

Second Edition

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On Second Thought...



Hey, there! Pastor Sarah here. I'll be guest "On 2nd Thoughting" while Tim is away. And since we just sent him off to begin his sabbatical, I thought it only fitting to address the importance of sabbath rest, not only for pastors or for those in academia, and not only for extended periods, but for each of us in our ordinary living.

In his commentary on the book of Genesis, Walter Brueggemann says this about sabbath:

The sabbath is a kerygmatic statement about the world. It announces that the world is safely in God's hands. The world will not disintegrate if we stop our efforts. The world relies on God's promises and not on our efforts. The observance of sabbath rest is a break with every effort to achieve, to secure ourselves, and to make the world into our image according to our purpose.

"The world will not disintegrate if we stop our efforts." This is so contrary to the way that we are conditioned to live, isn't it? We are encouraged to believe that any time spent that doesn't bear tangible fruit is time wasted. But, what Brueggemann says here, and what the Bible teaches us, is that taking time to just 'be' is incredibly valuable to our lives of faith and to our lives in community.

By taking breaks from our need to produce and the pressure to always be 'doing,' we might take a moment to breathe deeply, to notice God's creation all around us, to recognize the ways in which God continues to create all around us, and to find ourselves within and among God's creation. We might come to understand that, in fact, the world will not crumble around us if we fail to check everything off our to-do list. We might find that taking much needed rest renews us and replenishes our souls and helps us to see the image of God all around us.

So, while Pastor Tim is the one officially on sabbatical, why don't we all take this time to practice a little bit of sabbath of our own? Perhaps we can take this time to remind ourselves, too, that we need space to rest, that we need to take time away from the drive to produce that controls nearly every aspect of our society. Perhaps we can make a conscious effort during these summer months (and beyond) to take a break from productivity and production – to make space to just 'be' and to recognize God in our midst.

Sarah



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Upcoming Sermon Texts and Topics

June 5

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

The Holy Spirit

June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The Trinity

June 19

Galatians 3:23-29

*Greater Replacement
Theory*

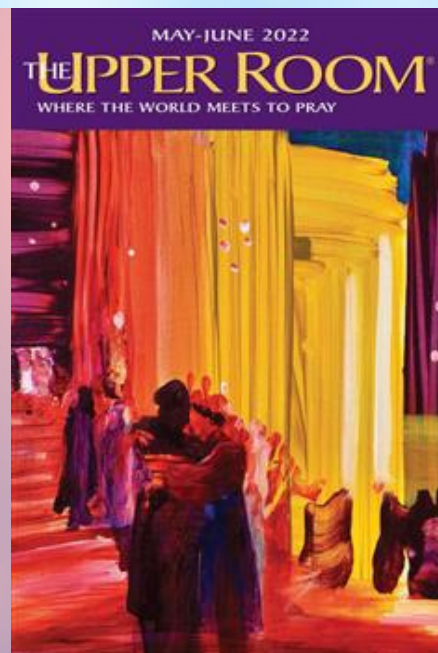
June 26

Luke 1:1-18

John the Baptist

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 May - June
Upper Room
Devotionals
are available!
Copies can be
found in the
vestibule &
narthex.**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 5 Kim Hudgens

June 7 John Henley, Tim Reynolds

June 8 Jim Thuesen

June 10 Aria Robertson

June 14 Mary Alice Callaway

June 16 Ruth Campbell

June 17 Michael Turner

June 18 Bonnie Beals

June 23 Mary Farmer

June 24 Genevieve Hendrix, Janis Smith

June 26 Helen Ferguson, Margie Gill, Josh Lewis

June 28 Owen Wall

June 30 Sherri Lee

*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!*

Mr. Justin's Memorial Garden



Thanks to all those who have contributed to Mr. Justin Grimm's memorial garden fund.



Pre Red, Pre Blue, and Pre K had fun in Mr. Justin's Garden, planting green beans, sugar snap peas, peppers, and squash.



Thanks to the crew who planted the summer garden in the SPC Entrance Memorial Garden.

Pictured are:

Front row: Jimmy and Ileen Cheek, Leslie Matthews

Back row: Angela Otey

2nd Pres is growing: Welcome new babies!



On May 15th, Second Presbyterian Church celebrated our new little ones with a shower.

Organized by Monica Casey and Lisa Henley, Angela Jones decorated tables, and lunch was provided by several women of the church.

Gifts were brought for each attendee and were opened at home - otherwise we would have been there all afternoon!



Honorees pictured above, from left:

Beth & Daniel Robertson, holding baby Doux
Zach Burch & Ginny Williams, holding baby Brentley
Kylie Beets, with expectant baby Nina Marie

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of SECOND CHURCH will gather

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

10:00 - 11:30

The Lodge at Shannondale

Enter at 801 Vanosdale Road



Please join us for our last meeting until September.

See and hear about the new 96-apartment Lodge at Shannondale. Learn how Second Presbyterian Church was a part of this amazing outreach to the elderly in Knoxville.

Details for this visit will follow in the Friday church emails.

NOTE: All recommended Covid protocols will be followed!



2nd Readers

June 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Buckingham Clubhouse

This month we will discuss William Kent Krueger's

This Tender Land.

Brink your lunch and drink.

There are several copies of this book floating around,
or it is available at the library or from Amazon.

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!



USHERING MINISTRY



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



Special Pentecost Offering June 5

The Pentecost offering connects us with children, youth, and young adults - each with gifts to share - and offers them opportunities to build a solid foundation of faith to last a lifetime.

40% stays with our congregational ministries for children and youth

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers serving around the world and growing as leaders

25% supports Ministries with Youth, especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium national meeting

10% is devoted to children at risk, supporting projects to improve education and provide safe havens

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.



GO Ministry features ... West View Elementary School

Under our new organization for Ministry Teams, the GO team offers us an opportunity to share our gifts from God locally and throughout the world.

In 2009, SPC made a commitment to “get off the hill and into the city”. Our new GO ministry is a continuation of that commitment. On that August Saturday in 2009, a large group of SPC members descended on West View Elementary School to help prepare for the arrival of students the following Monday. Crews worked inside preparing classrooms and student materials along with hallway bulletin boards. A major project was upgrading the library with new furniture, curtains and decorations. Outside, the grounds were cleaned up, flower gardens created and then mulched. The playground was resurfaced with special mulch, the equipment was cleaned and tables were painted. Throughout the school year our church members worked with students in multiple ways, assisting teachers, and providing support in the library.

The Knox County School System does not fund playgrounds, gardens or most landscaping. Rather, schools rely on parent organizations and outside groups to fund and provide these services. Because West View has had limited support from parental or outside groups, SPC has been a major provider until recently when, under a grant, West View was designated a Community School. This grant has provided a Site Coordinator who has developed the Community School Partners, a group of organizations helping West View. SPC is one of the Partners.

Saturday August 6, 2022 will be our 14th year to provide West View with this much needed “kick off the year” service. **Mark your calendar now** and plan to come join your SPC friends as we help the school and its students. We need you to help us GO!





New Church Office Hours!

Good news! Beginning the week of June 20th, the Church Office will once again be open five days a week.

On **Fridays**, the Church Office will be open **half days, from 9:00 a.m. – noon.**

Office hours for Monday through Thursday will still be 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Additionally, Church Administrator Bonnie Smith will no longer be in the office on Tuesdays, so if you have financial questions or concerns, please contact her in the office on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Of course, you may email her at any time [**bsmith@2ndpres.org**].

Brittiany Kaha, our new Media/Communications Coordinator will be staffing the desk and answering the phones on Tuesday and Friday.

Combining on-site and remote work, Brittiany will be producing future versions of this newsletter [*2nd Edition*] and all of our weekly emails, among other duties, so you'll also want her email to submit news: **bkaha@2ndpres.org**.

2nd Pres welcomes new staff, Brittiany Kaha and John Lasater!



We are pleased to introduce Brittiany Kaha as part of our administrative team, serving as Media/Communications Coordinator. Please stop in to welcome her on Tuesdays or Friday mornings (starting in late June)!

My name is **Brittiany Kaha**. I am married to my husband, Kalei. I have three children: Natalie (13), Caleb (11), and Joanna (8).

We have been in Kentucky for the last three years, and I'm originally from central Georgia. My family just moved to the Knoxville area and I believe it may be the most beautiful place we have ever lived.

I graduated from Western Governors with a Master's in Business and served as a Marketing Director in Northern Kentucky. I've been the Children's Ministry Director and Marketing/Communications Director for a local church.

Our family enjoys traveling, outdoors, camping, and video games. I like to cook and read in my personal time. We like to stay active, and on weekends you can usually find us at a festival, concert, or doing outdoor activities.

I look forward to being part of the team at Second Presbyterian and meeting you.



We are pleased to announce that John Lasater will be joining 2nd Presbyterian as our organist. We hope you will welcome him warmly, as he is excited to be a part of our church family.

John Lasater began piano lessons at age 6 and moved to the organ at age 13. He first studied with J. E. Turner at Bradley University (Peoria) and continued those studies with Helen Midkiff at Belmont University (Nashville). He continued studying with Mrs. Midkiff through his senior year at Belmont. During his years there, he became Organist at First Baptist of Hendersonville, where he remained for over 33 years.

After graduating with a B.S. in Mathematics, he began his career in the telecommunications industry. He met his wife of 44 years, Jan, while at First Baptist and they had two sons, Drew and Jay.

He later became Organist at First United Methodist of Springfield; he also took an early retirement from telecommunications and began teaching high school Math and Physics. He retired from Sumner County Schools in June of 2021.

With the passing of his wife in March, John moved to Knoxville to live with his son, Jay. He recently became an Educational Consult with Cambridge Educational Services, focusing on school and district strategies to help students improve their ACT scores.



Updates from the Session

Highlights from the May 2022 Stated Session Meeting

- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Received the Treasurer's Report.
- Approved as the Teller Team (those who count the Sunday offerings) Margaret Sullivan, Margie Gill, Mary Kay Sullivan, and Susanne White as Treasurer-Elect.
- Moved members to the inactive roll at the recommendation of the Connect team
- Approved Treasurer-Elect Susanne White as a signatory for the bank checking accounts.
- Approved the gift from the Mary Curtis Life Insurance policy be placed in the General Unrestricted Fund at Regions Bank.

APRIL BUDGET REPORT

	APRIL	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$57,315.18	\$300,224.80	\$780,570.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,290.52	\$249,725.78	\$784,242.10
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	(\$975.34)	\$13,489.76	---

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			1 2p Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal (Gym)	2 10a Childcare TN/ Community Foundation (FH) 1p GO Leadership Team (MCR) 5p Childcare TN/ Community Found (FH)	3 Church Office closed	4
5 Communion Sunday PENTECOST 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (Barbour) 11a Worship	6	7 5p FACILITIES SUPPORT Leadership Team (Zoom) 6p CONNECT Leadership Team (Barbour) 7p Boy Scouts	8 11 ³⁰ a 2 nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham) 2p Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal (Gym)	9	10 Church Office closed	11
12 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (Barbour) 11a Worship	13 4 ³⁰ p Cross Ministry Board Meeting (Barbour) 6p GROW Leadership Team (Zoom)	14 2p BUDGET/FINANCE Leadership Team (Zoom) 6p WORSHIP Leadership Team (Zoom) 7p Boy Scouts	15 2p Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal (Gym)	16 10a Arts & Crafts (Rm 227)	17 Church Office closed	18 8a Friends of TN's Babies (church bldg. and preschool)
19 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (Barbour) 11a Worship	20 12p Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom) <i>Deadline for articles for July issue of 2nd Edition – send to Brittiany at bkaha@2ndpres.org</i>	21 6p Session Meeting (Zoom if Covid Red) 7p Boy Scouts	22	23	24 Church Office: New Hours on Fridays Open 9a-12p	25
26 9 ⁴⁵ a FSF Sunday School Class (Barbour) 11a Worship	27	28 9a FISH pantry (FH) 7p Boy Scouts	29	30	The events included in this month's calendar will take place as listed if we are in Covid Phase Green or Yellow . Please see the home page & calendar on our website, 2ndpres.org , with up-to-date information on Covid Phase criteria, as well as 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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