

Second Edition

AUGUST 2021 ISSUE

On Second Thought...

One of the things I love about 2nd Presbyterian Church is its commitment to helping students at UTK, whether it's through supporting UKirk, our Food & Friends program, the choir scholarship program, or just making personal connections with individual students who worship with us on Sundays. Three-and-a-half years ago a young freshman named David Stultz came to be our interim organist, and then became our regular organist, and this congregation embraced him fully. We have had the chance to help him grow and learn during his undergraduate years, and for that I am grateful.

David is moving on to graduate studies at Notre Dame and will experience great success in his career. He is one of the finest organists I have had the pleasure of working with. I know that he will carry fond memories of this congregation with him for the rest of his life, and that your love for him will always be a part of his memories of Knoxville.

Many of you have asked what will happen next with our organist position. For the month of August, Matthew Mimbs will play the piano for our worship services. Matt is a very fine pianist and I know you will enjoy - as will I - his musical offerings each week. Summer is a little more laid back and relaxed and lends itself to piano accompaniment, which is one reason we decided to just have piano during August. The other reason is that David is such a fine organist, we didn't think it would be fair to anyone else to ask them to follow him immediately!

Matt Mimbs and I are working to secure an interim organist who will begin in September. This is not an easy task. Most organists in Knoxville who want a regular position already have one, and those that don't have a regular position usually don't want one. We are using our networks in the Knoxville music community, which is how we found David, so keep us in your prayers.

The Worship Ministry Team is appointing an Organist Search Team that will begin work later this month. To date we have had several folks say they are willing to be on the team, but we do not yet have a chairperson. If you are willing to serve in either capacity, please let me know.

The Organist Search Team will work during the fall to advertise the position and screen applicants for the



permanent organist position. Again, this might be a long and challenging process. The pool of Knoxville organists is limited and, because it is a part-time position, we may not be able to attract a qualified organist from somewhere else, at least not without helping them find other employment in the area. In a best case scenario, the search team would complete its work this fall and the new organist would start at the beginning of 2022. It could take longer, however, especially since many organists are also teachers, and may need to finish out the school year where they are. Again, please keep this team in your prayers.

Also - some of you have asked when the full choir is going to return. I'm not sure just how "full" the choir will be going forward, due to the life circumstances of some of those who were singing in the choir prior to the pandemic, but the plan is to return to having a full choir the Sunday after Labor Day. Due to the schedules of our scholarship students, who all have Wednesday night commitments already, the plan is to keep choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the choir, we would love to have you!

In other news, the Session is holding a work retreat at the end of July to think about the way our congregation is organized for its ministry and mission. We are not the same congregation we were ten, or even five, years ago. The Session will be meeting again in August to discern how we might better organize ourselves for our current needs. We will let you know more about this as we approach September.

Finally, Wednesday night fellowship and study *will* be happening this fall and will begin after Labor Day. There will be a dinner and a Bible study afterwards. The specific times will be announced in the September *2nd Edition* and the Friday E-News.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M.' or similar.

IN THIS ISSUE

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UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS & TOPICS

During August we will wrap up Paul's 2nd missionary journey, which ends with the founding of the church in Corinth and a return to Antioch. We will then follow his 3rd journey, which occurs mostly in and around Ephesus.

Following a final visit to Greece, Paul will return to Jerusalem in chapter 21, which we will come to in September.

August 1st	Acts 18:1-17	Paul in Corinth
August 8th	Acts 18:18-28	Apollos in Ephesus
August 15th	Acts 19:1-20	Paul in Ephesus
August 22nd	Acts 19:21-41	An Economic Riot in Ephesus
August 29th	Acts 20:1-38	Paul Bides Greece Goodbye

SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

On Sunday August 22nd at 6:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary for a Service of Healing & Wholeness. This quiet, meditative service is an opportunity to experience and share in the power of prayer as the Body of Christ, as we bring our laments, losses, and grief of the past 18 months and lay them at the cross. It is also an opportunity to rekindle the hope and light of Christ in our hearts as we move forward out of the pandemic with new learnings of what it means to be a community of faith in service to the world.

God did not promise that we would not be spared suffering; God promised that he would be with us in our suffering. We hope to offer a space where we can acknowledge the ways in which both we and our world have suffered in the last year—and-a-half, as well as the ways in which we have seen God's sustaining presence with us in our collective pain, sorrow, and grief.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Kathy Thomas	8/05	Sarah Morgan	8/16
Finley Kennedy	8/07	Louise Josephson	8/18
John Reynolds	8/07	Kathryn Freeman	8/21
Kim Elrod	8/10	Taylor Jones	8/21
Charles White	8/11	Noah Lewis	8/21
Rockne Ullrich	8/12	Betsy Foster	8/24
Patricia Kennedy	8/13	Craig Hendrix	8/24
Charlsey Dunn	8/14	Caroline Buckner	8/26
Dean Turner	8/15		

Please note: We take special care in insuring that all *active members'* birthdays are included on this list, if you notice a discrepancy, kindly advise the church office.

Thank you.

YOUTH POOL PARTY

THE YOUTH GROUP IS HAVING A POOL PARTY ON
AUGUST 1ST FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE KNOXVILLE RACQUET CLUB.
(5535 LONAS ROAD)

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE (AND THEIR FAMILIES) ARE INVITED.

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE RSVP TO

HOLLY GRIMM

(HGRIMM@2NDPRES.ORG) BY

JULY 30TH IF YOU PLAN ON
ATTENDING.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



RECONNECTION SESSIONS



Our Reconnection Sessions continue in August. These sessions are a chance for us to get together and reconnect with one another following the pandemic, and to process together what we've been through during the past 16 months. They are a chance to share and name struggles, difficulties, and losses, as well as unexpected blessings, we may have experienced during the pandemic.

Each session lasts approximately one hour and is limited to 8 participants. There is a link on the home page to sign up, or you can sign up by calling or emailing Audrey in the church office. All sessions are held in the Fireside Room (Library).

Upcoming sessions (we have added one more):

Sunday, August 1 @ 1:30pm

Wednesday, August 11 @ 5:30pm

Thursday, August 19th @ 6:00pm

New Member

*Kim
Hudgens*



I was born in Savannah, but other than my first six weeks of life, I have lived in Knoxville. I graduated in business from the University of Tennessee. I spend a lot of time gardening, and my husband, Findlay, and I enjoy traveling. My son Steve lives in Knoxville. My daughter Madison lives in Knoxville and Minneapolis. I am thrilled to be part of the Second Presbyterian church family!



THE CARE & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**WE HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING THE RETURN OF
COFFEE AND DONUT HOLES. WE KNOW WE HAVE!**

**BEGINNING IN AUGUST, WE NEED YOUR HELP MAKING
SURE THAT THE DONUT HOLES GET PICKED UP ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS.**

**AS YOU VISIT THE DONUT HOLE BOWL, YOU'LL NOTICE A
SIGN UP SHEET. CHECK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP
FOR A COUPLE OF DATES TO SWING BY THE DUNKIN'
DONUTS ON KINGSTON PIKE, AND DO YOUR PART TO
MAKE SURE YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IS FULL OF DONUT
HOLES BEFORE WORSHIP!**

Food Truck Fellowship:

**following worship
on August 8th!**

**Following worship on August 8th, we are excited to
welcome back one of
our favorite food trucks!**

LB&S Snow Balls will be here immediately following worship.

**You're invited to stay after worship to enjoy some fun,
fellowship, and delicious snow balls. The truck will also offer
a selection of savory, lunch items; so plan to grab lunch
from them, bring your own lunch, or just eat dessert first
before going somewhere else for lunch.**

We hope to see you there!





Service & Outreach West View Work Day 2021

Knox County students are returning to school on August 9th.

In preparation for the start of school, Second Presbyterian Church will hold the annual work day on Saturday, August 7th. This will be an opportunity to work inside and outside to help prepare the school for a new academic year. This is one of the church's outreach missions and there is a need for many hands to help prepare the school for students. Please consider volunteering your time to this worthy endeavor. If possible, we need wheel barrows and gardening tools to use that morning. An online sign-up sheet, to help on the work day, is linked in our weekly emails. There is also a sign up sheet available in the atrium at church.

The list of needed school supplies is listed below. In purchasing, teachers prefer Crayola brand crayons and markers. You may drop off supplies to the church.

Thank you for your support!

West View Elementary School 2021-2022

Supply Wish List

1. Spiral bound paper
2. Composition books
3. 2-pocket folders with brads
4. Colored pencils
5. Magic markers
6. Kleenex
7. Quart size ziplock storage bags
8. Glue sticks
9. Big erasers (pink pearl) for younger students
10. Cap erasers (for older students)
11. Pencils
12. Rulers
13. Pencil pouch with zipper
14. Yellow hi-lighters
15. 4 count fine point expo markers (for student use)

SCHOOL COUPON BOOK SALES!



REMEMBER THOSE SCHOOL COUPON BOOKS?

**THOSE OF YOU WHO PURCHASED SCHOOL
COUPON BOOKS FOR THE 2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR HAVE THE REMAINDER OF
THIS MONTH TO USE THOSE
MONEY-SAVING COUPONS!**

**REMEMBER: THIS BOOK AND ITS
CONTENTS EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 2021.**

**LOOK FOR NEW INFORMATION ABOUT
HELPING WEST VIEW SCHOOL WITH THE
UP-COMING SCHOOL YEAR AND COUPON
BOOK SALES IN THE
SEPTEMBER SECOND EDITION!**

UT SORORITY VILLAGE PARKING

On August 12th–17th, the UT Sorority Village will be utilizing our lower parking lot for rush activities.

We have been happy to offer them our space in the past and are glad to do so again this year.

Please be advised that if you come to the church on one of those days, parking may be a little more crowded than usual.

JUNE BUDGET REPORT

	JUNE	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$60,296.68	\$446,024.64	\$788,556.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,314.78	\$328,815.80	\$788,556.00
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	(\$5,018.10)	\$116,208.84	---

1 Communion Sunday 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (MCR) 11a Worship 1 ³⁰ p Reconnection Session (Library)		3 9a Staff Meeting 5p Facilities Ministry (Zoom) 6p Care & Compassion (Barbour Room) 7p Service & Outreach (Barbour Room)	4 2p Compassion Cuisine (FH)		6 Church Office Closed	7 West View Work Day
8 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (MCR) 11a Worship 1p Food Truck Fellowship	9 4 ³ p The Cross Ministry (Barbour Room) 6p Discipleship (Zoom)	10 6p Worship Ministry Unit (Zoom) 7p Boy Scouts	11 12p 2 nd Readers (MCR) 5 ³⁰ p Reconnection Session (Library) 7p Stewardship (Zoom)	12 UT Sorority Village Parking 11 ³⁰ a Budget & Finance (Barbour Room)	13 UT Sorority Village Parking Church Office Closed	14 UT Sorority Village Parking 10a Presbytery Mtg (Camp John Knox)
15 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (MCR) 11a Worship 4p Celebration of Life Justin Grimm (Sanctuary) UT Sorority Village Parking	16 UT Sorority Village Parking 12p Preschool Board Mtg (Zoom)	17 UT Sorority Village Parking 9a Staff Meeting 6p Session Mtg (MCR) 7p Boy Scouts	18 2p Compassionate Cuisine (FH) Financial Review/Audit	19 10a Arts & Crafts (Room 227) 6p Reconnection Session (Library) Financial Review/Audit	20 2ND EDITION DEADLINE Church Office Closed	21
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*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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Dean Farmer
Margie Gill
Patricia Kennedy
Marty McLean

CLASS OF 2023

Tracy Horton
Neal Peebles
Charles White
Tim Wright

CLASS OF 2024

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Angela Jones
Mary Kay Sullivan

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