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Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cole Turner	10/01
Tammy Akers	10/03
Geoff Duggan	10/03
John Butler	10/04
Sandra Butler	10/04
Edwin Batts	10/05
Mark Turner	10/05
Taylor Dodson	10/06
Cheryl Ragsdale	10/08
Theresa Stone	10/10
Lily Reynolds	10/11
Justin Lattimore	10/16
Arlys Milligan	10/25
Ann Wallace	10/25
Sunny Sweitzer	10/28

October Sermon Schedule

October 02

Communion

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Rescue at Sea

October 09

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Covenant and Commandments

October 16

Joshua 24:1-15 (16-26)

Joshua Renews the Covenant

October 23

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

David & Bathsheba

October 30

Reformation Sunday

1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28

Solomon's Wisdom

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!



On Second Thought...



One of the gifts of my sabbatical was that, for the first time in a very long time, I got to visit different congregations and just be a worshipper. In fact, there were only two Sundays that I wasn't in worship somewhere! I visited Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopalian, and Methodist congregations. One thing I learned - very few congregations worship at 11:00 anymore! Another thing I learned - people who are thinking of visiting a church go to the website to find out all they can about the congregation, and to maybe check out a previous service online to see if they will be comfortable. (This is what I did every Saturday night!)

Except for the Sunday I attended worship with my mother at the church where I grew up, I did not know anyone in any of the congregations in which I worshiped. As a visitor in an unfamiliar congregation, I found that I had very different concerns, questions, and anxieties than I do as a worship leader. The main ones were: Where do I park? Where do I enter the building? Is anyone going to welcome me and help me find my way? Are people going to judge me for wearing a mask? Am I going to accidentally sit in someone's "seat" and be asked to move? When do we stand and when do we sit? When do we read things together and will I know what they are? (*Especially* important in the Episcopal church!) What should I expect during worship? Is it clear what's going to happen and when? Is anyone going to speak to me when the peace is passed? Is a stranger going to try and hug me? (I'm not comfortable with this even *without* Covid.) Did I remember to get money for the offering plate? (The answer: usually not!) What happens after worship? Is there a fellowship time? Do people stand around and visit or leave immediately? (Or as in one congregation, sit down in silence and listen to the postlude. I was very embarrassed when I started walking out and everyone else sat down!) Is anyone going to thank me for coming and ask me back? Should I tell them I'm a pastor or just try and stay *inognito*?

It was very enlightening to be an outsider in worship for three months, to notice how I was made to feel welcome and comfortable, as well as to notice when I felt really awkward and uncomfortable. I have thoughts about how we can be even more welcoming of outsiders, putting their needs before our own. I don't want to share those right now. What I do want to do is encourage you, at some point in the next few months, to take a week off from worship at 2nd and, *instead*, go worship somewhere where you've never been and don't know anyone. Notice what makes you feel welcomed and unwelcomed, comfortable and uncomfortable. Then come back to our congregation with new eyes and ask: *What could we start doing or stop doing to truly be a welcoming congregation to outsiders?*

Grace and peace...

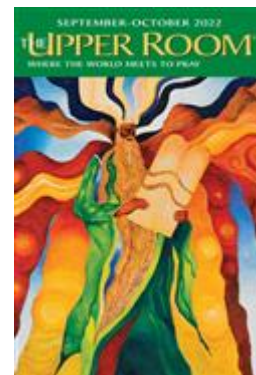
This Month in the Narrative Lectionary

This month we will continue our 9-month journey through the Narrative Lectionary, looking at more stories from the Hebrew Bible that informed and shaped the identity of God's chosen people. We will begin with the single-most important framing story for the Hebrews, the rescue from slavery in Egypt and Moses' parting of the sea. Then we will move to the establishment of the Covenant and the Law between God and his people at Mt. Sinai. On Sunday, October 16th, we will hear how Moses' successor, Joshua, renewed the Covenant between God and his people. After that we will jump forward to the reign of King David and the cautionary tale of David and Bathsheba. The last Sunday of the month is Reformation Sunday and we will look at a story from the reign of David's son, King Solomon, that shows us what a wise leader he was.

Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 30th, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday, the Sunday closest to Reformation Day (Oct. 31st), the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. This public expression of his "protestations" against the Catholic Church initiated the Protestant Reformation. The Presbyterian Church was significantly impacted by 3 particular Protestant Reformers – Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox. We honor each of these men individually on a 3-year rotating cycle. This year we pay tribute to Martin Luther. The service on this Sunday will be very similar to that of a German Lutheran worship service in the mid-16th century.

The September- October
Upper Room Devotionals
are available!
Copies can be found in the
vestibule & narthex.



Second Readers will meet Wednesday, October 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Buckingham Clubhouse. This month we are reading *Run, Rose, Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to do so. Bring your lunch and a drink plus your thoughts and insights about this book. If you have questions, please call Margaret Sullivan at 865-363-3967.



Thank you so much to everyone who offered kind words, cards, and gifts throughout and at the conclusion of the summer. It was a wonderful summer, due in large part to the support of a wonderful congregation, session, and staff. Thank you all for being who you are and for your support and encouragement during Tim's sabbatical.

~Pastor Sarah



OCTOBER EVENTS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saturday, **October 8**

Representatives from Second Church's PW will attend a Spiritual Retreat at John Knox Center, near Kingston, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Nancy Dimmock, in public health missions for more than 30 years, will be the guest speaker.

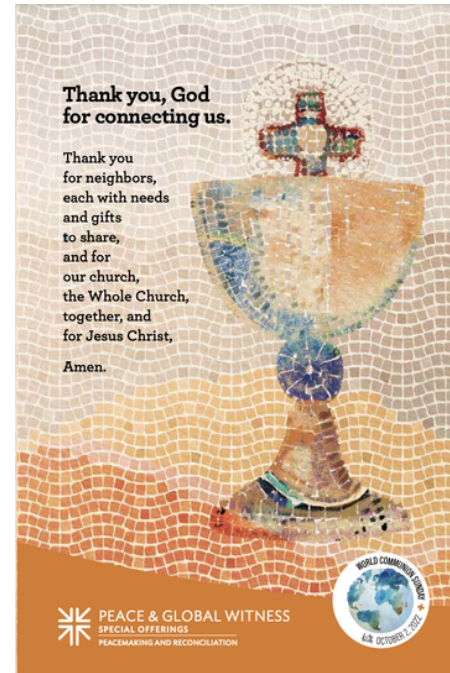
Tuesday, **October 11**

Second's PW group will meet from 10-11:30 for its October meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The program will feature a hymn sing, with our own John Lasater, leading us on the piano. The guest mission speaker will be Bruce Spangler, CEO from Volunteer Ministry, who will discuss the vital role of the case managers in Volunteer Ministry's highly effective residential housing program for the former homeless. The monthly Bible Study will come from the New Testament, Acts 10. The study will feature Cornelius, a centurion, who was led to join "The Way", which was the name often used to describe the early Christians. Scholars often describe Cornelius as the first Gentile convert.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd.



Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. The Presbytery retains an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

200th Anniversary Scholarship News

In 2018, 2nd Presbyterian Church celebrated its 200th anniversary by establishing a scholarship through the East Tennessee Foundation for students who attend either Maryville College of The University of Tennessee. Caitlin Steele (UTK) and Emily Huffstetler (MC) are the two scholarship recipients this year. We hope to have each of these deserving students visit us in worship soon so that we can meet them. In the meantime, please read their thank-you letters on this page.

To Whom It May Concern,

Good morning! I wanted to take a moment out of my day to sincerely thank you for this generous scholarship. Serving communities in the Knoxville area generally overlooked has been the greatest joy of my life, thus far. Through your considerable donation I will be better equipped to fulfill my commitment to this area. Thank you for the opportunity to represent this group well. I pledge to make the most of this gift, and to use these funds to better my education allowing me to serve this community better.

Best Regards,



Caitlin White Steele



AUGUST BUDGET REPORT

	AUGUST	YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	\$37,965.18	\$501,404.18	\$780,570.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$60,889.24	\$508,885.61	\$784,242.10
EXCESS/(SHORTAGE)	(\$22,924.06)	(\$7,481.4)	---

October 2022

Church Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future 11:00 am Worship	3 4:30 pm Cross Ministries Board Meeting (Barbour Room) 9:00 am Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)	4 5:00 pm Facilities (Zoom) 6:00 pm CONNECT Team (Barbour Room) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 2:00 pm Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal Delivery (Fellowship Hall)	6 1:00 pm GO Team (Mary Chambers Room) 5:30 pm Preschool Musical Program (Sanctuary)	7	8
9 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future 11:00 am Worship	10 6:00 pm GROW Team (Zoom)	11 9:30 am Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm WORSHIP Team (ZOOM) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12 11:30 am 2nd Readers Book Club (Buckingham Palace)	13 12:00 pm Deadline Session Packet	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future 11:00 am Worship	17 12:00 pm Pre-School Board Meeting (Zoom) 9:00 am Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)	18 6:00 pm Session Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	19 2:00 pm Compassionate Cuisine Home Meal Delivery (Fellowship Hall)	20 10:00 am Arts & Crafts 4:00pm Deadline for <i>Second Edition</i>	21	22
23 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future 11:00 am Worship	24	25 9:00 am Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall) 2:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	26	27 5:00 pm Preschool Trunk or Treat (Gym/Fellowship Hall)	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday 9:45 am Faith, Science, & The Future 11:00 am Worship	31 9:00 am Preschool Trick or Treat	<p>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.</p>				



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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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Neal Peebles
Charles White
Tim Wright

CLASS OF 2024

Ileen Cheek
Joe Clarke
Angela Jones
Mary Kay Sullivan

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Zachary Burch
Lisa Henley
Elizabeth Seastrunk
Terry Weaver

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