



The Second Edition

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

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WHAT IS PENTECOST SUNDAY?

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire ([Matthew 3:11](#)). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in [John 14:26](#). He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth ([Acts 1:3-8](#)). After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, [John 20:19-23](#) may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in [Matthew 28:19-20](#), saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit ([John 20:21-23](#)).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in [Acts 2:1-4](#). It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ([1 Corinthians 12:7](#)); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body ([1 Corinthians 12:13](#)); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers ([Romans 8:9-11](#)). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call ([Acts 2:39](#)).

LECTIONARY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 15

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 or

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Sunday, May 22

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sunday, May 29

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10



SECOND PAGE NEWS



Graduating Seniors Second Presbyterian Church congratulates:

Gil Tuner, graduating from West High School. Gil was baptized at 2nd by Ed Carver and is the youngest son of Laura & Mike Turner. Gil will be attending UT Knoxville in the fall and is majoring in engineering.

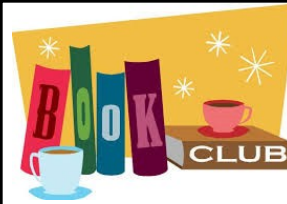
Sarah-Dianne Jones, graduating from Maryville College with a BA degree in Religion. For the past 2 years Sarah-Dianne has been Youth Ministry Director here at Second.

Did you know we have an AED Machine? Well, we do and it's located in the Fellowship Hall.



Christopher McClain with Rural Metro is coming to train us in the proper use of the AED machine. This training is open to staff and officers and any other members who wish to participate. Training date is **Wednesday, May 11 at 12 noon** and will last approximately 30 minutes. There is no cost for attending. Please let Jan Barber know if you wish to participate. Pre-registration is NOT required. You can email Jan at visit@2ndpres.org.

Visitation Minister, Jan Barber, will be conducting blood pressure screenings in the Break Room on **Sunday, May 22, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.**



2nd Reader's Book Club

(meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month)

Next meeting on

Wednesday, May 18 at 3:45 p.m., in the Library.

A review of *The Girls of Atomic City*
by Denise Kiernan

Liz Peebles will lead the discussion.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no meeting in June.

Presbyterian Women 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.

The Christian Education and Congregational Care Committees are seeking to marshal basic information on our students. If you have a child, grandchild, or others who you've brought to church or who are age appropriate for activities, please send this information to Mary, mnfarmer819@gmail.com. Please send for each child who is a part of our extended church family his/her name, age, year in school, school, and if that person is graduating this year. We'd like to have this information as soon as possible especially for those graduating from high school, jr. college, college, or a vocational program. Call Mary Farmer, 525-2939, with questions.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

5/1	Bruce Foster	5/6	Bill Miller	5/19	Laurie Curtis	5/25	Duane Grieve
5/1	Max Jones	5/7	Greg Pruitt	5/19	Brice Gilmer	5/28	Margaret Sullivan
5/1	Paul Sexauer	5/14	Bart Smythe	5/19	Sabina Cason	5/30	Becky Givens
5/2	Bo Curtis	5/15	Joe Beals	5/23	Holly Beets	5/30	Will Pruitt
5/3	Barbara Reynolds	5/15	Ellen Rochelle	5/24	Neal Henley	5/31	Leslie Matthews
5/5	Marty McLean	5/19	Sandy Burnett	5/24	Patrick Stanton	5/31	Jennica Ullrich

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 the Church Office. Thanks!

SECOND SESSION NEWS

April 19 Stated Session Meeting Highlights

- ✦ Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on March 15, Called Meeting on March 24, and Congregational Meeting on April 3, 2016.
- ✦ Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- ✦ Received the written financial report from the Treasurer.
- ✦ Commended the outgoing Elders Betsey Bush, Matt Casey and Bruce Foster for their service.
- ✦ Approved the transfer of Debbie Cooper to Westminster Presbyterian, Knoxville.
- ✦ Concurred with the proposal for the Bicentennial in 2018 from the Bicentennial Committee.
- ✦ Approved the administration of the Pastor Benevolent Fund.
- ✦ Approved combining the Stewardship and Personnel Committees and the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to organize Committees for the 2017-2018 Year.
- ✦ Approved the Clerk of Session to contact The Fellowship Community (formerly known as the Fellowship of Presbyterians) to request that Second Presbyterian Church be removed from the membership list that appears on their website.

SECOND FINANCIAL NEWS

Period ended March 31, 2016	JAN-MAR 2016 Actual	JAN-MAR 2016 Budget	2016 Annual Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$121,228	\$116,092	\$464,366
Non-pledged Offerings	\$24,086	\$7,500	\$30,000
Preschool	\$4,500	\$8,000	\$32,000
Other	\$40,058	\$35,853	\$143,414
TOTAL INCOME	\$189,872	\$167,445	\$669,780
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$134,399	\$167,445	\$669,780
NET INCOME	\$55,473	\$0	\$0



SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, May 15
Day of Pentecost**

Pentecost Offering—Investing in Our Young People

The Pentecost Offering is unique in that congregations direct 40% of what they receive for ministries which benefit children at risk. The remaining 60% supports mission through child advocacy (10%), youth ministry (25%), and Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities (25%).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Join Presbyterian Women
on May 10th at 11:30am (\$10)

Ladies and Gentlemen!
Whatever Age You Happen to Be:
Older, Younger, or Just Young at Heart,
Come and Join in the Fun.



Special Speaker:
Renee Willingham
Director of Chaplain Services,
Shannondale HealthCare and Retirement Community
“Life’s not so bad after 80”

**If you are not in a PW Circle at Second Presbyterian Church,
please make a reservation by Thursday May 5th. Call or email Liz Peebles at
email (enp3613@gmail.com) or phone (home.247.4503 or cell.660.9597).**

“To a young heart everything is fun.”
-Charles Dickens

Line Dancing News Flash

We’re going to add another line dance class on Tuesday evenings for all those busy folks on Wednesday nights with Bible Study and Circle meetings. The class will start **May 3 at 6-7pm**. For those of us who’ve already enjoyed some dancing time, Jim is a very patient teacher, the steps are EASY to learn, and most of all, it’s really FUN!! Bring a friend and join us. Line Dancing classes will continue throughout the summer to make sure we are done this great and fun form of exercise. So, you know have the options of:

Line Dancing

Tuesday evenings 6—7 PM

Wednesday mornings 10—11 AM

Wednesday evenings 6—7 PM as requested (Let Jim know)

Rhythmic Movement Class

Thursday mornings 10:30—11:30 AM



For more information call Jim Ford at 865-679-2376 or email jamesfordjim@aol.com.

SECOND MISSIONS NEWS

GOT IDEAS?? TELL US NOW!!!

The Mission Committee and the 200th Anniversary Committee are jointly looking for an idea for a special mission project, and we invite each of you to join us in the hunt!

We are striving to identify some special mission project that addresses some urgent need of some portion of God's people—some project that will symbolize the future of Second Presbyterian Church as it celebrates its long, historic past, but—more importantly—looks forward to a recommitment in our service in the Lord's name.

Would you think and pray about the countless needs of so many in our fast-moving, high tech society where many human beings are in want, in pain, and desperate for the healing, caring compassion of God's love? Will you share with us your thoughts on how we can demonstrate during our celebratory time our desire to strengthen our Christian witness while we serve as God's hands?

As you consider ideas, please keep in mind some parameters that will influence the project selection:

1. The project will require its own fund raising component, separate from the church's annual budgets and the Mission Committee's traditional giving plan.
2. The project must be planned, financed, and completed no later than Fall, 2018.
3. The project is one with which Second Presbyterian Church can be associated directly, that is, even if the project is a part of a larger organization, our project will be identifiable as SPC's effort.
4. The project provides the opportunity for human interaction between us and the selected recipients.

JOIN THE HUNT and give us your ideas NOW!!! Talk to Arvilee or Helen Grant or call them at 865-693-1980. OR, email them at arvileeg@yahoo.com OR, leave ideas in the 200th Anniversary Committee's mail box in the church's workroom.

WEST VIEW APPRECIATION DAY—MAY 18

"We would like to show our appreciation for everyone that supported us this year--from the work day to reading throughout the year to the financial contribution for our Washington trip. On May 18, our students want to serve the extended WVE family from 2nd Pres in a luncheon in your honor. Ideally, each volunteer would eat with the class he/she was either assigned to read with this year OR we will assign them a class if they contributed financially or on work day. It is critical we teach students to not just take, but give back. This is the last day before the student 1/2 day, so we felt it would give enough time for folks to plan for it AND let our kids practice some skills they need to be service oriented for the luncheon. We may not have much monetarily, but they have hands of service and can honor our volunteers by serving them on this day of appreciation for your folks!" Beth Blevins, Principal West View Elementary

If this year or any past years, you have been a reader, worked the work day, given, or in any other way been a part of supporting West View, please plan to be there any time between 11 and 12:30 on May 18. There is nothing as rewarding as being around the students, and they really want to be able to say 'thank you' in person. Please contact Sarah in the church office by phone or email (reception@2ndpres.org) if you will be able to attend.

If you want to be with the class you have worked with, here is the schedule when they will be in the gym for lunch.

PreK: 11-11:15
1st Grade: 11:15-11:30
2nd Grade: 11:30—11:45

3rd Grade: 11:45—12:00
4th Grade: 12:00—12:15
5th Grade: 12:15—12:30



THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



Thanks be to God for the life and witness of...

Audley White

September 16, 1929—April 23, 2016
Member of Second Presbyterian Church since 1983.

PRESCHOOL MUSICAL

May 12, 2016

5:45pm

Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate what our Preschool here at 2nd Presbyterian is learning through music.



Mother's Day Breakfast

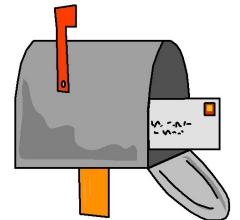
May 8, 9:00am

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast with your family cooked by the men of the church.

The event has no charge and is in honor of the day. Everyone is invited, and all men of the church are welcome to help. Following breakfast in Fellowship Hall you are invited to stay and hear Andy Morgan, the new pastor at the Presbyterian Student Center present his perspective on the UT campus ministry. We will conclude by 10:30 for worship. Although no reservation is required, please call the church office if you can come, 523-2189, so we avoid getting egg on our face.

FROM SECOND'S MAILBOX

To Second Presbyterian Church—I am writing to express our boundless gratitude for all your help while Brick and I have both been embattling extended health problems. Your time and kind assistance—the visits, the many beautiful cards and the delicious foods you have brought for us—have been most reassuring and welcome and vastly improved the quality of our lives. Thank you for your continuing support. We are indeed honored and blessed by our church family. Much love,
Brick and Betty McCollum.



To Second Presbyterian Church—I am finding it difficult to express the depths of amazement, gratitude and appreciation in the way the love of Jesus has been poured out on me through my 2nd Presbyterian family. My heart is full to overflowing at the goodness and mercy Father God has extended to me through your hearts and hands. I am blessed beyond measure by the big, beautiful basket filled with so many wonderful gifts, both practical and pampering. James 1:17 says, 'Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.' Thank you for being points of light on this new path I am walking. I love each and every one of you. In His love, **Barbara Bragg**

NOTE—Chancel flowers that are left from Sunday's Worship Service are donated on Mondays to Random Acts of Flowers. Volunteer teams divide, recycle, and repurpose the flowers into many arrangements and then deliver the beautiful, newly created bouquets to healthcare facilities around the Knoxville community.

APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR

If you find mistakes in the Church Calendar, please contact the Church Office.

Sunday, May 1

Youth Sunday

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

Monday, April 2

6:00pm Pastor Nominating
Committee—Conference Room

Tuesday, May 3

10:00am Joy Singers Rehearsal
11:30am Lunch Bunch Luncheon
and Program
6:00pm Line Dancing

Committee Meetings

5:00pm 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, May 4

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
3:30pm Visitation Office Open
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5

Friday Email Blast submissions due.
10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Friday, May 6

Church office closed.

Sunday, May 8

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

9:00am Mother's Day Breakfast
9:30am Andy Morgan, UT
Presbytery Center Pastor
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, May 9

6:00pm Pastor Nominating
Committee—Conference Room

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
3:30pm Visitation Office open
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

Friday Email Blast submissions due.
10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Sunday, May 15

Day of Pentecost

Ordination of Officers

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

Monday, May 16

6:00pm Pastor Nominating
Committee—Conference Room

Tuesday, May 17

10:00am Joy Singers Rehearsal
6:00pm Session Meeting
6:00pm Line Dancing

Wednesday, May 18

Last Wednesday Night Dinner

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
3:30pm Visitation Office Open
3:45pm 2nd Readers' Book Group
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Bible Study Classes
6:00pm PW Star Circle Bible Study

6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

Friday Email Blast submissions due.
10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Friday, May 20

June Second Edition submissions due.

Sunday, May 22

Trinity Sunday

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service
12:00pm Blood Pressure
Screenings—Break Room

Monday, May 23

6:00pm Pastor Nominating
Committee—Conference Room

Tuesday, May 24

9:00am Fish Pantry
6:00pm Line Dancing

Wednesday, May 25

10:00am Line Dancing Class
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
6:00pm Line Dancing Class
6:00pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

Friday Email Blast submissions due.
10:30am Rhythmic Movement Class

Sunday, May 29

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. Rucker on vacation

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship Service
12:15pm 200 Celebration Committee
lunch meeting

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

Dr. Rucker on vacation



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2018 CLASS
 Dick Dodson
 Dana Hendrix
 Lisa Henley

2019 CLASS
 Ed Batts
 Donna Matlock
 Tim Wright

Dr. Jim Rucker, Moderator
 Nancy Montgomery, Clerk

“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.”
 PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

**THE BOARD OF
 DEACONS**

2017 CLASS
 Cleston Jones
 John Reynolds
 Laura Turner

2018 CLASS
 Sandra Butler
 Charlotte Klieman
 Marty McLean

2019 CLASS
 Jim Ford
 Angela Jones
 Lily Wu

Cleston Jones, Moderator
 Sandra Butler, Clerk

“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.”
 PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0201

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