

### On Second Thought...

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior! Wow! What a wonderfully frantic month it has been and what a wonderful welcome we have received from all of you! Tuesday, Seth, Lily and I have been overwhelmed by the hospitality and love you have shown us ever since we moved to Knoxville. Not a day has gone by that someone hasn't said, "We're glad you're here!" or invited us to lunch or brought us a housewarming gift. We are deeply grateful for and humbled by the generous, welcoming spirit of this congregation and just want to say, "Thank you." We are genuinely excited about what God has in store for us here at Second, and here in Knoxville, and I can't wait to see where the Lord leads us in our journey together.

As we embark upon this journey, I look forward to getting to know each of you – your families, your stories, your *family's* stories, your histories, your likes, your dislikes – and I look forward to sharing in your lives – your joys, your sorrows, your hopes, and your dreams. There is a rich tradition and history surrounding Second Presbyterian Church and I look forward to us finding new ways together to be faithful to the enduring legacy of ministry and service that our ancestors have left us. Over the coming years we will serve God together with joy and passion. There will be times when we rejoice together and when we cry together, times of welcoming and times of departing, times of laughter and times of tears. There will be times when everyone is on the same page, as well as times when we disagree, which you well know. The important thing, however, is not *that* we disagree, but *how* we disagree.

I want us to be a community who disagrees agreeably – in love – because no matter what happens, we are a community of people who love the Lord, and that's what matters. I want us to be a place where we speak directly to one another when we have disagreements, telling the truth *in love*. I want us to be imperfect people *together* – a place where we all realize that we are flawed and where our first inclination is towards grace and understanding, rather than anger and judgment. The church, after all, is not a building, nor is it programs and ministries. The church is us – a community of people standing together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, working hard to be faithful disciples and to share the Good News of his Gospel with the world. This common bond supersedes and surpasses all others. Please, let's not forget this – we all love Jesus Christ and we are all working together for his sake, all of us ministers of his grace and mercy.

Please forgive me if it takes me a while to learn all your names. I ask for your grace in advance if I ask you a second or third time to say your name to me. The nametags are a big help – so please wear them when you're here! I hope to visit you in your homes very soon. In the meantime, please feel free to drop by and introduce yourself if you haven't already.

God has great things in store for us together. Let's have some fun!

Grace and peace...

Tim



The Preschool of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian was excited to welcome our new Pastor! Pastor Tim was greeted by each of our classrooms on his first week here at 2<sup>nd</sup>! A picture says a thousand words and I believe this one tells exactly what the children and teachers feel about our new friend, Pastor Tim! We are glad you have joined our family!





We planted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual garden in Preschool. This year the weather took its toll on our harvest, but we still were able to gather some tomatoes, green beans and a squash or two.

We used our garden as a learning experience in many areas including science, math and sharing (social/emotional skills).



# PLAYGROUND PROJECT COMPLETED!

If you happened to drive into the parking lot at Second Presbyterian Church recently on a very hot Wednesday morning, you were met with a cacophony of loud noises and a huge cloud of dust at one corner of the preschool's larger playground. It was impossible to tell from the sounds and the dust, but the actions taking place were actually the end of a longterm project well done. In January, 2014, the church's Session voted to make some long-needed renovations to the preschool's two playgrounds. No one was sure

when the playgrounds had last received major attention, but by all accounts, it was at least 20 years ago. The chain link surrounding fence (a bottom-line necessity for preschool age children) was falling apart, the playground equipment was rotting and becoming dangerous, the ground covering was deteriorating, and the shade trees were in trouble. The Session agreed to budget \$150,000 to do major necessary repairs and to improve the over-all appearance of the spaces. Mancil Milligan and Mike Nichols were asked to shepherd the project. The two later expanded their volunteer team to include a local husband/wife architect couple, Tarra and Paul McCall. The four consulted with the preschool staff, did their market research, visited other playground sites and playground companies and gradually developed an engineer/architect consensus for a design. They agreed to avoid the cost of an over site construction company and the required supervision of the process by performing these tasks themselves. As the work progressed, the trees that were still alive were treated and protected, the fencing built, the playground equipment purchased and installed, and a wood chip ground base was placed to protect children from mud and injury from falls. At the corner of the larger playground and the sidewalk leading into the sanctuary, a site wall was erected with a large precast concrete slab made ready for lettering of the sign. The large dust cloud described earlier was caused by the cutting of the letters in the concrete. Now the project is complete and, because of all the volunteer work given, the final cost was \$100,000—not \$150,000!!! HATS OFF TO MILLIGAN, NICHOLS, AND THE MCCALLS!

# JOHN KNOX CENTER September Events

### 15th Annual Family Picnic - Sunday, September 18, 1:00-5:00 pm

Pack up the family after worship and spend the day enjoying fellowship and fun at your Presbytery's camp. There is something fun for everyone: explore the lake by canoe or kayak, cool off by swimming in the lake, or have some friendly competition on the volleyball, horseshoes, or cornhole courts. The nature center, ropes course, and zipline will all be open, as well. The cost is \$10 per person. Children 10 & under are free with an adult. Anyone interested in going please contact Pastor Tim, Lisa Henley, or Ed Batts.

### Middle School Retreat at John Knox Center – Sept. 30-Oct. 2

The Presbytery of East Tennessee's John Knox Center is hosting a retreat for Middle School students this fall. The keynote speaker for the event is Andy Morgan, Campus Minister for UKirk @ UTK. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and end with Worship on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$100 before Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and \$120 after this date. (Scholarships are available – see Pastor Tim.) If you have a Middle Schooler who wants to go, or know of a Middle Schooler who does, please contact Christina Gore – <a href="mailto:youth@2ndpres.org">youth@2ndpres.org</a>. Also, let Christina know if you are interested in going as a chaperone!

### LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church is gathering supplies to take to Louisiana as a relief effort for the recent flooding there. There will be a designated drop-off area in Barron Hall this week for the supplies. Drivers will be going down next Sunday afternoon (September 11th) and will deliver the supplies to the Salvation Army Distribution Center in Baton Rouge, LA on Monday, September 12th. If you are interested in helping with this relief effort, please deliver your supplies to the Sequoyah Hills Church by Saturday morning, September 10th.

Supplies Needed:
Cleaning supplies—pads, sponges, towels,
detergent,
cleaner, soap, gloves, trash bags, etc.
Buckets, mops, etc.
Paper Goods
Baby food & formula
Diapers
Bug Spray
Feminine hygiene products

## Christina Gore – Second's New Youth Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome Christina Gore to Second Presbyterian Church as our new Youth Coordinator! Christina is a senior at UTK majoring in Economics. Before moving to Knoxville Christina was very active in her home church of Second Presbyterian, Nashville, serving on Session as a youth elder for two years and serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Christina is very active in UKirk @ UTK, serving last year as an intern whose responsibility was finding ways for students to engage with and serve in non-profit organizations in the Knoxville area. Christina has a passion for young people and is excited about being involved in their spiritual growth. Her passion is building community with Middle and High School students so they know that they belong and are loved by God. When asked what activities she would imagine our students doing, her immediate answer was, "Well, Montreat and mission trips are absolute MUSTS!" Please welcome Christina when you see her, and if you're interested in helping out with our student activities in any way, please let her know that, as well!

# School is in! Join in!

September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 Luncheon sponsored by Presbyterian Women (\$10)

> "The West View Mission Field" Featuring Beth Blevins, Principal, West View elementary School



Ladies and Gentlemen (Former girls and boys)! School is in and you must not miss this!

If you have ever volunteered at West View for a work day, as a reader or in any other way, this is for you. If you have donated to the West View Fund, brought in school supplies, or never been involved with West View, this is for you.

Show your support of West View, enjoy a delicious meal, hear about what is going on at West View and learn how you can make an impact.

School is for everyone!

If you're not in a PW Circle reserve you spot by calling Liz Peebles for a reservation by Thursday September.8th enp3613@gmail.com; phone: 247-4503 or 660-9597 (cell)

During September, **School Coupon Books** will be on sale in the **Atrium** (during Coffee Break before church and immediately afterwards . . or reserve one thru Sandra Butler . . 584-4397). **\$8.00** of the \$10.00 cost goes directly to **West View School**.

# **BEFORE THERE WAS A SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PART 1: Our Presbyterian Roots in Europe and How They Came To Be**

Most of Knoxville and Knox County's earliest white settlers were either new immigrants or children/grandchildren of Scots and Scots-Irish immigrants that originally settled in other parts of the English colonies. Most were Presbyterians who established two of the first three churches in Knoxville: First Presbyterian Church, 1792, White's Chapel Church (eventually named Church Street United Methodist Church) 1816, and Second Presbyterian Church, 1818.

While settlers had moved into the eastern coastal areas of the New World as early as the early 1600's, the land now known as East Tennessee remained under the control of mostly Cherokee and Creek Indian tribes until the very late 1700's after the end of the Revolutionary War. Then new white settlements began growing quickly as settlers poured in.

Why was there such a sudden wave of white people rushing into what was then called the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio??? Why so many of these Presbyterian settlers coming from Scotland and Ulster, Ireland??? Before we move in 2017 into a continuing series of Second Edition articles on pages from the 200-year-life of Second Presbyterian Church, we take the time to consider in very brief summary three aspects of our church's genealogy: Part 1. Our Presbyterian Roots in Europe and How They Came To Be; Part 2. The Migrations of Scots, Scots-Irish (Ulster Scots), and Irish To the English Colonies; Part 3. Before the White Man Came to the Land Now Named Knoxville.

Arvilee and Helen Grant, Chairs, 200th Anniversary Committee.

# Part 1. Our Presbyterian Roots in Europe and How They Came To Be

After the Roman Empire—Christianity's most powerful enemy—reversed its policy and adopted the Christian Church as the empire's official religion, the Roman Catholic Church spread quickly throughout its world-wide empire; then the Roman Empire collapsed. During the Dark Ages from the 5th to the 10th centuries western civilization barely survived the Germanic tribes' invasions and brutal occupations. The wars that ensued were devastating but the spread of the Black Death, an epidemic of bubonic plague, itself destroyed as much as 50% of the European population. (By one estimate the plague reduced the world's population from 450 million down to 350-375 million by the 14th century.)

Many historians believe, however, that the Catholic Church emerged as the preserver of western civilization and led the way from the Dark Ages into an enlightened Middle Ages. Monastic orders flourished, monasteries and massive cathedrals sprouted across Europe and the church helped shape a more structured society with the Roman Catholic Church providing leadership in education, medical care, charity, economic and trade activity, and, of course, spiritual growth and moral guidance. In 1517 Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, voiced the deep concerns of many Christian theologians and believers about problems that had evolved within the Church's hierarchy and many questionable practices. In Germany Luther nailed his protests to a church door and shook the foundations of the Church with what came to be known as the Protestant Reformation movement. Some of the major concerns were the Church's practice of selling indulgences, the supreme authority of the Pope and the governing of churches through bishops, the belief in purgatory, the sacred importance given to Mary, mother of Jesus.

The Protestant Reformation spread quickly throughout Europe but not without many years of resistance from the Roman Catholic Church, much persecution and bloodshed. Reformation leaders were often charged with heresy and many Protestants were burned alive as punishment. The seesaw conflict between Catholics and Protestants was particularly deep and divisive in Scotland and England who were in continuing struggle for most of the 16th and 17th centuries. The conflict between the two Christian factions was exacerbated by the fact that the Stuarts rulers had both English and Scot royal lineage (some Catholic and some Protestant). Even the Protestant kings and queens wanted full authority of the church, simply substituting themselves in place of the pope's authority. The struggle lasted through six generations of Stuart dynasty from 1603-1714.

During these years of religious conflict men like John Calvin, a French theologian and preacher, John Knox, probably the most famous Scottish Reformer, and George Wishart began the shaping of a new Protestant church—the Presbyterian Church. From the beginning the church was founded on the principle that the congregations and the elders would choose its preachers, determine its doctrine according to God's Word alone, acknowledging only one Head, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the 1700's Scots were struggling economically with steadily increasing rents for housing and businesses. The news from North America promised cheap land and more financial opportunity for skilled workers and tradesmen; migration to America began to have wider appeal.

In the early 1700's the official state Church of Scotland became Presbyterian, but was not independent of government and local aristocrats who ruled the local churches for the state. A small remnant called Reformed Presbyterians refused to be a part of the Church of Scotland because it was not recognizing Jesus Christ as head of the church. Some Reformed Presbyterians lived outside the official Church of Scotland in peace, while many migrated directly to the English colonies in North America; others left Scotland for Ulster, Ireland, and later migrated to the English colonies where they continued to practice an independence from state control in their church affairs.

**SOURCES**: America's Gateway to the British Isles: Reformation and Restoration Timeline, by Britannia. An Independent People, The Story of Ulster's Presbyterians: Taking Root, produced for BBC Northern Ireland Television. History of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, by Dr. William J. Edgar. The Reformation in Scotland from Reformation to Revolution, by Lanny Payne and Paul Rader.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS





This special program was snowed out last February.

Don't miss out this time!

Presbyterian Women Luncheon (\$10)

<u>Open to all women and men</u>

October 11, 11:30

# Changing Lives in East Tennessee One Hoof Beat at a Time

Presented by:

Lynn Petr,

Executive Director, Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR),

A message from Lynn Petr

"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"

Presbyterian Women proudly support STAR thru the Butten Fund.

If you are not in a PW Circle, contact Liz Peebles for a reservation by

Thursday October 6<sup>th.</sup>

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## The Value of Driver's (re)Education

Driving isn't what it used to be. Cars have changed, traffic laws have changed, and even the roads we drive on have changed.

Think you're smarter than the average driver? Try this sample test question, which according to a national poll conducted by GMAC Insurance in 2010, nearly seventy-three percent of drivers answered incorrectly:

When driving, a safe following distance can be determined using which of the following formulas:

- (a) One vehicle length for each 10 miles per hour of speed,
- (b) A ten-second following distance, or
- (c) A three-second following distance.

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The correct answer is (c). The "three-second rule" is the recommended formula used to determine the proper following distance when driving. It is taught to teens in driver's education classes around the country, but if you're like many middle-age or older Americans, you may not be familiar with it.

h Recent technological developments—such as anti-lock brake systems and navigation (GPS) units—that work to 🌺 make driving safer, can also be dangerous or distracting when used improperly. When you add in the unavoidable physical and cognitive changes of aging, potentially including weakened vision, diminished hearing, and slower reaction time, driving can become a new challenge for those ages 50 and older.

If you're interested in relearning the rules of the road, consider taking the AARP Smart Driver course at Second Presbyterian Church on Thursday, September 29, from 9am to 5pm. You may qualify for an automobile insurance discount by completing the classroom course (participants should check with their auto insurance agent for details).

The classroom course costs \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Register now by calling Paul Johnson at 675-0694.

## WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READERS

Any readers who read last year are free to continue with the same teachers. Anyone who would like to begin reading at West View or whose previous teacher may no longer be there, email Kelsey Buckles (Kelsey.Buckles@Knoxschools.org). Reading to these students is a wonderful experience for both the readers and the children. Please call Ruth ★ Campbell at 588-0078 if you have any questions.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAYS TO RESUME!!

Blood pressure checks will begin again on September 18th and will continue on the third Sunday of each month following the worship service. The location will be in the break room. With the help of 2 very capable nurses (Charlotte Klieman and Margaret Sullivan) we will be available to help you monitor this very important vital sign.



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If there are any other trained persons who would like to volunteer, we would be glad to have you on board so that vacations, etc. do not cause interruptions in this service. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Jan Barber atvisit@2ndpres.org or by cell at 765-0437.

# 2nd Readers

Wednesday, September 21st, 3:45 pm, in the Library

Title: A Different Kind of Daughter

<u>Author</u>: Maria Toorpakai <u>Leader</u>: Catherine

Wednesday, October 19th, 3:45 pm, in the Library

<u>Title</u>: Mercy Street <u>Author</u>: Pamela D. Tobler Leader: Margaret

Wednesday, November 16th, 3:45 pm, in the Library

<u>Title</u>: TBA <u>Author</u>: TBA <u>Leader</u>: Arlys



# **August Session Meeting Highlights**

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on July 19, 2016.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the Request for Transfer of Tom and Rachael Hallam to Grace Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
- Approved the recognition at worship of Tara and Paul McCall for their work on the playground, at a date worked out with Reverend Reynolds and the McCalls, and to present them \$1000 in thanks.
- Approved the collection of the Peace and Global Witness Offering (formerly Peacemaking) on October 2, 2016, World Communion Sunday.
- Approved the purchase of equipment and services necessary to live stream the Sunday Service.
- Approved serving Communion the first Sunday of each month.
- Approved a new credit card be procured for Pastor Tim Reynolds from Regions Bank.
- Approved Elder Elrod establish a task force to prepare the Christmas Devotional.
- Elected Elders Henley and Wright as delegates to the August 20th Presbytery Meeting

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Myers	09/02	Charles Hamilton	09/19
Nan Sweitzer	09/03	Neil Malcolm	09/20
Henry Casey	09/04	Dena Mashburn	09/20
Clara Hardin	09/06	Robbie Blakemore	09/21
Donna Downen	09/07	Trillum Rose Malcolm	09/22
Edith Vance	09/08	Harriet Campbell	09/23
Chase Kibler	09/09	Donna Matlock	09/23
Nancy Smythe	09/12	Elsie Dodson	09/24
Josh Turner	09/12	Lisa Henley	09/24
Keena Ogle	09/13	Joy Haralick	09/25
Gil Turner	09/17	Brent Beals	09/26
Jim Ford	09/18	Brenda Goslee	09/26
Pam Owens	09/18	Terry Chumley	09/27
Peggy Batts	09/19	Brayden Beets	09/29

## **Church Financial Report**

Period ended July 30, 2016	JAN-JULY 2016 Actual	JAN-JULY 2016 Budget	2016 Annual Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$267,397	\$270,880	\$464, 366
Non-pledged Offerings	\$50,754	\$17,500	\$30,000
Preschool	\$19,416	\$18,667	\$32,000
Other	\$91,091	\$83,658	\$143,414
TOTAL INCOME	\$428,658	\$390,705	\$669,780
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$363,885	\$390,705	\$669,780
NET INCOME	\$64,773	\$0	\$0

# Thank You

"I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support over this past year. Steve was also very thankful for all you did. Your cards, good food, and rides have been extremely appreciated."

- Kathy Thomas

# **SEPTEMBER 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:00	5 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	6 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Committee Mtgs Line Dancing 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	7 Line Dancing 10 PET Meeting 12 Women's Covenant Group 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Choir 6:45	8 Rhythmic Move- ment Class 10:30	9 CCR&R Training 12:00 Church Office Closed	10
11 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:00 Worship & Music Com. 12:00	12 Men's BSF 5:30	13 PW Circles 10:15 PW Lunch 11:30 Deacon's Meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	14 Line Dancing 10 DAR 1:00 Women's Covenant Group 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Choir 6:45	15 Rhythmic Move- ment Class 10:30	16 Church Office Closed	17
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25 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:00	26 Men's BSF 5:30	27 FISH Pantry 8:30 Line Dancing 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	28 Line Dancing 10 Wed. Dinner5:30 Bible Studies 6:30 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Choir 6:45	29 AARP Class 9:00 Rhythmic Move- ment Class 10:30	30 Church Office Closed	

### **Faith Of Our Fathers**

Many Christians claim that America was founded as a Christian nation. In doing so they are often making more of a claim about the America of today than the America of yesterday. Do we really know what the Founding Fathers intended or even believed? Is it wise to assume that they all believed the same thing when it came to faith and religion? Join Pastor Tim on **Wednesday nights this Fall (beginning September 21**<sup>st</sup>) as he examines the religious beliefs of the most prominent of America's Founding Fathers with the hopes of discovering what relationship, if any, there was between their religious beliefs and the construction of our nation.



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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### **ELDERS**

### **2017 CLASS**

Kim Elrod Mancil Milligan Neal Peebles

### **2018 CLASS**

Dick Dodson Dana Hendrix Lisa Henley

### **2019 CLASS**

Ed Batts
Donna Matlock
Tim Wright

Rev. Tim Reynolds, 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

#### **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 COMMITTEES

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