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Ed Carver in 1992

Dr. Ed Carver Named Pastor Emeritus

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of **double** honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.* – 1 Timothy 5:17

At its October meeting the Session, acting on a recommendation from the Personnel Team, unanimously approved naming Dr. Ed Carver as Pastor Emeritus of Second Presbyterian Church. This is a great honor for Dr. Carver and one the entire community should celebrate!

A native of Evanston, Illinois, and graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, W. Edmund Carver was called to be the Pastor and Head of Staff for Second Presbyterian Church in 1976, following pastorates in New York City and Cherry Hill, NJ, and service as the Executive Vice President of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Dr. Carver served this congregation faithfully for 20 years, retiring in 1996. During his long tenure as the shepherd of this congregation, Second Presbyterian grew to 1,112 members and increased its standing in Knoxville as a light to the community, a beacon of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a tireless witness to social justice and the work of God's Kingdom.

Ed Carver touched countless lives as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, not only through numerous baptisms, funerals, weddings, and compassionate and caring pastoral counseling, but also through his tireless work in the community of Knoxville. Ed was a member of numerous boards during his tenure, including: Maryville College, Shannondale Retirement Homes, UTK Presbyterian Center, Knoxville-Knox County Bicentennial Commission, Tennessee Board of Corrections, Knoxville MS Society, Knoxville United Ministries, and the Rotary Club. His service to the denomination included serving as the moderator of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, the moderator of Union Presbytery, and a member of the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church, a group which functions like the session of the denomination.

The fruits of Dr. Carver's ministry can be seen in the building addition completed in 1996 (the Atrium is dedicated to him), and in the fact that

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On Second Thought...

Johnny Majors always used to say this time of year, “They remember what you do in November.” Of course, the “they” he was talking about were the voters in the college football polls and the officials who decided which teams would get invited to bowl games. But the saying has always stuck with me for some reason. It seems to me to be a statement about life – about hope, about second chances, about overcoming early adversity, about being able to come back from defeats.

In the 1960’s Frank Sinatra made the song It Was a Very Good Year famous. His performance of that song, which netted him a Grammy Award for Best Male Vocal Performance in 1966, was full of longing, reflection, wistfulness, satisfaction, regret, and resignation. It was a performance he could not have given in his early years; only the living of life empowered him with the emotional gravitas he needed to fill Ervin Drake’s words with so much...life. Sinatra’s performance aside, the poetry of that song is beautiful in and of itself. Of course, comparing the fullness of a life to the changing seasons of the calendar year is not new to poets and songwriters – or people, for that matter. Which brings us back to Johnny Majors.

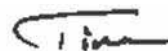
Now, at this point I had planned to write about how our lives and ministry are still relevant in the “autumn of our years.” That we still have a chance, even in our later years, to keep making a difference for God’s Kingdom, to keep being salt and light and blessing, and leave a legacy that people will remember. But something happened last week that I would like to

talk about instead. At its October meeting the Session voted unanimously to name Dr. Edmund Carver as Pastor Emeritus of Second Presbyterian Church. (You can read elsewhere in this newsletter about what that means for both him and us.)

As the people who touched our lives and helped us along our way reach the autumn of their years it is right and good to thank them for what they have done for us. We do this as a culture in big ways – Kennedy Center Honors, Presidential Medal of Freedom – and we do this in our personal lives in small ways through letters, dinners, or intimate conversations. The way the Presbyterian Church has chosen to do this is with the title Pastor Emeritus. It is a way of thanking pastors for the difference they have made in our lives and in our congregations. I think this is a wonderful honor that has been bestowed upon Dr. Carver, whom most of you just call Ed.

In the month of November, we Americans celebrate Thanksgiving – taking the time to thank God for the blessings he has given us in our lives and to remember those who have meant so much to us in our journeys. It has been 20 years since Ed Carver retired, after having served this congregation faithfully for the previous 20 years. Ed is now in the November of his life and it is good for us to remember his ministry. I am thankful to Ed for the impact he had on me when I was young, an impact he knew nothing about until I spoke to him this week. And this November, in this season of Thanksgiving, I am glad that Second Presbyterian Church has a chance to remember what he did.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim



Emeritus is an honorary title bestowed upon someone who has retired from a position (pastor, professor, or other professional position) as a way of honoring that individual's service. Emeritus comes from the Latin Word emereri, meaning "to earn one's discharge by service." The title "Pastor Emeritus" in the Presbyterian Church is a title bestowed upon a retired, or retiring, pastor, usually by either the last congregation served or the congregation the individual served the longest. It is a way for church leadership to honor the person's service to the church.

Different congregations in the PCUSA have different roles for a Pastor Emeritus. In some congregations the person has particular duties. These might include serving in an advisory role to the session or current pastor, serving as a minister of visitation, or maintaining a teaching ministry. In other congregations the title is simply an honorary one – a way of thanking the person for their service and acknowledging that they played a significant role in the history of the congregation. The scope of duties depends mainly on the Session's desires and the person's proximity, availability, and/or willingness to continue in service. Generally, there is no monetary compensation to go along with the honor.

The PCUSA acknowledges that it is right and fitting for congregations to recognize the faithful service of those who shepherd and serve them with honor and integrity, and that bestowing the title of Pastor Emeritus demonstrates respect and gratitude for pastoral service. There are no biblical guidelines to such a position and each Presbytery has its own rules in determining how the honor is conferred. In the Presbytery of East Tennessee it is left up to each congregation to determine if or how they would like to confer the title of Pastor Emeritus upon an individual.

Dr. Carver cont.

when he left he had built the endowment of the church to \$1 million, leaving the church on solid financial footing for decades to follow. Ed's greatest legacy, however, was leaving behind a community of people more passionately connected to the Gospel, more dedicated in their discipleship, and who reflected the love of Christ into the community of Knoxville, and beyond.

Since leaving Second Presbyterian Church, Dr. Carver has served congregations in Florida and Louisiana as interim pastor and pulpit supply. Ed currently lives in Louisiana with his wife, Norean, and is enjoying being near children and grandchildren and celebrating the daily joys of their lives. Ed and Norean plan to join our congregation in worship in the near future so that we may "officially" bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus upon him. In the meantime, we invite you to send cards, notes, or emails of congratulations and remembrance to:

**6528 Chaucer Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70817
moxcar@cox.net**



Ed Carver today

Flowers Needed!

If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Sarah at 523-2189. Available dates are:

**November 27
December 4 & 11**



Bulletin boards

Have you noticed the new bulletin boards in the hallway between the Atrium and Fellowship Hall? If not, you should check them out. Different groups in the church are now using this space to advertise programs, ministries, and service opportunities available to members of Second and the community of Knoxville. There's some great information up there you won't want to miss!

Young Adult Meals

The Evangelism and Church Growth Team is seeking hosts to help with a new ministry to Young Adults on Sundays. Starting in January, any college student or young adult who would like to enjoy some fellowship and share a meal together following worship will be invited to meet after worship for lunch at a local restaurant. Each Sunday the congregation will provide a host, or hosts, who will choose the restaurant and accompany the group. Second Pres will be picking up the tab for lunch and the host will pay for the meal.

We will have a training session sometime in November or early December for hosts so that we can begin this ministry as soon as the students return from Christmas break. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Dana Hendrix (dhendrix@aol.com) or Pastor Tim (treynolds@2ndpres.org) and let them know. Nothing is required except a friendly personality and a desire to be around young people!





November Birthdays

Angela Jones	11/02
Bob Cross	11/03
Imogene Posey	11/04
Joe Clarke	11/05
Bennie Myers	11/05
Ann Wallace	11/06
Robert Campbell	11/07
Rachel Rogers	11/07
Miller Callaway	11/09
Ed May	11/09
Marsha Grieve	11/11
David Eldridge	11/14
Katie Waters	11/17
Parker Dodson	11/18
Bill Owen	11/18
Tom Sullivan	11/20
Mancil Milligan	11/21
Mary Nell Pruitt	11/21
Genna Bartlett	11/27
Jim Gray	11/29
Dorothy Thomas	11/29

Second Presbyterian Email Prayer Network

We have a fairly extensive network of members and friends who are committed to pray for people, praises, and concerns requested of us and to keep this information confidential (unless it is widely disseminated to the entire church or published publicly in some manner). Prayer requests need to be initiated by either the person involved or close family/friend, with the involved person's permission, and should involve a person or concern fairly close to the person making the request. We ask that the specific prayers/praise requests be as concise as possible. Praise or prayer requests can be made to Pastor Tim Reynolds, Visitation Minister Jan Barber, the church staff thru the office 523-2189, or to the prayer network facilitators Mary Farmer (300-3761)

or Mary Nell Pruitt (300-5926). Please send emails to both facilitators Mary at mmfarmer819@gmail.com and Mary Nell at marynell.puritt@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining with us as a prayer intercessor, please let either Mary Nell, Mary, or the church office know, and please provide your preferred email address. It is a gift to be able to pray for others and offer ourselves as channels of God's grace! Arrangements can be made for those without internet access to participate in praying by receiving weekly written copies of distributions. Please contact either the church or Mary Nell or Mary to let us know of your interest.



***SALUTE TO VETERANS
AT LUNCH BUNCH***

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

***JIM FORD, SMSGT, USAF (RET.), ALONG
WITH OTHER VETERANS, WILL TELL US
HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY. COME ONE AND ALL,
TO JOIN US AND HELP CELEBRATE
THESE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.***

VETERANS EAT FREE

ALL ELSE \$10.00

RESERVATIONS PLEASE

***PLEASE CALL REBA ANDERSON FOR VETERAN RESERVATIONS @
693-5641***

Veterans and Voters

November 8th at 11:30

Election Day is also PW Luncheon Day



Come before or after voting

For a delicious meal for \$10

And a very special program

Featuring Jim Cundall

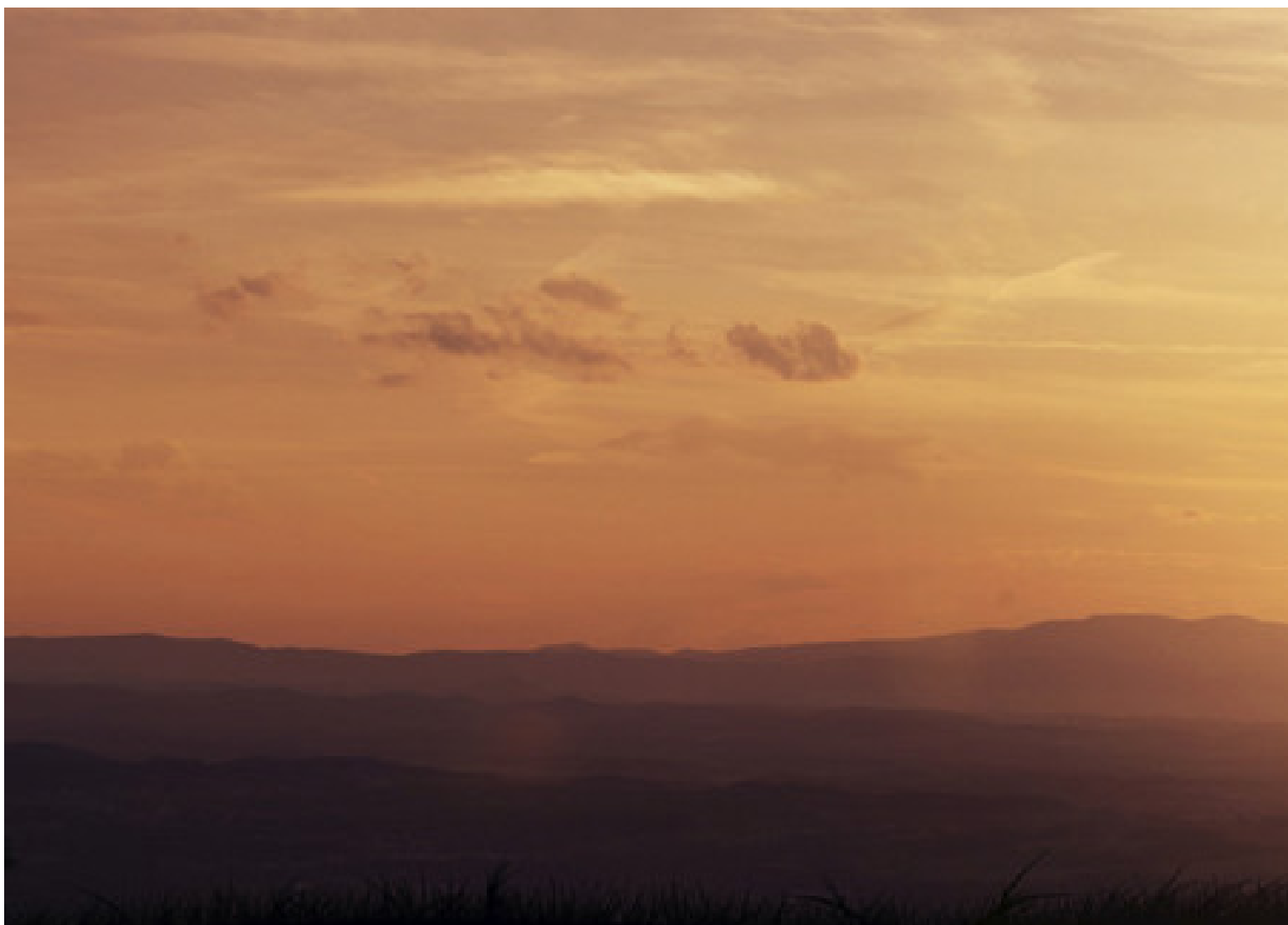
HonorAir Knoxville

“Flights to Washington with HonorAir Knoxville”



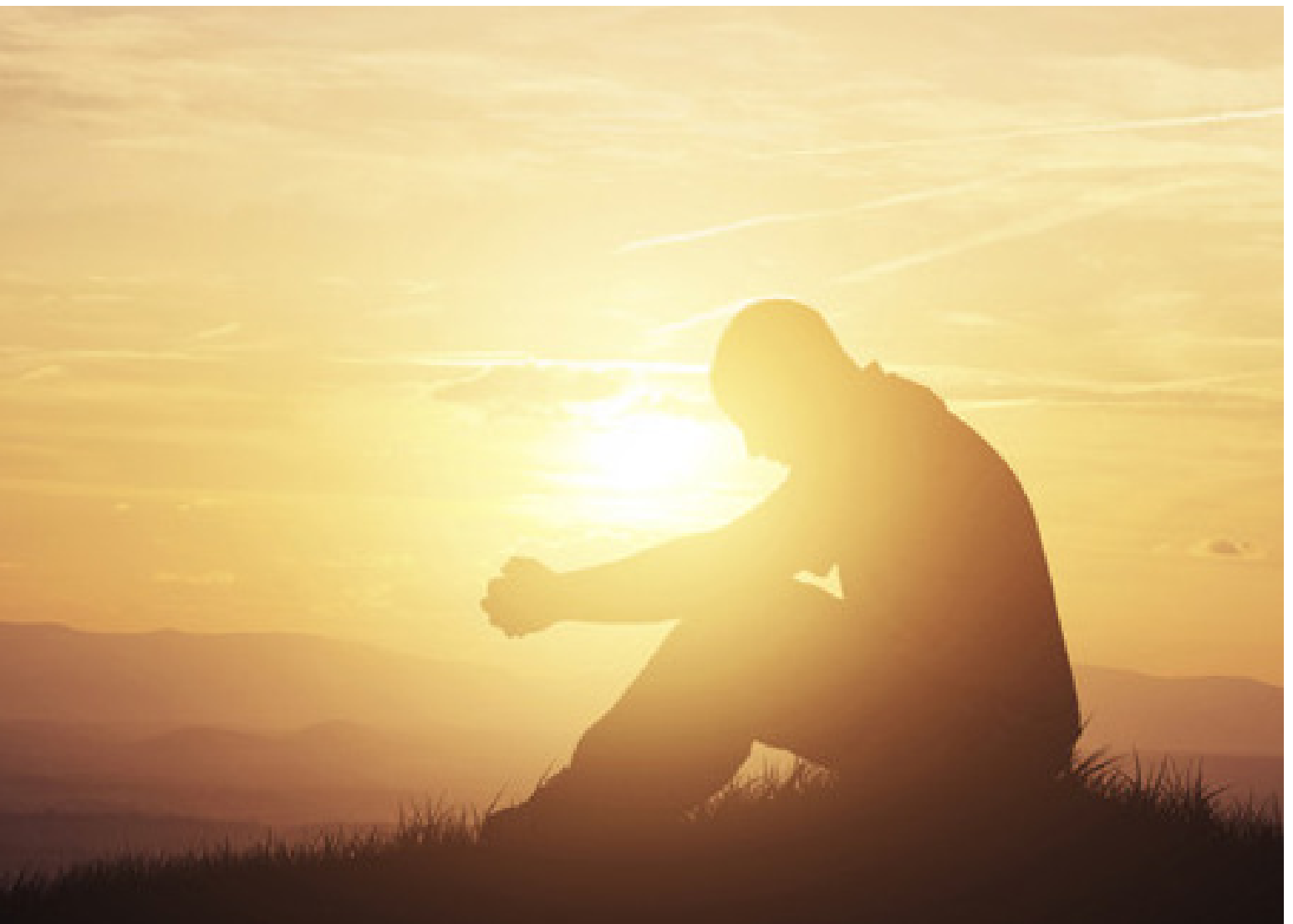
Come join in and bring a veteran (or any friend)

If you are not in a PW Circle, contact Liz Peebles for a reservation by Thursday November 3rd
enp3613@gmail.com; phone: 247-4503 or 660-9597 (cell)



Stewardship Sunday is November 13

The gift of our resources – our time, talents, and finances – is vital to the continued mission and ministry of God’s church in our community and in the world. The generosity and faithfulness of our congregation over the past two years has been inspiring. The Stewardship Committee is in the process of sending out letters and pledge cards for 2017. We ask that you prayerfully consider your response to God’s many blessings and the opportunity to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ in Knoxville and beyond through the unique witness that is Second Presbyterian Church. Pledge cards will be collected on Stewardship Sunday, November 13, or may be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Your pledge will be kept confidential. Thank you.



Our Church and the Presbytery of East Tennessee

As a congregation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we are members of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, a mid-council governing body that includes 64 churches between Knoxville and Chattanooga. As described in the Book of Order, “The mutual interconnection of the church through its councils is a sign of unity in the church.” Through this “connectionalism,” our witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the world is strengthened and gives glory to God. To find out more about what is happening in our presbytery and how we might participate in this mutual witness, you are invited to explore our presbytery’s website (www.presbyteryeasttn.org) and subscribe to its newsletter through the sign-up box at the bottom of the website home page. If you have questions, feel free to contact our own Dana Hendrix, who serves as the Presbytery Administrator – dana@presbyteryeasttn.org.



Fireside Chats with Tim

Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday morning, November 6th, at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night before bed!



2nd Readers

When? Wednesday, November 16

Time? 3:45

Where? Church library

When? Wednesday, December 21

Time? 11:30

Where? Luncheon at the home of Caroline Buckner



The Evangelism and Church Growth team is excited to announce that over the next three months Second Presbyterian will be holding a series of Fireside Chats with Pastor Tim so that he can get to know our congregation better. These small group meetings will be hosted both in homes and at the church and will be an opportunity for deeper conversation in a more intimate setting than large group functions allow. Each meeting will be hosted by a member of the congregation and will be limited to no more than 15 people. Coffee and light refreshments will be served and each meeting should last around 90 minutes.

The Evangelism and Church Growth Team has worked to develop a schedule that we believe will enable as many in the congregation who want to attend a meeting to do so. Most are in homes but some will be at the church (all the ones scheduled on weekend times) so that those with mobility issues will not be precluded from attending. At the meetings Pastor Tim will be asking questions about our experiences at Second Presbyterian Church and about our hopes and dreams for the future of our congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity for Tim to get to know us and to learn our stories. It is our hope and desire that everyone will attend one of these meetings.

The schedule of meetings, along with the location and the hosts, are listed below. You can sign up on the website, in the atrium on Sunday mornings, by calling Sarah Doyle at the church, or stopping by the church office during the week. We will also be sending out special email blasts with a link to sign up online. Please look over the schedule and decide which time and date is right for you. Signups are on a first-come, first-served basis and we expect them to fill up fast. So don't delay – reserve your time today for these very important small group meetings!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/Host</u>
Thursday, Nov. 3	7:00 pm	Home / Craig & Dana Hendrix
Monday, Nov. 14	7:00 pm	Home / Dick & Lauren Dodson
Sunday, Nov. 20	1:30 pm	Church / Catherine Beals
Tuesday, Nov. 29	7:00 pm	Home / Neal & Liz Peebles
Thursday, Dec. 8	7:00 pm	Home / Doug & Leslie Matthews
Saturday, Dec. 10	10:00 am	Church / Dean & Mary Farmer
Thursday, Jan. 12	7:00 pm	Home / John & Sandra Butler
Saturday, Jan. 21	10:00 am	Home / Betsey Bush
Sunday, Jan. 22	1:30 pm	Church / Kim Elrod
Monday, Jan. 30	7:00 pm	Home / Marty & Fran McLean

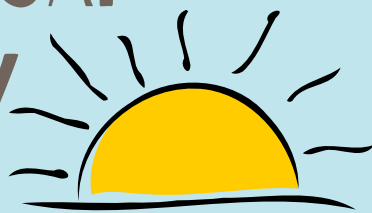
Operation Christmas Child Returns!



We are once again participating in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project which brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993 more than 100 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to children in more than 130 countries. The 14 county Knoxville area goal for 2016 is 80,001 filled boxes! We will be collecting boxes in the Atrium on Sundays and in the Reception Area during the week from now through 11/13. There is a display in the Atrium, as well as in the Narthex, with basic information, "TO GO" boxes, and the donation/labeling envelope.

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox (if you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately). Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill it with gifts: a toy, hygiene items, and school supplies. Tape the gender and age range label to the edges or sides of the box rather than in the middle of the lid. This is the last year to include candy or toothpaste. A suggested donation of \$7 per box is requested to help cover shipping costs, which can be paid online or placed in the specially labeled donation envelope found on one of the displays. For questions visit the website: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

HELP SUPPORT SUNSET GAP MINISTRY



We are currently collecting donations for Sunset Gap's food pantry, as well as their Christmas Shop (children are able to buy gifts for their loved ones and friends for a quarter). All donations for this part of the ministry should be new but inexpensive. A collection box is in the coat rack area. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please make your check out to Presbyterian Women. See the bulletin board for suggested donations.



Outdoor Work Day

where?

Second Presbyterian Church

when?

Saturday, December 3rd
8:30a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



The Presbyterian Women and UKirk - February 2016.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Do You Like to Cook?

The Presbyterian Women are preparing meals on the fourth Wednesday each month for the Presbyterian Student Union. We will be feeding 30-40 students each time. If you would like to volunteer to prepare food please call or email Ileen Cheek at 247-5258 or ileencheek@hotmail.com. We will need four volunteers each month. You do not need to be a gourmet chef to help prepare the meals. The students are very appreciative.

Volunteer Ministry Center's 2016 Holiday Store

During the month of November the Mission Committee is asking members and friends to join with us in stocking the Volunteer Ministry Center Holiday Store.

For the 20th year, The Volunteer Ministry Center will host the Annual Holiday Store program. It is a remarkable effort to enable those without Christmas shopping money to “earn” gifts for their loved ones by using their time and muscle to complete community service work which pays in points, redeemable at the Holiday Store. Community service opportunities are completed at various sites.

Every year, VMC relies upon the community to “stock” the store with all new merchandise suitable for gift giving. Many young parents shop the store, delighted to have the opportunity to select a Barbie doll or a train set for their child. And while toys are certainly the most requested items, many shoppers are also interested in procuring gifts for adults they love as well.

The Holiday Store is always in need of donations of new items for stock. Any new item appropriate for gift giving will be gladly accepted.



Items which are in particular demand are:

- *Basketballs and Footballs**
- *Dolls of all kinds**
- * Infant toys**
- * Toys for small children**
- * Craft sets for children and adults**
- * Games for all ages**
- * Cosmetic Sets**
- * Hair care sets**
- * Fragrance sets for men and women**
- * Tool kits for men**
- * Small kitchen appliances**

The items should be new (in original packaging) and unwrapped. Please place the gifts in the box in the Atrium. Detailed lists of items are posted on the bulletin board. Thank you!



Before There Was a Second Presbyterian Church

Part 2: The migration of Scots-Irish (Ulster Scots) to the English Colonies in North America

Arvillee and Helen Grant

(This article is the second in a long series of articles to be printed in Second Edition on a monthly basis until the church's final 200th Anniversary celebratory event in October, 2018.)

[In the 1600s in Scotland the use of a form of land tenure, called the feu was dispossessing many farmers of "their" traditional lands. Almost all land belonged to the Crown and was feud (rented in perpetuity) to an individual or a group who then sub-leased parcels of land to individual farmers, shop keepers, etc. Traditionally these renters could hold the rented land and pass it on to their heirs as long as they paid the annual rental fees, and the policy remained unchanged for many years. Early in the 1600s, however, many Scottish renters experienced loss of leases and huge increases in rents, thus creating many economic problems.

Scotland's people are well known for their migratory ways and, over the centuries, have spread all over the world. Probably the Scots' largest migratory movement took place in the 1600s and 1700s when thousands of farmers, artisans, tradesman, educators, and ministers transplanted themselves to Ulster, Ireland.

There can be no discussion of Scots in American colonial migration without a focus on Ulster, Ireland. Its history provides a unique feature and essential element of Reformed Presbyterianism transplanted to North America.]

We will begin Ulster's story in 1603 when James VI, Scotland's king, became also James I of England and Ireland at the death of Queen Elizabeth I. For years, Ulster, the most northeastern part of Ireland, had been devastated by internal strife and war and was a wasteland, woefully under populated and nonproductive. In an attempt to rehabilitate northern Ireland's economy, James I organized a plantation (colony) said to cover over one-half million acres of confiscated lands from Irish chieftains. Part of Ulster's counties lay within sight of the coast of Scotland about 12 miles across the North

Channel. Since ancient times the Irish and Scots had traveled and traded back and forth across this channel.

The king formed an agreement with Scottish overlords (called "undertakers") to lease and manage the crown's properties in Ulster and initially set low rents for 25-year leases in order to attract new immigrants. The overlords chose not to allow the Irish to participate. The English and particularly the Scots (known for their farming skills and industrious nature) were invited to come and sub-lease the land, and the Scots quickly took advantage of the offer. Ulster had little housing or established businesses, but the land was rich and plentiful with low rental fees and much longer leases than the norm. Many of the early migrants came from the Scottish borders; they had been hardened by years of religious and economic struggle with the English and willingly faced the obstacles waiting for them. By 1640, 100,000 Scots had settled in Ulster compared with only 20,000 English settlers.

The Scots brought with them a strict Calvinist doctrine evolving into a Reformed Presbyterian belief which held contempt of bishops and public liturgy and was dedicated to an independent church free from government influence and control. Their beliefs were in direct opposition to the Anglican Church, the official British church at the time.

"...The Scots who made the move to Ulster seem to have been a relatively balanced cross-section of Scotland's population. At the upper end of the scale were farmers and substantial tenants. . .Others who came were a broad social spread which included artisans and laborers as well as farm servants and cotters. Significantly for every four men, three women moved to Ulster. . .this was an important influence which helped to maintain the distinctive identity of the Ulster Scots."

Farms quickly became productive; woolen and linen mills grew in number and became competitive with English woolen and linens. The transplanted Scots prospered and their Reformed Presbyterian churches grew. Due to a shortage of Anglican ministers, Scottish Presbyterian ministers for a time filled Anglican church pulpits, thus furthering Presbyterian Church influence. By 1704, however, the government of Queen Anne passed an act that required all office holders to take communion in the Anglican Church. This act effectively removed most Presbyterian civil administrators from office. Eventually Presbyterian ministers were forbidden to



do the basic duties of the clergy such as performing marriages, baptisms, etc. (Discrimination and economic hardship against the Presbyterian Church increased and continued until the middle of the 19th century.)

In 1699, the Irish Parliament passed a Woolen Act which greatly crippled Ulster's growing woolen industry. In spite of prosperity, the 1700s brought several disturbing issues. A four-year drought caused ruined crops. The Irish continued to resent and openly resist the Scots occupying Irish soil.

Thus the Ulster Scot Presbyterians had struggled with economic and religious issues for over 100 years, but by 1710, economic problems worsened as farm products decreased in value and several years of drought continued. Farm leases were expiring and the Scottish landlords demanded huge increases in rental fees, often tripling in amounts. "Rather than submit to these new conditions, whole communities, led by their ministers, began to take ship for the Americas; a new exodus was about to begin." As a result of the migrations many whole villages lost their entire Presbyterian presence. In most cases entire families migrated together. Between 1717 and the Revolutionary War some quarter of a million Ulster Scots migrated to America.

These immigrants and generations before had experienced religious discrimination and loss of livelihood. Although many could afford to pay their passage to North America, "They had lost land and livelihood and came to America with an intense hostility towards all things English." Those who could not pay for their passage had to accept indentured servitude in the colonies to pay their travel expenses. Usually the indenture lasted seven years, after which they were free to go where they wished. Pennsylvania was usually the chosen destination in the Americas, but North Carolina needed and welcomed settlers for its western frontier with much free or cheap land and, after the Revolution,

the Scots-Irish began to pour into the wilderness, now known as East Tennessee.

The Ulster Presbyterians used the term Scots-Irish to distinguish themselves from English, Irish and Scottish immigrants to North America. While the Irish and Scottish immigrants varied in their feelings about the Revolutionary War—some favoring independence and some favoring loyalty to the British crown—the Scots-Irish immigrants were among the most supportive for the revolution and independence from the English.

One British officer was quoted as saying, "Call it not an American rebellion, it is nothing more than an Irish-Scotch Presbyterian Rebellion." There is no question that the Scots-Irish immigrants who moved into the Appalachian Mountain areas of Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and North Carolina greatly influenced the outcome of the Revolutionary War. For example, the Scots-Irish militia called the Overmountain Men of Virginia and North Carolina won the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780, forcing the British abandonment of a southern campaign. Many historians consider the battle the turning point of the war.

[SOURCES: Migration of the Scotch-Irish from Ulster to Western North Carolina. Western Carolina University. To the Ends of the Earth: Scotland's Global Diaspora, 1750-2010, by T.M. Devine. The Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennessee, by Billy Kennedy. Ulster's Presbyterians, by William Crawley. The Ulster-Scots, by Larry D. Smith. Ulster-Scots, Who Created the Distinctive American Psyche, compiled and edited by Billy Kennedy. Ulster-Scots: History and Heritage. Mined in Scotland. . . Forged in Ulster. . . Exported World-Wide!

Before there was a second presbyterian church, part 2

In the Church Office

We are excited to announce a restructuring to our office staff and responsibilities and want to let you know about them so you'll know who to get in contact with when you have questions or need some assistance. After a lot of conversation between the Personnel Team, Session and Pastor Tim, we have decided to try a new distribution of responsibilities among the staff. This primarily affects the two positions that used be the Administrator and the Receptionist. Out of the responsibilities shared between these two positions we have created two new positions – Director of Communications and Church Office Manager.

The Director of Communications will handle all internal and external communications of Second Presbyterian Church. Internal communication includes things like the bulletin, newsletter, email blasts, church signage & announcements, church mailings, brochures, and the like. External communication includes things like advertising, public relations, news releases, and other ways of sharing our programs and missions with the community. Some things, like the website & Facebook page, are for both internal and external communication and fall under this area, as well. We have hired Rachel Carlson for this position (you can read more about her elsewhere in this newsletter) and are excited about the knowledge and expertise she brings to our congregation. Rachel will be attending committee meetings and asking questions to make sure that the information we share is accurate and that it gets to the right places. So, if you need to get an announcement out there, or if you need help promoting and advertising an event you or your team is planning, Rachel is the person to contact.

The Church Office Manager will handle all the day-to-day operations of running the church office. This will include welcoming guests, routing phone calls and messages, keeping files in order, maintaining the office equipment and supplies, maintaining the directory, keeping the calendar, scheduling meeting rooms for groups, making sure meetings have what they need, and all the other responsibilities that come with making things run smoothly for the members and staff of



Second Presbyterian Church. Sarah Doyle will continue on in this position with these new responsibilities and will continue to bring her bright personality and capable skills to the position. So if you need to schedule a meeting, make sure you have the right number of tables for your luncheon, want assistance with making copies, obtaining a copy of the church directory, letting us know you've moved, or other things of this nature, Sarah is your primary contact.

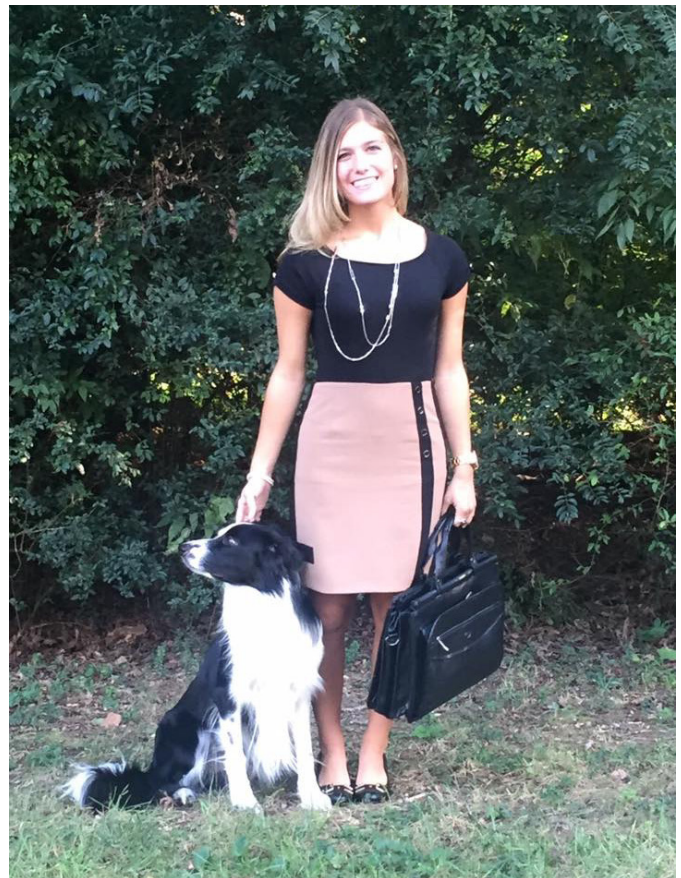
Along with this shift we are taking the opportunity to move all staff to a uniform email address format. Currently some of our staff have emails with their names and others have a position (admin, reception, pastor, visit, etc.). Beginning November 1st staff emails will be the first letter of their first name and the entire last name, followed by @2ndpres.org. The bulletin will have these listed for you but as an example you will now use treynolds@2ndpres.org, rather than pastor@2ndpres.org, to reach Pastor Tim. We know that there will be a period of adjustment so the old addresses, such as admin@2ndpres.org, will continue to be active for the next month. We believe that in the long run this new email format will better serve the needs of Second Pres and be easier for connecting members with the right person.

Meet Rachel Carlson – Director of Communications

We are pleased to welcome Rachel Carlson as our new Director of Communications. Rachel will be responsible for all internal and external communications for the church, including the bulletin, the Second Edition, the email blasts and the website.

Born in Johnson City, Tennessee, Rachel is a West Knoxville native. In 2012, she graduated from Knoxville Catholic High School and went on to study at the University of Tennessee and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Rachel recently graduated from MTSU with a B.S. in Mass Communication and a concentration in Visual Communication. She also acquired minors in Marketing and Psychology to expand her understanding of design conceptualization as it is utilized interchangeably in business and everyday human communication.

In her free time, Rachel enjoys training, traveling and competing with her Border Collies (Striker and Rocky) in dog agility. She has been active in the agility community since she was 10 years old. Above all else, Rachel values her faith and family.



Thank You Pam Owens!



This month we say goodbye – again! – to our beloved Pam Owens. Pam was so gracious a few months ago in coming back from retirement to help Second Presbyterian out during a time of transition. Pam served this congregation faithfully for many years, literally making the church run smoothly and efficiently, and she gladly offered to come back for an interim period to do the same until the Personnel Team and new Pastor sorted out how to move forward with the staff structure. With the hiring of Rachel Carlson, Pam is moving back into retirement to care for her mother, who now lives with her. Pam has offered to continue to be a resource to the staff should any needs arise they need answers to. We are so grateful to Pam for keeping us afloat and for sharing her wisdom with all the new folks around the office. If you would like to drop Pam a note and thank her for her service to Second, her address is:

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Highlights from the October Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on September 20, 2016 and the Congregational Meeting on October 16, 2016.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the use of Parish Nurse Designated Funds for Jan Barber, Visitation Minister, to attend an Adult Ministry Conference in the spring of 2017.
- Approved 10:00am as the time of the December 25th Sunday Worship Service and sent the time of the Christmas Eve Service back to the Music and Worship Committee for further discussion.
- Approved the designation of Reverend Dr. Edmund Carver as Pastor Emeritus of Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Elected Elders Mancil Milligan and Neal Peebles to represent Second Presbyterian at the Presbytery of East Tennessee November Meeting.

Church Financial Report

Period ended Sept. 31, 2016	Jan-Sept 2016 Actual	Jan-Sept 2016 Budget	2016 Annual Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$330,709	\$348,275	\$464,366
Non-pledged Offerings	\$70,376	\$22,500	\$30,000
Preschool	\$25,805	\$24,000	\$32,000
Other	\$112,753	\$107,560	\$143,414
TOTAL GIVING	\$539,643	\$502,335	\$669,780
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$486,996	\$502,335	\$669,780
NET	\$52,647	\$0	\$0

November

2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities committee meeting 5:00 Committee meetings 6:00 Boy Scouts jamboree 6:00 Line Dancing 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Email Blast submissions due Line Dancing 10:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 David Goslee's Class 6:00 Women's CG 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45	3 Rhythmic Movement class 10:30	4 Church office closed	5
6 Communion Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30	7 Men's BSF 5:30	8 <i>Election Day</i> PW Board meeting 9:30 PW Circles 10:15 PW Lunch 11:30 Deacon's meeting 6:00 Line Dancing 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	9 Email Blast submissions due Line Dancing 10:00 DAR 1:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 David Goslee's Class 6:00 Women's CG 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45	10 Rhythmic Movement class 10:30	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> Church office closed	12
13 Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30	14 Men's BSF 5:30	15 Joy Singers 10:00 Session meeting 6:00 Line Dancing 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	16 Email Blast submissions due Line Dancing 10:00 2nd Readers Club 3:45 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 David Goslee's Class 6:00 Women's CG 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45	17 Rhythmic Movement class 10:30	18 Church office closed	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30	21 Cross Ministry Board Meeting 4:30 Men's BSF 5:30	22 Line Dancing 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	23 Email Blast submissions due Church office closed Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 David Goslee's Class 6:00	24 Church office closed Happy Thanksgiving Day!	25 Church office closed	26
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2017 CLASS

Kim Elrod
 Mancil Milligan
 Neal Peebles

2018 CLASS

Dick Dodson
 Dana Hendrix
 Lisa Henley

2019 CLASS

Ed Batts
 Donna Matlock
 Tim Wright

Rev. Tim Reynolds,
 Moderator
 Nancy Montgomery, Clerk

"Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."
 PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

DEACONS

2017 CLASS

Cleston Jones
 John Reynolds
 Laura Turner

2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler
 Charlotte Klieman
 Marty McLean

2019 CLASS

Jim Ford
 Angela Jones
 Lily Wu

Cleston Jones, Moderator
 Sandra Butler, Clerk

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."

PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0201

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS

Christian Education
 Elder Ed Batts

Congregational Care
 Elder Kim Elrod

Evangelism
 Elder Dana Hendrix

Facilities/Security
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Missions
 Elder Donna Matlock

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