SECOND EDITION

August 2017



On Second Thought...

This month we will have the opportunity to witness a once-in-a-lifetime-unless-you-are-able-to-travel-or-live-in-the-ocean event: a total eclipse of the sun. A total solar eclipse will cross the continental United States on August 21st, an event that hasn't happened in roughly a century. Everyone in the country will experience at least 60% of the sun being covered and the resulting semi-darkness. Those within a 60-mile wide diagonal line from the Pacific Northwest through South Carolina will experience a total eclipse with the sky going dark and a temperature drop for over two minutes. Tennessee is right smack dab in the middle of the path!

Events are being planned all across Tennessee to celebrate this fantastic solar event. My hometown of Gallatin, TN is directly in the path and has been planning celebrations for months. Sweetwater is hosting an Eclipse Festival with music, dancing, food vendors, movies in the park, along with Moon Pies and RC Cola. Hotels are already full! Our own Camp John Knox is directly in the path and has a full day of events planned around the viewing. (More on that and how to register elsewhere in this newsletter.) Knoxville will experience a 99% eclipse and schools will be closed that day so students can experience this event with their families. Although, astronomer Jay Pasachoff says that one truly has to see the totality to grasp the awe-inspiring nature of an eclipse. "Even 99% is nowhere near as dramatic as the moment it totally goes dark," Pasachoff says. "Basically, the universe gets a million times darker. It is absolutely necessary to be in the path of totality. It's a poor second to be off to the side."

Such wonders of nature were largely feared in older civilizations, and even while the mechanics of orbits crossing can be observed and predicted today, they still make many people think of God. For most people of faith this will be a reminder of God's majesty. To a few, however, it is a portent of doom and a harbinger of the coming end of the world. Some Christian extremists claim that this event, put together with another celestial event in September they say is pre-

dicted in Revelation, is a warning sign from God to the United States and the beginning of a 7-year period of tribulation, which they also say is predicted in Revelation. This period will end with a second total eclipse, whose path will travel across the U.S. in 2024 in

the opposite direction, marking a big "X' across the country, signaling God's displeasure with America. At that point the rapture will occur, saving those who repent and damning those who don't. I'm sure the press will make a big deal out of these radical fringe views, giving the impression that this is the view of all Christians.

I, along with most sane Christians, prefer the non-extremist view. This is an opportunity to focus on the majesty and glory of God, who created the heavens and earth for his pleasure and ours. Calvin said that God could have made the world colorless and tasteless and odorless, but he didn't. God created a world full of color and sound and tastes and smells and intended for human beings to enjoy Creation. The Solar Eclipse of 2017 – which now that I think about it is maybe a TWICE-in-a-lifetime event, given the one to come in 2024 – is one of those beautiful celestial events that is to be enjoyed...properly and safely, with special glasses from Amazon.

I will be enjoying this event and talking about the majesty of God and the beauty of God's Creation with my family and others at Camp John Knox on August 21st. I would love for you to join me. I would also love for you to join me on Sunday, August 27th as I discuss What Presbyterians Believe About the Rapture. You know...just in case!

Grace and peace...





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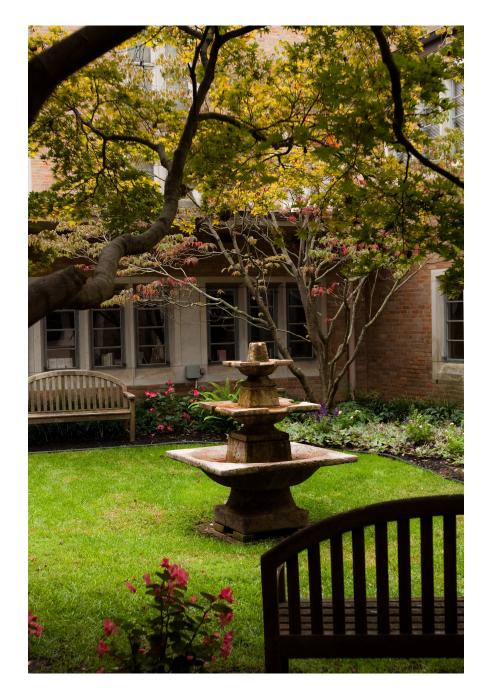
LITURGIST TRAINING

On Wednesday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a training class for anyone interested in serving as a liturgist in worship on Sunday mornings. Liturgists are trained lay people who assist in worship leadership by leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, reading Scripture, and offering prayer. Beginning this fall we will be incorporating a rotating schedule of people who serve as liturgists for our worship services. This hour-long class, led by Pastor Tim, will equip people to confidently lead God's people in worship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE ABOUT...?

Our summer sermon series What Do Presbyterians Believe About...? runs through Labor Day weekend. Based on your suggestions, we are examining different aspects of our faith and theology from a particularly Presbyterian perspective.

Here's what's coming up...



The Lord's Supper	August 6
Noah's Ark & Other Old Testament Stories	August 13
The Ordination of Women	August 20
The Rapture	August 27
Suffering, Evil & Why Bad Things Happen	September 3



A FOND FAREWELL TO NICHOLE!

Sunday, July 30th, is Nichole Duran's last day at Second Presbyterian Church. Nichole is leaving Duncan & Sons, our custodial services provider, and moving to a new job in order to better serve the needs of her family. While we applaud her decision to do what is best for her family, she will be sorely missed! Nichole has endeared herself to the members of this congregation during her three years of service here and we all think of her as part of the family. Nichole feels the same way. "I'll have every other Sunday morning off," she said, "so I'll be able to come back and visit."



The congregation will say goodbye to Nichole during worship and at a reception on Sunday, July 30th, wishing her well with cards and hugs. We give thanks to God for Nichole's time with us and wish her all the best. We also say welcome to our new custodian, **Justin Lattimore**. Justin is new to Duncan & Sons and spent the last week of July training with Nichole. Be patient with Justin as he learns his way around and be sure to introduce yourself to him when you get the chance.







LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at the Chop House Tuesday, August 1st at 12:00 p.m. The September Lunch Bunch date and agenda will be available soon.

The pictures above are from the Lunch Bunch gathering in July. Everyone had a great time eating at the Chop House!

SECOND HOSTS DRUM CORPS FROM LOUSIANA

On Wednesday, July 19th, Farragut High School Band Boosters presented Drums Across the Smokies, a drum and bugle corps competition featuring six professional bands from around the country. Second Presbyterian hosted one of these bands, the Louisiana Stars from LaFayette, LA. Over 150 young people slept in our gym before the competition. They arrived at 4:00 a.m. from a show in Virginia, slept until 8:00 a.m., then left for a full day of rehearsal on a local high school soccer field before the competition at 5:00 p.m. The Farragut High Band Boosters wishes to thank Second Presbyterian Church for its community spirit in providing sleeping and shower accommodations for these fantastic young people.



THE been hard at HIGH AWARD

Anyone who wishes to come and participate in

the day's activities is welcome to do so - you don't

have to be Presbyterian! The event fee is \$45 for

adults and \$35 for children 10 & under. The fee

includes a cookout lunch, official viewing glasses,

The High Five Award for August goes to **Donna Matlock**. Donna has been hard at work all summer prepar-

ing for and coordinating the annual West View Work Day on Saturday, August 5th. Donna is in constant communication with West View Elementary Principal Beth Blevins and Great Schools Partnership Coor-

dinator Susan Martin to assess the

school's needs and how we can meet them. Beyond determining what needs to happen on the actual workday, Donna figures out what school supplies are needed, what volunteers are needed, and mobilizes others to help meet those needs. Donna is also on the Session, is the co-chair of Presbyterian Women, and is the chair of the Service & Outreach Team. Many thanks and a big High Five, Donna, for equipping and empowering us to serve others in the name of Christ!

available for registered guests who bring their

own equipment. Please plan to bring your own

lawn chair, towels, or blankets for eclipse viewing.

To register, visit the John Knox Center website at

www.johnknoxcenter.org.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All ladies are invited to join Presbyterian Women. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. for circle study, followed by lunch and a program. Call Aggie Bell (865) 363-3666.

WEST VIEW WORK DAY

Help West View get ready to go back to school! There will be an outdoor and indoor work day at West View on Saturday, August 5th at 8:30 a.m. Sign up in the atrium if you would like to help. Additionally, don't forget to pick up a list in the Atrium of most needed school supplies for the students. Please bring in all school supply donations throughout the month of July. Any donation is appreciated. Thank you!

UTK WORK DAY

A work day at the UTK Campus Ministry house is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th starting at 8:00 a.m. All are invited to come out and get the house ready for returning students. For more information contact Pastor Tim.

PW AUGUST PICNIC

The PW August Picnic will be Tuesday, August 8th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$10. Everyone is Welcome!

Featuring: Quilts—Pieced together with Love. Bring a favorite quilt (handmade or bought) and share it's story. Bring a good appetite!! If you are not in a PW Circle please make a reservation by Thursday August 3rd. Please contact Mariann Thuesen at 253-7653 if you would like to attend. Be there and bring a square (or rectangle).

SESSION RETREAT IN AUGUST

On Friday night, August 25th and Saturday, August 26th, the Session will be holding a retreat to discuss vision, mission, and organizational structure for Second Presbyterian Church's future. As part of this process they will be using information gathered from the Fireside Chats to prayerfully discern what God is calling us to do and be as a congregation. Please be in prayer for the members of the Session over these two days that they will faithfully discern God's calling for our future together.

FLOWERS

We need flowers August 27 - September 10! If you would like to donate flowers to the church, please let Sarah know.

HOT TOPICS CLASS

Hot Topics Sunday School discussion class is currently meeting at 9:30 am in the Parlor. This class will be a discussion class dealing with topics such as ecology, poverty, Rep. Duncan, church and state. Class leader: Liz Peebles. Class topics:

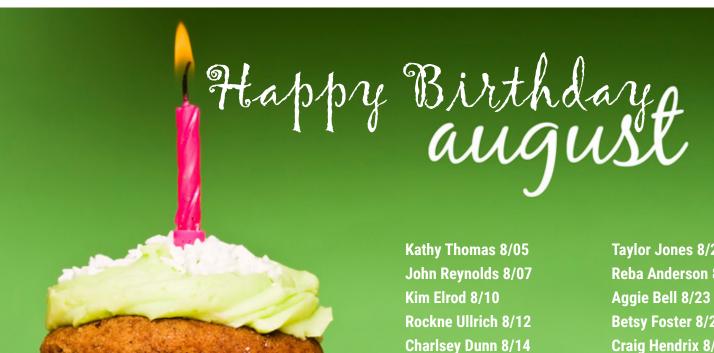
July 30 - Local Town Hall Meeting Controversy

August 6 - Homelessness in Knoxville

August 13 - Andy Morgan: Afterlife and Resurrection

August 20 - Andy Morgan: Hell in NT and Early Medieval Church

 $August \, 27 - TBA$



Kathy Thomas 8/05
John Reynolds 8/07
Kim Elrod 8/10
Rockne Ullrich 8/12
Charlsey Dunn 8/14
Dean Turner 8/15
John Wilson 8/17
Louise Josephson 8/18
Bea Corbitt 8/19
Kathryn Freeman 8/21

Taylor Jones 8/21
Reba Anderson 8/23
Aggie Bell 8/23
Betsy Foster 8/24
Craig Hendrix 8/24
Ryan Beets 8/25
Caroline Buckner 8/26
Janet Vail 8/28
John Testerman 8/29

2ND READERS

When? Wednesday, August 16

Where? The Egg and I (near Knox Plaza)

Time? 12:00 p.m.

Title: Gizelle's Bucket List - My Life

with a Very Large Dog

Author: Lauren Fern Watt

Leader: Arlys

When? Wednesday, September 20

Where? Library Time? 3:45 p.m. Title: Gilead

Author: Marilynne Robinson

Leader: Liz

JULY VISITORS

John & Margie Gill

Steven Reynolds

Jerry & Christina Young

Joanne Mounger

Nancy Rust

Jason Frederick

Maggie Bendy

Leslie Grossman

Stephen & Matthew

Cummings

Frank McClelland

Chas & Joan Earl

Pat Farmer

Dick & Donna Ridge

Rev. Jack & Ruth Porter

Patsy Tarver

Susan Brackney

Mike Marchant Lindsey Kreichelt

Marian Martin

Stephen Smith

Ellen Phillips

Max & Amy Reddick

Meredith Bible

Betty Reynolds

Stephanie Cummings

Chris Poole

Amy & Findlay Hudgens

Steve Long

Tracy Horton

Henry Neff

200th anniversary

PART 2: WAR COMES TO KNOXVILLE (1860-AUGUST 1863)

Co-Chairs, Arvilee and Helen Grant

Before leaving Knoxville's Confederate army occupation from June, 1861-August, 1863, we will look at the plight of Second Presbyterian Church and its divided congregation. There is little in the church's Session records to give us insight into Second's specific problems, but, at least, we can examine Knoxville's history of the time and consider the lives of some of Second Church's members who have left their marks on the history of the times.

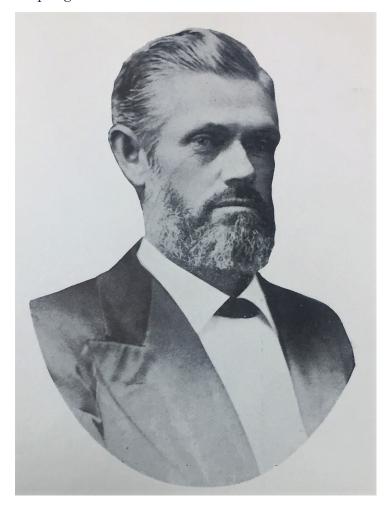
There can be no doubt that the Civil War influenced Second Presbyterian Church's ministry and greatly limited its effectiveness in doing God's work. Most historians seem to agree that Knoxvillians struggled with two dominant issues in its Civil War era; these two issues generated hate and unparalleled conflict in every phase of their lives:

1. The population of Knoxville and Second Church were fairly evenly divided on the issue of secession from the Union with active Union supporters being in the minority.

2. There was in Knoxville in the 1850s little support for the abolition of slavery. Most Second Presbyterian Church members with adequate incomes owned slaves used almost exclusively as house servants. The prevailing attitude seemed to be one that accepted slavery as the best way to take care of the slaves who, in their minds, were mostly uneducated and needed protection and supervision.

According to Giffen, there were at least four leading citizens who were laymen at Second Church during this period who were supporters of the Union to different degrees, but all apparently did own slaves and felt that it was right to do so. The four elders

were Horace Maynard, Oliver Perry Temple, Perez Dickinson, and James Cowan. The minister during this stressful time was Rev. Joseph Martin who was an ardent secessionist but did agree with most of his church elders on the slavery issue. We will briefly explore their lives, picturing just how these individuals reacted as they attempted to worship and fellowship together.



Rev. Joseph H. Martin

Rev. Joseph H. Martin was a descendent of Scots-Irish ancestors who emigrated from Antrim County in Ulster, Ireland, about 1795 and eventually settled

in what is now Jefferson County. After graduation from seminary, Martin did missionary work with seamen in New Orleans from 1846-1848, pastored a Huntsville Presbyterian Church from 1848-1849, did some foreign travel and pastored Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville from 1851 to 1863. Under Martin's leadership the church grew in membership and activity. Pastor Martin was given credit for his leadership in the planning and building of the second meeting house.

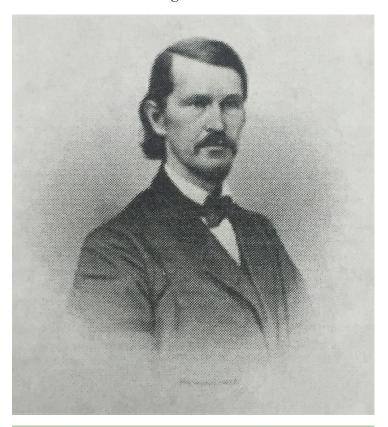
According to Session records for April, 1862, Second Church had 150 members and 13 colored. The preacher's annual salary was \$1,250, payable semi-annually.

The issue of secession from the Union quickly became a divider of the congregation, lay leadership, and the minister as the possibility of war came closer in 1860. The level of animosity peaked just at the time of the U.S. election of Congressmen. Horace Maynard, an elder at Second Church and a strong Unionist, had just been elected to U.S. Congress and was in danger of being arrested by the South on charges of treason for refusing to accept secession of Tennessee. On the day of the election Maynard wisely went to Scott County near the border of Kentucky and upon being elected, he escaped capture and rode on to Washington. He was allowed to represent part of East Tennessee in Congress during the early war years even though the South controlled East Tennessee.

The news of his escape reached Knoxville and the following Sunday at Second Church's worship service the following incident took place. Maynard's wife and their children attended the service as usual and Rev. Martin noted that Maynard was not present. At a solemn moment in the service Rev. Martin rose and prayed that "the feet of Mr. Maynard may never again press the soil of Tennessee and that his bones shall bleach upon the Cumberland Mountains." At that point Mrs. Maynard rose, and followed by her children, in single file, marched out of the church. [One account

states that the church's attendance noticeably dropped after this incident.]

After occupation of Knoxville by Federal troops in 1863, preaching was suspended in all the churches in town. In February, 1864, Rev. Martin and Rev. Harrison, pastor of First Presbyterian Church and others considered disloyal to the U.S. were sent by Federals through the lines to the South. Rev. Martin later pastored the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and was instrumental in helping with the construction of a new church building.



Horace Maynard

Horace Maynard appears to be, by far, the most outspoken advocate for the Union in Second Presbyterian Church in the late 1850s and 1860s. "He had been a ruling elder in Second Presbyterian Church since 1849, and a generous contributor financially as well as spiritually." He had purchased the piece of property next to the new meeting house and donated it to Second Church to use to build a chapel from the salvaged bricks and timbers of the original meeting

house. After the incident between Rev. Martin and Mrs. Maynard, many Southern sympathizers, old family friends of Maynard, filed public petitions against him.

"In April, 1862, Horace Maynard's property in Knoxville was confiscated by the Confederates. Mrs. Maynard and her two children were ordered to leave. She was refused permission to take her two slaves... and ordered to go under military escort... out of the Confederate states by way of Norfolk, Virginia.

In September, 1863, when Union troops captured East Tennessee, the exiles were allowed to return. The Maynard home "was a wreck. Mrs. Maynard's greenhouses, her fondest possession, had stabled Confederate horses. Her furniture was broken. Her husband's valuable library was torn to pieces, pages from his law books turned up for years after in the barber shops for the barbers to clean their razors."

Brief biography of Horace Maynard: Although Horace Maynard was born, bred and educated in Massachusetts, as a young man in 1839 he moved to Knoxville where he was a professor at East Tennessee College (now UT), first teaching in the preparatory department and then as a teacher of mathematics and ancient languages at the college level.

Maynard was naturally shy and unapproachable; acquaintances often regarded him as abrupt, sarcastic, cold and formal, but those who came to know him liked and respected him. In spite of his shyness, he enjoyed public speaking and later was considered one of the most popular speakers in Tennessee. In 1844 he was admitted to the bar. One newspaper reported that Maynard "convinces by his argument, thrills and animates by his eloquence, enlivens, by his humor, and withers, crushes and annihilates by his extraordinary power of sarcasm." After 10 years as a very successful lawyer, he often participated in local, state, and national politics, serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for 16 years.



The plaque mounted near the porte cochere entrance at Second Presbyterian Church

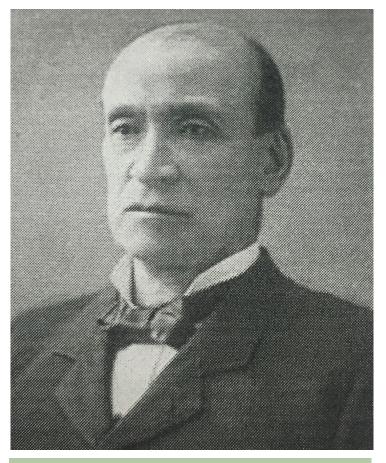
In 1850 Union County was organized, taking land formerly owned by Knox County. A lawsuit was brought and Horace Maynard defended Union County in a prolonged lawsuit in which Maynard was successful in retaining the property. As a result Union County named its county seat Maynardville, after the lawyer.

Over his lifetime, Maynard vacillated on the slavery issue. In his younger days he was an abolitionist; however, by 1860 he owned slaves. By the end of the war he supported Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Maynard never wavered on the issue of secession. He made constant efforts to keep Tennessee in the Union and was active in speech making, even attempting to help create a separate Union-aligned state in East Tennessee. During his time in Washington he constantly urged the North to invade East Tennessee, but the campaign took over two years to happen.

After the war, Maynard continued to make his home in Knoxville, participate in political activities, serve as minister to Turkey from 1875-1880 and as Postmaster General in the cabinet of President Hayes.

Oliver Perry Temple, born near Greeneville, Tennessee, moved to Knoxville in 1848 as a young lawyer and quickly became associated with successful law firms. As secession gained favor in Tennessee in late 1860, Temple declared it unconstitutional and was outspoken in support of the Union. He became a leader in rallying the regions' Union supporters.



Oliver Perry Temple

After the Confederate occupation, Temple fled briefly to the North after hearing a rumor of Confederate plans to arrest Union supporters. Apparently he rethought this move, returned to Knoxville, agreed to be neutral in his behavior and was allowed to continue practicing law. Much of his time in the next two years was spent providing legal defense for Unionists accused of various offenses. Temple states in his East Tennessee and the Civil War that in September, 1863, he ran joyously the length of Gay Street behind a regiment of Union Army soldiers as they first marched into Knoxville.

Temple spent the rest of his life practicing law, serving first as chancellor of Tennessee's Eighth Chancery District and later in the Second Chancery District. He was a trustee of East Tennessee University from 1854-1907 and helped establish the College of Agriculture. He provided legal and promotional assistance to the establishing of the Rugby Colony. Perhaps one of Temple's greatest gifts to his state was his writing, especially with his personal memoir of the war years in his East Tennessee and the Civil War. Temple states in the introduction that he wrote the book:

"...to vindicate the course of the Union people of East Tennessee in separating from their friends and kindred in the South, and adhering to the National Government. Their constancy and fortitude, their trials, and sufferings for what they deemed right, have no parallel in the history of this country."

Perez Dickinson and James Cowan were partners in the largest wholesale business in Knoxville. As a matter of survival of business they agreed to behave in a neutral manner and traded with Union and Confederate clients and the two men managed to maintain a good working relationship with both the North and South. We found no information about the level of their active participation in their lay leadership at Second Church.

When Confederate soldiers marched out of Knoxville in August, 1863, Second Presbyterian Church faced an uncertain future. Membership was down, families and friends divided, Rev. Martin's position as minister in question.

SOURCES: <u>East Tennessee</u> and the Civil War, by Oliver P. Temple, 1899. <u>Goodspeed's History of Tennessee</u>, 1887. Historical Sermon, by Robert L. Bachman, 1906. <u>A History of Second Presbyterian Church</u>, by Lowell L. Giffen, 1994. <u>Horace Maynard: Some Facts and Stories Collected for his Descendants</u>, by Dorothy K. Riggs. <u>Lincolnites and Rebels; A Divided Town in the American Civil War</u> by Robert Tracy MacKenzie, 2006. <u>Session Records</u>, <u>Second Presbyterian Church</u>. Wikipedia.

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church business

Highlights from the June Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Called Session Meeting on May 16, 2017.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the 200th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Agreement with the East Tennessee Foundation.
- Approved a performance by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra on March 18, 2018 in the Sanctuary of Second Presbyterian in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Church.
- Accepted a Baldwin piano as a gift from Katherine Freeman.

	Church Finar	ncial Report	
	Jan-June 2017 Actual	Jan-June 2017 Budget	2017 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$271,145	\$273,416	\$546,832
Non-pledged Offerings	\$40,502	\$15,000	\$30,000
Preschool	\$14,333	\$16,000	\$32,000
Other	\$52,645	\$53,462	\$106,924
TOTAL GIVING	\$378,625	\$357,878	\$715,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$342,485	\$376,636	\$715,756
NET	\$36,140	\$18,758	\$0





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Lunch Bunch at Chop House 12:00 Facitilites team 5:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Ministry Team meetings 6:00	Line Dancing 9:00 PET brown bag lunch 12:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	m	Church office closed	West View Work Day 8:30
Hot Topics - Youth Room 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion		8 PW Lunch & Program 11:30 Personnel meeting 6:00 Deacon's meeting 6:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	10	Church office closed	12
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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."
PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

DEACONS

2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler Charlotte Klieman Marty McLean

2019 CLASS

Jim Ford Angela Jones Lily Wu

2020 CLASS

John Matlock Kathy Thomas Margaret Walther

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"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

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