

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of several bright green four-leaf clovers. The leaves are in sharp focus, showing their characteristic four-lobed shape and fine vein structure. They are set against a dark, blurred background, which makes the vibrant green of the clovers stand out. The lighting is even, highlighting the texture of the leaves.

# **Second Edition**

**MARCH 2022 ISSUE**



# On Second Thought...



When I was young, there were two words that terrified my friends and me. These two words were only used at school. I'm sure they were seen as a way of keeping order and enforcing compliance. My friends and me? We saw them as a threat, pure and simple – a threat to our happiness, a threat to our well-being, a threat to our very way of life. What were these two words? *Silent lunch*.

These words were most often used in the spur of the moment, as in, "It's getting way too loud in this cafeteria. If you don't keep it down, we'll have *silent lunch*." Sometimes they were used as a preemptory strike before going to the cafeteria, as in, "If you don't behave in the hallway on the way to the cafeteria, we will have a *silent lunch*." And occasionally they were used in retaliation for previous bad behavior, as in, "Yesterday some children threw food at each other and made a mess, so today we will be having *silent lunch*."

Silent lunch sucked the life out of our souls. Lunch in the cafeteria was one of two times in the day we actually got to talk to our friends. (The other being PE.) The cafeteria was where stories were told, questions were asked, songs were sung, and jokes were shared. The cafeteria was where friendships were made. How could you share life with your friends during a *silent lunch*?!?!

Sometimes the whole cafeteria – everyone in the grade – was forced to endure silent lunch. That was an eerie experience. Hundreds of students just sitting there, eating in silence. The worst, however, was when it was just our class that got silent lunch as punishment for something. Everyone else would be eating and chatting and laughing and enjoying their lives, while our table just sat there, eating and looking at each other, sharing in the misery and shame of silent lunch.

When my children were in elementary school, I would regularly go eat lunch with them. (I was thankful to have a job that allowed me to do this.) As a parent, it's an interesting thing to eat lunch with elementary students. They are wary at first but once they realize you're not some sort of spy they really open up, asking the most amazing (and sometimes embarrassing) questions.

Over time I noticed something as a parent who pays for school lunches. The amount of uneaten food that gets thrown in the trash at the end of the lunch period is astounding! Some of it has to do with the fact that the

cafeteria workers insist on giving adult-sized portions to 9-year-olds, but most of it has to do with the fact that the children are so busy socializing that they forget to eat. Then the bell rings, they quickly stuff something in their mouth, and throw the rest in the trash.

On one occasion when I was having lunch with my daughter, the noise in the cafeteria was deafening. The children were having to shout to be heard across the table and the decibel level was rising precipitously. It was at that point that I heard those dreaded words over the speaker, "Okay, silent lunch, children. No talking." Suddenly, everything went quiet.

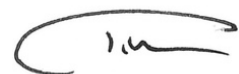
You know what happened that day? The children ate their food. All of it. With nothing else to do, all they could do was chew their food. Very little food was thrown away that day and the children went back to class well-fed. "Maybe silent lunch isn't such a bad thing, after all," I thought.

I've come to think differently about silent lunch. Maybe silent lunch shouldn't be used as a threat or as a punishment but regularly built into the lunch period. If lunch is 30 minutes, the first 25 minutes could be eating and socializing while the last 5 minutes could be silent lunch. Then kids would be nourished in two ways.

Kind of like in worship. In worship, we gather, we visit, we catch up, we sing, we pray, we pass the peace, we sing some more, we pray some more, and then, suddenly, it's silent lunch – the time when the preacher gives the congregation something to chew on.

Worship should be nourishing for our souls – but each part is nourishing in a different way. We are nourished when we visit with our friends, nourished when we sing hymns to the Lord, nourished when we confess our sin and intercede in prayer on behalf of others, and – hopefully – nourished by the words of the sermon that we absorb in silence. At least, that's my prayer each week. That God would speak through my meager words into the hearts of those who are listening, and that I give them something nourishing to chew on.

See you in worship...



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# **Upcoming Sermon Texts and Topics**

**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.**

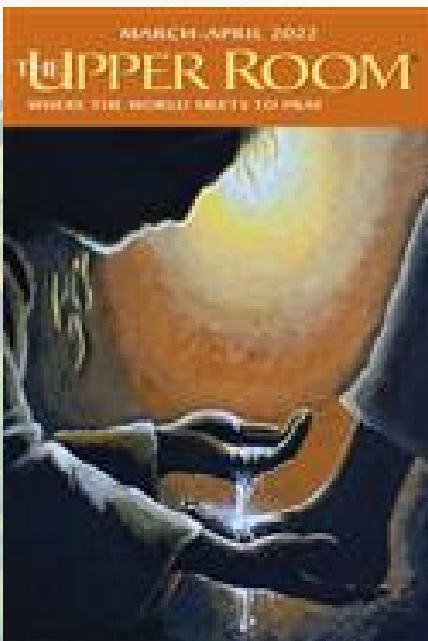
**March 2nd   Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21   The Practice of Piety (Ash Wednesday)**

**March 6th   Deuteronomy 26:1-11   Giving Thanks & Remembering**

**March 13th   Philippians 3:17-4:1   Transforming the World through Christ**

**March 20th   Luke 13:1-9   The Parable of the Fig Tree**

**March 27th   Jeremiah 18:1-11   The Steps of Repentance**



**The March-April  
Upper Room Devotionals  
are available!**

**Copies can be found in the  
vestibule & narthex.**



## **Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd**

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. We will celebrate with a service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Covid Phase permitting.



## **Scout Sunday**

Scout Sunday will be Sunday, March 27th. For over 100 years Boy Scouts has enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915 and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916. Together we have enriched the spiritual lives of youth for over four generations. We will celebrate this long history of common service together, as members of Troop 6 will join us in worship.



## **Spring Forward into Daylight Saving Time**

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th, or you'll be an hour late for worship on Sunday, March 13th!





# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Charles Wu  
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Marian Broome  
3/16

Doug Matthews  
3/06

John Gill  
3/17

Ally McLean  
3/08

Nancy Montgomery  
3/22

Lucy Brittian  
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Sydney Jones  
3/23

Beth Robertson  
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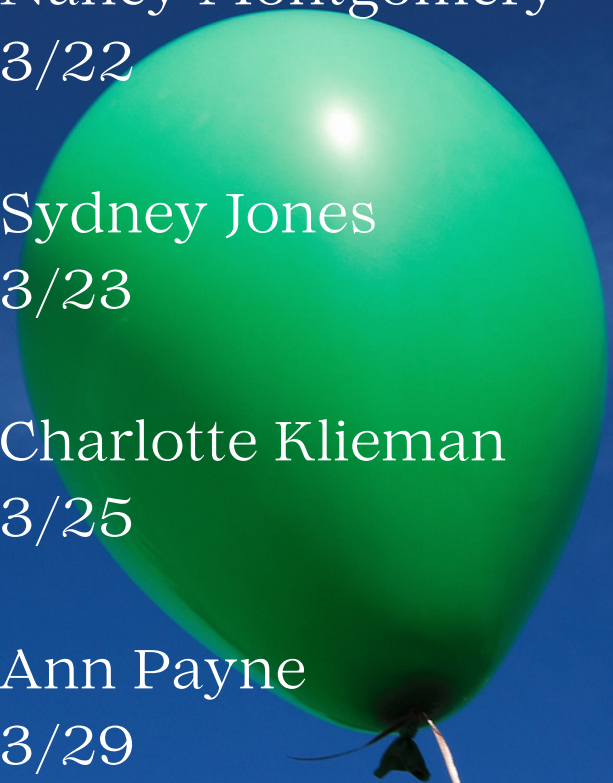
Charlotte Klieman  
3/25

Jack Lewis  
3/13

Ann Payne  
3/29

Terry Weaver  
3/14

Mariann Thuesen  
3/30







Audrey Johnson, our Church Office Administrator, will be leaving us in March to pursue a new employment opportunity.

For the last 2½ years Audrey has been a valuable member of our team, bringing a high level of organization, efficiency, and professionalism to her job every day. She has been especially helpful through the ups and downs and uncertainties of the pandemic, holding everything together while never losing her positive spirit and helpful, friendly demeanor.

Wednesday, March 16th, will be Audrey's last day. The Personnel Team is currently reviewing and interviewing candidates for the position and we plan to have a new Office Administrator hired in time to be trained by Audrey before she departs. While we are saddened to see her go, we are excited for her in that this new opportunity will allow more room for growth and advancement in her career. Godspeed, Audrey, and thank you for everything you've done for us. We'll miss you!

*To the congregation & staff of Second,*

*Goodbyes can be difficult, and I am truly grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful team and congregation that make saying goodbye so hard. While I am excited for this new endeavor, the relationships formed here and the great experiences I have had will always be with me. Thank you for your support in my academic endeavors while I worked at Second, thank you for the opportunity to serve your church, and thank you for your love and well-wishes as I continue on life's journey! I will miss you all greatly.*

*With love and gratitude,*

*Audrey*



# Lenten Bible Study

Our Wednesday night study on Mark will take a break during Lent so that we can engage in a Lenten study on forgiveness. Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. To help us deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness, we will be using a downloadable book by Christian spirituality author Marjorie Thompson entitled *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*. This six-week study will address such questions as:

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

The study begins on Wednesday, March 9th, and will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Chambers Room. It will continue on Wednesday evenings during Lent (thru April 13th), Covid phase permitting. Each week will be led by a different facilitator. We hope to see you there!



# **WOMEN'S CONNECTION AT MONTREAT**

## **AUGUST 12TH THROUGH 14TH**



**MONTREAT®**  
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**If you would be interested in a weekend away at Montreat that is full of worship, study, wonderful speakers, and fellowship then Women's Connection may be just what you're looking for!**

**Women from this congregation have participated in Women's Connection for the past several years and have found it to be a wonderful time of renewal.**

**If you'd like more information about the conference, you can check it out on Montreat's website:**

**<https://montreat.org/events/wc-2022>.**

**If you're interested in attending, let Pastor Sarah know.**





# The Arts & Crafts Circle of Presbyterian Women

On February 7, the Arts & Crafts circle of Presbyterian Women met with Kristi from Isaiah House 1:17 to donate hats and scarves that were made over the previous year.

Kristi told us that 50 children came through their organization in January, with an equal number in November.

We were happy to be able to supply them with these items to help keep the children warm as they go to their foster homes.

We also found many hats and gloves that had been donated by the congregation in the past for Westview school. Since the school informed us they still had a good supply from our previous donations, these were also given to Isaiah House.

We are getting close to having a group of dolls ready to donate. When we do, we will also pass on the toys that have been donated for boys.

Thank you to everyone who made these donations possible!

See the next page for photos!



# The Arts & Crafts Circle of Presbyterian Women

Hats and scarves  
made by  
Arts & Crafts  
Circle members!



Hats and gloves  
donated by  
church members!







# A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE!

**If you find yourself in the church office during the week, you may notice a new occupant in what was Jan Barber's office. At the end of February, our very own Dana Hendrix retired from her role as the Administrator of the Presbytery of East Tennessee.**

**Moving into that role is Jaclyn Beeler, who also serves as the Communications Coordinator at UKirk. Since the presbytery does not have a physical office, Jaclyn will be utilizing some of Second's office space while fulfilling her role for the presbytery.**

**We are so happy to have her in the office and are grateful for the opportunity to serve the presbytery in this way.**



# Report from January West View Partner Coalition Meeting

## Update:

- Susan Martin (West View's Community Schools Coordinator) is working to gauge interest in the possibility of picking up and delivering food to students when the school is closed for illness or inclement weather. Stay tuned as this may be an opportunity to get involved in the future.
- The school's "Family Nights" continue. Their most recent was a Valentine's Family Date Night on February 10 for 3rd grade families.
- About 150 students were able to participate in a rewards celebration the second week in February – a dance party!

## How You Might Get Involved:

- Volunteers are needed to walk some students home from school. This could be one day a week, a day here and there, or an entire week at a time. Any help is appreciated!
- The outdoor shed at the school was blown over by a strong wind and is irreparable. If you have the capacity to help them with a new one, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Volunteers are welcomed for the after-school program, lunch buddies, homework helpers, and mentoring in various ways.
- Offer encouragement to the staff with cards, treats, etc.

*\*\*If you want to know more about any of these updates or getting involved, contact Pastor Sarah.*



# **SERVICE AND OUTREACH MISSION CHRONICLE, PART I**

## **LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD**

Launched in 1989 by Rev. Wil Howie, then a seminary student, and adopted in 1993 as an official mission of the Synod of Living Waters, Living Waters for the World (LWW) shares its name with its founding body, the Synod of the Living Waters, with which Second Church is affiliated through its membership in Presbytery of East Tennessee, a Synod member. Based in Spring Hill, TN, LWW is committed to “provide clean water for a generation” in communities where water is available but contaminated. LWW has only 3 full-time staff and 3 part-time staff; rather, its work is done by volunteers. The results are impressive: “Since 1993, LWW has shared clean water with over 1,000 communities across 26 countries...focused within 11 networked regions.” Those regions span the globe, from Southeast Asia to India, to Africa, to Central and South America, the Caribbean region and some communities in the US.

Volunteer instructors train volunteer leaders of “water teams” who work within the volunteer-led networks. Volunteers have guided the establishment of those international networks, as well as the development of curriculum for the training, dubbed “Clean Water U” and launched in 2003. The water teams are made up of volunteers from individual churches who undergo a week of training at Clean Water U (CWU) in one of three areas: CWU 101 - Water Project Management and Relationship Development; CWU 102 - Health and Spiritual Education; and CWU 103 - Water Testing; Water System Installation, Operation, and Maintenance. Then, working with the individual leaders of a “partner” community, team members empower the community to install and maintain a water purification system and provide health education to the residents, and covenant with the community to provide support for the system and the health education through follow-up visits for a minimum period of 3 years after the system is installed and operating. Partner communities must have a readily available, but contaminated water source (LWW digs no wells); the commitment to operating a water purification system and a health education program; and a desire to serve their community over the long term. A site for a system might be a church, an orphanage, a school, a church or a community center. Operating systems at one location may contract to deliver containers of clean water to other communities in the region.

Hardly anything could be more compelling than the opportunity to provide safe, clean water to God’s children for drinking, food preparation, washing clothes and dishes, and personal hygiene in communities where there has been none before. LWW’s numbers speak for themselves:



# **SERVICE AND OUTREACH MISSION CHRONICLE, PART II**

## **LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD**

- CWU has trained 2,524 volunteers to lead a water team
- 10,000+ volunteers have joined water teams started by CWU-trained leaders. Most teams come from Presbyterian congregations in the Synod, though some come from other denominations and civic clubs.
- 18,000+ donors have given to LWW to support water partnerships
- 19 systems have continuously provided clean water for 15 years; for 10 years – 62; and for 5 years – 63

Second Church's Outreach and Missions committee has been pleased to contribute from its budget to support the efforts of LWW for several years, and will continue to do so. Even during the pandemic, LWW has been able to continue to carry out its mission of training and support virtually, even though the in-person visits have been restricted.

From the Litany for Commissioning of teams leaders trained by CWU:

Will you work diligently with your partners to help them gain self-reliance in providing safe water, health education and a better quality of life for all? ..... By the power of God at work within us and through us, we covenant to seek sustainable ways for safe water to become a source of healing, hope and well-being for all God's children.



The accompanying photos show:

- 1- Training of leaders in CWU103
- 2- A system in Guatemala, with local volunteers
- 3- An in-country leader teaching in Honduras
- 4- Cuban children lined up for fresh water





# New Organizational Structure Information Sessions

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, the Session revealed a new organizational structure for the church. (If you were not present for the Annual Meeting, you can find information about this in the Annual Report, available on our website or in the church office.) The Session held a retreat in August 2021 to discuss how we should best organize ourselves for the ministry and mission to which we are called. This discussion continued throughout the fall of 2021. The new organizational structure will go into effect on May 1, 2022.

Some things in the new system will look very similar to what we've been doing, while others will look quite different. We will be holding three information sessions so that you can hear more and get answers to any questions you may have. These information sessions will give us a chance to have some dialogue around the changes, to answer questions, and to determine how we can best serve Christ through the ministry and mission of this church. We hope that you are able to attend one of these sessions, not just for the information but for the fellowship, as well! The dates and times are:

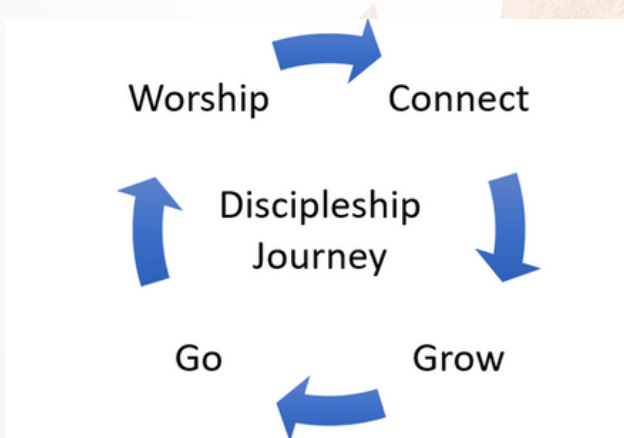
- **Sunday, March 13th immediately following worship:** Sandwiches and drinks will be provided for those who register in advance via our Friday email or on the website.
- **Thursday, March 24th at 12 noon:** Sandwiches and drinks will be provided for those who register in advance via our Friday email or on the website.
- **Sunday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.:** Food trucks will be present beginning at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to share a meal and fellowship together.



# New Organizational Structure

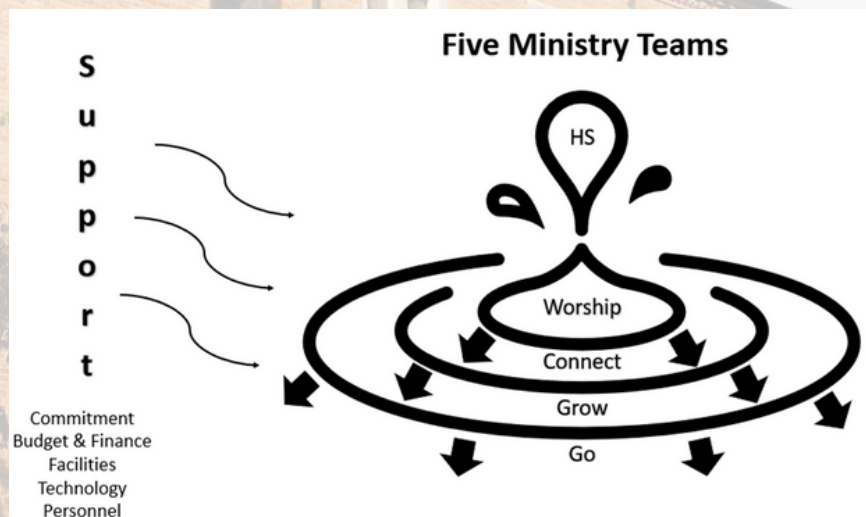
Our organizational structure has been formulated according to the idea that the primary purpose of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Everything we do should serve and be driven by this purpose, which ultimately ensures that we fulfill the larger purpose of serving the Gospel of Jesus Christ, being effective instruments of the mission of reconciliation in the world, fulfilling the Great Ends of the Church as stated in the Book of Order, and living out the Vision of Second Presbyterian Church.

We also recognize, however, that discipleship is a journey, not a destination, and one that we are all on...together. Our desire is that people are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the organizational structure is designed to help people along that journey. We believe that there is a movement in this journey that we want to see in each person that God brings under our umbrella of care. This is not a linear movement, but a fluid one. The movement is: Worshipping – Connecting – Growing – Going



Our desire is to be an organization that facilitates this movement in individuals. Accordingly, we have depicted our organizational structure not like a traditional organizational chart, but like ripples in a pond – constantly moving outward.

There are five Ministry Teams in our organizational structure. Four of them reflect the journey of discipleship: the Worship Team, the Connect Team, the Grow Team, the Go Team. They are all fed by the waters of the Support Team, which provides support to the other four teams as they seek to help people grow in their discipleship journey.





# Updates from the Session

## Highlights from the February 2022 Stated Session Meeting

- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Received the Treasurer's Report.
- Approved the 2021 Annual Statistical Report to send to Presbytery.
- Empowered a task force to study making an overture to the Presbytery on Health Care. It was approved that Elder Peebles provide two names of potential committee members, in addition to himself, at the March 2022 Session Meeting.

## JANUARY BUDGET REPORT

	JANUARY	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$66,902.88	\$66,902.88	\$780,570.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52,175.64	\$52,175.64	\$784,242.10
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	\$14,727.24	\$14,727.24	---



		<b>1</b> 9a Staff Meeting 10a Organ Search Committee 5p Facilities Committee 6p Compassionate Cuisine 6 <sup>3</sup> p Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 2p Compassionate Cuisine 6p Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)	<b>3</b> 10a Arts & Crafts (Room 227) 1p Service & Outreach Committee	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9 <sup>45</sup> a FSF Sunday School Class 11a Worship	<b>7</b> 6 <sup>3</sup> p BSF	<b>8</b> 6p Worship Committee 6 <sup>3</sup> p Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 12p 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readers 6 <sup>3</sup> p Wednesday Night Bible Study (MCR)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Church Office Closed	<b>12</b> Don't forget to 'Spring Forward'! 
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<b>27</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> 9 <sup>45</sup> a FSF Sunday School Class 11a Worship	<b>28</b> 6 <sup>3</sup> p BSF	<b>29</b> 6 <sup>3</sup> p Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 6 <sup>3</sup> p Wednesday Night Bible Study (MCR)	<b>31</b>	<p>The events included in this calendar will take place as listed if we are in Covid Phase Orange, Yellow, or Green.</p> <p>Please see the home page &amp; calendar on our website, <a href="http://2ndpres.org">2ndpres.org</a>, with up-to-date information on Covid Phase changes &amp; calendar updates.</p>	





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