**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 2, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

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

1) on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
2) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

3) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/>

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

Our Photo Story today is “Welcome to Roma Moye’s Beautiful Garden.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Lighting the Candles (Acts 2:2)‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬

**They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

  Prelude

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

 Hymn: *Grace Alone* (all) pg. 16, gold worship supplement

 Call to Worship

 Leader: We enter this sacred space and time

 **People: To voice the longings of our hearts in prayer;**

 Leader: In this sacred company we offer our love to the Holy One

 **All:** **May our hearts be lifted, our thoughts deepened,
 and our souls enlightened.**

 Hymn 510: *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name* (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty and gracious God, we live sometimes as if we do not know you. We forget the love and grace you extend to us. We forget your love and grace that surrounds all of humanity. Forgive us and remind us that you are faithful in your living promise of love and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ  (Psalm 103)

 Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious;
     slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

 **People: For as the heavens are high above the earth,** **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

 Leader: As far as the east is from the west,
     so far he removes our transgressions from us.

 **People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

 **All: Alleluia!**

 Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children: Commissioning the Youth Mission Team
 Children worshiping in the sanctuary and Youth Mission Team,
 please come forward. (Mission Team, bring your bulletins!)

**Leader**: Jesus said, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind…’ [and] ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” As we have received the love of God, we pass it on to others through service and fellowship. As we serve and fellowship, we also receive the love of God.

**Team Members:**  We go to be present with one another and with those we will serve and serve with.

**Congregation:**  Love God. Love your neighbor.

**Team Members:**  We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the lives of others.

**Congregation:**  Love God. Love your neighbor.

**Team Members:**  We go to experience the love of God in new and powerful ways.

**Congregation:**  Love God. Love your neighbor.

**Leader:**  We as the congregation of Southminster Presbyterian, committed to God’s mission in our own community and throughout the world, commit ourselves to daily, specific prayer for each member of this team during their journey.

**Congregation:**  As you go, we go with you. We will keep you present in our prayers as you live out the commandments of loving God and loving our neighbors.

**Leader and Congregation:**
May the grace, peace, and wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you as you serve.

As the children leave:

 *I Danced in the Morning* (refrain) Hymnal 157

Refrain:

**Dance then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

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Sydney Bertram Carter

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Luke 15:25-32 Pew Bible, p. 79 (N.T.)

 Ephesians 4:5-6 Pew Bible, p. 193 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Two Brothers”

 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 515: *I Come with Joy* (all verses)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

[The offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary. Please leave your gift or pledge
in the plate on your way into or out of worship.]

 Offertory: *Shout to the North*  Martin Smith

 \**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.**

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 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [You do not need to wait to consume the elements – please do so as the Spirit
 leads (right away, as you pause after receiving, or back in your seats).

 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:

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 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*
 “*Together we proclaim the great mystery of faith:”*

 **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:  Medley of *Before the Throne of God Above* and *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*
 (gold supplement pgs. 3, 7)

*We all will receive communion by coming to the Lord’s Table. Our usher will invite you to come forward by pew, beginning from the back. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you after everyone else has received. Please consume the elements when you are comfortable doing so. You do not need to wait – please do so as the Spirit leads (right away, as you pause after receiving, or back in your seats).
With Christian love we serve gluten-free communion bread and alcohol-free grape juice.
Also with Christian love the elements were prepared with strict attention to health concerns.
You are invited to partake of the prepackaged communion juice and wafer if you choose; the wafer is not gluten free.*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* (all verses)

 Charge and Benediction

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

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Andrea Schmidt
Greeter/Fellowship: Anny Davidson
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Julie Storey for the anniversary of her parents, Virginia and Lloyd Gross.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Using the comments section on Facebook, you can say hello, ask for words of peace, or request prayers.
If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** will not meet this week because of the rummage sale but will meet next Sunday, June 9.

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 4:20 p.m. most weeks Tuesday through Friday.

We continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15) on YouTube at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

If you are watching from home on Facebook, please check in and say hello so we can see that you have joined us. This is one way to make worship less “remote” and strengthen community at Southminster.

*The live video will appear about 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.*

*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/> or by going to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us feel connected!**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. The members of the Cuba Mission Team have the next opportunities to share photos:
 **June 9, 16, 23: “Cuba”** - members of the mission team, please share some of the photos
 you took during your visit to our sister church. Start sending your photos by this
 Thursday, June 6. (We will share photos over 3 weeks.)

**Send photos to our dedicated email address, used just for photos:**PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org**.** (If you only have hard copies of your photos, please leave them in the photo box on Pastor Wendy’s desk, labeled with your name and the date they are to be used.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our after-worship Bible class will not meet today. Instead, come shop the Rummage Sale! We will resume our study of Matthew’s gospel on June 9th at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor/Library.

**Youth & Mission Team**:  We continue Rummage Sale, today, so please head down to Fellowship Hall immediately after worship to set up. We close at 3:00 p.m., then do tear down, so be prepared to be here until 4ish.

**Rummage Sale & Car Wash**:  Thanks to all who donated to and helped with the Rummage Sale. It continues today from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come and shop for that obscure item that you did not know that you needed! For a free-will donation you can have your car washed while you shop! All proceeds support our Youth Mission Team, heading to Dexter, ME, for a week of workcamp later in June.

**From the Worship Ministry**:

The **flower chart** for the remainder of 2024 is posted in the narthex, and there are still a number of Sundays available. (Some dates available this summer: June 30, July 14 and 21, August 4.) Please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen, sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com with your choice of flower dates and honoree. Flowers remain $35.00 per arrangement. Thank you for your support of the Flower Ministry at Southminster.

**All women invited: First Wednesday Women’s Breakfast!**Our next monthly Women’s Breakfast will be this Wednesday, June 5, at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. All women are invited to join us! Call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming—(630) 517-0926; gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com—if you have any questions. Danby’s Station is at 750 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn.

**Jubilee Bucks: Order today!**
Today is your only chance to order Jubilee Bucks gift cards this month.
How to order? 1) See Bobbi at church, or 2) put your order in the Jubilee Bucks mailbox in the office (it’s the bottom left slot), or 3) email your order to bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. today. Gift cards can be gifts, yes, but they can also be used for purchases you regularly make for yourself, like for groceries and gas. A small percentage of the face value of each card purchased is rebated to Southminster, so buying Jubilee Bucks is a win-win for you and for the church!
Your next chance to order will be July 7.
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
Our weekly donations to PRC are very much appreciated!  If you are looking for ideas to donate, they are presently in need of tuna, canned spaghetti or stew, bags of rice, pasta.

 **Community News**The **Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall** is at College of DuPage just until later today (Sunday, June 2) in Fawell Lot C. Admission is free.
Hours remaining:

June 2 – 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Wall is hosted by Glen Ellyn American Legion, Post 3, and sponsored by the Village of Glen Ellyn and the College of DuPage.

**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 email or leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149 if you won’t be present to fill out a prayer request slip.

**Friends,****You are all invited to offer prayer for people whether they are members or not. It would be a joy and very helpful to know how people are doing. If you have submitted a person to be prayed for, please send an update to the office once in a while. Thank you! Pastor Wendy**

***New requests and updates are italicized in our prayer list.***

**Joys and Concerns**  **The flowers today** are from Julie Storey for the anniversary of her parents, Virginia and Lloyd Gross.
**We give thanks to God for joys:**
*- For our Cuba Mission Team being able to visit and worship with our sisters and brothers in Guanabacoa
 -* Successful back surgery for Louanne Jourdan, *who is now at Marianjoy for 4 weeks* - Kayla Schmidt’s graduation from Illinois State University with a Bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She’s now looking for a position.
 - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, whose foot is healing.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - Peace for our college campuses and in the Middle East
  - Peace for Haiti and Sudan; Hamas, Israel, the people of Palestine, and the tangle of interests in the Middle East; Ukraine and Russia
  - Pray for our President and our legislative and judicial bodies
  - Pray for those affected by violent weather/tornadoes through the Midwest and Southeast
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. *On just one day – this past Sunday, May 26 – there were 164 incidents of gun violence in 31 states plus the District of Columbia, killing 59 people and wounding 141 others.* Go to [the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/last-72-hours) to see current statistics for shootings in our country.
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
  - For the families and friends of Ruth, Grace, Ed, Dan, and those we name in our hearts and hold dear.
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:
*Please help us pray for your family and friends by updating your loved ones’ information with the church office. We support them and you in their journey.***
  - We continue to pray for: Frank B., Katie B., Pam G., Tom G., Frank L., Jean K., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Laura P., Gerry S., Marta S., Meagan S., Beverly W., Shelayne, and others we name in our hearts.   **We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** *- Steve Shierry, prayers for healing his broken collarbone
 - Ann Anderson’s mother-in-law, who is in the hospital*
  - Barb Doppelt’s sister-in-law, Michaele, recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, who fell and has a broken hip among other continuing health issues
  - Brandon, a young man with liver damage
  - Prayers for all who are looking for meaningful employment
   - Mya, an 11-year-old who is suffering from an auto immune disease
  - All those who have medical concerns and upcoming medical procedures  - Isabella, awaiting a kidney donor
  - Oaklen, a grandchild of a friend of Tricia Smith, who has birth defects
  - Sandy Phee asks prayers for Linda Talaga, who is now blind in both eyes.
  - Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for Dan, a neighbor of Ann Anderson
  - All those who are experiencing chronic pain.
  - For those who are depressed
  - Jim Smith, at Brookdale, and all who are in care centers
 - Difficult marriages
  - We continue prayers for those in hospice care: Gail Johnston at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card to Gail, please mail it to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.); former President Jimmy Carter; *Barb’s friends Vicki and Bill (a married couple who both entered hospice care at the same time)*.
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force and all of us as we seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.** May we all be attentive to the Holy Spirit’s leading.
**Prayers for our worshiping community** as we discern together God’s call on SPC for the 21st century.

**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 June call Lynn Ferino (630-272-2269). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden (see note below) or call your deacon if you need help from the church.
 **Regular Office Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.**Barb’s regular schedule is to be in the office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from approximately 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. while her son attends his day program on those days. Mondays and Wednesdays she works from home.

Grace and peace to you! Remember that we love God, neighbor, and one another. 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. Online giving through Vanco is also now an option –for details contact Ron Birchall.

**Dates to remember this week:**  **Sunday, June 2
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship at 9:30 a.m.** - in person and also live on Facebook; Communion;
 Commissioning the Youth Mission Team
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting
 **Start setting up for rummage sale** as soon as possible after worship **Rummage Sale/Car Wash** 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Monday, June 3 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4
 Mission** meets at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library **A.A.** meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  **Wednesday, June 5
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station**the June *Dialog* goes out
 Property** meets at 7:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library **Thursday, June 6
 Young Adults Online at 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 7** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday,** **June 9** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Parking Lot Planning Lunch** at 12:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Youth Mission Team pre-trip meeting** at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Bearing Fruit – June 2, 2024**

**Family**

Have you ever noticed that the Bible is basically about one family – the children of Sarah and Abraham? Christians consider themselves adopted into the family of God through the work of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians that we have one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. How do we live out this idea of family?

Family can be a challenge. When the Cuban revolution ended in 1959, there were Presbyterian churches in Cuba that were part of the national church in the United States. Through the cold war we lost touch with one another. In fact, the Cuban church felt forgotten and, to be fair, we did forget them, but we are making up for that.

This week we welcome home our latest mission team to our sister church in Guanabacoa, Cuba. The team—the Johnson sisters, Nalani and Roxane, Sarah Allen, Sue Knisely, Chris Kozich, and our pastor, Wendy Boden—has appreciated all your support as we went both in the name of Christ and in your name as well.

In 2002 Reverend Traci Smith, then Youth Director at Southminster Presbyterian Church, participated in (and was the translator for) a delegation to the Presbytery of Havana, Cuba, led by Reverend Muriel Miller. The Mission Ministry asked Traci to see if she thought there was a church in Havana Presbytery that would be a good choice for a sister church with Southminster. Upon her return, Traci made a presentation to our congregation about the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Guanabacoa, Cuba, her suggestion for our sister church. The following year Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming followed up that visit, going with another delegation to the Presbytery of Havana, and in 2004 a group from Southminster, led by Reverend Douglas Learned, then Pastor at Southminster, signed a Certificate of Recognition of our sister relationship with the church in Guanabacoa.

We are faithful in contact not just with emails and texts but with visits. Here is a list of the visits made so far (titles omitted in this listing):
In 2002: Traci Smith
In 2003: Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming
In 2004 (June): Douglas Learned, Caroline Linde, Traci Smith, Patricia Wiedner
In 2004 (October): Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming
In 2005: Douglas Learned, Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming, Robert Garcia, Paul Jeziorski,
 Regan Stoops
In 2006 (June): Cassandra Garcia—Youth Camp participant\*
In 2006 (November): Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming, Lew Garrison
In 2007 (July): Megan (Bohi) Batt, Peter Davidson—Youth Camp participants\*
In 2007 (November): Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming, Lew Garrison
In 2008-2009 (December-January): Sue Clary, Bill Curry, Peter Davidson,
 Gretchen Fleming, Drew Henkels, Val Kaskovich
In 2009 (October): Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming
In 2010 (January-February): Wendy Boden, Sarah Allen, Megan (Bohi) Batt,
 Steve Henkels, Paul Jeziorski
In 2010 (November): Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming
In 2011 (June): Drew Henkels—As adult accompanying Chicago Presbytery delegates
 to Youth Camp\*
In 2012: Wendy Boden, Bill Curry, Gretchen Fleming, Max Nelson
In 2013: Wendy Boden, Bill Curry, Lizzy Davidson, Gretchen Fleming, Zoe Zapel
In 2014: Wendy Boden, Sue Knisely, Pat Wiedner
In 2016 (January): Wendy Boden, Nalani Johnson, Anna Nelson
In 2016 (November): Wendy Boden, Chris Vanderford
In 2018 (April): Wendy Boden
In 2018-2019 (December-January): Wendy Boden, Nalani Johnson, Roxane Johnson,
 Sara Vanderford, Susan Vanderford
In 2020: Wendy Boden, Nalani Johnson, Roxane Johnson
In 2023: Wendy Boden, Sarah Allen, Gretchen Fleming, Nalani Johnson,
 Roxane Johnson
In 2024: Wendy Boden, Sarah Allen, Sue Knisely, Chris Kozich, Nalani Johnson,
 Roxane Johnson

\*The Youth Camp participants always stayed a few days at their Cuban home, our sister
 church in Guanabacoa.

There are a variety of ways to show love—cards, texts, phone calls—but sometimes the best way is face to face. Our Cuban pastors have visited us, but it is extremely difficult for them. Would you like to share God’s love face to face with our sister church in Cuba? The dates are not fixed, but we do need about six months to line things up. If you are interested, please let Pastor Wendy Boden or the Mission Ministry know, and we will see how we might make it happen.

You have a whole church full of sisters and brothers in Cuba who would very much like to meet you.

Pastor Wendy once asked Yoelkis, the current pastor of our sister church, how many sister churches Guanabacoa had. He said, “There are many who help us, but there is only one sister church who shares life with us—Southminster.”

The recent members of our Cuba Mission Team (Nalani, Roxane, Sarah, Sue, Chris, and Wendy) thank you for your prayers as they journeyed and lived with our sister church in Cuba, bearing the fruit of God’s love – and your love – to our sisters and brothers in Guanabacoa.