Eccumenical Book Study	14 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	15 12:00 Al-Anon 1:00 Dominoes 6:00 PSL meeting 6:00 TVCA	16 7:30 AA	17 10:00 Hearts and Hands 10:00 Women's NA
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Ed 11:00 Puppets 2:00 PSL meeting 5:00 Boise Brass rehearsal	19 8:00 Merry Martha Circle 12:00 Choristers 12:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Men's AA 7:00 OA	20 6:00 Session 7:00 Eccumenical Book Study	21 9:30 Ruth Circle 10:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 Rachel Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	22 12:00 Al-Anon 1:00 Dominoes 6:00 PSL meeting 6:00 TVCA	23 9:00 Holiday Bazaar 7:30 AA	24 9:00 Holiday Bazaar 10:00 Women's NA
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Ed 11:00 Puppets 2:00 PSL meeting 5:00 Boise Brass rehearsal 6:00 Brewed for Thought	26 12:00 Choristers 12:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Men's AA 7:00 OA	27 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Life's Kitchen 7:00 Eccumenical Book Study	28 10:00 PC(USA) Advocacy Hour on Zoom 10:00 PW Program Meeting 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	29 12:00 Al-Anon 1:00 Dominoes 6:00 PSL meeting 6:00 TVCA	30 7:30 AA	31 10:00 Bread for the World Symposium 10:00 Women's NA 2:00 Trunk or Treat



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