

## **Golden Congregation ~ Rooted & Reaching**

Southminster Presbyterian Church

*Celebrating 50 years of faith, service and community in Waukesha and beyond.*

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.” *Hebrews 11:1*

When my husband Steve and I moved to southeastern Wisconsin we began looking for a church home. We had faith that God would lead us to a church with a great music program (including handbells), a dynamic pastor and a welcoming congregation. Since we were unable to find a good fit close to East Troy, we widened our search and found Southminster, an easy 30-minute drive.

After our first visit in the fall of 2012, we knew we were on to something. We were greeted warmly, impressed with the pastor and enjoyed the music, especially when the director of music played David Brubeck for the offertory. Steve and I felt like members long before joining in November 2013 and we felt that faith in God lead us to the right church at the right time; faith brought us to Southminster.

Southminster is a vibrant congregation (230 members), that embodies faith. At the end of February, Southminster concludes a year long 50th anniversary celebration. It was an exciting year, especially since several of our foundering members are still active. More than fifty years ago our founders had faith that we'd grow and flourish; and God willing a new generation will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Even though Southminster has experienced a few bumps in the road, we have faith that our church leaders will continue to lead us down the best path. Our future is bright, our congregation is growing, our session is active and we have a variety of ages, especially children and young adults. Life is good at Southminster.

*Dear God, only faith can see the future. May our faith continue to grow and may we always trust in you. We pray for our world leaders that they will have the faith to lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. May peace fill our hearts and our world. Amen.*

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