

# Second Edition

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# On Second Thought...

I have a group of friends from seminary, that upon graduating covenanted with one another to meet annually for a week of continuing education and respite. This group has been a lifeline in the years since we all graduated from seminary. Each year we have gathered. We worship together, we learn from one another and from other pastors and church professionals who are willing to meet with us, we rest, we laugh, we eat really great food. These weeks, each year, give us so much life.



During the pandemic, we started checking in weekly on Zoom. It was a weird time to be a pastor and, really, just a weird time to be a person living in the world; so, checking in regularly with a group of peer colleagues that we trusted became really important and, again, really life-giving. Once things started to settle down and bit and things got a little more back to “normal,” [i.e. we were no longer exclusively working from home and our calendars started to fill back up] we decided that once a week was not really necessary anymore. We did decide, however, that there was no reason to wait until our once a year gathering to check in and catch up on the things that were going on in our professional and personal lives; so, we settled on meeting once a month via Zoom. We have continued this, and it continues to be a source of life and energy for all of us.

I tell you all of that to tell you about a sort of ‘ritual’ we have adopted during these regular zoom meetings. Borrowed and adapted from the Pop Culture Happy Hour podcast on NPR, we end every one of our times together by answering the question, “What’s making you happy?” For us, it’s usually a show that we’ve recently been bingeing, a new book we’re reading, a recipe or newly discovered snack food; but, whatever the case, this has been a great way to end our conversations. Not only do we gain lots of good recommendations from hearing what our friends are into, but it helps us to go away from the conversation on a high note. When everyone brings to the table something that is making them happy, the conversation generally ends with laughter and light-heartedness as we all say goodbye and go about our day.

Again, I tell you all of this to say, let’s try it! Try it in your own life. End the day or the week asking yourself, “What’s making me happy?” As you sit around the dinner table with your family or with friends, find out what’s making each of them happy. Try it in your own life; but let’s take it a step further...

What is it at Second Presbyterian Church that is making you happy? What are the things that you see at church that bring you joy? Call those things out. Tell people about them. Spread that joy, and tell people what it is about your church that is making you happy!

*Sarah*



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# Upcoming Sermon Texts and Topics

*July 3    Luke 10:1-11, 16-20    Instructions for Discipleship*

*July 10    Luke 10:25-37    The Good Samaritan*

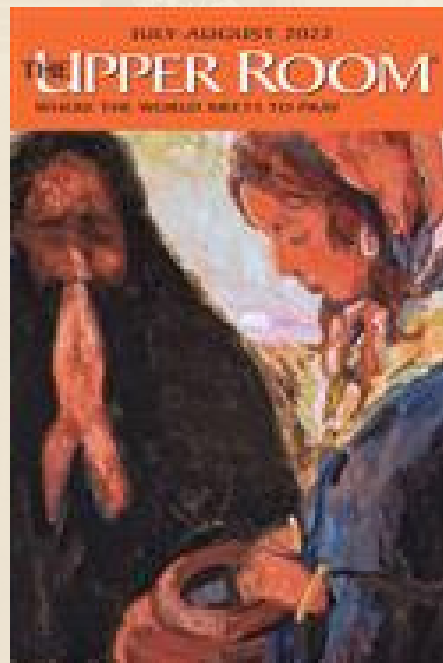
*July 17    Luke 10:38-42    Mary & Martha*

*July 24    John 4:43-54    Jesus Returns to Galilee*

*July 31    Ecclesiastes 1:2,  
12-14; 2:18-23    All is Vanity*

We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, the shared three-year-cycle of Bible readings used across many different denominations from multiple nations around the globe. If you would like to engage with your own lectionary resources in preparation, we are currently in Year C.

**THE JULY - AUGUST  
UPPER ROOM  
DEVOTIONALS  
ARE AVAILABLE!  
COPIES CAN BE  
FOUND IN THE  
VESTIBULE &  
NARTHEX.**





# July Birthdays

July 1 Zach Burch

July 7 Kirsty Bleyl

July 9 Marion Frazer

July 10 Elizabeth Peebles, Lily Wu

July 12 Ben Bowlen

July 14 Thomas Turner

July 20 Cathy Briscoe

July 22 Joan Riedl

July 25 Rachel Penmore, Daniel Robertson

July 28 Helen Grant



*If we inadvertently  
missed someone ...*

*Happy Birthday!*

*Please help us update  
your records at the  
church so we'll have  
your special day on  
file next year!*



# Youth retreat at Montreat



June 13-17,  
2022



Special thanks to  
the woman  
behind the camera,  
Holly Grimm



Pictured left-right:  
Henry Casey  
Sydney Jones  
Lily Reynolds  
Tinly Grimm



Sunday, July 17

9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite  
breakfast casserole,  
fruit or pastries to share.

There will be plenty of  
food and fellowship, and  
we'll finish in time for  
11:00 worship.

## Sunday Brunch is back!

*by popular demand!*



Ushering on Sunday morning is an opportunity to meet and welcome members and visitors, and to be of service to Second Presbyterian.

All it takes is a smiling face and a friendly attitude. You may usher as frequently or infrequently as you wish, but the schedule is usually once a month. There are also a few instructions for new ushers.

If you are interested in contributing in this way, please contact Betsy Foster:  
865-406-4800 (text) or [betsyfoster47@gmail.com](mailto:betsyfoster47@gmail.com)

## 2nd Readers

July 13 at 11:30 a.m.  
Buckingham Clubhouse

This month we will discuss ***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*** by Rachel Joyce.

Brink your lunch and drink.

Marianne Thuesen will lead our discussion.

This book is available at the library or from Amazon.

The August book will be ***Code Girls*** by Liza Mundy.

Call or text Margaret Sullivan at (865) 588-3103

if you are interested or want more information.

We would love to have others join us in this book group at Second!







## **Are you looking for an opportunity to serve GOD and your neighbor?**

The GO team is seeking volunteers  
to pack food at the LOVE KITCHEN  
on Tuesday, July 19th and Wednesday, July 20th.

As many of you probably know the LOVE KITCHEN was started in 1984 by two sisters,  
Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner, to serve the needy by feeding GOD'S children.

While both sisters are now deceased,  
their legacy continues through the efforts of volunteers.

The LOVE KITCHEN has NO PAID STAFF.

Volunteers serve more than 3,000 meals per week!

If you can help, please consider these opportunities:

<b>Tuesday, 7/19/22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>3 people</b>
<b>Wednesday, 7/20/22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>7 people</b>

**To volunteer and/or ask questions, please call  
Tim Wright at 865-617.4025**



# GO Ministry features ... Volunteer Ministry Center

Since 1987 the mission of the Volunteer Ministry Center has been “to facilitate permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and to provide services to prevent homelessness.”



VMC does this through several programs.

The **Resource Center** assists the homeless to attain affordable, permanent housing and to receive additional skills and support to maintain that housing. It also provides a safe, supportive daytime location to access meals, showers, laundry, telephone, etc. and to attend classes on a variety of topics such as anger management and basic life-skills.

The **Bush Family Refuge** assists individuals and families who are at risk of losing their housing and those who are homeless by giving financial assistance with rent and utilities, prescription medicines, transportation, and acquiring needed legal documents. The Refuge also refers them to appropriate agencies for help.

The **Dental Clinic** has provided comprehensive dental services since 1998 at no charge.

**Minvilla Manor** has 57 apartments with in-house supportive services to help residents to achieve long-term residency. VMC's retention rate in its permanent housing programs is 95.5%, compared to the national rate of 85%.

**Street Outreach Services** workers engage with the homeless who are the most reluctant to seek services in hopes of connecting them with housing services. They often refer individuals to **the Foyer**, which provides overnight accommodation for 30 people.

A major VMC fund raising event is **Carry the Torch**, a luncheon featuring a nationally known speaker. This year's event will be held **October 19** with Becca Stevens, president of Thistle Farms, speaking.

**Second Presbyterian Church** has supported VMC and Carry the Torch for many years. More information about this year's Carry the Torch will be available in late summer.



# Updates from the Session

## Highlights from the June 2022 Stated Session Meeting and May 2022 Called Session Meeting

- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Received the Treasurer's Report.
- Endorsed Jessica Lewis as a Candidate within the Presbytery of East Tennessee, a step in her journey toward ordination.
- Approved to reimburse Jessica Lewis \$10,835 (which is one half her University of Dubuque Theological Seminary tuition, distance learning fees and estimated travel expenses) and that this amount be paid from the Operating Surplus Fund as the expenses are incurred.

## MAY BUDGET REPORT

	MAY	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$54,639.63	\$354,864.43	\$780,570.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,659.97	\$316,444.06	\$784,242.10
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	(\$11,020.34)	\$38,410.18	---





# July 2022



<b>1</b> Church Offices closed	<b>2</b>
<b>8</b> Church Offices closed	<b>9</b> Overnight: Youth from 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres, Whippany NY
<b>15</b> Church Offices closed  Preschool Closed (In-Service Day)	<b>16</b>
<b>22</b> Church Offices open till Noon	<b>23</b>
<b>29</b> Church Offices open till Noon	<b>30</b>

**Green or Yellow, BUT NOT if Red.**

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s real-time calendar updates.





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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,  
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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##### CLASS OF 2023

Tracy Horton  
Neal Peebles  
Charles White  
Tim Wright

##### CLASS OF 2024

Ileen Cheek  
Joe Clarke  
Angela Jones  
Mary Kay Sullivan

##### CLASS OF 2025

Zachary Burch  
Lisa Henley  
Elizabeth Seastrunk  
Terry Weaver

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