

SECOND EDITION

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On Second Thought...

I recently read about a young man named John Gilbert. At age five John was diagnosed with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy. It is an insidious disease that systematically, over a long period of time, eventually destroys every muscle in the body. John was told that this disease would take his life in about ten years, but he made it to the age of twenty-five before succumbing.

Along the way, life was very hard for John. Every year he lost something. One year it was the ability to run, so he could no longer play sports with other kids. Another year he could no longer walk straight. All he could do was watch other kids play. Then he couldn't even talk.

John wrote about his life when he could still write. He said that middle school was the most difficult time because he was teased mercilessly by other kids. They bullied and humiliated him. He went to a middle school dance. It was a disaster and he never went to another one. He was afraid to go to school. No one ever stood up for him. He would take a dog with him whenever he went to school. For protection. For security.

John was eventually named the ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in California. He got to know the governor, who decided to hold a fund-raising auction and dinner for this young, very sick boy. The governor got the National Football League to sponsor the affair. Lots of high-powered, famous, and wealthy people were invited and John was the guest of honor. For a boy with so many low-lights in his life, this was a highlight. He actually got to hold the Super Bowl rings of several NFL stars.

John's favorite sport was basketball, however, and his favorite team was the Sacramento Kings. So when the auction began, there was one item in particular that caught John's attention. It was a basketball autographed by every member of the Kings. When the bidding on this item began, John raised his hand to bid on the ball. He didn't have any money and he never could have afforded it, but he was so excited that he bid anyway. His mother, seeing his hand go up, reacted quickly and pulled his hand down. John

writes: "Astronauts never felt as many G's as my wrist did that night!"

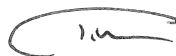
The bidding for that basketball went on and on, and the price went to an astounding amount. Finally, one man called out a figure that shocked the room. No one else could match it. The man went up to get the ball but instead of returning to his seat, he walked across the room and placed the ball into the thin, small hands of John Gilbert. Hands that would never dribble a basketball down the court. Hands that would never throw a ball to a teammate on a fast break. Hands that would never hit a 3-pointer at the end of regulation to win the big game.

John wrote about this moment. "It took me a moment to realize what he had done. I remember hearing gasps all over the room, then thunderous applause, and seeing weepy eyes. To this day I'm amazed."

Grace. Being given a gift that we could never have gotten for ourselves. Someone sacrificing a huge amount for us without wanting anything in return, other than the joy of giving. How would you have reacted to such a gift? With gratitude? With love? By trying to live a life worthy of such a gift? By looking for opportunities to do the same thing for someone else?

Better yet – how *have* you reacted? Because every child of God has been given such a gift. This is *exactly* what God has done for us through his son, Jesus. We are the objects of God's grace and love. We are Easter people! Called to live lives of joy and gratitude for the gift we have received. Called to live lives worthy of the gift we have already received. Called to pass this grace on to others. Not just enjoying *our* gift, but gifting it to others, as well.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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Upcoming Sermons/Topics

We will conclude our sermon series *Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness* on April 7th. On April 14th and 21st we will end our Lenten journey with a focus on Palm Sunday and Easter. Then on April 28th we will begin a 5-week series on *The Five Solas*. The Five Solas of the Protestant Reformation were the foundational principles that guided the Reformers in their desire to reform the church of their day. They were convicted that the church had drifted away from the essential, original teach-

ings of Christianity, especially regarding salvation. In seeking to re-orient Christianity to the original message of Jesus and the early church, five Latin phrases (or slogans) emerged that summarized the Reformers' theological convictions about the essentials of Christianity. We will look at one of these phrases each week. They are: *Sola Scriptura* ("Scripture alone"), *Sola Fide* ("faith alone"), *Sola Gratia* ("grace alone"), *Sola Christus* ("Christ alone"), and *Soli Deo Gloria* ("to the glory of God alone").

April 7th	<i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i> End of the Journey	Deuteronomy 6-8 & 34
April 14th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Luke 19:28-40
April 18th	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
April 21st	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Luke 24: 1-12
April 28th	<i>The Five Solas</i> Scripture Alone	1 Peter 1:19-21/ 2 Timothy 3

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

April 14th	Palm Sunday - Worship <i>The children will gather in the Narthex prior to the service to receive palms and then parade through the sanctuary during the singing of the 1st hymn.</i>	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
April 14th	Second Sunday - The Way of the Cross <i>This service begins in the Chapel and ends in the Sanctuary.</i>	6:00 p.m.	Chapel
April 18th	Maundy Thursday - Lenten Chronicles	6:15 p.m.	Sanctuary
April 19th	Good Friday - Ecumenical Service <i>This service is presented by the Bearden Area Ministerial Association. Pastor Tim will be one of the speakers.</i>	12:00 noon	Sacred Heart Cathedral
April 24th	Easter - Worship	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary

SECOND SUNDAYS AT 6

For April's *Second Sunday Worship* we will be journeying on *The Way of the Cross*, an ecumenical version of *The Stations of the Cross*. After Jesus died and rose from the dead, many people reflected upon his passion and death. Pilgrims began to visit Jerusalem and walk in Jesus' footsteps along the street where he walked, which is known as the Via Dolorosa, the way of pain. As they walked, they would stop along the way and remember what happened to Jesus.

As the years passed, the practice spread throughout the world but in localized settings. Many Catholic churches now have the Stations of the Cross along the walls of their sanctuaries. People can come to the sanctuary anytime and move from station to station, praying as they go. In the last few decades, Protestant congregations have embraced the practice (with some modifications) during Holy Week as followers of Christ remember his death and resurrection.

On Palm Sunday, April 14th, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel to begin our own journey with Christ on *The Way of the Cross*. Several different readers will be present to present the various parts of the Passion. Our journey will take us out of the Chapel, through the courtyard, into the main church building, and will end in the sanctuary. We will be walking together as a group and some navigation of steps will be necessary, though we will do our best to make this as minimal as possible.

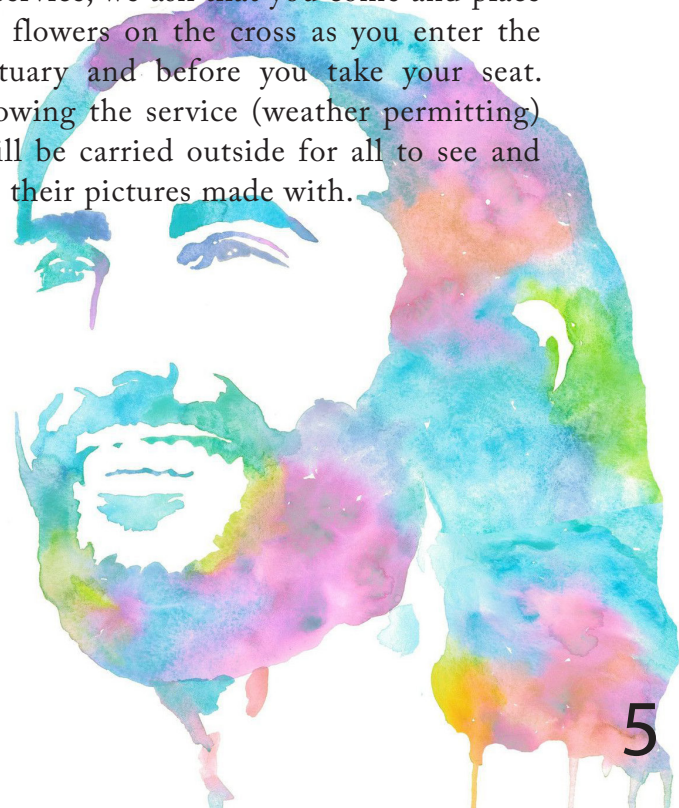
We hope that you will choose to begin your Holy Week with us on *The Way of the Cross*, and that you will invite others to join us for our *Second Sunday Worship* in April.

Lenten Canticles: A Passion Cantata

At our Maundy Thursday service on April 18th, the Chancel Choir will present *Lenten Chronicles: A Passion Cantata*. Capturing the moods and colors of Passion week, *Lenten Chronicles* contains classic, well-known Lenten texts and melodies, seamlessly woven together with the spoken word. Containing beloved hymns such as *Go to Dark Gethsemane*, *Jesu Joy of My Desiring*, *God So Loved the World*, and *Jesus My Treasure*, this Passion cantata by John Leavitt will enrich your experience of Holy Week and the days leading up to Easter. The service will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will be held in the sanctuary.

Flowering of the Cross

Once again, this year EVERYONE is invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter Sunday morning! Simply bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Maybe you could even bring a few extras for some of our visitors! Then on Easter Sunday morning prior to the service, we ask that you come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary and before you take your seat. Following the service (weather permitting) it will be carried outside for all to see and have their pictures made with.



One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 21st. This offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs.

#1

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-cause disasters.

#2

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

#3

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

The Worship Team is Discussing...

The Worship Team is discussing whether or not to recommend to the Session the adoption of the new Presbyterian hymnal and we need your input. We have placed copies of the new Presbyterian hymnal in the Atrium, along with research we have done regarding the hymns most frequently sung at 2nd Presbyterian over the last 5 years. We invite you to look at the new hymnal over the next few weeks and let us know what you think. You may share your thoughts and feelings about the new Presbyterian hymnal with any member of the Worship Team. We are: Doug Matthews, Betsy Foster, Sandra Butler, Ileen Cheek, Dana Hendrix, Angela Jones, Arlys Milligan, Matthew Mimbs, Paul Sexauer, David Stultz, and Charles White.

Easter Flowers

The forms to order Easter Flowers are in the Narthex and the Atrium. The lilies are \$12 and the Hydrangeas are \$20. Please return the form with your payment to Sarah no later than April 15th.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

On Sunday, April 28th, we will celebrate our Presbyterian Scottish heritage with a Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service during worship. "Kirkin'" comes from "kirk," the Scottish word for church, so the phrase literally means the "Churching of the Tartan." Most people, however, take it to mean "blessing" of the tartans and the families, regions, and regiments they represent.

Some people claim the origin of this ceremony dates back to the Proscription Act of 1746 placed by the victorious English over the defeated Scots after the Battle of Culloden (1745). Scots outside the British military were forbidden to wear traditional Highland garb. These proscriptions also included bagpipes! Legend says that Scots would hide a swatch of their clan tartan when going to church services and touch it at a specific time during the services to recommit themselves to the Lord and their Scottish heritage. However, Scots in Scotland had never heard of such a thing until American or Canadian cousins asked questions about the tradition.

In actuality, the Kirkin' o' the Tartans was created by Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941 at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. In those dark days for Britain in World War II, Dr. Marshall, pastor of the church and twice chaplain of the United States Senate, wanted to raise funds for British War Relief and revitalize the pride of Scottish Americans in their heritage. A few years later the Washington National Cathedral (Episcopalian) made it an annual event which still continues to this day.

discipleship



Wednesdays in Lent *A Focus on Missions*

We will continue our Lenten focus on our mission partners leading up to Easter. April 3rd will be our *Church Family 'Round the Table* night. Westview Elementary will be presenting. The theme for the night will be *Celebrating God's Welcome*.

April 3rd – Westview Elementary School

April 10th – Montgomery Village

April 17th – Volunteer Ministry Center

Save the Date!

On Wednesday, May 1st the youth of Second Pres. will be the cooks for Wednesday Night Supper and will be raising funds for their summer trips to Massanetta Middle School Conference and Montreat Youth Conference. We hope you'll join us!

care & compassion

april birthdays

Matt Casey 4/4	Laura Turner 4/19
Lauren Dodson 4/6	Lloyd Downen 4/20
Dean Farmer 4/7	Alex Robinson 4/22
Frances Johnson 4/9	David Schultz 4/22
Dottie Bulgin 4/10	Dick Dodson 4/23
Natalie Pruitt 4/11	Dale Henley 4/23
Karen Cleveland 4/14	Anne Armstrong 4/24
Mary Howard 4/15	Ann Simpson 4/28

march visitors

Ken, Carolyn & Casey Fellhoelter	Remington Dalton
Kathleen Duncan	Brooke Frohlich
Kyla Duncan	Virginia Williams
Karen Vance	Zachary Burch
Joanne Mounger	Marley Hayes
Brent Walther	Dennis Bailey
Carter DePoy	Caleb Pittenger
Andy Morgan	John Quillen
Trell Stroud	Lynette, Robert, Jacklin, & Christopher Rice
Don Brickey	Chadwell Family
Paul & Brenda Lutz	Daniel Mounger
Sarah Cooper	Shawna Lister
Matthew Lowe	Raleigh Lister
Ellie Lander	

Get to know the Second Pres. Church

Patricia Kennedy



I feel especially honored to be nominated to serve as an elder at Second since my husband, Geoffrey, and I have been members for less than a year.

I was born in Maryville, raised in Jackson, TN, and then returned to Maryville for college. I'm what some would call a cradle Presbyterian. I even met Geoffrey while working at Camp John Knox. I graduated from Maryville College and then got my Masters from Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, WI. From there my work as an art therapist took us to Casa Grande, AZ and then to Durham, NC. We attended First Presbyterian Church in Durham where I was nominated to be a deacon. However, Geoffrey was offered a job in Knoxville before I could be installed. We love being back here, close to my grandmother, sister, and both our parents. My parents, Kay and Terry Weaver, are also members of Second. They followed us to both Knoxville and Second!

I'm an art therapist with Helen Ross McNabb Center's school-based program. My work counseling middle schoolers is extremely rewarding. On the weekends, we enjoy playing D&D with friends. We love our rescue dog and cat. We also love Knoxville and the warm and welcoming home we have found at Second Presbyterian Church. I look forward to serving this congregation.

Marty McLean



I have lived in a number of places including New York, California, Japan and Wisconsin but have made Tennessee my home for 39 of my years. I graduated from high school in Nashville and then attended Vanderbilt on an NROTC scholarship. I served six years in the US Navy and am a combat veteran. My wife, Fran has endured me for 48 years. We have three children all of whom live in Knoxville. Most of you know Ally our youngest. We also have a granddaughter who is three.

We moved to Knoxville seven years ago after I sold my business and Ally graduated from high school. I was granted permission to live in Knoxville even though I was a Vanderbilt graduate when I informed the city fathers that I had received my Master's degree from UT. I root for the Vols except when they play Vandy.

I have been involved in church leadership for four years now. I do not seek leadership but I accept it because I love this church and you have loved my family back. We have a rare commodity in Second Presbyterian in that congregants of different opinions and political persuasions find room to accept our differences and remain friends. I am passionate about social justice and remain engaged with people who share that passion. I am humbled to serve you again in a leadership role.

Session Class of 2022 Nominees!

Margie Nichols Gill

Margie Nichols Gill retired from the University of Tennessee and was named Vice Chancellor Emerita after serving as Vice Chancellor for Communications for eight years. She also worked for the UT System before joining the campus communications office. Margie was responsible for media and internal relations, creative communications, video and photography and WUOT. She was also a member of the Chancellor's management team.

Prior to coming to UT, Margie served as senior director of communications and government relations for Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam. She has 26 years of experience in television news, including eight years as news director at WBIR-TV in Knoxville, as well as positions with stations in Nashville and Memphis, where she was an award winning investigative reporter.

Margie currently serves as chair-elect of the Clarence Brown Theatre Advisory Board and is a board member of the YMCA and Clayton-Bradley Academy. She is also a member of Executive Women's Association.

She was raised in Memphis, but Knoxville has been her home for 30 plus years. She and John joined Second Presbyterian a year ago and immediately felt a part of this warm, inclusive family of believers.



Dean Farmer

Dean grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee until the family began moving in 1963. This included a time in Nashville, TN, Greensboro, NC, Kansas City, KS, and Memphis, TN. He finished high school in North Carolina and attended the University of North Carolina, before obtaining an MTS degree from Harvard Divinity School.

After engaging in a brief career in the banking business, Dean returned to Knoxville and attended the University of Tennessee law school graduating in 1979. While in law school he was able to meet his wife, Mary, and they were married in 1980. They have two children, Scott and Dean. Scott currently resides in New York City and Dean II lives in California, Maryland and is married with 3 children.

Dean was born in the Second Presbyterian Church and at times when he was away was still a member here. He and Mary have been continuous members since they were married in this church.





Volunteer Assisted Transportation

April Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet on April 2nd at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker is Nancy Wilson from the Knox Co. Volunteer Transportation assistance program. This is a covered dish luncheon...all are invited! Please contact Mariann Thuesen for information or to make a reservation at (865) 253-7653.

Graduation Celebration!

On Sunday, April 28th our church family will celebrate the coming graduation of Will Pruitt, son of Gregg and Mary Nell Pruitt, and Seth Reynolds, son of Tim and Tuesday Reynolds. There will be lunch after church. Plans for that will be announced later. There will be two canvas containers to receive cards, notes of congratulations and encouragement, and gift cards. The Children and Youth Team ask that you put this date on your calendars so that these young men can see the support from their church family.

Congratulations Valerie!

Congratulations to Valerie Sharp... who was recently named Copper Ridge Elementary School's Teacher of the Year!



New Member Spotlight

Beginning this month we are replacing the High Five Award with the New Member Spotlight. This will give members of the congregation the chance to get to know some of the folks who have joined in the last couple of years a little better. See page 12. Hope you enjoy!

Anniversary Books

Anniversary books may be bought on the first Sunday of the month before and after church. The books are \$20.00. The entire amount goes to the scholarship fund. When purchasing a book, please bring a check or correct amount. For further information call: Liz Peebles: 247-4503.



Dear 2nd Pres. Friends

We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy through many cards, phone calls, flowers, visits, dinners and others. We are very grateful for friends like you at this difficult time. Our heartfelt thanks for your many years of prayers, support and comfort you kindly provided to us. May God bless each and everyone of you.

- Charles & Lily Wu

News from the Second Presbyterian Church Library

Features:

Flenniken Landing by Christopher Martin with forward by Bill Haslam is an account of the development in a former elementary school in South Knoxville of low rent housing. This is the story of a success in helping get homeless off the streets. Aside: Neal and I both started school at this elementary school.

"Woodlawn: The True Story" (DVD): Government-mandated desegregation in 1973 introduces African-American athletes to Woodlawn High School's football team. As violence erupts in Birmingham, Alabama, the high school's football coach tries to stem the violence at the high school. This film includes archival historical footage with the new footage giving the "true story" extra validity



Other additions:

Here We All Are by Tomie de Paola is the second book in de Paola's biographical account of his childhood. This is a junior fiction book.

On My Way by Tomie de Paola is the third book in the biographical series.

I See a Bird by Jon Doerfer is a Junior book about birds in your backyard.

What Pet Should I Get? By Dr. Seuss is an elementary book that follows a sister and brother through a pet store.

Planet Middle School by Kevin Leman helps parents learn to come along side a middle-schooler during this time of chaos.

Manning by Archie and Peyton Manning. No explanation needed.

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty. In 1899 a twelve-year-old rat catcher's daughter on North Carolina's Biltmore Estate teams up with her friend Braeden Vanderbilt to solve an estate mystery.

New Member Spotlight - Susanne & Charles White

Susanne and Charles White met at Tennessee Technological University in 1984 and were married on July 4, 1986. They have two grown children. Their daughter, Kerres, is currently an undergraduate at UTK. Their son, James, is in his final year in the UTK College of Law.

Kerres, born in 1998, spent a great deal of her childhood in the gym. She started with a wealth of natural talent, and with her strong work ethic and dedication, she achieved great success in competitive gymnastics. After winning several state and regional titles in individual events and as all-around champion, injuries led to her athletic retirement. She did so as the defending All-Around and Balance Beam champion for the Southeastern United States. Kerres graduated from Bearden High School with honors in 2016. Currently she works at White Lace and Promises while pursuing her degree in Fashion Merchandising. Her long-term goal is to be a retail buyer.

James was born in 1992 and was practically raised on the soccer field. In 2002, he was recruited to play competitive soccer for the Knoxville Football Club. As goalkeeper he achieved a high level of success. Like his sister, he won both state and regional titles. One of only three players in his class to do so, James lettered all four years while at Bearden. He was admitted to the National Goalkeeper Academy when he was 14 and trained with US National Team coach Chad Liddle. James graduated with honors from Bearden High School in 2011. He turned down offers to play at the college level to attend UTK. He earned his BA in Political Science with a minor in Economics, magna cum laude. He is currently finishing his JD with a MA in Public Policy and Administration. His long-term goal is to work on Capitol Hill as a policy analyst (and then as the White House Chief of Staff).



Susanne grew up in Jefferson City and graduated as valedictorian from Jefferson County High School. She graduated from Tennessee Tech (summa cum laude) with her BS in Accounting. She has had a successful career as a CPA and has been with the same firm since 1990. Susanne is the Vice President of Retirement Plan Design for Meridian Trust and Investment Company in the Bearden area. In her down time, she enjoys jigsaw puzzles and spending time in the pool. Raised as a Roman Catholic, Susanne joined the Presbyterian Church in 1992.

Charles grew up in Memphis and, after a family move, graduated from Morristown West High School. Charles earned his BS in Secondary Education from Tennessee Tech in 1985. He also holds advanced degrees in education and counseling. Charles has spent his entire career working with high school students as a school counselor and football/soccer coach. Currently Charles administers a federal grant from the US Department of Education for The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In his spare time, Charles enjoys spending time in the pool and participating in activities related to his Scottish heritage. Charles is a descendant of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland and is a member of Clan Lamont. Charles is a life-long Presbyterian and an ordained ruling elder.

The family lives in Bearden with their three dogs: Bear (Pembroke Welsh Corgi), Nala (Siberian Husky), and Wraith (Smooth Collie).

Susanne and Charles began visiting Second Presbyterian Church last summer and immediately felt welcomed and fed spiritually. The warm congregation and staff, the beautiful music, and the inspirational, encouraging, and relevant sermons all make Second Presbyterian the spiritual church home for which they have been looking and longing.

Fireside Chats - Update

From November 2016 – January 2017, ninety-seven members of this congregation met in small groups to discuss various aspects of their experience of Second Presbyterian Church. They shared why they decided to become members of Second Presbyterian, why they stayed when the split occurred, and when they had felt the most energized and connected to God through the mission and ministry of this congregation. The final question asked of each group was: *If you had 3 wishes for the future of Second Presbyterian Church, what would they be (and why)?*

Those of you who attended these Fireside Chats know that the answers to this final question were as varied and diverse as they were inspiring and hopeful. Some were specific and measurable while others were very general and difficult to quantify. Some were easily attainable while others will never be fully attainable this side of the Kingdom of Heaven. Still, these wishes did not disappear into the ether, never to be considered again. In fact, just

the opposite is true. We have returned to the list many times over the last two years to check-in with how we are doing in working towards these wishes.

Pastor Tim recently shared with the Session that a number of the specific and measurable wishes had been accomplished, or are on the way to being accomplished, over the last two years and the Session indicated that this should be communicated to the congregation. Listed below are the quantifiable wishes that were expressed in the Fireside Chats that have been accomplished, or that we are currently working towards making a reality. Some of these, by their nature, will never be fully accomplished and will be goals we continue to pursue. However, we have done enough at this point that we feel comfortable including them on the list below. Let's not stop, however. If YOU had 3 wishes for Second Presbyterian Church, what would they be? And how can you begin to work towards making YOUR wishes a reality?

A choir made up primarily of members, not paid people (*this was expressed multiple times*)

Alternate worship services / Add a second worship service in a different style

More outside groups using our facility / more open to community events

A Discovery Class for new people to give us a common foundation

Connect the Scripture on Sundays with the stained-glass windows, perhaps a sermon series

More young people joining / more young families

Hold a fundraiser for a community group (*we have had several, most recently Westview Elementary*)

Add staff to fulfill vision

Closer association with Maryville College

Something special when there is a 5th Sunday in the month

Specific programs/ministries targeted to our older members

All of our shut-ins would regularly receive communion

Change the music to make room for all / variety in music / diversity in music

Strengthen our ties with UT

Increase in numbers across age groups

Keep the core of Sunday School and Wednesday nights, no matter what other things we add

Get our kids involved in outreach

More UT students attending/involved

Make the hymn page numbers in the bulletin more visible

Education about Islam/Muslims and other non-Christian religions



Presbyterian Women April Activities

On Saturday, April 27, Presbyterian Women offers the opportunity to attend the annual meeting sponsored through the Presbytery of East Tennessee at nearby Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church from 10:00-2:00. All members and non-members are welcome!

PW is fortunate to have as the keynote speaker the Rev. Carol Howard Merritt who currently is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Spring City, Tennessee. She is a sought-after keynote speaker and author.

Marritt, a pastor for almost two decades, is an award-winning author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*; *Reframing Hope, Vital Ministry in a new Generation*; and *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God After Experiencing a Hurtful Church*. She is a regular writer at the *Christian Century* where her blog is hosted.

Registration deadline for this annual meeting with the theme of “**God’s Presence from Generation to Generation**” is, April 15th. The lunch reservation is \$10.00 and the check must accompany the registration. Contact Catherine Beals or Helen Grant to make a reservation. See the accompanying formal announcement of this special event.

***House and Garden Circle**, led by Lileen Cheek (865)247-5258, meets the fourth Tuesday at 10:00, first gathering in the atrium before the day’s activity. With spring upon us, the group will begin to plan and start outside projects.

***Mission Circle**, led by Charolotte Klieman (865)922-8453 is exploring local mission sites to visit in a continuing effort to learn more about missions supported by Second Presbyterian Church. Contact Charlotte for more information.

***Arts and Crafts Circle**, led by Cheryl Ragsdale (865)684-8999 meets the third Thursday each month at 10:00 in Room 56, across from the Library. The circle continues to recruit new knitters to train as well as to seek experienced knitters. Come and get introduced to the challenge of making prayer shawls for the ill/homebound!

***Bible Study Circle**, led by Helen Grant (865)693-1980, meets the second Tuesday each month from 10:00-11:00, in the Mary Chambers Room. All visitors are welcome to attend one or all study classes as they choose. On April 9, in preparation for Easter, the PW Bible Study lesson shifts from a message of the promise of “God with Us”, to a Easter message of Jesus Christ as “God with Us as Emmanuel.” Come and join with us as we prepare for a very precious, holy time in our Christian lives.

The Second Edition and YOU

We are very proud of our newsletter *The Second Edition*. Rachel Carlson does a fantastic job with the design every month and we get many comments from people both inside and outside the congregation about how great it looks and how well it communicates what is going on in the life, ministry, and mission of Second Presbyterian Church. There are two pieces of news we would like to share with you regarding the newsletter.

First, many people comment how much they enjoy the pictures included in *The Second Edition*. The old adage is true: a picture is worth a thousand words! They give a great sense of the spirit of our congregation when included in the newsletter and we would like to invite you to help us communicate that spirit. When you are at a church event, use your phone to snap a picture or two and then send them to Rachel at rcarlson@2ndpres.org. Our goal is to have a photographic record of every event and to share as many of those as possible with each other. What we don't put in the newsletter we will post on Facebook and on the website. Help us help others see the great things that are happening at 2nd Pres.

Second, as you might imagine, automatically mailing out the newsletter to everyone is a bit expensive, especially as postal rates continue to climb. So we would like to ask you to help us be good stewards of our financial gifts by lowering the cost of mailing the newsletter. Beginning in June we will no longer automatically mail the newsletter to everyone on our mailing list.

Instead, we are giving people three options for how they would like to receive *The Second Edition* – digitally, pick-up, or mail.

For those with access to a computer, we post a digital version of the newsletter on the website before the first of each month. (We have been doing this for a while.) We will send an email to everyone in the congregation informing you that the newsletter is ready and a link to go directly to it. (If you receive the weekly email blast, then we have your email address; if you don't, then we don't, so let us know.)

For those who don't have a computer, or who just like to have it to hold in your hands, we will place printed copies of the newsletter in the Atrium and the Narthex by the 1st of each month. Whenever you are at the church building you can stop by and pick one up to take with you.

Finally, for those who want to continue receiving the newsletter straight to their mailbox at home, we will be glad to continue to mail it to you. All you need to do is let Sarah Doyle know either by email (sdoyle@2ndpres.org) or by calling the church office (865.523.2189). You will need to opt in to this service by May 25th to receive the June edition.

We do not want anyone to be left out of receiving *The Second Edition*, but we also want to be good stewards of our resources. This is the most egalitarian way we can think of to do this. So we are leaving it up to you to choose how you will continue to stay up to date with what is happening in our congregation – digital, pick-up, or having it mailed directly to you. The choice is yours!





April Shower for Interfaith Health Clinic

During the month of April we will be showering the InterFaith Health Clinic with the following items:

- Jumbo paper clips
- Binder clips
- Blue and black pens

If you wish, you can also bring copy paper. Please bring your donations to the Arium any time during April. This shower will help to furnish them with office supplies.

Thank you for helping to support this very special ministry.



The InterFaith Health Clinic is a non-profit health care ministry in Knoxville providing affordable medical care, dental care, mental health counseling and prescription medications for the working uninsured.

youth



Wednesday night fun learning about St. Patrick and then playing a game with Lucky Charms.



preschool



2nd Readers - Cheryl Ragsdale reading to the children in March.

stewardship

Highlights from the April Session Meeting

- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Approved the serving of Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019.
- A Congregational Meeting to elect new Elders was called for March 31, 2019.
- Accepted the report from the Nominating Committee putting forth the names of Dean Farmer, Margie Gill, Patricia Kennedy and Marty McLean for the Elder class of 2022.



APPRI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools' Day Exercise Class 9:00 Athena Meeting 1:00 The Cross Ministry Meeting 4:30 BSF 5:15	2 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities Ministry 5:00 Stewardship Ministry 6:00 Care & Compassion Ministry 6:00 Service & Outreach Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts Basketball 8:30 Men's Basketball 8:30	3 Exercise Class 9:00 PET Lunch 12:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	4	5 Church office closed	6 Work Day 8:30
7 Sunday School 9:30 Discovery Class 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion Food & Friends 12:15	8 Exercise Class 9:00 STEM Academy Rehearsal 10:00 BSF 5:15	9 PW Bible Study 10:00 Worship Ministry 6:00 Discipleship Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	10 Exercise Class 9:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	11	12 Church office closed	13 TIPS 8:00
14 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30 Discovery Class 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15 Second Sunday (Chapel) 6:00	15 Exercise Class 9:00 Preschool Board Meeting 12:00 The Cross Ministry Meeting 4:30 BSF 5:15	16 Session Meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	17 Exercise Class 9:00 Symphony League 9:30 2nd Readers 3:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00	18 PW Arts & Crafts 10:00 Maundy Thursday 6:15	19 Church office closed	20
21 Easter Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 New Member Sunday Food & Friends 12:15	22 Earth Day - Easter Monday - Church Office Closed BSF 5:15	23 FISH Ministry 9:00 PW House & Garden 10:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	24 Exercise Class 9:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	25 L & M Stem Academy Concert 5:00	26 Church office closed	27 Newsletter & Eblast Submissions Due!
28 Sunday School Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Kirklin' of Tartans Ordination of Elders Food & Friends 12:15	29 Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30				



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"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."

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