

# SECOND EDITION

March 2018



# On Second Thought...

I use several different kinds of prayers during my morning prayer time. My practice is to use each one for a few weeks, then change to another one, regularly cycling through them all. I have found that different prayers bring different results and experiences into my life. It could be God answering my prayers, or it could be that praying the prayer in the morning makes me more open to seeing things I don't normally see. I like to think it's a combination of both.

One of the prayers I use regularly is this: "God, there is someone's story that I am supposed to hear today. When it comes, give me ears to hear it." I find that when I am praying this prayer regularly I am more open to others: I tend not to view interruptions as interruptions but, rather, opportunities to hear God's voice; I am more sensitive to the meanings behind the words people speak; I tend to initiate encounters with other people more often; and I tend to look for the image and presence of God more intently in each person I encounter.

I believe God sends people into our lives to teach us lessons. There is an opportunity for us to learn something from every person we meet. When we are looking for them these lessons come a whole lot more often. When we aren't looking for them we sometimes miss something important that God wants us to hear. Sometimes these lessons come through a stranger, sometimes through an acquaintance, sometimes through our best friend, and sometimes through a family member. Everyone has a story to tell, a lesson to teach – our job is to listen and learn.

Robert Benson, in his book *Between the Dreaming and the Coming True*, deals with the question that many of us have asked, "Why am I here?" In the book he writes, "We are not here to show something to God. We are here because God – the One who

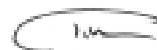
wants to be completely known – has something to show us." I think he's right.

You see, the question "Why am I here?" has the wrong subject as its focus – me. The better question places God at the center – "Why has God put me here?" Now the question moves from being about *me* and *my* purpose to being about God and *God's* purpose. It's not about us...it's about God!

Answering *this* question – "Why has God put me here?" – changes our entire outlook. We spend our days pondering the question – "What is God trying to show me?" No longer are we under the awful yoke and bondage of worrying about whether or not we are getting everything right and whether or not we are pleasing God. Instead, we are free to open our eyes and our hearts and our lives to the world around us, anxiously anticipating the next wonderful surprise that God has in store for us.

As we continue to journey through the season of Lent, let us open ourselves to what God has in store for us so that we may become better servants, better children of God, and better human beings. Let us open ourselves to others so that we may hear the stories they have to tell. Who knows? The next story that you hear may just reveal to you why God has put *you* here.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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## Holy Week Worship Opportunities

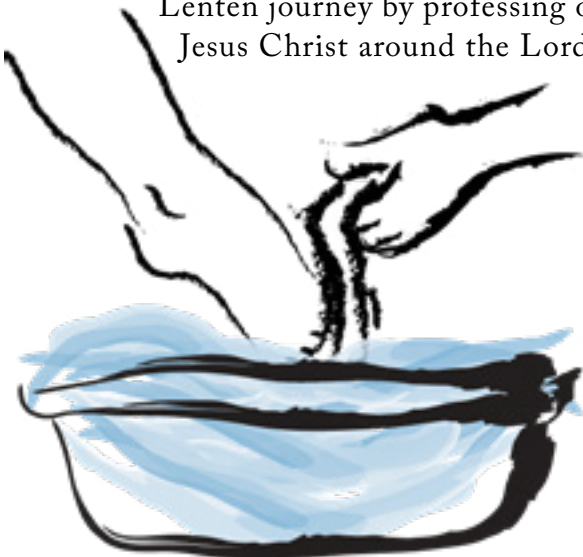
<b>Palm Sunday</b> (March 25)	<b>Worship</b>	11:00 a.m.	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>Holy Wednesday</b> (March 28)	<b>The Word Players</b> <i>The Refugee King</i>	6:15 p.m.	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (March 29)	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>	7:00 p.m.	<i>First Presbyterian Church</i>
<b>Good Friday</b> (March 30)	<b>Seven Last Words of Christ</b>	12:00 p.m.	<i>Sacred Heart Cathedral</i>
<b>Easter</b> (April 1)	<b>Worship</b>	11:00 a.m.	<i>Sanctuary</i>

## Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, March 28th we will celebrate Maundy Thursday together with First Presbyterian Church. This will be a continuation of what we started on Ash Wednesday. Having asked for and received forgiveness from one another at the beginning of Lent, we will conclude our Lenten journey by professing our unity in Jesus Christ around the Lord's Table.

The term Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word *maundatum*, which means "commandment." It references the Last Supper when Jesus, after washing the disciples' feet, instructs them, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Since members of First Presbyterian came here for Ash Wednesday, we will journey to First Presbyterian Church for Maundy Thursday. The evening will begin with a graveyard tour at 5:00 p.m. for those interested. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m., after which there will be time to fellowship and tour the newly renovated facilities. The service of communion will be at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church.



## **Bearden Sequoyah United Ministries (BSUM) Ecumenical Service to be held on Good Friday**

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Make plans now to attend this meaningful service!

The service will be held on **Good Friday, March 30th, at noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** The one hour service will feature the scriptures of the Seven Last Words of Christ and a brief meditation on each Word. Seven ministers will each present a scripture and message.

**Sarah Morgan**, Transitional Designated Associate Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, will be presenting one of the Seven Last Words. Hopefully, Second Presbyterian Church will have a good turnout for this special Good Friday ecumenical service.

Reverend Mark Moreland, Minister of Missions and Pastoral Care at Central Baptist Church of Bearden and leader of BSUM, describes the organization as follows:

“BSUM is a network of church staff and Mission focused laity who serve in churches primarily in the Sequoyah Hills and Bearden corridor between the UT Campus and West Town Mall. We meet monthly to fellowship and share resources and opportunities for our congregations to minister in our shared community.

The Good Friday Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral and a Sunrise Service at East Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery are two occasions we worship together and witness to our oneness in Christ. Our vision is to demonstrate the Unity of the Body Of Christ and to be Salt and Light in the community we live and worship in.”

This service has been a special part of the Lenten tradition in Knoxville for a number of years and has become very meaningful to those who have attended it in the past. A list of churches and their minister who is participating in the service will be available after the March BSUM meeting on March 6th. The time of the Sunrise Service at the East Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery will also be decided at that meeting and will be publicized.

Sacred Heart Cathedral is located at:  
711 S. Northshore Drive.

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*The Presbytery of East Tennessee  
cordially invites you to  
A Service of Ordination  
for  
Sarah Pugh Morgan  
at*

*The Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville  
Sunday, March 11th  
2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

*A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall*

## **Ordination Service**

**Pastor Sarah Morgan's Ordination Service will be held on Sunday, March 11th, at 2:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church. Comoderator of the PC(USA), Rev. Jan Edmiston, will be preaching. All are invited and welcome!**





## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Easter Sunday Morning, April 1st at 9:45 a.m. for an Easter egg hunt. Toddlers-5th graders are invited to meet by the pre-school playgrounds to begin their search. Hope to see you there!

## Flowering of the Cross

This year we are inviting everyone to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter Sunday morning, April 1st! Bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. We will have a few extras for visitors and anyone who might have forgotten! 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.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Tim's Wednesday night Bible study continues during March. We will be examining Judaism, followed by Buddhism and then Hinduism.

care & compassion



The High Five Award for March goes to **Nancy Montgomery**. Nancy has served in many capacities at Second Presbyterian Church, including as our current Clerk of Session. As Clerk, Nancy must keep our membership rolls in order and she was instrumental in our recent review of the rolls. At the first of each year the Clerk must complete a lengthy questionnaire and statistical report that is sent to denominational headquarters. Nancy

put a lot of time and effort this January into assuring that everything in that report is accurate. Additionally, Nancy is an integral part of Caroline Buckner's team that provides receptions for funerals. Nancy was extra busy in December and January helping to minister to the families who experienced a loss during those months. Nancy's warm and positive personality is known to all who interact with her and her love of Second is clear from her dedication and commitment. Thanks, Nancy, for all you do. Here's a big High Five!



# PICTURE THIS

Do you like taking pictures? Are you the first to pull out your camera phone to capture a special moment?

If the answer is **yes**, then Second Pres. needs **you**. We are looking for a group of individuals to join our NEW Second Presbyterian Photograph Ministry.

"Well, what is *that*?"

It's pretty simple. We are assembling a team of members who appreciate photography, organization, documentation and the history of this church. Team members will be assigned to take pictures at church events. These pictures will be used in publications to document the *present* and share what we are doing with the congregation and the community. These pictures will also be stored to document our *past* for future generations to come.

"But, well, I don't have a fancy camera..."

You don't need one. While fancy and professional cameras are not discouraged, they are certainly not necessary to participate in this ministry. A basic camera or camera phone will do.

If you are interested in signing up or learning more about this important ministry, please contact Rachel in the church office ([rcarlson@2ndpres.org](mailto:rcarlson@2ndpres.org)).





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## The Mary Chambers Room

By Session action, the multi-purpose space formerly known as “The Parlor” is being renamed “The Mary Chambers Room.” This name change is to honor and memorialize Mary, a church member who was very active in Presbyterian Women, and the very significant bequest she made to Second in the late 1990’s. The gift, in the amount of nearly \$2 million dollars, was designated to be split for two purposes: half was used for many and various missions and projects that the church supported at that time, and the other half was used at the Session’s discretion as worthy needs arose. The wide distribution of these

monies and their impact cannot be overstated. This relatively large space adjacent to the sanctuary known as the parlor has been used for various purposes, but over the last many years its most frequent use has been as a meeting room. The Facilities committee is in the process of identifying an appropriate smaller space that could be a more traditional parlor or sitting room. And with this renaming as the Mary Chambers Room, it is hoped that the major gift that Mary made and the significance it had over time and for so many causes both at Second and in the greater community, will not be forgotten.

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## **Palm Sunday St. John's Passion**

The Church Street United Methodist Church Parish Adult Choir will be presenting British composer Bob Chilcott's "St. John's Passion" at 5:00 pm on Palm Sunday, March 25, in conjunction with soloists and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. It will be led by music director Tim Ward and organist Dr. Edie Johnson, with tenor Matthew Mimbs as the evangelist, baritone Daniel Webb as Jesus, and baritone Peter Johnson as Pilate. It will be a reverent and worshipful service of beautiful music; free admission.

## **The WordPlayers**

On Wednesday, March 28th, The Word Players will present a one-act original play with music by Ethan Norman called *The Refugee King*. You know the story. A long time ago, Jesus lived, died, and rose again. We tell it and re-tell it, and for good reason. But to what end? How does it really affect our daily life, two thousand years later? Join us as we journey with a young couple who find themselves in a story where they must choose to be like Jesus, or everyone else. Experience the Gospel unfolding at a kitchen table like yours in this fresh, vibrant one act play with music. It's not like anything you've seen, it's like everything we look for.

## **Thank you**

In times of hardship it is truly knowing that we are loved and missed that help us remain so very blessed during any adversity. I cannot thank you enough for the sweet cards, emails, calls and texts or for the help and offers of help. I know that your prayers have been with me, and that you have been the hands and feet of Jesus to me. I will be completely upright and back soon!

Much love, *Kim Elrod*

## **Hazel Butten Endowment Fund**

As a memorial to his wife, Stewart Butten provided an endowment fund, the interest being distributed each year through the Women's Association. Any charitable organization may apply for a grant, usually in the amount of \$250 to \$500. Grant applications may be obtained from the church office with a specific request before March 29, 2018. The awards will be made in April. The Butten Fund Ministry Team members are Aggie Bell, Leslie Testerman, and Clara Hardin.

## **Spring Forward**

Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 11th. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night or you'll be late for worship!

## **Outdoor Work Day**

The Spring Outdoor Work Day will be Saturday, March 31st from 8:30-12:00 p.m. Come prepared with hand tools!

## **2nd Readers**

When? Wednesday, March 21

Where? Church

Time? 3:45 p.m.

Title: *Little Women*

Author: Louisa Mae Alcott

Leader: Liz

When? Wednesday, April 18

Where? Church

Time? 3:45 p.m.

Title: *Grandma Gatewood's Walk*

Author: Ben Montgomery

Leader: Mariann





## March - The Body Farm

Dr. William M. (Bill) Bass III will present "History of the Body Farm" at the Presbyterian Women Luncheon on March 13th at 11:30. Everyone is invited and lunch is only \$10.

If you are not a member of a PW Circle at Second Presbyterian Church please call Mariann Thuesen at (865) 253-7653 or Donna Matlock at (865) 898-7517 by March 6th for a reservation.

## April - Ordinary Man Ministries

"God Uses Ordinary People to Accomplish Extraordinary Things"

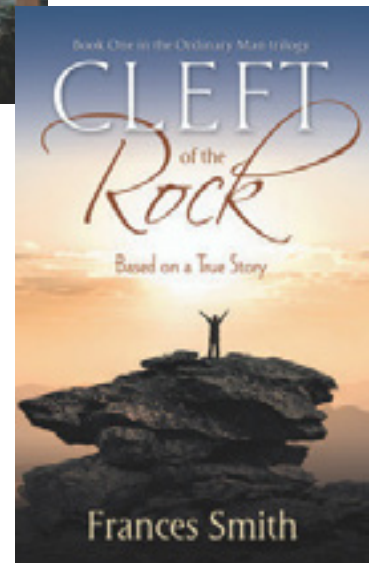
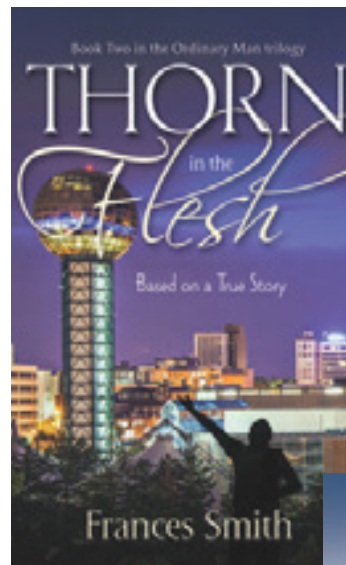
Mark and Frances Smith, from Ordinary Man Ministries, will present at the Presbyterian Women luncheon on April 10th at 11:30.

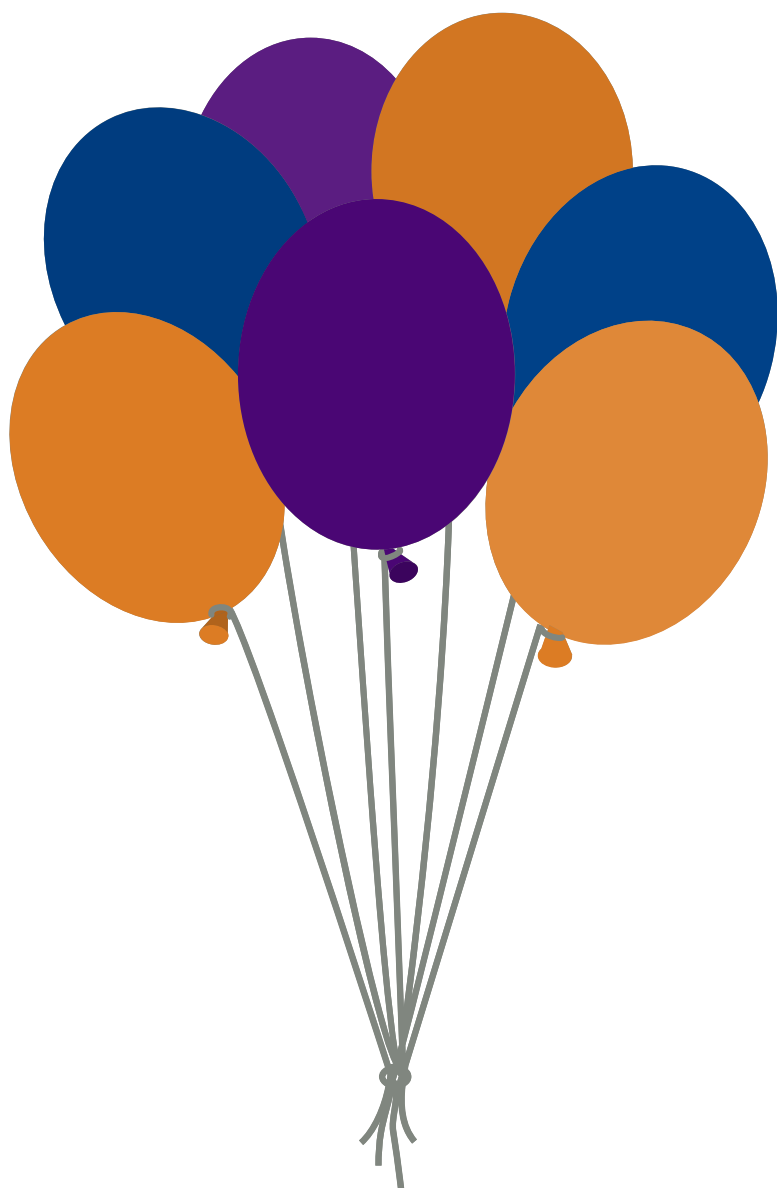
Learn about some extraordinary things and about two books that Frances has written based on true stories. These books are Cleft of the Rock and Thorn in the Flesh.

Their website states, "Our work is inspired by, and heavily based on, true stories that provide undeniable proof that the Lord wants to use ordinary people in His extraordinary work."

Everyone is invited. Lunch is only \$10.

If you are not a member of a PW Circle at Second Presbyterian Church please call Mariann Thuesen at (865) 253-7653 by April 4th.





## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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Charles Wu 3/01  
Doug Matthews 3/06  
Ally McLean 3/08  
Lucy Brittian 3/10  
Jan Barber 3/11  
Julia Cantrell 3/12  
Curtis Howe 3/12  
Beth Robertson 3/12  
Nancy Montgomery 3/22  
Sydney Jones 3/23  
Charlotte Klieman 3/25  
Ann Payne 3/29  
Mariann Thuesen 3/30

## FEB. VISITORS

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Jacob Rogers  
Jennie Miller  
Jaclyn Beeler  
Katherine Henderson  
Mary Lynn Marks  
Brad Nellis  
Rion Steele  
Aubrey Bader  
Jake Marshall  
Matthew Lowe  
Miller Sullivan  
Malerie Lazar  
Sarah Hime  
Maggie Stroud  
Brodie Frohlick  
Jennifer London  
John & Margie Gill  
Taylor Jones  
Trell Stroud  
Nancy Rust  
Kim & Findlay Hugdgens  
Andy Morgan  
Henry Naff  
Carter DePoy  
Joanne Mounger  
David & Susan Snider  
David Pickens  
Michal Kootz  
Helen, Ken & Fisher Herron  
Beth Colotta  
Miranda Fry  
David & Becky Waller  
Paige Thonmpson  
Abby Custred  
Audrey Dwyer  
Alex Birdwell  
Fred & Susan Brackney  
Mike Marchant  
Kendra Bryon  
Heaven Ford  
Dakota Ford  
Deandrea & Mike Reed  
John Quillen  
Leah & Travis Franklin  
Maggie Foster  
Cindy Halt  
Lindsey Kreichelt



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# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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— ISAIAH 58

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**Presbyterian Mission**





## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

*The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 1st. The offering will support the following:*

36%

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:**

works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and support for refugees.

32%

**Presbyterian Hunger Program:**

takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and address the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

32%

**Self-Development of People:**

partners with communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

# youth ministries



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**1. Bubble gum lesson: Do you know what happens when we get full of pride? In Proverbs 16:18 it says that pride comes before destruction. That is just like a bubble gum bubble. It gets puffed up as it becomes more and more proud and then finally... POP! It is totally destroyed.**

**2. The Armor of God**

**3. Pudding lesson: Lying makes our lives messy!**

**4. Ice Skating outing**



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## LIFE AT SECOND (1976-1985)

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*Co-Chairs, Arvilee and Helen Grant*

*[The writers are very fortunate to have access to two information sources as we reflect on the times and the life of Second Presbyterian Church during the later years of the twentieth century. We will comment here on these two sources.*

*First, there is a DVD produced in 2007 and entitled "50 Years Ago Yesterday." John Matlock, a lifetime member of Second Church, planned and completed this beautifully filmed project; the result is a thoughtful, well-planned story about the Kingston Pike church—told by several members of the church, many of whom are now deceased. The DVD begins with an explanation by Pete Denton of the difficulty and the conflicts over the decision to leave the Walnut Street building and to move to the Kingston Pike location. The DVD covers many features of the construction, the tower bells, the stained glass windows, the sanctuary ceiling, and the various ministries. We suggest that you relive this story, told through the eyes and impressions of church members. You may have a copy tucked away or you could check with the church library to borrow a copy. Thank you, John, for this visual and verbal treasure!*

*The second source is an almost continuous set of annual reports of Second Church during most of Dr. Carver's pastorate. The reports cover the years 1981 through 1996 and have been preserved in the church's archives. They are, by far, the most complete and personalized record in existence of any of the church's 200 years.*

*The annual reports contain the usual statistical information required for the national church records, but also have summaries from the pastor and all the*

*committee chairs, usually averaging 12-15 in number each year. These summaries give one a picture of the ebb and flow of God's people dealing with the challenges of the moment. We are most grateful to have access to these reports and owe much to the church librarians like Julia Armistead, Margaret Bull, and Elizabeth Peebles for maintaining these records.]*

The 1976-1985 years of Dr. Carver's tenure at Second Presbyterian Church were busy ones with much involvement of the congregation in the many programs and activities offered. We will try to make some generalizations about this period as they have been reported.

- The location of the fourth building continued to provide many advantages for a congregation increasingly scattered in housing across the county. With the completion of the downtown interstate system the church building was easily accessible. The close proximity to the University of Tennessee offered opportunity for close-by church programs for students.

- By the end of 1985 the church facility was nearing thirty years of age and was demanding attention for the roof, replacement of rusting water pipes, the need for better energy management, need for replacement carpeting, painting, improved lighting, repair and replacement of transportation vehicles, completion of lower stained glass windows for the sanctuary and chapel, improvement of the sanctuary sound system and the parking lot.

- The size of the membership had stabilized at approximately 1,400, but worship service attendance seemed to have dropped somewhat to an average of about 300. During this period the church experimented with a second service on Sunday mornings and was using this schedule in 1985. The Sunday School program was strong for both adult and youngsters, but statistics showed a gradual decline in attendance.

- The music program under the direction of Ed May was active with several vocal and handbell choirs and the addition of a seven-rank antiphonal organ.

- The church continually strove to increase its mission support and it averaged about 20% of the total budget reserved for missions. At the same time their higher goals were not met.

- Second Church had a senior pastor and two associate minister positions some of this time period, but periodically had vacant positions.

- Second Church held its first congregational retreat in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, in 1982. Other successful retreats followed.

- During these years the church offered a wide variety of mission, study, and fellowship opportunities including the following:

**Mission:** Women's Association, Fish, Children's Center, Playmobile, Fellowship Club, Boy Scout Troop #6, Operation Mixtec, work trips in the U.S.

**Fellowship:** Picnic-on-the-green, Mariners, Second Crew, Young Married Couples, Bridge Group, Singles, Singles-at-Second, Senior Highs, Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Ski Trips.

**Study:** Bethel Bible Study Program, Serendipity Bible Study, Wednesday Night Programs, Wednesday Morning Breakfast and Bible Study.

### **Some Interesting Tidbits About Second Church**

- In 1981, Second Church began the routine of putting a rose in the Chancel to announce the birth of a new baby.

- In 1981, the decision was made to discontinue the singing of "Amen" at the end of hymns. Some objections by the congregation were raised.

- In 1982, many Second Church members were actively involved as volunteer hosts at the Church's Presence Exhibit during the World's Fair. The church also provided space in the church facility for groups visiting the Fair.

- During 1982, Second Church entered into a contract with Miller's stores for parking their employees' vehicles in the church parking lot throughout the World's Fair in Knoxville. Miller's Department Stores paid over \$42,800 for this service. Second Church used the funds to redesign, resurface, and re-stripe the parking lot and to provide funds for needy travelers to the Fair.

- By the 1980s, Second Church was regularly providing mission and fellowship opportunities for its youth and adults. These trips varied in length and distance away from Knoxville. This practice began in the summer of 1966, when Rev. Carl Kinnard, Associate Pastor, and Carolyn Gas, Christian Educator, first led a youth group on a work camp trip San Antonio, Texas, to work at The House of Neighborly Service. Al Dick, Margaret and Sally Payne, Rick Kuhlman, Penney and Bonnie McDonald, and John Chapman were among the

youngsters who made the trip. Hoyt Payne and John McDonald helped lead the group.

An interesting and heartwarming thing occurred while they were there. John Chapman had taken his guitar, and the group, including young people in the neighborhood with whom our people had gotten acquainted, would sit around in the evenings and sing. One day, John's guitar disappeared. Our students were all distressed about this. They let the word get out in the neighborhood that this had happened. The next day, the guitar appeared over the fence. John had his guitar back. [Remembered by Kathryn Freeman]

### **Memories From the 1980s**

• **Imogene Posey** recalls Friday Night Bridge at Second Presbyterian Church. For years a group of Second Presbyterians and their guests gathered on the first Friday night of the month to visit, chat, eat and play bridge. A couple, or two persons, or at the end one person was in charge. That person or persons was in charge of calling to remind the players, securing persons to bring goodies to eat, bring the cards, score sheets, table designations, and soft drinks. Coffee and water were provided at the church. At the time I first joined the group there might be as many as twelve or thirteen tables. At the time it was disbanded for lack of an in-charge person in the early twenty-first century, we were down to three to five tables.

Oh, what fun we had, many good snacks, laughter, and some good bridge. I remember much fun over the deuce prize: the last person to take a trick with a deuce took home a small prize. That prize was often passed around several times during the evening.

Other memories I have include the table markers made by G. T. Carmichael from small blocks of wood dowels, and numbers on cardboard. We also had progressions on cards for any number of

tables we happened to have on any night. Another memory I have is of Roy Rochelle trying to teach me to be a better bridge player.

• **Helen Grant** remembers the Fellowship Club founded by Clio Davis in 1982 as a Second Church outreach to handicapped adults. Members met once a month in the evening for fellowship, refreshments, entertainment, and a dinner once a year. After twelve years, Clio moved away and Bo and Mary Shafer assumed leadership which lasted many years.

The members' ages covered a wide span from the twenties to seniors and they had many physical and mental limitations but our meetings were filled with laughter and good cheer. By far the most popular entertainment was Bo and Martin Shafer on their guitars and leading a group sing-along. Always, the favorite, most requested song was "On Top of Ole Smoky", with Bo's special effects.

My volunteer job was to help provide transportation, to help with mobility issues, and to serve refreshments. Once I was asked to pick up a new member to transport to the meeting. I found the member's house, but it was located some distance from the road. I sounded by car horn over and over, but no one responded at the house. I got out of the car to walk to the house, but was met by two very upset, barking dogs that did not want me on the property. I made a very hasty retreat to my car and was now in a quandary —how to get attention from the house? About to admit defeat, I saw my rider exit the house in his wheelchair, dispatch the dogs, and away we went for another evening of fun and frivolity!

• **Imogene Posey** fondly recalls Roy and Barbara Nix's fresh, sweet boiled corn dinners for Mariners and friends. I particularly remember one time they boiled corn for 150 people and seated us all in the dining room, back porches, basement rooms. Roy



had grown all the special corn, picked and shucked it that day. Others provided the rest of the food. Mariners had many fine programs but these dinners are special in my memories!

- **Rebecca Buckner** treasures memories of Second Presbyterian trips to a village in Southern Mexico. Throughout the 1970s and 80s, Second Church supported and traveled to Santa Cruz Mixtepec, Mexico. The villagers of Santa Cruz are indigenous Central American Indians—the Spanish did not make it to that area of Mexico. The local language is unique and at the time was only oral, not written—making translation particularly difficult.

Second Church originally got involved with the mission that Tom Ibach, his wife Nellie, and their children pursued in Mexico through projects for college students supported by the Presbyterian Center and Wesley Foundation. Early Second Church trips to Santa Cruz were made by groups of college students—driving to southern Mexico from Knoxville in the church bus! Later, intergenerational trips were made—still in that church bus until someone figured out that flying would be a lot easier. Projects over the years included building a latrine, building a well for drinking water (my father's wedding ring is still in the wall of that well.) The group built a bridge over a river prone to flooding, repairing the roof on the medical clinic, laying miles of piping to bring clean drinking water to several sites from a capped spring in the mountains, testing the water system for purity, and assisting in the clinic. Second's relationship with the mission, the Ibach family, and the village was fruitful and active for many years, ending in the late 80s/early 90s after Tom Ibach passed away and, soon after, the family quit traveling to the village in the summer.

As a 15-year-old traveling to Mexico for the first time, the Mixtec project was an important part of my youth. Over the years, I participated in several

intergenerational trips with and without my family members, and, later as a youth advisor at Second, led groups there myself. Those early experiences led me to be involved with youth mission trips throughout my life. I believe it is critical for youth to have experiences which enlarge their perspective, give them a better sense of the complex world we all live in, and help them understand that often diverse cultures are more alike than different.

- One participant remembers about breakfast at Second Presbyterian Church every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am before the work day began. Dr. Carver began the Wednesday morning Bible Study and led the group along with associate pastors. After several years Bob Armstrong, a member of the group assumed leadership which he provided for many years. These Bible study and discussion sessions provided both comfort and nourishment for the body and the heart.

Our breakfast always consisted of juice, coffee, and a wide selection of dry cereals. One member recalls that Dr. Carver never varied in his choice—always selecting Fruit Loops, known for its high sugar content. Many times we wanted to remind Dr. Carver that the sugar was not good for his health—but no one ever did.

At this point we end part one of Dr. Carver's years at Second Church and will continue with part two in the April issue.

*SOURCES: A History of Second Presbyterian Church, 1818-1994, by Lowell Giffen. Annual Report of Second Presbyterian Church, 1981-1985. 50 Years Ago Yesterday, 2007, by John Matlock. Memories of members of Second Presbyterian Church.*

**Wednesday morning Bible Study group with Bob Armstrong, our leader, in front.**



**Mixtec Indians enjoying the well completed by the workers.**



**Caroline Buckner learning how to prepare a tortilla in a lean-to kitchen in Santa Cruz, Mixtepec, Mexico in 1981. Ed, Caroline, and daughter Becky were there working to improve living conditions as a part of Operation Mixtec.**

## Maryville College Choir

The Maryville College Choir will kick-off their spring concert tour with a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, March 4th, at 4:00 p.m. as part of our year-long bicentennial celebration. The first pastor of Second Presbyterian, Rev. Isaac Anderson, founded Maryville College (then Southern and Western Theological Seminary) in 1819, the year after Second was founded. The Maryville College Choir asked if they could perform for us in honor of our bicentennial this year.



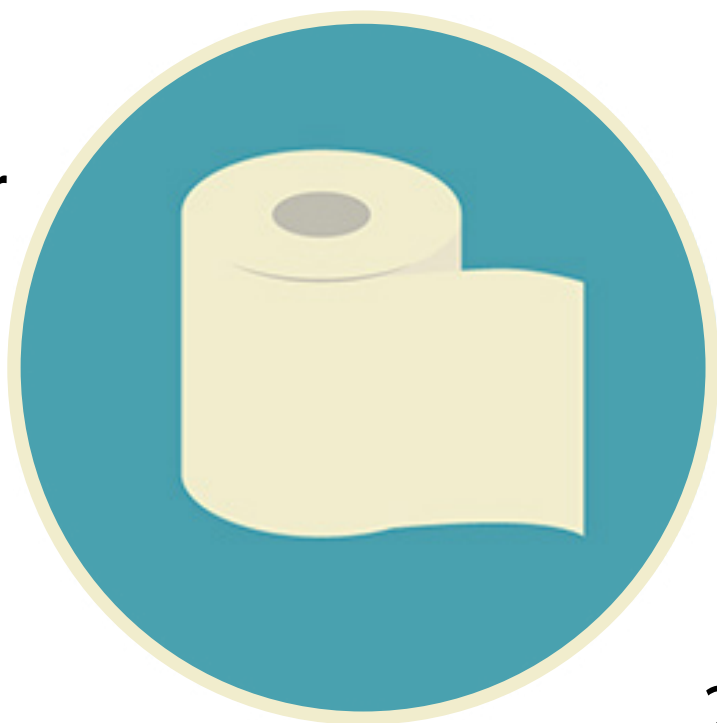
## Knoxville Symphony Orchestra

The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, March 18th at 3:00 p.m. in celebration of our 200th Anniversary. The concert will feature music from the 18th and 19th centuries and will be dedicated in memory of church member and long time KSO supporter, Mrs. Betsey Bush.

## 200-A-Month - Toilet Paper

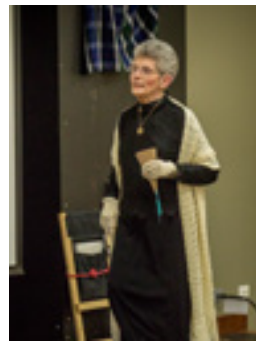
Thank you for your generous supplies of copy paper, legal pads, and black or blue pens for the Inter-faith Health Clinic.

In March we are collecting for the Volunteer Ministry Center. VMC has asked for 4-roll packages of toilet paper. If shopping is difficult for you, you may make a donation to the church designated for "200-a-Month," and we will gladly shop for you.









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## Ceilidh Event at Second

The 200th Anniversary Committee sponsored a ceilidh (pronounced “kay-lee”) after the worship service in the fellowship hall on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Ceilidh is a Celtic word that means a party, a gathering, a time for food, fellowship, and entertainment—generally enjoying each other and having fun together.

Second Presbyterian Church did just that on a rare, sunshiny day in the winter with several church members home with the flu and other maladies.

Over 75 of our church family shared a catered meal (arranged by Caroline Buckner) and were entertained with several “acts” led by Tim Wright, our ceilidh leader, adorned in top hat and tails vintage attire to dazzle the eyes! After Pastor Tim (fresh from days of the flu and pneumonia) warmed up the audience with song, guitar, and jokes—several church members paraded in costume representing different eras in Second Church’s 200-year history. Cheryl Ragsdale issued an invitation for others to join us this spring to be “living history ambassadors”, dress in some vintage clothes, and form a large welcoming group to our two commemorative concerts scheduled March 4 and March 18.

The vintage fashion show was followed by Joan Riedl and her son Chris who introduced with singalong several lively Scottish songs and children’s ditties in the Scottish dialect of the Riedl’s Scot ancestry.

Jim Ford introduced some of the Second Dancers who demonstrated their graceful dancing/exercise skills and led the audience in some movement-in-place routines. (Jim is using some of these same routines with clients at the Volunteer Ministry in a regularly scheduled program)

Via video the audience viewed Rachel Carlson, Second Church’s Director of Communications, who is, by avocation, a trainer of border collies in agility competition. We viewed Rachel and Rocky in an amazing display of stamina, grace, and team work in championship form.

Lastly the Second Stringers (members who are novice dulcimer players) performed the old traditional mountain tune, “Cripple Creek” in singalong, led by Christina Young, a newer member of Second Church and the choir.

Many thanks to Matthew Mimbs, Minister of Music, who led us at the close of the ceilidh in song with Kathryn Freeman on piano. We sang, “Auld Lang Syne”, a song written by Robert Burns, Scottish poet.

[We have included a link to all the photos (provided by John Matlock who experienced some camera problems, but still got some great photos!).

To view the pictures John Matlock took at the ceilidh, please enter the following address in your computer:  
<https://subsonic.smugmug.com/KAYLEE2/2NDPRESKAYLEE2>

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## Highlights from the February Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on January 21, 2018 and the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 4, 2018.
- Received reports from the Deacons, Preschool and church ministry teams as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Mancil Milligan was elected for a one year term as Treasurer and Nancy Montgomery was elected for a three year term as Clerk of Session.
- Approved the transfer of Barbara and Jim Hodges from inactive to Sevierville First United Methodist Church.
- Approved changing the date of the Kirkin' o' th' Tartans to April 15, 2018.
- Approved the One Great Hour of Sharing offering be taken at Easter, and the Pentecost offering be taken at Pentecost.
- Approved the recent cost to replace the heat exchanger, which is part of the Fellowship Hall HVAC, be taken out of the Facilities Designated Maintenance Fund.
- Approved Sarah and Andy Morgan's request to have their son, Robert, receive the sacrament of baptism on March 11, 2018 in the morning service.

## Church Financial Report

	Jan 2018 Actual	Jan 2018 Budget	2018 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$73,429	\$40,868	\$490,420
Non-pledged Offerings	\$3,699	\$4,583	\$55,000
Preschool	\$1,667	\$1,667	\$20,000
Other	\$15,693	\$11,975	\$143,700
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$94,488</b>	<b>\$59,093</b>	<b>\$709,120</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$60,708</b>	<b>\$63,808</b>	<b>\$709,120</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$33,780</b>	<b>\$4,715</b>	<b>\$0</b>





# MARCH

2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion Food & Friends 12:15 PET Meeting 4:00 Maryville Choir - Spring Tour 4:00	Exercise Class 9:15 BSF 5:30	Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities Team 5:00 Ministry Team meetings 6:00 Ministry Team meetings 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Exercise Class 9:15 PET lunch 12:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Chancel Ringers 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	1	Church office closed TIPS 3:00	Panhellenic parking 7:30
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15 Sarah Morgan's Orientation 2:00 Daylight Savings Begins	Exercise Class 9:15 BSF 5:30	PW Board Meeting 9:30 PW Circles 10:15 PW Lunch & Program 11:30 Deacon's meeting 6:00 Personnel meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	Exercise Class 9:15 DAR 1:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Chancel Ringers 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	Alzheimer's Inservice - Mary Chamber's Room 8:00	Church office closed	Elder Orientation 10:00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15 200th Celebration - Symphony Concert 3:00	Exercise Class 9:15 The Cross Ministry Board Meeting 4:30 BSF 5:30	Joy Singers 10:00 Preschool Board meeting 12:00 Session meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 <b>Newsletter Submissions Due!</b> First Day of Spring	Exercise Class 9:15 2nd Readers 3:45 Line Dancing 4:00 Chancel Ringers 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00 <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	22	Church office closed	St. Patrick's Day National Federation of Music Club 7:30 (a.m.)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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##### 2018 CLASS

Dick Dodson  
Dana Hendrix  
Lisa Henley

##### 2019 CLASS

Ed Batts  
Donna Matlock  
Tim Wright

##### 2020 CLASS

Jimmy Cheek  
Clara Hardin  
Doug Matthews

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

##### 2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler  
Charlotte Klieman  
Marty McLean

##### 2019 CLASS

Jim Ford  
Angela Jones  
Lily Wu

##### 2020 CLASS

John Matlock  
Kathy Thomas  
Margaret Walther

Marty McLean & Angela Jones, Co-Moderators  
Jim Ford, 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

#### MINISTRY TEAMS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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