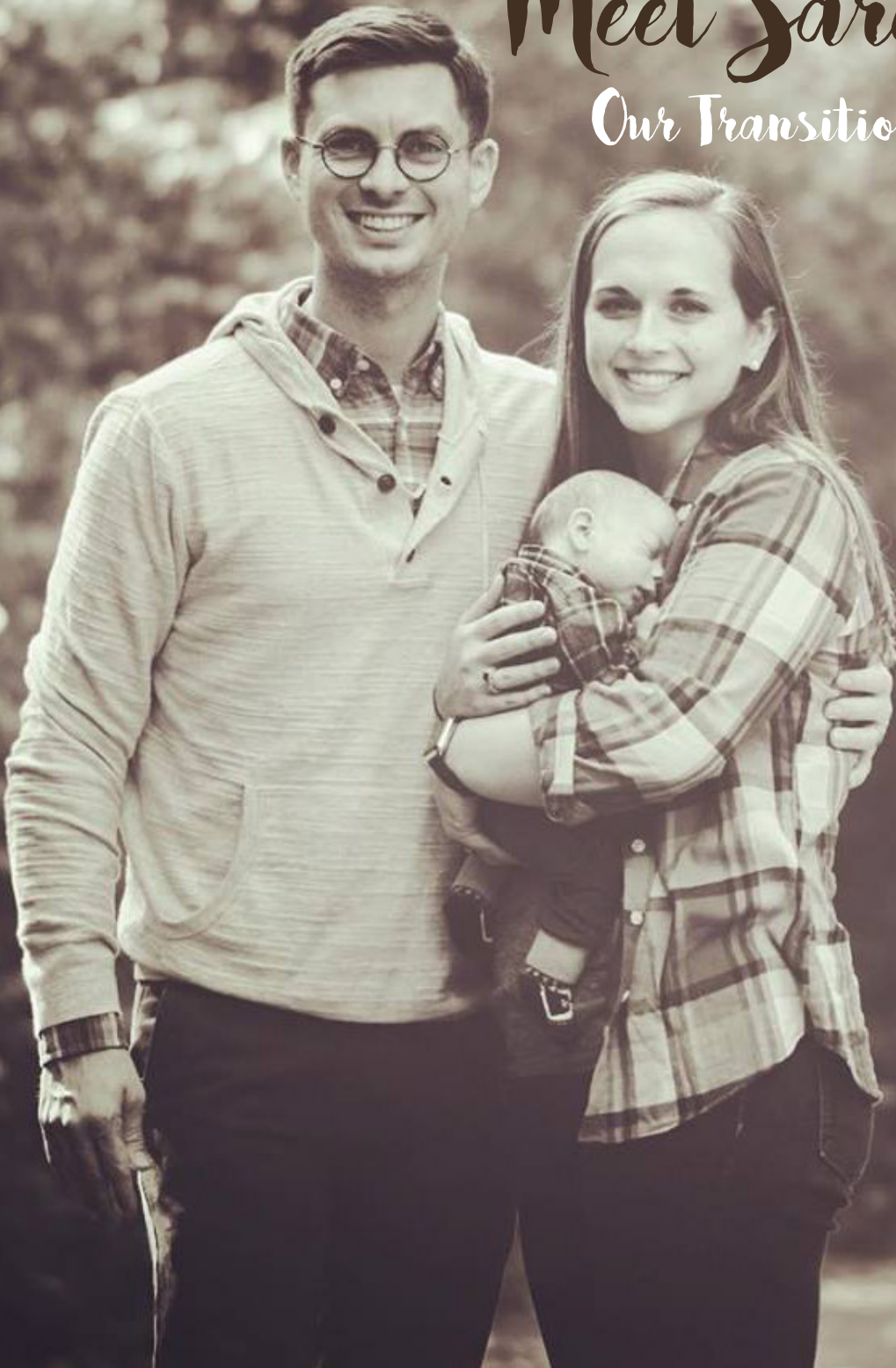


SECOND EDITION

February 2018

Meet Sarah Morgan *Our Transitional Associate Pastor*



On Second Thought...

As you are hopefully aware by now, 2018 is our Bicentennial celebration! Two-hundred years ago, in 1818, a group of courageous men and women who were members of First Presbyterian Church – we do not know their names – petitioned the Presbytery of Union for “the privilege of erecting a new church.” No reason was given in the official records as to why this group wanted to split from First Presbyterian. Other sources, however, cite varying reasons, including the process of renting pews, a theological difference over a teaching known as Hopkinsianism, ecumenical cooperation, and the issue of slavery. Most likely it was a combination of some, or all, of these things.

What we have not been able to find anywhere is a record of formal reconciliation between the two congregations. Obviously, we are part of the same denomination and the same Presbytery today. We have a good working relationship with First Presbyterian Church and join them in mission endeavors. Many members of Second consider members of First to be dear friends and vice versa. But... there is no *formal* record of the two congregations saying, “We’re sorry about what happened and affirm that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.” So, this year we are going to do just that.

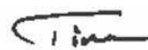
William Pender, the pastor of First Presbyterian, and I were playing golf together one day last fall and were discussing the Bicentennial and how the two congregations might somehow celebrate it together. (See! I work when I’m playing golf!!!) We came up with a Lenten journey of reconciliation. On Ash Wednesday we would worship together and confess our brokenness. On Maundy Thursday we would worship together, share communion, and profess our oneness. We would use these ancient liturgical observances as the pathway to a long-overdue and beautiful, though not really necessary, reconciliation.

The first of these observances is this month. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 14th. That evening both congregations will gather in our fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. for a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread, and a time of extended fellowship with one another. At 7:00 p.m. we will worship together in our sanctuary. Rev. Pender will preach and the combined choirs of our two congregations will sing. All four teaching elders will impose ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our brokenness. You are invited to come to either, but hopefully you will make time for both.

I cannot tell you how excited I am about this opportunity for reflection and worship. In addition, we will receive an offering that evening for UT Campus Ministry, which is not only a shared mission, but one that goes back to when we were a single congregation. Samuel Carrick was the founding pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and also the founder of Blount College, which became East Tennessee College, which became...The University of Tennessee. So you might say that UT Campus Ministry is a ministry that goes all the way back to our common founding in 1792!

As we begin the Lenten observance this year, let us remember the three traditional pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and the giving of alms. Let us devote ourselves to diligently seeking the Lord’s will, and let us work together in the task of reconciliation, not just with our fellow Presbyterians, but with the world.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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Meet Sarah Morgan

Our New Transitional Associate Pastor

On February 1st, Sarah Morgan begins her work at Second Presbyterian Church as our Transitional Designated Associate Pastor. Her primary responsibilities will be in the areas of Congregational Life and Youth. Sarah will oversee the Middle School, High School, and College Student Ministries and will work with Holly Grimm to coordinate our Children's Ministries. She will also oversee all Congregational Life Ministries (soon to be known as the Care & Compassion Ministry Unit), including: fellowship activities, pastoral care and counseling, Stephen Ministries, new member classes and assimilation, and extended communion. She will also be working in partnership with Jan Barber to coordinate our visitation ministry and ensure that our connection with our homebound members remains strong. Sarah will also lead worship with Pastor Tim, preaching regularly at our Sunday morning worship service.

Sarah is a cradle Presbyterian, born and raised in Asheboro, NC - the home of the North Carolina Zoo. She ventured away from home, only slightly, to attend Elon University where she received degrees in Human Services and Religious Studies and began to recognize that God was calling her to vocational ministry. This call led to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, where she almost immediately met a cute second year student named Andy. They married in August of 2013 and moved from Williamsburg, VA, to Knoxville in the fall of 2015, when Andy received a call to be the UKirk Campus Minister at UT-Knoxville. This past September, they welcomed their son Robert



Pastor Sarah Morgan

into the world, and all three are looking forward to calling Second Pres. home.

Sarah is not yet ordained but is certified "ready to receive a call" by her home Presbytery. Sarah has already been examined and approved for ordination by the Committee on Ministry here in the Presbytery of East Tennessee. She will go before the whole Presbytery on Saturday, February 10th and if her examination is upheld, Sarah will be ordained in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, March 11th. You will have a chance to meet Sarah and get to know her a little better at our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 4th, so we hope that you will join us. In the meantime, if you see Sarah around, please introduce yourself to her and make her feel at home!

Sarah Morgan's Statement of Faith

I believe that God is the creator and sustainer of all things, the world and all that is in it. All things were created good and perfect, including humanity, which God created in God's own image. Humanity then rebelled against its creator and continues to rebel by disregarding God's commandments, ignoring its call to live in community with one another, and contributing to the destruction of the world of which it was entrusted to be stewards. Through this ever-present rebellion, humanity has created a void between itself and God that puts it in a position of deserving eternal punishment. However, God loved humanity so much that God instead sent Jesus Christ to bring about reconciliation and provide new life for all who believe in him.

Jesus Christ, both fully human and fully divine, was sent by God in order to reconcile humanity to God's self. He was born and lived a life in which he taught, proclaimed God's reign, healed the sick, and was ultimately killed, fully experiencing the depths of human pain. In his death, Christ willingly gave himself for the sins of all. After three days, Jesus was raised from the dead, breaking the power of sin over humanity and reconciling it back to God's self. I believe that Christ will come again to usher in God's reign and a time when humanity will no longer disregard God's commandments, ignore its call to live in community, nor continue its destructive ways.

The Holy Spirit was sent to be a comforter as we await Christ's coming reign. The Holy Spirit dwells within the Church, bringing individuals together and moving us to be examples of the grace that we have received. The Holy Spirit, who inspired the prophets and apostles, works in and through the Church by helping us understand God's Word, and through the sacraments. I believe that Scripture was given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and is the authoritative witness, allowing humanity a glimpse of God's love and disclosing God's plan and purpose for the world.

The sacraments are a visible sign of an invisible reality. In the sacraments, God calls us and claims us as God's own, reminding us of God's covenant with

us. In baptism, we are claimed by God and enfolded into the body of Christ. Within our baptism rests the promise of care and support from our brothers and sisters. By sharing in the Eucharistic meal, we join with our brothers and sisters of every time and place to remember and proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until such a time when the kingdom of God may be recognized here on earth.

Because of God's sovereignty, we receive God's grace, and we joyfully respond by sharing the good news of the gospel in word and in deed. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church acts as one body to further Christ's ministry in the world by serving our neighbors and caring for "the least of these," by advocating for those whose voices are seldom heard, and by seeking justice for all God's children.



Andy. Sarah & Robert Morgan

So What Is a Transitional Designated Associate Pastor Anyway???

Despite the long title, at the end of the day Sarah is an Associate Pastor for Second Presbyterian Church. The “Transitional Designated” language simply has to do with how she is hired and how the terms of her employment are structured.

Sarah is *Transitional* because Second is currently in a time of transition. We are on our way from what we were to what we will be and simply don't know yet what the best model will be for us moving forward. The congregation and Session were evenly split between wanting to call a pastor for congregational life and a pastor for youth. This gives us a chance to try both out under the new organizational model and see where the need and the benefit is greatest. In two or three years we should know which direction we want to go in, or if we even can sustain an associate pastor at all. Since it wouldn't be fair to call and install a permanent associate, only to have things change 2-3 years from now, the Presbytery gave us permission to call a Transitional Pastor for now, which may turn into a permanent position down the road.

Sarah is *Designated* because she is hired by the Session for a designated term instead of “called” by the congregation permanently. Second did not have to go through the lengthy process of appointing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee elected by the congregation, who in turn searches

for a called and installed pastor that is then voted on by the congregation. Instead, the Session appointed a search team who interviewed candidates and recommended a hire to the Session. The Book of Order allows such a relationship for congregations in our situation and the Committee on Ministry approved this. Sarah has a contract with the church for a period of one year. That contract is renewable annually for up to three years. Beyond that the Committee on Ministry would have to approve further renewals. Because

Sarah is a designated pastor, some of the particulars of her benefit package are slightly different to Pastor Tim's. This works in the church's favor while still being able to offer the same benefits that a Presbyterian Teaching Elder would normally receive.

In every other respect, once ordained, Sarah will be like any other Teaching Elder serving as a Pastor or Associate Pastor in the PC(USA). Like Pastor Tim, she will be able to perform weddings

and baptisms and preside at the communion table. We won't call her our Transitional Designated Associate Pastor, but it's good to remember that we are in a time of transition and that God has called her to be here through the voice of the Session to minister to us and serve us and challenge us during this time. Thanks be to God that our denomination is flexible enough to allow congregations to find creative ways to meet their needs as they go about “following Jesus and serving him in the world.”



Baby Robert Morgan

Combined Ash Wednesday Service with First Pres.

We invite you to begin your celebration of the Lenten discipline with a Service of Imposition of Ashes. This beautiful, meaningful, and ancient service will take place on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This year the service will take on extra meaning as we will celebrate this Holy Day with our brothers and sisters from First Presbyterian Church as part of our Bicentennial Celebration. (For more details, see Pastor Tim's "On Second Thought" at the beginning of this newsletter.)

In addition to the worship service, you are invited to gather for a simple meal and a time of fellowship with the members of First Presbyterian in our Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. that same evening.

discipleship

Study on World Religions

Pastor Tim's Wednesday night study on world religions has just begun and we are currently studying Islam. On January 31st and February 7th we will have a special guest joining us. Nadeem Siddiqi of the Muslim Community of Knoxville will be presenting a two-part class on Islam. We will have the opportunity to ask questions and discover what it is like to be a Muslim in the community of Knoxville.

Scout Sunday is Feb. 11

Scout Sunday will be Sunday, February 11th. For over 100 years Boy Scouts has enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915 and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916. In other words, this has been the home of Troop 6 for 102 of their 103 years! Together we have enriched the spiritual lives of youth for over four generations. We will celebrate this long history of common service in worship together, as members of Troop 6 will join us that morning.





Annual Congregational Meeting & Souper Bowl Luncheon Feb. 4

The annual meeting of the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, will be held following worship on Sunday, February 4th. The Annual Report for 2017 will be presented at the meeting, which will include the new organizational structure and the budget for 2018, along with reports from the various ministry teams. Additionally, we will elect elders to the Session Class of 2021, at-large members to the Nominating Team, and renew Pastor Tim's Terms of Call. We will also formally introduce our Transitional Associate Pastor, Sarah Morgan, and take some time to get to know her. The meeting portion of the luncheon should take no more than 20 minutes.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Souper Bowl luncheon, a church-wide Soup and Salad Luncheon following worship. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation-wide effort to reduce hunger and poverty in communities. Young people all across the nation collect canned food and money to support local charities. Monetary donations allow charities to buy food in bulk in order to maximize the impact that every donation has on reducing hunger. Our young people will be collecting nonperishable food items and donations for hunger relief following worship and at the luncheon.

We are asking everyone to sign up to bring either soup, salad, bread, or dessert. (Please bring soup in a crock pot.) Sign up sheets are available in the Atrium and online via the bottom of the home page on the church website. The sign up link is also provided in our weekly email blasts. Food & Friends will not meet away from the church on this day, but are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for the luncheon. We hope that everyone will join us for Food, Fellowship and a little Church Business after worship on February 4th.

OFFICER NOMINEES

Class of 2021

Monica Casey

Monica grew up in Lynchburg, Va., but has lived in Knoxville for almost 30 years. The great University of Tennessee brought her here; she met her husband, Matt, while at UT. Monica and Matt have two children, Lindsay and Henry, who are 18 and 10 respectively. Monica works for Anthem, Inc. within their Medicaid business. When not working or attending church, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She's been an avid tennis player and fan since she was seven years old. She continues to play whenever she can. Monica has been a member of Second Presbyterian for almost 18 years.



John Henley

I grew up in Villa Rica Georgia. I was a member of First United Methodist Church of Villa Rica and attended Abraham College in Tifton, Ga. In 1991, I moved to Knoxville, TN to be Assistant Golf Professional at Deane Hill Country Club. After Deane Hill closed in 1995, I began working at Coca-Cola Knoxville where today I'm a District Sales Manager. In 2001, I met my soon to be wife who was a member of Second Pres. We were married in 2002 and I officially joined after we were married.

Class of 2021 (cont.)

Betsy Foster

Dear Friends at Second, I feel quite honored and a bit awed that the committee has nominated me to the position of elder. With a grateful heart, I will try to do my best to fulfill the duties of the office.

From the time I was born, my parents took me to Central United Methodist Church here in Knoxville. When Bruce and I were married in 1969, I transferred my membership to Second, where I remain. I previously served as a deacon and on church committees at Second. Since I believe our church is in a transforming and exciting time, I want to be a part of that change. In addition, I have recently retired from a 30 year career as buyer of the ladies' department at M.S. McClellan, and feel I will have more time to devote to church work. I am also beginning to involve myself in community service with the United Way.

My husband, Bruce, and I have two children, Bailey, who lives with her family here in Knoxville, and Benjamin, who lives with his family in DC. Bailey's daughter, Maggie, age 6, comes with us to church quite often and likes to assist with ushering duties.



Cleston Jones



I am a native East Tennessean, born in Oneida and raised in Oliver Springs. I am married to Emily Jones and have a grown son Brian who lives in Memphis. We have lived in Knoxville since 1988. I attended The University of Tennessee, where I studied Electrical Engineering. My entire professional life was with the TVA as an engineer/engineering manager. After retirement I worked with the Great Smoky Mountain National Park as a backcountry advisor maintaining campsites and helping visitors plan hikes. Currently I do volunteer work with Knox County Mobile Meals, Headstart, Kiwanis, and Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union.

I was raised in a Christian home and Baptist Churches where my father was a deacon and my mother a Sunday School teacher. I joined 2nd Presbyterian in November 2009. At Second I have served as Moderator of Deacons, Board Chairman for our Preschool and on our Facilities committee. I am passionate about helping those in need personally and spiritually. I believe that God's love and grace is available to all. I am most honored and humbled to be considered for an officer of Christ's church.

Class of 2020

Margaret Walther - 2 year term

I have been attending 2nd Church since December 2015. I decided I wanted to become a member in the spring of 2016. I felt this was the place of worship I wanted to be a part of. I have been a Presbyterian since 1965. I have attended many churches throughout my Life, but this has become home.

I believe in Jesus Christ and have accepted him as my Lord and Savior. I believe in the responsibility that becoming a Deacon, is to help and care for our church community. Members and non-members at 2nd Pres have been very friendly, caring, and supportive.

I am a retired nurse. I have 3 children, Brent, Anne, and Bryan, and 6 grandchildren. I was born and raised in Toledo Ohio. I lived most of my adult life in Rochester New York. I moved to Tennessee in 1994. I now consider Tennessee my home. I am looking forward to serving my church in this capacity.



Class of 2019

Marty McLean - 1 year term



I was born in Brooklyn but have spent most of my life in Tennessee. Call me a Tennessean with a funny accent. I graduated from high school in Nashville and attended Vanderbilt on a Navy ROTC scholarship graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I received my MBA from UT which is why I am allowed to live in Knoxville! I am a Navy veteran having served for six years, two and a half in combat in Vietnam. My wife, Fran and I have been married 47 years. We have three children one of whom lives with us. Most you know Ally. We also have a granddaughter who is two.

We moved to Knoxville 5 1/2 years ago after I retired. We spent about six months looking for a church that would not only welcome Ally but would embrace her. We found that at 2nd Presbyterian. I do not seek leadership but have accepted various roles because I love this Church and want it to thrive. I am very passionate about social justice especially the marginalized. I look forward to serving you in the future.

Lunch Bunch - Fall Prevention

On Tuesday, February 6th, Lunch Bunch will be the long awaited Fall Prevention Program that was rescheduled from last October. Speaker Rachel Frazier (Niece of David and Jean Frazier) from the Knox County Health Department will present a program on how to maintain our balance and prevent accidents. Following the program, there will be experts available to do a balance assessment. For those who do not normally attend, please make your lunch and/or assessment reservation by February 1st by calling or emailing the church office. Lunch is \$10 and catered by Sullivan's. It is always a delicious meal!



PW February Luncheon

Join us Tuesday, February 13th at 11:30 a.m. for an exciting lunch and program at Second Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Women will host speaker Robin Goddard, a VIP in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Dressed in time period costume, Robin will present "The Walker Sisters of Little Greenbrier."

Robin is joining us this winter because she is at the Little Greenbrier School on Tuesdays except for January and February. You do not want to miss this special event! If you are not in a PW Circle, please call Mariann Thuesen at (865) 253-7653 by Thursday February 8th for a reservation.

Church Women United

2018 Human Rights Day - Church Women United: Reaching for wholeness in solidarity with God's creation. You are invited! Join us Friday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Fountain City United Methodist Church (212 Hotel Road, Knoxville, TN 37918).

Senior Exercise Class Returns

The Senior Exercise Class returns to Second! The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am in room 221. Low impact aerobics and chair exercises are featured. Our instructors are Kris Beck and Margy Wirtz-Henry who have many years of experience. The cost is \$2.00 per session. For further information call John Reynolds at 588-0085.

Open House

The Muslim Community of Knoxville welcomes their friends and neighbors in Knoxville to a night of dialogue and education on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come tour the prayer space, meet members and leaders of the community, and learn about being Muslim in Knoxville. All are welcome!

Address: 100 13th Street, Knoxville, TN 37916

2nd Readers

When? Wednesday, February 21

Where? Church

Time? 3:45 p.m.

Title: *If I'm Found*

Author: Teri Blackwood

Leader: Chris

When? Wednesday, March 21

Where? Church

Time? 3:45 p.m.

Title: *Little Women*

Author: Louisa Mae Alcott

Leader: Liz



Dr. Bass to Present “History of the Body Farm”

On March 13th at 11:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women is extremely honored to welcome as special guest and program presenter Forensic Anthropologist, Bestselling Author and creator of "The Body Farm", Dr. William M. (Bill) Bass III respectfully referred to as “Dr. Bass.”

First you will be treated to a wonderful lunch for only \$10-- catered by Bradford Catering. Following lunch Dr. Bass will present “History of the Body Farm.” Dr. Bass joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee in July 1967 as a Professor of Anthropology. He served as Professor and Head of the Department of Anthropology from June, 1971 to May, 1992. When Dr. Bass became head of the Department of Anthropology and served as Tennessee’s first state forensic anthropologist, research on estimating time since death was scarce.

He established the Forensic Anthropology Center (FAC) in 1987 to manage the department’s growing expertise. The center curates the largest collection of contemporary human skeletons in the US and oversees professional training, body donations; the William M. Bass Forensic Anthropology Building (dedicated 9/27/2011), and the Anthropology Research Facility. Dr. Bass is a third generation in his family to have an educational building built in his honor.

To this day Dr. Bass continues a legacy of public service as a consultant to the following agencies:

Tennessee State Medical Examiners Systems as State Forensic Anthropologist; Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in Forensic Anthropology; United States Air Force Mortuary Services; and United States Armed services Graves Registration Office (ASGRO).

In addition to many honors and awards over the course of his career, Dr. Bass has had over 200 publications in journals etc. His most well-known success as an author---that of books available to the general public--began in 2003 with the publication of his first non-fiction book Death’s Acre: Inside the Legendary Forensic Lab “The Body Farm” where the Dead Do Tell Tales. The sequel was published in 2007: Beyond the Body Farm. Ten Novels have been published: Carved in Bone: A Body Farm Novel (2006); Flesh and Bone: A Body Farm Novel (2007); The Devil’s Bones (2008); Bones of Betrayal (2009); The Bone Thief (2010); The Bone Yard (2011); The Inquisitor’s Key (2012); Cut to the Bone (2013); The Breaking Point (2015); and Without Mercy (2016).

Everyone is invited--Men and Ladies. To “Join In” on this special opportunity to enjoy a great lunch and hear a presentation by a nationally renowned and local celebrity, 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.

February Birthdays

Lindsay Casey 2/01

Cameron Dicken 2/02

John Fiet 2/04

Ken Frazer 2/05

Bill Laing 2/05

Herb Cleveland 2/08

Neal Peebles 2/09

Joanna Montgomery 2/10

Leilla White 2/10

Bobbie Denton 2/12

Phyllis Robinson 2/12

Kreis Weigel 2/13

Dotty Barbour 2/14

Margaret Walther 2/16

Davis Givens 2/19

Joyce Robertson 2/19

Doug Barbour 2/24

Bill Ragsdale 2/24

Pat Fields 2/27



January Visitors

Kendra Bryan

Henry Naff

Nancy Rust

Andy & Sarah Morgan

Brad Nellis

Drew & Haley Wall

Mary Lynn Marks

Carter DePoy

Susan Brackney

Kelly Stultz

Audrey Birdwell

Alex Birdwell

Katherine Rose

Brent Walther

John Quillen

Karen Vance

Joanne Mounger

This month's High Five

Award goes to **Margaret Walther.**

Margaret is a relatively new member at Second but has jumped in with both feet. She currently serves as a deacon and will be one of two deacons moving to the Session when we transition to a unicameral system. Margaret has visited with and given care to many of our shut-ins, including serving Extended Communion. Her positive outlook, energy, and willingness to speak up in meetings has helped others understand the transition in the music staff, as well as the organizational restructuring. Margaret sings with the Joy Singers and has been "instrumental" in recruiting folks for the Chancel Choir since the new year. She has been a breath of fresh air for Second Presbyterian Church with her contagious energy and "can-do" attitude. So here's a big High Five to you, Margaret! Keep up the good work!

THE HIGH FIVE AWARD



A Special Thanks

Thank you to all who prayed for and with my family during the stressful weeks preceding the birth of my newest grandchild, Josie Lynn Allen. With many concerns for complications during the birth, we found much support and truly felt lifted up by the prayer support of our many family and friends and unknowns who held us up in Love. All went very well and the sweet family is now home adjusting to their new life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. May each of you be blessed seven fold for the blessing you have been to us.

Jan Barber

Dear Second Pres. Friends

Thank you for the individual cards, gifts, and parties you gave me on my departure.

The framed art work from the Worship Committee will always be treasured. I was very warmed by your care. Many of you asked for the prayer by George Herbert that I offered on my last Sunday. It beautifully expresses my gratefulness to God for being allowed to be organist for you dear people.

*Thou hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleaseth me
As if thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.*

With love and gratitude,
Brenda



200th anniversary



200th Anniversary Liturgical Banners

This past fall, a number of us gathered in the Fellowship Hall to create special liturgical banners commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Second Presbyterian Church. These banners will make their debut on Sunday, February 4th, and will hang in our sanctuary for the remainder of 2018. Second Presbyterian hired liturgical artist Ellen Phillips (www.ellenphillipsart.com) to create the patterns for our banners. Ms. Phillips met last summer with the 200th Anniversary Planning Team and then went home to research this congregation and pray over the designs. She returned in the fall with the patterns which we, ourselves, cut and created. These patterns leaned heavily on Celtic symbolism, reflecting our Scottish roots.

In discussing her designs, Ms. Phillips writes:

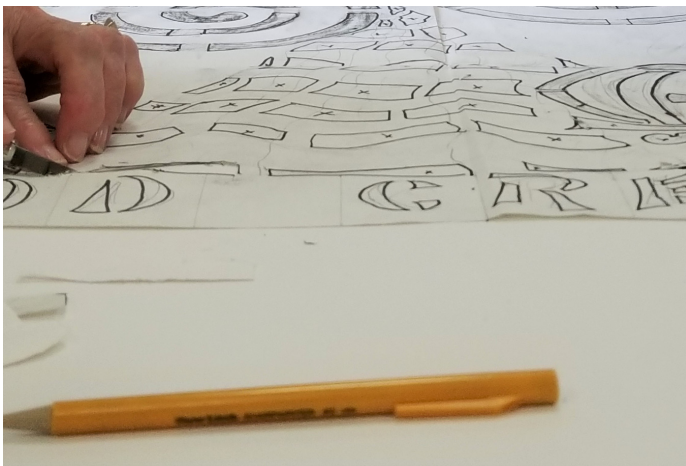
The sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church is filled with magnificent symbols and designs that were the inspiration for the banners which I created.

The size and shape of the banners echo the elegant stained glass window, which is the focal point of the sanctuary. I borrowed symbols and shapes from that window, as well as from the wealth of symbols found throughout the space.

Of our congregation, Ms. Phillips observed:

Second Presbyterian of Knoxville has been worshipping together for two hundred years. The saints have maintained a presence and a faith through what could have been overwhelming changes in history, yet these people of God have continued to pray, sing, study, and serve. There is no doubt that this church has been mightily blessed and that those who have been part of it have responded to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The future is unknown, but as the church continues to listen to the voice of "the Ineffable Sublime", it will be constantly renewed and fly forward, not confined to any boundaries.

BANNER MAKING WORKSHOP



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH October 20-21, 2017

ABOUT

THE

BANNER



A special brochure is being produced that will explain all the symbolism of the banners. Here is a brief version for now so that you will understand what you are seeing when you come to worship on February 4th:

1st panel (bottom)	Creation	<i>The Spirit of God moves across the waters, symbolized by the Celtic spiral symbolizing the Trinity and eternity</i>
2nd panel	Burning Bush	<i>The bush burns yet is not consumed, like those of us who open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit</i>
3rd panel (center)	The Cross	<i>The center of our living faith, symbolized by the Celtic cross with a ring symbolizing the God who has no beginning or ending</i>
4th panel	Baptism	<i>The seashell symbolizes our baptism by water while the flames symbolize baptism by the Holy Spirit</i>
5th panel (top)	Wild Geese	<i>The Celts considered the Wild Goose to be a symbol for the Holy Spirit and our continued journey as we fly forward off the confines of the banner and into the future</i>



1. creation



2. burning bush



3. the cross



4. baptism



5. wild geese

SECOND CHURCH AT 2829 KINGSTON PIKE (1957-1975)

Co-Chairs, Arvillee and Helen Grant

By June of 1956 the design planning of the fourth building of Second Presbyterian Church was nearing completion. The sanctuary and transept showed a seating capacity of 661 and 249 more seats in the balcony and the parlor which could be used for an overflow crowd by opening large folding doors. The separate chapel would seat 150. There would be two educational wings, a fellowship hall, church offices, and a small library. The parking lot was planned to accommodate 300 cars. In other words, the fourth building—the Kingston Pike Second Church with over 46,000 square feet—should handle all its current and anticipated needs which had made the move necessary in the minds of many in the congregation.

Second Presbyterian Church was well represented in this major endeavor by its Building Committee, chaired by Eugene C. Fretz (father of our own Emily Rose). At the time that Mr. Fretz accepted this task he had some health issues and several business and civic commitments but told his family “that he must take on this responsibility.” Mr. Fretz did indeed fulfill his responsibilities but did not live to participate in Second Church’s dedication service on April 13, 1958; he died April 5, 1958. During those hectic days of church construction, Mr. Fretz shared this story with his family:

Dr. Copeland called Fretz requesting a meeting to discuss the latest problem. After the two met and found a solution, Mr. Fretz said as the two men parted, “Remember Joe—If you pray for rain, don’t forget to carry your umbrella!”

We will pause here to consider one of the design documents produced by Barber and McMurray and give special attention to a very early architectural rendering created in the initial planning stage. We focus on this lovely drawing because it is probably the most used image of the church, having been used countless times for church bulletins, special programs, newspaper articles, etc. for the sixty years of the fourth building’s existence.

Perhaps some have wondered about the irregular exterior finish shown in the rendering. (See accompanying photo on p. 22). According to Dick Eckert, the detail architect and member of Second Church, the architectural firm had planned to use for the church’s exterior native Tennessee stone, but eventually it was decided to substitute a “St. Joe” brick from New Orleans to reduce construction costs. This same rendering shows the front entrance to the sanctuary with a cross above the main entrance to the church, but in later design plans, the cross was planned and built above the chapel entrance.

Initially the cost of the fourth building hovered at \$790,000, but, before long, costs inched toward the one million dollar mark.

One year later in June, 1957, the congregation officially said “goodbye” to the Walnut Street location and moved to Kingston Pike, occupying the unfinished fourth building. They worshiped in the fellowship hall until December 1, 1957, when the sanctuary was completed and the first worship service was held there.



Second Church congregation gathered in front of the Walnut Street church to say "goodbye" to the third building as the group readies to move to Kingston Pike

The New Sanctuary: The Kingston Pike sanctuary was very different from the Walnut Street building and had some features that remain unique in Knoxville's churches to this day.

First, the **stained glass windows**, particularly the Chancel Window and the Apostles' Window (above the church's main entrance) which were installed in 1958, with the aisles and clerestory windows installed later in the 1980s, are, without doubt the most noticeable and beautiful features in the church. These stained glass windows were designed and executed by the Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia. The Chancel Window, a memorial gift, was designed to be beautiful by night or day, under any light conditions. The church brochure, *Stained Glass and Christian Symbolism*, states:

This exciting idea resulted in "sculptured gold" windows. The Chancel was constructed using these new techniques. The splendid colors of the windows disappear as daylight fades into dark, but in its place the outline of the cross appears in a pattern of striking contrast.

The Apostles' Window presents the symbols of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in stained glass with an outside layer of gold leaf.

Second, the **ceiling**. The ceiling of the sanctuary is the second very unique feature of the Kingston Pike church building. Hugh Tyler, a Knoxville native and artist, was commissioned to create stenciled art on canvas applied to the wood ceiling of the sanctuary. Using sixteen symbols associated with Christianity, Mr. Tyler supervised several painters to paint and



Very early architectural rendering of Second Church showing stone exterior.

stencil symbols on canvas for the ceiling over a period of four to six weeks.

The third feature worthy of mention is the **wood work for the pulpit** and the **lectern**. There is an interesting story behind that wood. Dick Eckert shared this true story:

The congregation was using the fellowship hall for worship services while the sanctuary was being completed. Nearing the end of the interior sanctuary construction, the architects invited the Session to come into the room, be seated and hear an explanation of the interior. All went well until some Session members stated that the pulpit and lectern area with its brick construction seemed rather plain and not quite right. One Session member spoke and stated his concern more precisely. He said, "With Joe Copeland's shock of gleaming white hair—when he stands in the pulpit, he will remind us of Santa Claus climbing out of the chimney!" After the Session agreed with a laugh, the ar-



Completing the new bell tower.

chitects sought a solution which was acceptable to all. They found it by encasing the brick pulpit and lectern in wood, thus giving Second Church probably the strongest speaking platform in town!

The new building offered so much to be experienced and utilized! The quarters were so spacious, so free of the accumulated downtown soot from 50 years of coal furnaces, so light and airy with room to house the many Sunday School students and to expand church programs with few stairs to negotiate. For most members, the Kingston Pike location was now more accessible with ample parking and with some bus service.

From 1957-1975 under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Copeland followed then by Dr. John Page, Second Presbyterian Church began a flurry of new and expanded church related activities which remain impressive to a reader of these years of the church's history. The congregation numbered over 1,000 and it

soon paid off indebtedness for the new building with all the opportunity for service it offered. We make no attempt to list all the services and activities taking place during this almost twenty year period, but we must state a few that seem typical of the church's past endeavors and others that seem to spell a new reaching out to a very rapidly changing and challenging world.

Second Presbyterian Church became an almost instant "mecca" for many non-profits who were allowed to use the church building for meeting space. This practice has continued to this day. The church began to be much more ecumenical and active in social justice issues. For example, during the nation-wide tumult of the civil rights movement, Second Church members played many leadership roles in local civil right issues. Helen Grant remembers:

One spring day in the early 1960s I visited downtown Knoxville near noon time and decided to have lunch at Kress's basement lunch counter. I was surprised that there were almost no customers at a usually very busy time. While I waited for service, I read to pass the time. Finally realizing that no one had taken my order, I looked around. There was no one else sitting in my section of counter. At a nearby counter there sat several members of Second Presbyterian Church along with several young black men and women. The lunch counter staff was standing around, looking very uncomfortable.

I had inadvertently sat down at a planned lunch counter civil rights sit-in demonstration where the store's staff had been told not to serve anyone while blacks sat where only whites were allowed. Each time I remember those brave, silent witnesses for God's justice, I feel privileged to have worshiped with them at Second Church. (Lowell Giffen, Frances Wilks, and Gladys Wilks were among those Second Church members seated at the counter.)

Music Program Expanded: Second Church hired its first full-time minister of music in 1955, and after the move to Kingston Pike, the choir became a volunteer chancel choir and remained so for decades. During those early years children's choirs were introduced



Framework construction of the Sanctuary





Moving day to Second Presbyterian Church on Kingston Pike

and, with handbell memorial gifts, a handbell choir was started. Ed (choir director) and Linda May (a choir member), remember these times in a special way. They recall:

It was a very special September day for us in 1964 when we were married as a part of the Sunday morning worship service. Dr. John Page was the pastor. The church choir, minus its usual director, sang some of our favorite music. [Ed. note: Church members had happily observed this budding romance develop and rejoiced over the event! Several current members of Second Church had Second Church weddings during the early days on Kingston Pike and have mentioned fondly their memories of the ceremonies.

The organ from the Walnut Street building was old and worn and was not transferred to the new building. The church used an electric organ until 1963 when a Schantz pipe organ was installed.

A Church Library Added: Although Second Church had built a reputation as a strong supporter of education, it had never had a library until a small one was established in 1959. [Ed. note: There was at this time nine or ten professional librarians on the church rolls.] Among the group was Julia Armistead, a former library official with the American Library Association in Washington, D.C. who had married John Armistead, a local lawyer and a Second Church member. Julia Armistead was later instrumental in expanding and strengthening the church library facilities.

Second Church Reaches Out: Second Church had a long history of identifying community needs and innovating programs that, several years later, operated independently as circumstances changed. During those early years at the Kingston Pike building the church was involved in many community outreach efforts, often serving as a catalyst for programs. When these writers reflect on this period we find much to support the belief that Second's involvement with the establishment of the Shannondale Retirement Center and Health Care Center proved to be one of its most successful and lasting efforts.

The Session minutes reflect several direct financial contributions to the initial Shannondale project, as well as providing temporary office space for Neil S. Cooper, a Second Presbyterian Church member and the first CEO of the organization. [Ed. note: Although there appears to be very little historical information on Shannondale's beginning, we were fortunate to find an old carbon copy of Neil Cooper's personal recollections.] We include a few segments from his statements:

THE STORY OF SHANNONDALE

by Neil S. Cooper

The Presbytery of Union had been considering sponsoring a retirement community for some time. In 1963 they asked each Presbyterian Church to appoint a member to form a committee to meet and discuss the possibility of starting such a facility. Rev. Harold Hunter of Fourth Church asked me to attend the meeting as the representative from our church.

We met at Second Presbyterian Church, with the pastor, Dr. John Page, as chairman. Subsequently we met every week and sometimes twice a week and finally decided it was a good idea to pursue the plan...

I was hired to be the administrator... Second Church agreed to provide a temporary office... and it was decided

to use the name, Presbyterian Homes of Tennessee, as the official name of the organization... The board chose Shannondale as the name for the retirement center. We searched, found, and bought property at the corner of Vanosdale Road and Middlebrook Pk. for \$39,000. Miss Nellie McCampbell, a board member, loaned us the money to buy twenty-five acres. We soon hired the firm of Barber and McMurray as architects and Johnson and Galyon as contractor. [Ed. note: These two firms designed and built Second Church at Kingston Pike and the brick used for Shannondale appears to be the same or very similar to Second Church's "St. Joe" brick.]

The contractor soon erected a construction shack on the property. I moved there and hired a secretary... Money was borrowed from banks with board members as security... Other than Second Presbyterian and a church in Greenback, TN, no church helped with finance... Around 1969, I was asked to submit an application for a 200-bed nursing home... which we did... we hired a fund-raising company to help raise the money... it was a success.

Presbyterian Homes of Tennessee's original board of directors had representation from Second Church and we recall that Helen Harris, Director of Knoxville's Public Library, was one of them. Now and for the past fifty years Second Presbyterians continue to serve on this board.

Education at Second: At the beginning of life at Second Church the Sunday School rooms were abuzz with children and adults. For example, in the junior department for grades 4-6 there averaged around 100 children each Sunday.

In 1961 Second Presbyterian Church started a church-operated kindergarten which continued until 1971. Since that time the Children's Center facility has housed various pre-school programs which has today evolved into a day care program that cares for infants through children age four and serves over eighty children each day.



**The unfinished interior of the Second Church chapel
which was not completed in phase one of construction**

In 1967 Second Presbyterian Church, along with the First Baptist Church, introduced the Playmobile Educational Program for disadvantaged, inner-city pre-school children. This program operated until the Head Start federal program for pre-schoolers was introduced. Volunteers for the program came from many inner-city churches. Charlotte Klieman remembers learning about the Playmobile program on the job as a public health nurse at College Homes. She recalled her experience as follows:

One day I was at the center and I saw these middle class white ladies ushering in "my" pre-school children into the gym where they had set out dolls, blocks, cars and trucks, and riding toys. I was astonished and asked "Who are you"?? When they answered, "The Playmobile"... I was so impressed; I had been struck by the

dearth of toys and playthings in the homes I visited; no crayons, no blocks, no dolls, and absolutely no books.... Fast forward to late 1979; I volunteered for the Playmobile and soon began going to Montgomery Village every Wednesday.

Missions at Second: Second Church participated in a wide variety of mission outreach including joining the city-wide Fish program, support for foreign missionaries, and a \$125,000 subscription to the denominational Major Mission Fund for worldwide capital improvement programs.

We have reached the close of the first years at Second Church on Kingston Pike with the departure of Dr. Page and the arrival of a new senior pastor, Dr. W. Edmund Carver, in 1976.



The Building Committee and dedication of the church's cornerstone (1957)

SOURCES: *Dedication Services, Second Presbyterian Church, April 13, 1958. A History of Second Presbyterian Church, 1818-1994, by Lowell Giffen, 1994. Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee; Historical Resume, 1818-1986. Prepared by the Historical Committee, Julia Armistead, Chair, for the Second Pres-*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018

TIME: 12:15 P.M. AFTER WORSHIP

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT: SECOND CHURCH CEILDH (KAY-LEE)

...aka a celtic word for a "gathering".... **A PARTY!**

**Don't miss this one event for our 200th anniversary
just for our church family!**

- catered food (w/ money baskets on tables)
- smiles & laughter
- vintage clothing fashion show
- a *secret* guest from our past!

...and of course music!

200-A-MONTH

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO GENEROUSLY PROVIDED RAZORS FOR KARM LAST MONTH.

THIS MONTH WE ARE COLLECTING FOR THE INTER-FAITH HEALTH CLINIC. THEY HAVE REQUESTED OFFICE SUPPLIES.

THIS TIME YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF ITEMS. WE WILL BE COLLECTING: COPY PAPER (BE SURE IT IS COPY PAPER), LEGAL PADS, BLACK OR BLUE PENS.

IF SHOPPING IS DIFFICULT, YOU MAY MAKE A DONATION TO THE CHURCH DESIGNATED "200-A-MONTH," AND WE WILL GLADLY SHOP FOR YOU.

Highlights from the January Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meetings of November 21st and December 12th, 2017 and the Called Meetings of November 26th, 2017 and January 7th, 2018.
- Approved the Budget for 2018.
- Approved a recommendation from the Personnel Ministry Team to submit to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting the following changes to the Terms of Call for Tim Reynolds: increase the mileage reimbursement account by \$500, increase salary by 3%.
- Approved a recommendation from the Mission Committee to disburse funds from the Clara Rennolds fund for active missionaries in the following amounts: \$660 each to the Morgans in Bangladesh, the Turks in Madagascar, and Vida Joven in Nicaragua.
- Approved a recommendation from the Mission Committee to disburse \$480 from the Clara Rennolds fund for retired missionaries to the Dimmocks in Georgia.
- Amended and approved a recommendation from the Facilities Committee to change the name of the room currently known as “the Parlor” to “The Mary Chambers Room.”

Church Financial Report

	2017 Actual	2017 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$532,758	\$546,832
Non-pledged Offerings	\$90,560	\$30,000
Preschool	\$32,000	\$32,000
Other	\$101,280	\$106,924
TOTAL GIVING	\$756,598	\$715,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$659,898	\$715,756
NET	\$96,700	\$0



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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."
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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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