



The Second Edition

A monthly newsletter published for the congregation and friends
of Second Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Tennessee

FEBRUARY 2016

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. People in the pews may be asking questions. Why do Presbyterians participate in Ash Wednesday? Isn't it a Roman Catholic rite? What is the purpose of Lent in the Reformed tradition? Are we supposed to give up something for Lent? Congregations, increasingly called to welcome seekers and new Christians, are aware of the importance of defining the language of faith and interpreting the traditions of the community.

The season of Lent leads up to the most holy of Christian days, Easter Sunday. The forty days of Lent begin Ash Wednesday and end at dusk the Saturday before Easter, not counting the Sundays in between. The Sundays during Lent, like every Sunday, are considered weekly celebrations of the resurrection. Many denominations encourage disciples to renew and strengthen their faith during Lent. Plans are made for community-wide Lenten preparation through the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, fasting, and service.

This preparation is a historical model from the early church. New believers were mentored in the Christian faith weeks before Easter, preparing for their baptisms at the Great Easter Vigil. The idea of giving something up for Lent came out of this tradition, when fasting—abstaining from food as an act of discipline in solidarity with others in the community—was used to raise one's spiritual consciousness and empty oneself before God. Fasting or giving up something for Lent can be a good way to explore a deeper expression of faith, if not adopted as a show of piety, martyrdom, or moral righteousness.

Presbyterians may find it meaningful to give something up for Lent, but it is not required. Some disciples may find a more valuable spiritual exercise in taking something on during Lent—a more Christ-like attitude toward others, a humble spirit at work, or a feeling of gratitude in the midst of scarcity. Whatever spiritual disciplines and preparations are embraced during Lent, they can help us prepare for or renew our baptisms as part of the resurrection celebration at Easter.

—taken from www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/curriculum/lenten-practices-101/



LECTIONARY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Sunday February 28

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

BRRRRRR!

During this time of year, if wintry weather conditions question whether Sunday services will be held, please remember to check the church's website, www.2ndpes.org, and Facebook page, "Second Presbyterian Church Knoxville" for the most up to date information. If cancelled, an Email Blast will also be sent out.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

February's Luncheon & Program—Tuesday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Changing Lives in East Tennessee One Hoof Beat at a Time

Presented by Lynn Petr, Executive Director

Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR)

“Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding is one of the nation's premier equine assisted activities and therapies programs...and it is located right here in the Knoxville area. In the 28 years of STAR's existence the program has grown substantially to meet the growing needs of our community of individuals with special needs. We support four main programs with another one just beginning. Come and find out what we are up to and realize what can happen when you wish upon a STAR.” —Lynn Petr.

Ladies not in a PW Circle can make a reservation by calling the Church Office by February 4. Lunch is \$10.

March's Luncheon & Program—Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m.

The Knoxville Zoo visits Second Presbyterian Church

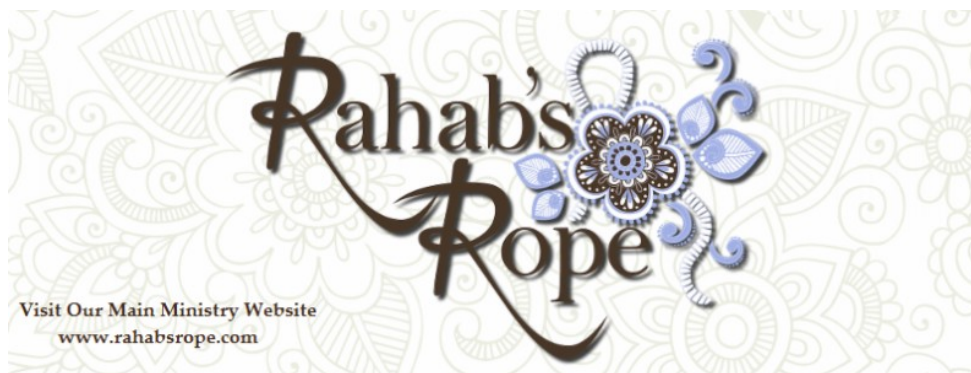
Zoomobile—March of the Animals—The Zoo to You

Einstein, the famous grey parrot, hopes to join the march!

All gentlemen and ladies are invited. Lunch is \$10.

April's Annual Gathering—Tuesday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Featuring a special ministry in India



Also, there will be shopping for crafts from India (and maybe even a taste of India). Stay tuned for more information in March's *Second Edition*.

SECOND HAPPENINGS



**Tuesday
February 2
at 11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch is \$10. Reserve your spot to hear
Caroline Rigsby Graber
speak on “Emerging Infections.”**

She will discuss resistant organisms, hospital acquired infections, Influenza, West Nile Virus, Ebola, measles, and the newly recognized Zika virus and others.

Caroline Rigsby Graber was born in Ashland, Kentucky. She earned an AB degree from Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky, and an MS in Microbiology from the University of Michigan. She moved to Knoxville in 1968, has worked as a Research Assistant at UT’s Department of Microbiology, taught homebound students for Knoxville Public Schools, and returned to UT for a BSN degree in Nursing in 1979. She was Director of Infection Control at Children’s Hospital from 1979-2010, and since 2010 has been Research Nurse for Vanderbilt University and the Tennessee Department of Health.

PW STAR CIRCLE

Star Circle is studying *Heavenly Discipleship* by Michael Wells. We look forward to seeing everybody in the Library at 6:00 p.m. after dinner on Wednesday nights. For more information, contact Linda McCann at 865.360.4906 or lindamccann37@gmail.com or Nan Sweitzer at 865.604.8702.

Committee Meetings

Church committees will meet on—

Tuesday, February 2

5:00 p.m.—Buildings & Facilities

5:30 p.m.—Congregational Care

6:00 p.m.—Personnel

6:00 p.m.—Stewardship & Budget

7:00 p.m.—Christian Education

7:00 p.m.—Evangelism and Church Growth

7:00 p.m.—Missions

Sunday, February 14

12:00 p.m.—Worship and Music

2nd Reader’s Book Club

(meets the 3rd Wednesday
of each month)



Next meets **Wednesday, February 17**
at **3:45 p.m.**, in the Library.

A review of *Brooklyn* by Colman Toibin.
Elsie Dodson will lead the discussion.



Second’s Facebook page is another great information resource you can use like our webpage for instant news regarding Second. Search Second Presbyterian Church Knoxville and “like” the page. If you have pictures of Second facilities, events, and/or people, please email them to Heath (admin@2ndpres.org). Thanks!

The FISH Pantry—HELP NEEDED!

The FISH Pantry delivers food and supplies to needy families each month. Many of these individuals are handicapped or do not have transportation and need the food to be delivered to them. We are in need of drivers to deliver the food. Please consider helping with this valuable ministry even if you are only able to help on a once in a while basis. The FISH Pantry operates on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Deliveries begin at 11:30 a.m. and usually take about an hour. Please call the Church Office at 523.2189 if you are able to help in this outreach ministry. Thanks!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Lindsay Casey	2/8	April Phillips	2/14	Dotty Barbour
2/2	Doug Brittan	2/9	Neal Peebles	2/16	Lesley Berman
2/5	Ken Frazer	2/10	Leilla White	2/18	Eleanor Barker
2/5	Bill Laing	2/12	Bobbie Denton	2/19	Joyce Robertson
2/8	Herb Cleveland	2/13	Kreis Weigel		

Every effort has been made to list the birthdays correctly. If there is a mistake or if your name and birthday have been omitted, please accept our apology and contact Heath (523.2189 or admin@2ndpres.org). Thanks!



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian

care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing life difficulties. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister or would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of our Stephen Ministers—Bobbie Denton, Bruce Foster, Doug Matthews, Mancil Milligan, or Neal Peebles.

Birth Announcement

Praise and thanksgiving to God for the birth of Madeline Anne McLean-Phelps. Madeline was born January 9, 2016, at UT Medical Center. She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.5 inches. Madeline is the daughter of Kirstina McLean and Marcus Phelps. She is the granddaughter of Marty and Fran McLean. Aunt Ally is excited about her new niece!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ended December 31, 2015	2015 Actual	2015 Budget
Pledged Offerings	512,659	489,560
Non-pledged Offerings	65,252	35,440
Preschool	26,667	32,000
Other	131,438	135,564
TOTAL INCOME	736,016	692,564
TOTAL EXPENSES	570,797	692,564
NET INCOME	165,219	0

SESSION NEWS

Highlights from the Stated Meeting of the Session of Elders on January 12, 2016

- ✦ Approved the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session on December 15, 2015.
- ✦ Approved a Sunday, February 21, 2016 meeting of the Bicentennial Committee meeting following the Worship Service.
- ✦ The Presbytery of East Tennessee Committee on Ministry approved the Ministry Information Form prepared by the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- ✦ Approved the use of the facilities by a Tuesday Basketball Group, the Knoxville Symphony, and the Knoxville Opera.
- ✦ Received the reports from the Deacons and Committees as information.
- ✦ Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- ✦ Approved the 2016 Budget as submitted by the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- ✦ Elected Mancil Milligan as Treasurer.
- ✦ Elected Nancy Montgomery as Clerk of the Session.
- ✦ Elected Bruce Foster and Lisa Henley to serve on the Nominating Committee from the Session.
- ✦ Approved a \$5000 Stewardship Commitment to the Presbytery of East Tennessee for 2016.

January 4, 2016

Dear Staff and Congregation,

It is with sincere thanks and joy that I share the success of our Holiday Store with you. Your donated gift items helped to provide Christmas for 161 individuals and 553 family members. This was our 19th year of providing this special service to those in our community who are less fortunate, and each year we have been blessed with donations from wonderful organizations like yours. Again, thank you so much for making it possible for so many to have a joyous Christmas.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Ramey

Chief Development Officer

Volunteer Ministry Center, Inc.



MISSIONS NEWS



To Second Presbyterian Church—

I am really excited to report about your church's support for sending inner city kids to the environmental camp in November 2015. The 39 Lonsdale kids had a FANTASTIC three days and two nights at Tremont! I spent Friday morning with them which included a circle “report out” from teachers and all the students of their favorite things. Five Lonsdale teachers were there for the entire time and all of them spoke to me about “what a game changer” this event has been, how they will be able to reference Tremont experiences throughout the year in the classroom, how some kids were really timid and even scared of the woods at first, but after a day of exercises and lessons really got into it, and how this experience is so different from any the kids have had.

They are already planning on it for next year, and they will have an even bigger fifth grade. SO A HUGE THANK YOU to Second Presbyterian Church—what a difference in these kids lives! Thanks again!

Dave Ostermeier

The Missions Committee, authorized by the Session, contributed \$500 to help defray the expenses of inner city children from Knoxville’s Lonsdale Elementary School to attend an environmental camp at the Tremont Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



MORE MISSIONS NEWS



Last fall, Second collected spare change to fill up one of those huge water jugs with the change to donate to Living Waters for the World.

Can you guess how much was collected? More than that! Still higher than that! Keep going!

The total collected was \$1,670.82! We aren't quite sure how much the water jug weighed with all the change, but it was a two man job to get it to the bank!

Living Waters for the World is the global mission resource of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Living Waters for the World (LWW) is a Christian ministry that provides sustainable clean water, fostering long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need.

LWW partners with communities to develop a sustainable solution for providing clean water. By providing a water treatment system that's simple and affordable, and by teaching local leaders to lead health and spiritual education among the community, Living Waters for the World and its trained volunteer teams help communities take ownership of their health and well-being.

LWW does not drill wells or provide other water access solutions. LWW empowers communities to treat available but contaminated water.



SECOND WELCOMES B. HEATH HARPER

Upon approval of the Personnel Committee in December, B. Heath Harper began his duties as Office Coordinator at Second on Tuesday, January 5. Heath grew up in Madisonville, Kentucky. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and history from Western Kentucky University, and has completed graduate work at Memphis Theological Seminary toward a Master of Divinity degree.

Heath has been married for over almost twelve years to Melody, whom he met on a blind date through a mutual friend while in seminary. Heath and Melody have a seven-year-old son, Evan, who is a first-grader at Blue Grass Elementary School and the center of their lives.

The Harpers came to East Tennessee through Melody's career with the American Cancer Society. They love living in Knoxville and are active members of the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Powell.



Heath is an ordained elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Heath enjoys time spent with Melody and Evan exploring East Tennessee. He loves reading, especially historical nonfiction, autobiographies, and 20th century history, and collecting commemorative china plates with Cumberland Presbyterian Churches depicted on them.

Heath's prior corporate work experience includes banking, accounting, and human resources. Prior to Second, Heath was the Finance Assistant at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge and the Bookkeeper at Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Knoxville.

Heath will begin studies this summer to complete certification nationally as a Certified Church Administrator (CCA).

CAN YOU HEAR ME? CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?



Assisted Listening System Update and A Call for Volunteers

As many of you may be aware, Second has an “Assisted Listening” system available in the Sanctuary for those who need a little help in hearing the service more clearly. It consists of a number of receivers with associated headphones which are set out in the Narthex prior to each service. We had previously used “ear buds” but have discontinued those as they are not as popular, convenient, or sanitary as the headphones. For those who wish, feel free to bring your own headphones or “ear buds” as they will plug into the receivers with no problems. Second currently has nine receivers but only four sets of headphones. That can be corrected in the future should the need arise.

About 45 minutes prior to a service, music is broadcast through the system to allow the users to know that their receiver and headphones are working. At the beginning of the organ prelude, the recorded music is stopped and replaced with the sanctuary music and service. If you have any questions, ask any of the Ushers or see me prior to the start of the service.

Also, Second is looking for volunteers who would like to learn the basics of running the Sanctuary sound system. It’s much easier than it might appear. I’d be happy to help anyone who wishes to learn the basics or wants to delve into the “nuts and bolts” of how it all works. Please see me before or after any service, drop a note in my mailbox in the workroom, or contact me via phone or email below.

Paul Sexauer, Second’s Sound Technician
Cell.865.850.7328
paulsexauer@wildblue.net

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

Second Presbyterian Church’s Joy Singers will begin regular bi-monthly rehearsals on Tuesday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m., in the Choir Room. The rehearsal previously scheduled for February 2, has been moved to February 16.

All senior adults who enjoy ministering through music are invited to attend. No audition is required! The Joy Singers regularly meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m.



Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. On Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger relief charity of their choice. In 2014, more than 10,000 groups collected more than \$8 million in dollars and food for local hunger relief charities. That's a total of more than \$100 million collected since the movement began in 1990!



This year, Second will be participating in Souper Bowl Sunday! After worship on Sunday, February 7th, Second Youth will be holding soup pots at the Sanctuary exits in which you can donate. Our goal is to raise \$500 for local food missions. Let Sarah-Dianne know if you have any questions!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

JOIN US FOR
Sunday School at Second—each Sunday—9:30-10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN

Nursery Class—infant-2 year olds (Nursery Room 113)

Preschool Class—3-4 year olds (Preschool Room 116)

Elementary Class—Kindergarten-5th grade (Studio 252)

Talk to Holly Beets for more information on curriculum and activities!

YOUTH

Youth Class—6th-12th grade (Room 203-4)

The Youth Class is currently spending a year focusing on different stories throughout the Bible.

By the end of May, we'll have made it all the way through Revelation! Each week involves being creative, having discussion, and watching a video. Talk to Sarah-Dianne if you have any questions or want to know more!

ADULTS

Bible Discovery Class led by Helen Grant (Room 220)

The Bible Discovery Class uses a quarterly curriculum, "The Present Word", published in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the United Church of Christ. The weekly Bible study lessons are based on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching. We begin each Sunday with a hymn singing chosen to support the day's study. Join us for joyful song, learning of God's Word, and fellowship!

Book of Genesis Class led by Dr. David Goslee (Room 63)

Faith, Science, and the Future Class led by Dick Dodson
(Room 206)

The Faith, Science, and the Future Class is a discussion and presentation based class that examines primarily current religious and faith issues, scientific knowledge, and the future of the universe relative to our continuing search for an understanding of the kingdom of God. Topics are wide ranging and often timely.

Pilgrim Class led by Liz Peebles (Room 58)

The Pilgrim Class which meets in the Library examines current church issues along with a Bible study. We are currently reading the parables of Jesus.



INVITATIONS

**You are invited
to hear Dr. Anna Carter Florence
speak at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Knoxville
Saturday evening, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.
and at both worship services Sunday morning, February 7.
Admission and childcare are free.**



Dr. Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale College and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.).

Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Anna served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. Her books include *Preaching as Testimony* and *Inscribing the Word*, as well as two forthcoming books: 'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet, and *Come Back When You've Found Something True: New Ways to Read Scripture*, based on her 2012 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. She is a frequent teacher and lecturer in this country and abroad. Anna and her husband, the Reverend David Carter Florence, have two grown sons. They also have two dogs, two cats, a flock of chickens, and way too much knitting yarn.

Her presentation is entitled "Reading the Verbs." If you do a quick survey of any Bible passage, you'll find that what is true in life is also true in scripture: the verbs dominate. Not adjectives; verbs. It's what we do and don't do that preoccupies human beings. And it's the verbs we cannot imagine for ourselves (live, liberate, forgive, resurrect) that the church offers, and that we reach for, week after week. So what happens when we read scripture and let the verbs lead? Anna puts a twist on dramatic theory and invites us to read the biblical "script" by focusing on the verbs that are given and chosen by the characters. What new things will we see and hear in both our sacred text and our human drama when we connect the verbs? How can that, in turn, change and renew our preaching?

**You are invited
to Kacie Kenton's graduate voice recital
in the Powell Recital Hall in the Natalie L. Haslam Music Center at the University of Tennessee
on Friday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m.
Admission is free.**

Kacie has been singing with the Second Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir for the past year and a half, and would be delighted to have your support in this commemoration of her work as a master's student. Kacie is finishing up her second and final year as a graduate voice student at the University of Tennessee.



She grew up in San Diego, California, and received her Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music in Illinois.

Kacie's previous opera roles include Susanna (*Le Nozze di Figaro*), Second Lady (*Die Zauberflöte*), Laurie (*The Tender Land*), Zerlina (*Don Giovanni*), and Anna Gomez (*The Consul*).

This April, Kacie will perform the role of Zerlina in the University of Tennessee Opera Theater's production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. Kacie is studying voice with Marjorie Bennett Stephens.

CHURCH CALENDAR

If you find mistakes in the Church Calendar, please contact Heath (523.2189 or admin@2ndpres.org). Thanks.

Tuesday, February 2

10:00am Joy Singers
11:30am Lunch Bunch Luncheon and Program

Committee Meetings

5:00pm Buildings & Facilities
5:30pm Congregational Care
6:00pm Personnel
6:00pm Stewardship & Budget
7:00pm Christian Education
7:00pm Evangelism & Church Growth
7:00pm Missions

Wednesday, February 3

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Dr. Rucker's Bible Study
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Dr. Rucker's Lenten Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Handbell Practice
6:45 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 4

Friday Email Blast submission deadline

10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Sunday, February 7

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service
 Annual Congregational Meeting
 Communion Sunday
 Scout Sunday
 Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
12:00pm Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, February 9

9:30am PW Board Meeting
10:15am PW Circles' Meetings
11:30am PW Luncheon and Program
6:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, February 10

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Dr. Rucker's Bible Study
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Dr. Rucker's Lenten Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Handbell Practice
6:45 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 11

Friday Email Blast submission deadline

10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Sunday, February 14

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service
12:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 16

10:00am Joy Singers

Wednesday, February 17

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Dr. Rucker's Bible Study
3:45pm 2nd Readers' Book Group
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Dr. Rucker's Lenten Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Handbell Practice
6:45 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 18

Friday Email Blast submission deadline

10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Sunday, February 21

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service
12:00pm Bicentennial Committee Lunch and Meeting

Tuesday, February 23

9:00am Fish Pantry
6:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

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10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Dr. Rucker's Bible Study
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Dr. Rucker's Lenten Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Handbell Practice
6:45 pm Choir Practice

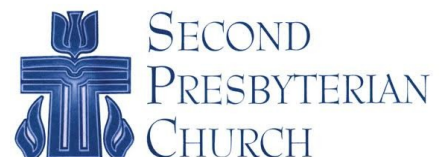
Thursday, February 25

Friday Email Blast submission deadline

10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Sunday, February 28

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service



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THE SESSION OF ELDERS

2016 CLASS

Betsey Bush
 Matt Casey
 Bruce Foster

2017 CLASS

Kim Elrod
 Mancil Milligan
 Neal Peebles

2018 CLASS

Dick Dodson
 Dana Hendrix
 Lisa Henley

"Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session."

from PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2016 CLASS

Caroline Buckner
 Doug Matthews
 Linda McCann

2017 CLASS

Cleston Jones
 John Reynolds
 Laura Turner

2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler
 Charlotte Klieman
 Mary McLean

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."

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