

SECOND EDITION

NOVEMBER 2023



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WWW.2NDPRES.ORG

ON SECOND

Thought...



*'Twas October the 12th, I was on my way home
When into a store I just happened to roam
And what to my wondering eyes should appear?
Decorations for Christmas – in the fall of the year?*

It seems that the ramp up to Christmas begins earlier and earlier every year. It's not even Halloween yet, but Santas and reindeer and snow globes crowd the same aisles as pumpkins and ghosts and skeletons. There are holiday shopping commercials on television. A story on the news last week discussed how much people were going to spend on average purchasing gifts and how to keep credit card debt down. The Hallmark Movie Channel is already showing Christmas movies 24/7. There is an official name for this: Christmas Creep.

I get that some people are on a budget and want to get good deals. I get that for some people the Christmas holidays bring joy and warmth – and, honestly, who couldn't use a little more joy and warmth right now? – and decorating early helps them "get in the Christmas spirit". I get that some people are busy or have travel plans and want to get their decorating done early. I get that it's easier to hang lights when it's 70 degrees than when it's 40 degrees. I get most of the reasons people want Christmas to come earlier each year.

But in a world where most of us feel like life is already passing us by way too quickly, I don't understand the need to rush past the holidays in October and November. Well, maybe I do understand. As a culture we seem to always be focused on what's next, what's ahead. After one

achievement, we are already thinking about the next one and our lives become a relentless drive to keep achieving. But when we live this way, we aren't really living in the present moment. We aren't really engaging and participating in the world around us.

I don't know if it's just that I'm getting older, that my children are grown, that I'm becoming a curmudgeon, or some combination of all three, but I just don't like Christmas Creep. I am keenly aware of how quickly time is slipping past and I want to slow down and squeeze all that I can out of each moment, each day, each season, before hurrying on to the next. We only have so much time on this earth and the reality is, each moment, each week, each year of our lives is precious. If we spend our life today thinking about what's coming tomorrow, I'm not sure it will ever be fulfilling.

Let me say, I don't think there is a right or wrong way to celebrate any particular holiday. If you want to decorate early, then by all means, decorate early. Hang your ornaments in-between Trick-or-Treaters, for all I care. But if you are continually looking ahead to what's next, I invite you this month to stop for just one day, take stock of the blessings in your life – you have them, I promise – and offer thanks to God for them. Hmmm, if only we had a day set aside for doing just that.

Grace and peace...

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UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS & TOPICS

For the month of November we will be continuing (and completing) our 5-week series entitled F.A.I.T.H., an examination of the 5 essential doctrines of grace, as articulated by John Calvin. (These are often referred to as T.U.L.I.P.) Yes – it's a series on theology. No – we hope it won't be boring! Martin Luther, John Calvin, and the other reformers, knew that studying theology saves no one. Yet they also believed that studying theology can help us to understand better who saves us and how, when, where, and why we are saved. This is why it's good to occasionally study theological topics in worship together. We hope you join us!

November 5th	Ephesians 1:3-12	F.A.I.T.H.: Adopted by God
November 12th	John 17:1-9, 20-21	F.A.I.T.H.: Intentional Atonement
November 19th	1 Corinthians 2:6-16	F.A.I.T.H.: Transformed by the Spirit
November 26th	1 Peter 1:3-5	F.A.I.T.H.: Held By God

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



11.02 ANGELA JONES

11.03 BOB CROSS

11.05 JOE CLARKE

11.05 BENNIE MYERS

11.07 BOB CAMPBELL

11.09 ED MAY

11.09 MILLER CALLAWAY

11.11 MARSHA GRIEVE

11.18 PARKER DODSON

11.18 BILL OWEN

11.19 JAMES MORGAN

11.20 TOM SULLIVAN

11.21 MANCIL MILLIGAN

11.22 MARY NELL PRUITT

11.29 JIM GRAY

11.30 BONNIE SMITH

**IF WE INADVERTENTLY MISSED SOMEONE...HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS SO WE'LL HAVE YOUR SPECIAL DAY ON FILE.**

2ND WEDNESDAY @ 2ND PRES

This month's 2nd Wednesday program is **"Family Game Night"**!

Join us for Table Talk and games with Thanksgiving-centered themes. This will be an intergenerational evening with fun and learning for the whole family!

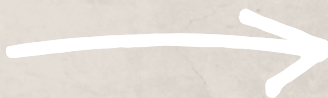
Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and will be catered by Take Out Thyme.

The menu includes: *Mac & Cheese, Chicken Teriyaki, Chicken Tenders (limited supply for our young disciples), Mixed Greens, Bread, and Assorted Cookies.*

The cost for the dinner will be *\$10 per person, with a \$25 family maximum.*

We hope you will join us for 2nd Wednesdays @ 2nd Pres at 6:00 p.m. on November 8th!

Please register using the QR code



Thanksgiving Lunch

Please join us on **Sunday, November 19th** after worship for Thanksgiving lunch in the Fellowship Hall!

The church will provide turkey and drinks. All you need to provide is yourself and a side dish, dressing, fruit or dessert.

If you have family or friends in for the holiday, please feel free to bring them!

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th!



Use the QR code to register





**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
AT 11:30 A.M.
BUCKINGHAM CLUBHOUSE**

Bring your lunch and join the discussion of *Nora Bonesteel's Christmas Past* by Sharyn McCrumb. It is a delightful read and great for this time of year. Marianne will lead the discussion.

Questions, call Margaret Sullivan at 865-363-3967.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NOVEMBER
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th at 10 a.m.



All men and women in the church including visitors are always welcome.

We will have our usual hymn sing with John Lasater and mission report, as well as a continuation of the year's Bible study on sacred encounters with Jesus—this month concentrating on the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42. This well known story is actually an exceptional one dealing with two women in ways totally forbidden by Jewish law.

Join us!

DOLLS FOR ISAIAH 117

These dolls, with their clothes, were donated to Isaiah 117 House on October 22. Dolls were purchased with funds from Presbyterian Women and their clothing was made by the PW Arts & Crafts group. Members who worked on them for the past year included: Liz Peebles, Charlene Cotton, Tammy Akers, Leslie Matthews and Cheryl Ragsdale.



Some of the donated dolls are shown in the photo with Kristi Whitehead, who picked them up for Isaiah House.

Other items that were made and donated include pillow covers, burp cloths, bags; and, Mariann Thuesen donated stuffed animals.

CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION



PANSIES TIME

Sandra Butler, Ilene Cheek, Jimmy Cheek and Bill Tapp planting pansies at the entrance memorial garden.

The Young Adults and Families Small Group came together for an evening of service and fellowship. We cleared weeds and brush from around the preschool playground and an overgrowth of poison ivy from the flowerbeds. Some people tended to this outdoor work while others made sure the kids had a safe and fun time.

We all joined together for a potluck outdoor picnic with grilled hotdogs and plenty of sides. We had a good time together and left the church grounds looking better and safer than before.

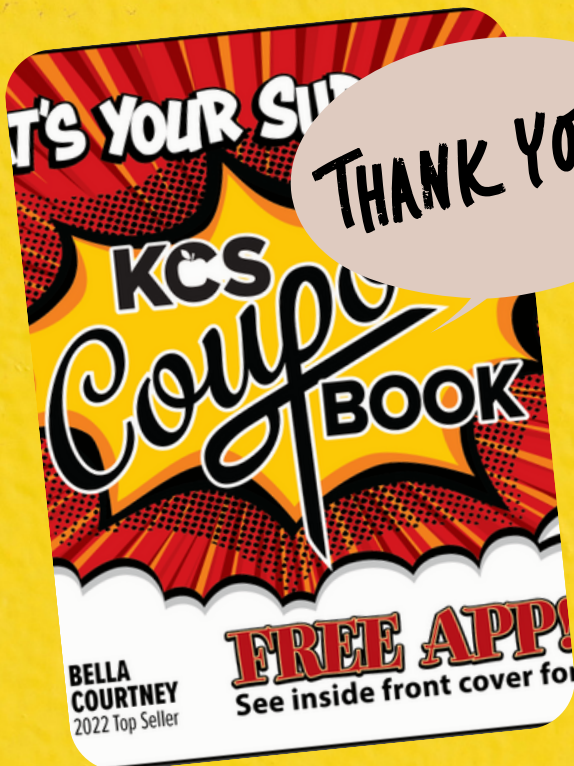


STUFFED ANIMALS FOR THE JUVENILE COURT

Second Readers will once again be collecting new, soft stuffed animals for the Juvenile Court. Judge Irwin distributes these as an item to help comfort children experiencing the trauma of interacting with the court as victims of circumstances often beyond their control.

We invite the congregation to participate by contributing an animal or two or if you cannot shop, we will do this for you for a small donation designated for this purpose. Animals need to be no more than about 12 inches high, new and hopefully snuggly. A box will be available in the atrium for the donated critters.

Thank you in advance for your participation and please know you have helped bring a little comfort to youth in our community.



WEST VIEW SCHOOL COUPON BOOK SALES

Pat yourselves on the back!! Second Presbyterian Church helped our school in a major way – we were credited with 36 books sold/kept by church members and an additional 87 books with payment covered to be distributed to students unable to purchase one. Thus, 123 books were sold or given to students! Best of all, the school kept \$1,845.00 to use to benefit several needs!!

Sandra Butler

GOing and Serving

News from the GO Team

On September 29, three volunteers served Chick-Fil-A breakfasts to approximately 20 “members” and staff at The Volunteer Ministry Resource Center. Members in the Resource Center Program are engaged in activities and training leading to permanent housing. Volunteers from 2nd Pres have been providing and serving breakfast at the Resource Center on fifth Fridays during 2023. The final breakfast for this year will be on December 29. There will be more opportunities to serve at VMC in 2024.

On October 12, seven volunteers served lunch at KARM. The group served 205 meals. In addition to serving meals, one of our volunteers helped those who were not physically able by going through the cafeteria line for them (and going back for seconds). All found this to be a worthy and needed activity and fun to boot. The GO team is planning to continue this volunteer opportunity in 2024.

In addition to VMC and KARM, this year ten volunteers served at Love Kitchen. This will be a continuing volunteer opportunity in 2024 as will volunteer opportunities with Compassion Coalition and West View Elementary.

The GO Team would appreciate input from the congregation as to other “beyond our walls” volunteer opportunities to GO and Serve that can be considered by the team in 2024.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 2023 STATED SESSION MEETING

- Received the Treasurer's Report.
- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Elected Elder Monica Casey to represent the Church at the November 15, 2023 Presbytery of East Tennessee Meeting at the Korean Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.
- Approved the Go Team request that \$4,000 be disbursed from the West View Fund to support the construction of a new soccer field at West View Elementary School.

We would like to thank our Second family for the kind words, cards, hugs, donations and prayers during our daughter's illness and death.

We have felt your caring love and certainly faith, family and friends get us through times like this.

We love and appreciate all of you.

Tom and Margaret Sullivan

THANK You

SEPTEMBER BUDGET REPORT

	SEPTEMBER	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$50,161.74	\$648,510.15	\$784,417.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$72,092.60	\$575,122.80	\$819,176.00
EXCESS (SHORTAGE)	(\$21,930.86)	\$73,387.35	(\$ 34,759.00)

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour) 3:00 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team (Zoom)	4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team (Barbour) 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team (Zoom)	9:00 a.m. CCR&R (Fellowship Hall) 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)	9:00 a.m. CCR&R Partner Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 p.m. GO team (Barbour) 5:00 p.m. Budget/Finance Meeting (Barbour)	5:00 p.m. Vienna Light Orchestra (Sanctuary)	Vienna Light Orchestra (Sanctuary)
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour) 10:30 a.m. Worship		9 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall) 1 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)				
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The events included in this calendar will take place as listed if we are in COVID Phase Green or Yellow, BUT NOT if Red.
Please see the home page & calendar on our website, 2ndpres.org with up-to-date information on COVID Phase changes and new criteria, as well as real-time calendar updates.



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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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