



Second Edition

January 2016

Upcoming Events

- January 1** - Happy New Year! Church office closed
- January 5** - Lunch Bunch - 11:30 am
- All Committees - 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm
- January 6** - Chancel Ringers - 6:00 pm
- Chancel Choir - 6:45 pm
- January 10** - Discussion of the Ministry Information Form (MIF) - 9:30-11:00 am
- January 12** - PW Circle and Luncheon - 10:10 am
- Deacon's Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Session Meeting—6:00 pm
- January 13** - Line Dancing - 10:00 am
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- January 26** - Fish Pantry 9:00 - 11:30 am
- January 27** - Line Dancing - 10:00 am
- Rev. Rucker Bible Study - 11:00 am
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Second Celebrates New Members and New Life in Christ!

On Sunday, November 29 was a special day at Second Presbyterian Church. We welcomed new members **Jim Ford, Angela Jones**, and her children **Sydney and Max**, and celebrated the baptisms of Sydney, Max, and **Jack Cantrell**, son of Julia and Alex Cantrell.

Introducing Jim Ford

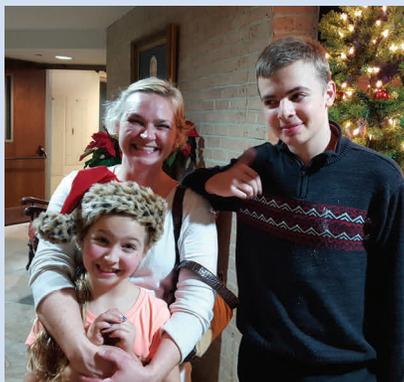
Many at SPC already know Jim through the line dancing classes he has led at the church. Jim grew-up in Montclair, New Jersey. He comes from a tap-dancing family (father and grandfather). He started tap dancing at the age of seven and took a variety of dancing disciplines from tap to modern jazz, and even a little ballet until the age of 21. He danced professionally on the Jersey shore; however, God blessed him with a wonderful 23-year career in the U.S. Air Force. He retired in July, 2015 and is having fun dancing as much as he can.



Jim Ford and Cyanne

Jim's wife, Blossom, passed away in 2008. They were married for 32 years living in New Jersey and Tennessee. She was his best friend, dance partner, and love of his life. Jim has a son, Darin, who is married and is in the Tennessee Air National Guard (16 years). He also has a wonderful granddaughter, Cyanne, who is 9 and goes to Pond Gap Elementary School. She is his joy and together they have a lot fun.

Introducing Angela, Sydney, and Max Jones



Angela Jones is originally from Alabama and just started a business as a personal organizer. She works part-time as a real estate agent and has worked weekends at Ye Olde Steak House for 17 years. She enjoys hiking, painting, and reading.

Sydney is eight years old and attends Mount Olive Elementary School. She plays tennis and baseball, and is going to be in a play in January. Sydney enjoys hiking, drawing, and adventure of any kind.

Angela, Sydney, and Max Jones

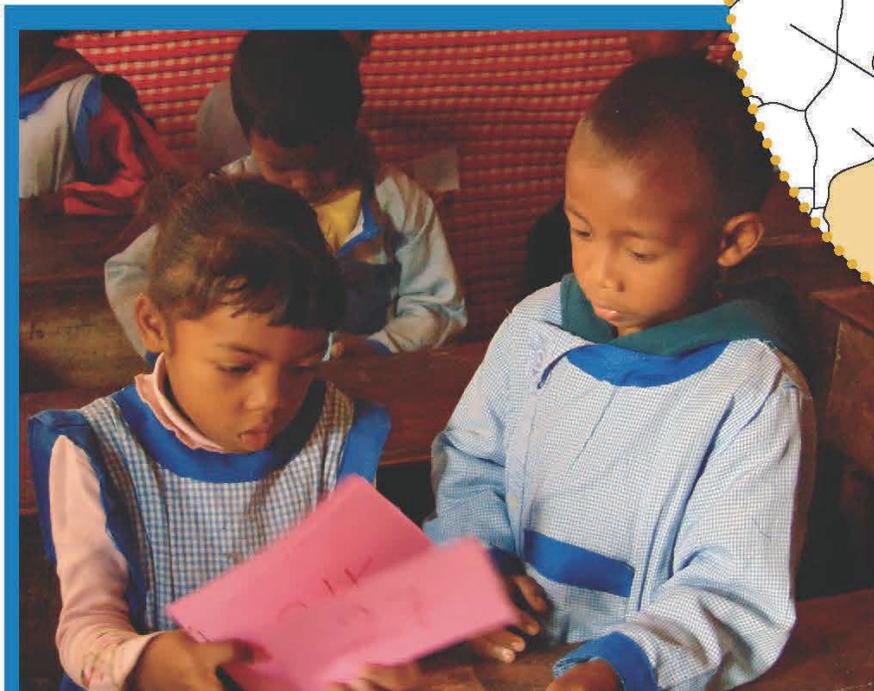
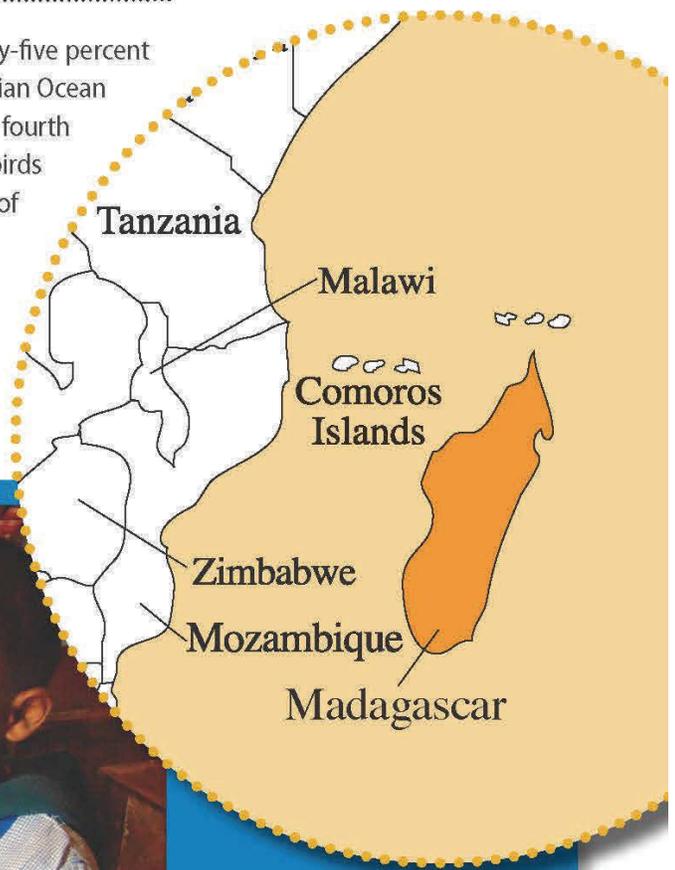
Max is 14 years old and attends South Doyle Middle School. He is a percussionist in the band, has been in the Young Marine's for several years, and has earned a black belt in karate. He also plays tennis.

Julia and Alex Cantrell with son Jack Luther following Jack's baptism on November 29.



Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in **Madagascar**

Madagascar remains one of the world's poorest countries. Ninety-five percent of its population lives on less than \$2 per day. Located in the Indian Ocean 250 miles off the eastern coast of Africa, Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island and is home to many unique species of mammals, birds and plants. The Malagasy are thought to be the descendants of Africans and Indonesians who settled on the island more than 2,000 years ago. In January 2009 the country's elected president was deposed by a military coup d'état. Andry Rajoelina assumed power with the military's backing. Roughly half of Malagasies are Christian, 7 percent are Muslim and the remainder adhere to traditional beliefs.



Elementary school children in Madagascar

Working together with our partners in Madagascar

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is partnering with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar on an education project that shows much promise for boosting achievement in schools operated by the Malagasy church. Mission co-worker Jan Heckler, a veteran educator, has helped the church's school system implement a successful test project using Evidence-Based Methods of Instruction (EBMI). Now she is involved in efforts to extend EBMI to all 700 schools run by the church, which is commonly known by its Malagasy acronym, FJKM. More than 107,000 students attend FJKM schools. Students in the test project using EBMI showed significant academic improvement. "With EBMI, learning occurs more quickly, reaches higher levels, and is sustained longer," Jan says. "Students actually learn to learn." This, she adds, develops their learning abilities both in the classroom and in the everyday situations of life. Improving education is one of the primary ways the FJKM and the PC(USA) address the root causes of poverty in Madagascar.

Missionaries to Madagascar Supported by Second Presbyterian Church



Dr. Daniell Turk and Elizabeth Turk

Serving in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), Dan and Elizabeth work to improve the lives of the Malagasy people. Elizabeth trains village health workers, helps communities develop safe drinking water sources, and educates church leaders and youth about AIDS prevention. Dan has helped the FJKM develop an extensive fruit tree program that greatly improves food security and nutrition in a country where poverty indexes are plummeting. He also works in environmental education, helping people live in harmony with God's creation. Home presbytery: Central Florida/Western North Carolina; E200418, D507218

To support mission workers with your financial gift:

- go to presbyterianmission.org/supportwm
- call 800-728-7228, x5611
- send a check to
PC(USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

(congregations may mail to your normal receiving site, which is usually your presbytery)

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- On the check's memo line simply write E132192
- To support specific mission co-workers, simply write their name on the memo line of the check.

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presbyterianmission.org/worldmission

Connect with a mission worker at presbyterianmission.org/missionconnections

LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, January 5 - 11:30 A.M.



Our guest will be Tom Harrington who will present a wonderful program on how the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was first established. Guess who made the first payment?

Tom Harrington has been volunteering at the national park for over 17 years. While working in the park three to five days a week, he provides informal roving interpretation, formal in-

terpretive program, and off-site community outreach programs. He has educated thousands of visitors, providing further insight and appreciation, promoting stewardship and passion for the Smokies.

Mr. Harrington received the GSMNP's Southeast Regional Enduring Service Award in October in recognition of the more than 20,000 hours he has spent in volunteer service in the Cades Cove area. He will present his program using slides, power point, etc. Be sure to make your reservation.

The Pastor Nominating Committee invites you to attend

MINISTRY INFORMATION FORM MEETINGS

Sunday, Jan. 10 - 9:00am to 10:50am
Wednesday, Jan. 13 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

There will be two meetings held to discuss the Ministry Information Form (MIF) for Second Presbyterian Church. This is the church's "resume" that will be shared with potential pastoral candidates. All members of the congregation are urged to attend either meeting for important information about this form. Copies of the MIF will be available at the reception desk.

From the Stewardship & Budget Committee:

If you have not turned in your pledge for 2016, there is still time! The Stewardship and Budget Committee would like to have the most accurate picture possible of our anticipated receipts as they endeavor to craft a budget for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the Atrium.



Brighten a winter day with a delicious meal and an inspiring presentation.

**Presbyterian Women Presents
Susan Dakak,**

President, Intuitive Technologies, Inc.

“My Blessed Life, a Journey from Iraq to America”

January 12th at 11:30am

Lunch is \$10

Susan came to the U.S. in 1978 from Iraq and has a compelling story to tell about her journey as a Christian.

**Young Adults* Lunch and Bible Study
starting in February**

Following up on a great lunch gathering in November, the **Young Adults Group** at Second will begin meeting for **lunch** (provided by members of the congregation) **and a Bible study directly following worship on Sunday, February 14.**

Rev. Andy Morgan, the new Presbyterian campus minister at UT’s UKirk, will lead a **four-week study series** that will center on **living with a Christian faith lens**. Undergrad and graduate students from the UKirk ministry will be joining us, so this will be a great opportunity to meet new people! Check out UKirk’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UTKPCM/>) and the video introduction of Andy (<https://www.facebook.com/UKirkUTK/videos/10154172935229622/?theater>). For more information, contact Andy at ukirk@utk.edu.

***Wondering about the definition of “young adult?”**

Andy and his wife Sarah were welcomed in classic UT style with a message on The Rock.



Definitely undergrad and grad school age, young singles, young married couples – pretty much anyone 18 to 30ish. (If you remember the 70s, you might be too old.) That said, we won’t be carding at the door!

I Threw the Key Away
Author unknown

I have shut the door on yesterday
Its sorrows and despairs
I have locked within its glooms
Past failures and mistakes.
And now I throw the key away
And seek a sunny room
Which I will furnish with hopes and smiles
And fragrant springtime bloom.

No thought shall enter this bright room
That has a touch of pain
No impatience, unhappiness
Shall ever entrance gain.

I shut the door on yesterday
And throw the key away
Tomorrow holds no fear for me
Since I have found TODAY.

In Case of Emergency:

Should there be an emergency when the church office is closed, please contact a member of our Session:

- Betsy Bush 865-310-9964 (c)
- Matt Casey 865-201-9759 (c)
- Dick Dodson 865-414-7413 (c)
- Kim Elrod 865-591-1710 (c)
- Bruce Foster 865-406-5200 (c)
- Dana Hendrix 865-368-1450 (c)
- Lisa Henley 865-335-1752 (c)
- Mancil Milligan 865-567-2162 (c)
- Neal Peebles 865-247-4503 (h); 865-384-8741 (c)

Wednesdays at Second

WED. January 6	No Wednesday activities
WED. January 13	10:00 AM Line Dancing with Jim Ford 11:00 AM Bible Study with Dr. Rucker 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 PM MIF Discussion - Parlor 6:00 PM David Goslee's Bible Study 6:00 PM Star Circle 6:15 PM Line Dancing with Jim Ford
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Celebrating 10+ Years of Making a Difference in Children's Lives at the Second Presbyterian Preschool

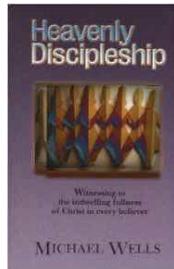


Front, left to right:
Angela Kronau - 14 yrs, **Amy Idol** - 17 yrs,
Gollan Maroof - 10 yrs, **Misty Shiedler** - 10 yrs.
 Back, left to right:
Rachel Webster - 11 yrs, **Linda Sue Byrd** - 14 yrs,
Brenda Rogoski - 15 yrs, **Julie Jolly** - 12 yrs,
Holly Beets - 18 yrs.

Congratulations and Thank You for your service!

STAR CIRCLE

Star Circle is studying **Heavenly Discipleship** by Michael Wells. We look forward to seeing everybody in the library at 6:00 PM after dinner on Wednesday night, resuming Jan. 13.



Linda McCann (865) 360-4906
 Nan Sweitzer (865) 604-8702
 Email: lindamccann37@gmail.com

2ND READERS BOOK CLUB

(meets the 3rd Wed of each month)

January 20 at **3:45 PM** in the Library

We will review **All the Light We Cannot See**.



On February 17, we will be reviewing **Brooklyn** Colman Toibin. Elsie will lead the discussion.

HELP NEEDED!!

The FISH Pantry delivers food and supplies to needy families. Many of these individuals are handicapped or do not have transportation and need the food to be delivered to them. We are in desperate need of drivers to deliver the food, especially during the summer months when many people are out of town. Please consider helping with this valuable ministry even if you are only able to help on a once in awhile basis. The FISH Pantry operates on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Deliveries begin at 11:30 a.m. and usually take about an hour. Call the church office if you are able to help with FISH.

Committee Meetings

All committees meet at the following times on **January 5:**

- 5:00 PM - Buildings & Facilities
- 5:30 PM - Congregational Care
- 6:00 PM - Personnel
- 6:00 PM - Stewardship & Budget
- 7:00 PM - Christian Education
- 7:00 PM - Evangelism & Church Growth
- 7:00 PM - Mission

Worship & Music—Sunday after church 1/10/2016

Please contact your committee chair if you have questions or concerns.

Highlights from the December 15 Session Meeting

Nancy Montgomery, Clerk of Session

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meetings on November 10 and 25, 2015.
- Approved the release from membership of Chad Thomas to Grace Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the change of the day of the Stated Meeting of the Session to the third week of the month starting in February.
- Approved January 12, 2016 as date of the next Stated Meeting of the Session.
- Dr. Rucker announced that he will be out of town January 18-31, 2016.
- Approved the draft Ministry Information Form (MIF) presented by the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Approved the deferment of the decision on the wording to be sandblasted onto the new wall by the pre-school to the Facilities Committee.
- Approved the deferment of the decision of the hiring and title for the staff member to replace the Church Secretary to the Personnel Committee.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Agreed on February 7, 2016 as the date of the Annual Meeting.

BIRTHDAYS

Betty McCollum	1/1
Fran McLean	1/2
Dana Hendrix	1/4
Jack Boyd	1/5
Fay Carr	1/6
Elizabeth Hamilton	1/6
Allene Miller	1/6
Jeannie Ullrich	1/6
Nancy Weigel	1/6
Beverly Gilmer	1/7
Tim Wright	1/9
Marjorie Reynolds	1/10
Morton Rose	1/15
Kelly Dicken	1/16
Leslie Testerman	1/16
Bill Bull	1/17
Gerry Turner	1/17
Tomi Beverly	1/18
Genevieve Turner	1/18
Mary Porter	1/20
Peter Ullrich	1/20
Frieda Sims	1/21
Monica Casey	1/22
Arleen Reilly Sexauer	1/22
Cliff Barbour	1/24
Jean Frazier	1/26

FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ten Months ended November 30, 2015

	Jan-Oct 2015	Jan-Oct 2015	2015
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	annual budget
PLEDGE OFFERINGS	\$467,363	\$448,763	\$489,560
UNPLEDGED OFFERINGS	\$50,486	\$32,487	\$35,440
PRESCHOOL CONTRACT	\$26,667	\$29,333	\$32,000
OTHER	\$119,654	\$124,267	\$135,564
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$664,170	\$634,850	\$692,564
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$532,639	\$634,850	\$692,564
NET RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$131,531	\$0	\$0

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship - 11:00 am	4	5 Lunch Bunch - 11:30 am Congregational Care Mtg - 5:30 pm Deacons Mtg - 6:00 pm Session Mtg - 6:00 pm	6 Line Dancing - 10:00 am Rev. Rucker Bible Study - 11:00 am Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30 pm David Goslee's Bible Study - 6:00 pm Line Dancing - 6:00 pm	7 Rhythmic Movement 10:30 am	8 1 New Years Day - office closed	9
10 MIF Meeting - 9:00 am Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship—11:00 am	11	12 PW Circle and Luncheon - 10:15 am	13 Line Dancing - 10:00 am Rev. Rucker Bible Study - 11:00 am 2nd Readers Book Club - 3:45 pm Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30 pm MIF Meeting - 6:00 pm Star Circle - 6:00 pm David Goslee's Bible Study - 6:00 pm	14 Rhythmic Movement 10:30 am	15	16
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Organist	Brenda Goslee
Clerk of Session	Nancy Montgomery
Nurse	Tomi Beverly
Intern for Youth	Sarah-Dianne Jones