



# Southminster Presbyterian Church (SPC)

## Mission Study

Presented to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley  
Committee on Ministry  
July 2016

# Southminster Presbyterian Church Recent Key Events

- Service of Forgiveness and Reconciliation was held at SPC (*OCT 2015*)
- Rev. Stephen Plunkett begins call at SPC [*NOV 2015*]
- SPC begins 8-week study of the book This We Believe: *Eight Truths Presbyterians Affirm* [*JAN 2016*]
- SPC begins 10-week discernment on “Envisioning God’s Future for SPC” [*MAR 2016*]
- SPC begins 3-week course on “Creating a Healthier Congregation” [*MAY/JUN 2016*]

# What Has God Called Us to Do?



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Jesus Christ, driven by God's love for  
our church and the world beyond.*



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# What Has God Called Us to Do: *Head*

*Grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's word and demonstrate it in our lives...*

- **All** - Sunday School, Learning Resource Center', weekday education and more than 38 member-care ministries
- **Adults** - Growth Groups, Elderberries, Adult Education, Presby Groups, Home Communion
- **Youth** - Youth Group, 'DOG House', PB in J (puppet ministry), VBS, Montreat, Kirkmont



# What Has God Called Us to Do: *Heart*

*Living God's love through outreach and service...*

- **Food Insecurity Outreach:** Southeast Fish Food Panty, The Castle, Food 2Go/Food4Tots, House of Bread, Family Nutrition Ministry
- **Housing Outreach:** Habitat for Humanity, Catch the Building Spirit, Crossroads Mission, Heifer International, Battered Women's Shelter
- **Clothing Outreach:** Clothes That Work
- **Other Outreach:** Youth mission week and trips, Depression/Anxiety Support Group and Presbyterian Women of SPC mission support



# What Has God Called Us to Do: *Hands*

Sharing our facility and our resources for the betterment of our Church and Community...

- **Community** – Crossroads Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Southeast Fish Food Pantry, Heifer International, A Great Start Preschool, Boy Scout Troop #516, Toastmasters and Science Olympiad
- **Human Services** – Alcoholics Anonymous, Depression/Anxiety meetings and The Blessing Center
- **Health and Wellness** – Gentle Yoga and Zumba classes



# What Is God Calling Us to Do: Our Future

SPC is evaluating the following passion-driven outreach ministries and how they may be more effective in our community when acting in concert as a congregation:

- Crossroads Missions... framing of a house in the SPC parking lot (3 events/year)
- Heifer International mission project... led by elementary-age children and a renewed focus on children and youth ministries
- Fall Festival... weekend of faith-based activities for our congregation and community (all ages)
- Revitalized midweek classes and groups



The Session, the Interim Pastor/Head of Staff, and the Congregation have completed or continue to commit to the five developmental tasks of the transition period:

- Coming to terms with history
- Discovering a new identity
- Coping with power shifts among members
- Strengthening partnership with Presbytery and other congregations
- Building a commitment to a new future and a new pastor

We boldly and faithfully move forward, beginning with the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee.

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