

# Second Edition

MAY 2020 ISSUE



# On Second Thought...

You know what I have loved seeing during this time when in-person activities at the church building have been suspended? The mission and ministry of Second Presbyterian Church continuing outside the church building! It warms my heart and makes me rejoice in thanksgiving to God.

We had an amazing group of people volunteer almost immediately to run errands or get groceries for anyone that needs them. While we haven't had a huge number of people express needs, we have had a few. These volunteers have been wonderful at meeting these needs. We also have volunteers who are regularly calling those in the congregation who are alone or shut-in or in nursing homes and rehabs. These phone calls are bright spots in the day for these people.

I have been especially inspired by those individuals who saw a need, felt called to do something about it, and just did it, without being asked to or waiting for someone else to do it. As soon as we went to online only worship, Dick Dodson initiated Sunday School by conference call, and invited everyone in the congregation to participate, not just his Sunday School class. Liz Peebles is taking books and movies from the church library to folks who request them. Sandra Butler noticed it was time for the new Upper Room devotional books to be out and volunteered to deliver them to folks or let them come to her house to pick them up. Dean and Mary Farmer went helped Bobbie Denton learn to use her phone to connect to the Wednesday Night bible study. Ginny Williams sewed a cloth mask and cooked snacks for Patricia Kennedy, who continues to work during this time. The Henley's even sent cookies to my house! These are just a few of the things that I know about; I'm sure there are many other things you all are doing for each other.

I've also been inspired by the dedication of our staff during this time. Matt Mimbs has chosen some wonderful music for our Sunday morning online service, as well as playing the piano beautifully, singing occasionally, and getting the quartet ready for Easter Sunday. Since coming back to town, David has been there each Sunday to offer wonderful organ pieces.



Audrey Johnson is doing most of her work from home, but also comes to the office two days a week to do some things that can't be done elsewhere. She has stayed on top of all the different moving pieces, making it possible for Sarah and I to focus on helping everyone stay connected during this time. Audrey even has the church phone forwarded to her personal cell phone so we will never miss anyone calling the church for assistance.

Jan Barber is doing driveway visits, like Pastor Sarah and I, as well as making phone calls, sending cards and notes, and coordinating our volunteers to assist those in need. Holly Grimm is keeping our young people connected in so many ways. She created Lenten, and now Easter, Bible activity booklets from scratch and sent them to all of our young people. She meets with them twice a week on Zoom - once for Bible study and once for games. (Pictionary is a favorite!) She's also doing Instagram and Facebook games, delivering care packages, and encouraging our teens to call and write notes and cards of encouragement to shut-ins and other members of the congregation. As a parent I can tell you that our teens really appreciate staying connected with their church family during this time.

All of this is to say that, while we may not be having activities at the church *building* right now, the mission and ministry of our congregation continues to be strong. We are still finding ways to be welcoming, faithful, and, maybe most importantly, *hopeful* during this difficult time. It makes me so grateful and humbled to serve as your pastor.

Grace and peace...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J.M.', is written at the bottom right of the page.



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# WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

## Upcoming Sermon Texts & Topics

Here are the upcoming sermon Scriptures and topics for May:

**May 3rd     The Effects of Glad and Generous Hearts  
(John 10:1-10 Acts 2:42-47)**

**May 10th   The Priesthood of All Believers (1 Peter 2:2-10)**

**May 17th   Hearing Paul Preach (Acts 17:22-31)**

**May 24th   The Other Great Commission (Acts 1:6-14)**

**May 31st   Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21)**



# Student Ministry

**Staying connected while apart.**



**The students of Second are doing their part by staying connected during this time of social distancing. Check out a recent snapshot of Sunday School via Zoom! We can't wait to resume our in-person activities soon!**



# VBS

POSTPONED!

DUE TO THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES, WE HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE OUR RECENTLY ANNOUNCED VBS.

UPDATED DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE TO RESCHEDULE! IF YOU NEED A REFRESHER ON WHAT OUR VBS STANDS FOR, PLEASE READ BELOW:

VBS STANDS FOR OUR VERY BEST SERVICE.

EACH DAY, WE WILL TRAVEL TO A DIFFERENT PLACE IN KNOXVILLE TO DO A SERVICE PROJECT, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL JOIN US.

WHILE THIS PROJECT IS BEING HOSTED BY THE YOUTH, IT IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE CONGREGATION, WE HOPE YOU'LL PLAN TO JOIN US IN SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS TOGETHER AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE!



# An Update from SPC Preschool

The Preschool would like to thank you, the church, for your willingness to support this mission in such unprecedented times. We want you to know that we have put safety protocols in place to help protect our staff, parents and students. During this time, we are allowing preschool staff and children only in the preschool building and maintaining cleaning procedures throughout the day. Children and staff temperatures are checked upon arrival. Overall, we have had a smooth experience and have been blessed by your support and the support of our parents. Once or twice a week we have had families send lunch or breakfast for the staff and it has kept our morale high. Once again, thank you for your willingness to support this mission of SPC with your prayers as well as with funds.





# May Birthdays

**Bruce Foster 05/01**

**Joe Beals 05/15**

**Max Jones 05/01**

**Tuesday Reynolds 05/15**

**Paul Sexauer 05/01**

**Ellen Rochelle 05/15**

**Ruth Ewald 05/02**

**Brice Gilmer 05/19**

**Kathy Duggan 05/05**

**Holly Grimm 05/23**

**Marty McLean 05/05**

**Neal Henley 05/24**

**Bill Miller 05/06**

**Duane Grieve 05/25**

**Gregg Pruitt 05/07**

**Margaret Sullivan 05/28**

**Cleston Jones 05/11**

**William Pruitt 05/30**

**Redmond Sweitzer 05/13**

**Leslie Matthews 05/31**

**Frank McLelland 05/14**

**Jennica Ullrich 05/31**





**AN UPDATE FROM UKIRK. THINGS LOOK VERY DIFFERENT FOR US AND WE KNOW THEY LOOK VERY DIFFERENT FOR YOUR CHURCHES TOO, BUT WE ARE ALL MAKING THE BEST OF IT. MINISTRY DOESN'T STOP JUST BECAUSE WE CAN'T GATHER IN PERSON, IF ANYTHING, IT IS NEEDED EVEN MORE SO.**

**UKIRK HAS BEEN GATHERING TWICE A WEEK ON ZOOM. ON TUESDAYS WE HAVE A VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR FOR EVERYONE TO TALK FREELY AND JUST CATCH UP. ON THURSDAYS WE MEET VIRTUALLY FOR THEOLOGY TALKS WHERE STUDENTS CAN SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND THEN WE DISCUSS THEM AS A COMMUNITY. ON WEDNESDAYS WE HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM OUR WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH THE END OF APRIL. WE CHOSE LIVE STREAM INSTEAD OF PRERECORDING WORSHIP BECAUSE WE LIKE THE IDEA OF WORSHIPING RIGHT THEN WITH OUR COMMUNITY EVEN IF FROM A DISTANCE. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THIS, WE ARE SENDING DAILY DEVOTIONS TO OUR STUDENTS IN OUR GROUP MESSAGE, IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE AND SECURITY DURING THIS ANXIOUS TIME. EACH OF OUR INTERNS ARE WRITING A DEVOTION ONCE A WEEK AS WELL AS BOTH STAFF MEMBERS.**

**CLASSES ARE ALL ONLINE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND SOME CLASSES HAVE PROVEN TO BE EVEN HARDER THIS WAY THAN IN PERSON. OUR STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD DURING THIS STRANGE AND FRUSTRATING TIME. WE ARE PLANNING SOME FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGH ZOOM LIKE WE WOULD USUALLY PLAN OUR EXAM BREAKERS FOR EXAM WEEK. WE ARE TRYING TO BRING AS MUCH NORMALCY TO OUR STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE.**

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR OUR MINISTRY AND OUR STUDENTS.**





**For three decades, the InterFaith Health Clinic's mission has been to provide "accessible, affordable and quality health care to the low income, working, uninsured and under-served, primarily through the support of the religious, health care and business communities."**

**Services offered are primary care, dental care, eye care, mental health counseling and affordable medications. In addition to the clinic staff, there is a network of over 400 specialty physicians, dentists, and counselors who see clinic patients at their private offices and charge according to the clinic's sliding fee scale.**

**Second Presbyterian Church has supported InterFaith Health Clinic through our Outreach budget for many years. Second member Kim Elrod is a member of the staff. In February 2018 the 200-a-Month collection for the Clinic yielded: 30 reams of copy paper, 550 envelopes, 64 legal pads, and 499 pens.**



## Highlights from the April Session Meeting

- Agreed to continue the moratorium on in-person meetings and services.
  - Agreed, if he is comfortable making a decision, Reverend Reynolds can make decisions between the weekly Called Session meetings and then inform the session.
  - Approved the motion to celebrate Communion by live stream on Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020.
  - Approved the motion to authorize the funding for payroll of all staff at the Preschool for a period of eight weeks. It is anticipated that the cost will be approximately \$55,000.00 and these funds would ultimately be charged to the Undesignated Mission Fund. If the Preschool were to receive reimbursement from the federal Cares program, or similar source, then it would reimburse the church. Otherwise there will be no repayment obligation.
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- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
  - Received the Treasurer's Report.
  - Approved the motion to uphold the examination of the upcoming Elders.
  - Approved the motion to seat the incoming elders on the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, with voice and vote, until such a time as they can be properly ordained/installed. A Service of Ordination/Installation shall be scheduled as soon as feasible, without undue haste or undue delay, once the decision has been made to resume in-person worship services.
  - Approved the motion to make a count of incoming funds and contributions as soon as possible.

## Stewardship

### MARCH BUDGET REPORT

	March	YTD	Budget
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$54,678	\$242,449	\$771,833
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$55,839	\$166,277	\$777,908
<b>Excess/(Shortage)</b>	(\$1,161)	\$76,172	(\$6,075)





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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.*

#### ELDERS

##### CLASS OF 2020

Jimmy Cheek  
Clara Hardin  
Doug Matthews  
Margaret Walther

##### CLASS OF 2021

Monica Casey  
Betsy Foster  
John Henley  
Cleston Jones

##### CLASS OF 2022

Dean Farmer  
Margie Gill  
Patricia Kennedy  
Marty McLean

#### MINISTRY TEAMS & MODERATORS

##### Worship & Celebration

Doug Matthews  
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##### Discipleship

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##### Service & Outreach

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##### Care & Compassion

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##### Stewardship

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