


# SECOND EDITION

July 2019



## 2019 WEST VIEW WORK DAY

ELEVENTH ANNUAL WORK DAY  
**AUGUST 3 | 9 AM**  
WEST VIEW  
ELEMENTARY

# On Second Thought...

By now I'm sure you have heard of Grayson Fritts, the Knox county sheriff's detective and pastor who delivered a sermon calling for federal, state and county governments to arrest, try, convict, and "speedily" execute people within the LGBTQ community on no more grounds than a photo of a person participating in a Pride event. The story made national headlines. Unapologetic, the pastor of All Scripture Baptist Church said, "I am a Baptist preacher that is just preaching the Bible and if it offends society, then it's going to offend society."

I remember after the attacks of 9/11, when it became clear that radical Muslim extremists were responsible, many Christians wanted to know why more Muslims didn't speak out and condemn the attacks. I consider Det. Fritts' comments to be an attack on the LGBTQ community by a radical Christian extremist. As a Christian I feel called to speak out and I do not take what I am about to say lightly. I condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the sentiment that Det. Fritts expressed and the language with which he expressed it. I do not, however, condemn Det. Fritts, himself. Mostly, I just feel sorry for him. I pray that he will learn to receive God's grace in his life so that he may show that grace to others.

As a citizen of the United States, Det. Fritts' comments make me very uneasy, considering his role in law enforcement and my strong belief in separation of Church and State. My objections to Det. Fritts' words, however, lay mostly along religious grounds. What he says simply goes against everything Jesus stood for and taught his disciples while on this earth. There is not enough time or space to go into why this is true, and hopefully I don't have to, because you know. I would just point out that when they brought to Jesus a woman caught in the very act of adultery, an offense for which execution was the penalty, Jesus didn't say, "She's guilty. Do your job and execute her." No – he showed her compassion and invited anyone without sin to throw the first stone. This story is important, especially for those Christians who, like Det. Fritts, believe that homosexuality is a sin. If we want to be like Jesus, then compassion and love need to be the order of the day, regardless of what people have done.

Det. Fritts claims he was "just preaching the Bible." His sermon was based on one passage from the Hebrew scriptures. Paul reminds us in Galatians that the curse of the law is that if we are going to abide by any part of it, then we must abide by all of it. So

Det. Fritts should also be condemning people who wear clothing made of two kinds of material, who have tattoos, who trim the edges of their beards, who braid their hair, who eat shellfish, or who are born out of wedlock, all of which are prohibited in Scripture. I do not hear him saying that people should carry trowels with them so that when they need to relieve themselves they can go outside and dig a hole for that purpose, which Deuteronomy 23 clearly commands. To be fair, I have not heard every sermon he has preached, but I can't imagine he is as bothered about these things as he seems to be about homosexuality. The point is, Det. Fritts is not "just preaching the Bible." He is picking and choosing which parts of the Bible he wants to preach – the parts he agrees with – and conveniently ignoring the rest. This is doing violence to God's Word and a disservice to Christianity.

Then there is the fact that Det. Fritts is essentially proposing we follow a sort of *sharia law*. This is the radical Islamic concept that the civil laws of a society should be based on the religious laws found in the Qur'an. American Christians have been so afraid of this idea that many states have passed legislation or constitutional amendments banning *sharia law* (Tennessee being one of them) even though there was no credible effort on the part of American Muslims to impose it in the first place. It is an amazingly hypocritical stance, then, to advocate for civil laws derived from the religious laws in the Christian Bible. Christians should be just as outraged by Det. Fritts' proposal as they were over the perceived threat of Islamic *sharia law* in the early part of this decade.



At the end of his ministry, Jesus told his disciples, “Love one another, just as I have loved you. By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35) Det. Fritts’ words are simply not loving. Jesus offended people with his radical love and inclusivity. This is the kind of love we are called to show to the world. If Det. Fritts really wants to offend society, as a follower of Christ he should try to do it the way Jesus did – with radical love and inclusiveness.

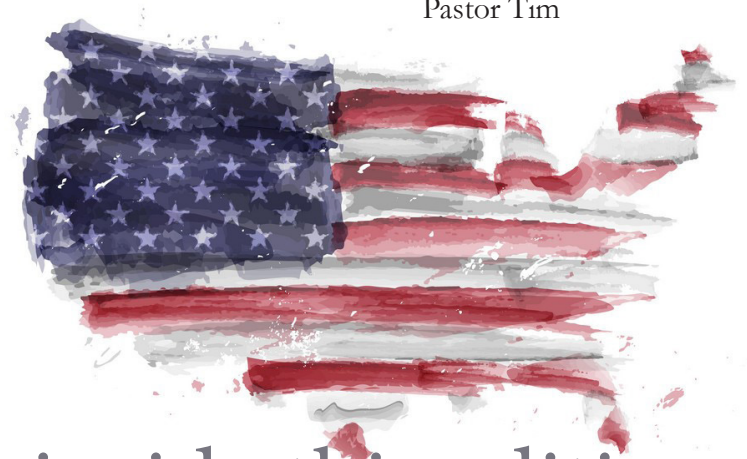
The day after this story broke, I was at the gym and the owner, who knows I am a pastor, asked if I had heard about it. She said, “That guy is making you all look bad.” Yes, he is. And not just pastors – he is making all Christians, and, by extension, Jesus

himself look bad. This is not how our Lord wants to be known, or wants us to be known, by anyone. Jesus’ strongest and harshest words of condemnation were not directed towards those who broke the law, but towards those who condemned those who broke the law while insisting they were the only ones truly upholding it. It seems to me that Det. Fritts falls into this category. So we, as the Body of Christ, must do what Christ did and condemn the same behavior. Please tell your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers – anyone who will listen – that you are a Christian and that Grayson Fritts does not speak for us.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim



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## Second Sunday in July

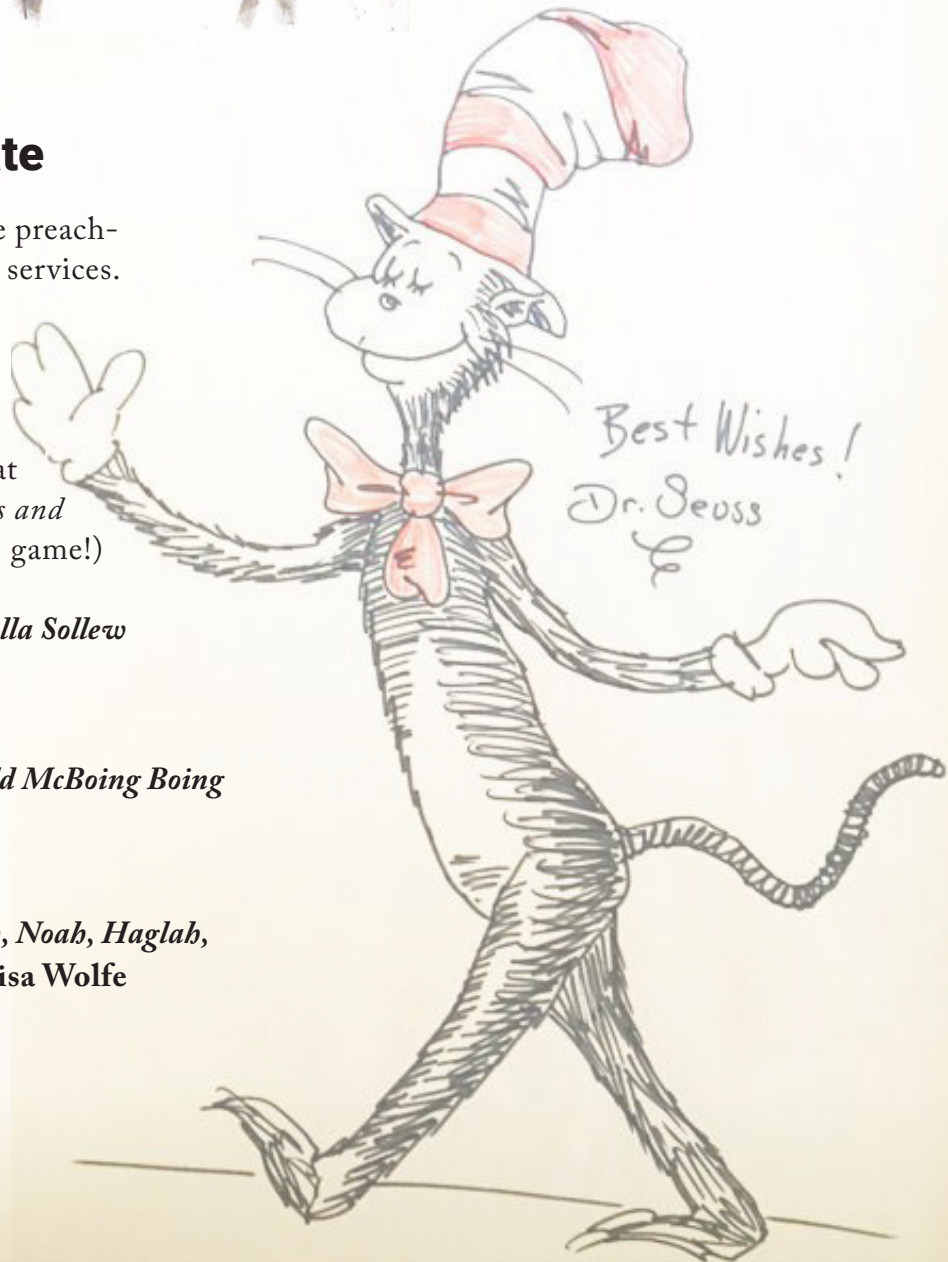
The Bluegrass service scheduled for *Second Sunday Worship* in July is being postponed until August. We will gather on Sunday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. for Bluegrass music and an ice cream social to celebrate the new school year. There will be NO *Second Sunday Worship* in the month of July.



## Sermon Series - Update

On July 28th, Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe will be preaching for our Sunday morning worship services. This has necessitated a slight change in the *Seussical Spirituality* schedule. We have placed the updated schedule below, along with a biography of Dr. Wolfe, below. (Our apologies to those that came on June 23rd expecting *Green Eggs and Ham*. Just consider yourself ahead of the game!)

June 30th	<i>I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew</i>
July 7th	Lectionary
July 14th	<i>Are You My Mother?/Gerald McBoing Boing</i>
July 21st	<i>Oh, the Places You Will Go</i>
July 28th	<i>Uppity Daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Haglah, Milcah and Tirzah</i> - Dr. Lisa Wolfe
Aug 4th	<i>Green Eggs &amp; Ham</i>



## Lisa & Katy Wolfe



**Lisa Wolfe**

**R**ev. Dr. Lisa M. Wolfe is Professor of Hebrew Bible, Endowed Chair, at Oklahoma City University, and also teaches for Saint Paul School of Theology, OCU campus. Lisa is ordained in the United Church of Christ and preaches and teaches regularly in a wide variety of churches. Her Bible study DVDs “Uppity Women of the Bible,” and companion commentary *Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs and Judith*, were published in 2010 and 2011, respectively. In 2018 she received the Distinguished Faculty Award for the OCU Honors Program, and the University Outstanding Faculty Award. In early 2020 Liturgical Press will release her volume on *Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes)* for the Wisdom Commentary Series. Lisa is the

daughter of Second Presbyterian members Jerry and Christina Young.

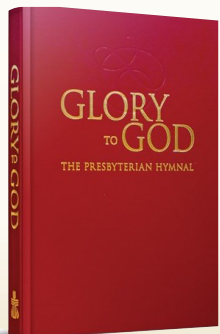
Jerry and Christina’s other daughter, Katy Wolfe, will be joining her sister in worship on July 28th to provide special music. Katy is the singing instructor for the MFA acting students in the UTK theater department. She has spent the last 15 years as a professional performer in both opera and musical theater, including roles at Clarence Brown Theatre, the Family Concert series for the Knoxville Symphony, the Knoxville 4th of July Celebration, the Oak Ridge Symphony, and Symphony of the Mountains.



**Katy Wolfe**

## Glory to God – the New Presbyterian Hymnal

**A**t its April meeting, the session approved the recommendation of the Worship and Celebration Ministry Team to purchase the “new” Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, which was published in 2013. This recommendation was made following an extensive study of the new hymnal, comparing it to the current blue hymnal (published in 1990), and inviting input from the congregation.



*Glory to God* contains 853 hymns, psalms, and songs. About 400 hymns are carried over from the blue hymnal—including most of the hymns we sing at Second Presbyterian Church. There are more than 450 new hymns that come from older Presbyterian hymnals, other songbooks, and individual composers and authors.

*Glory to God* includes a complete Psalter of singable Psalms and enough music for a complete Taizé service. There are liturgical texts to serve as a model for Reformed worship, and a brief note is included with each hymn, providing information about its music, theology, or history.

*Glory to God* reflects the diversity of the church, incorporating many different musical styles: traditional, spirituals, folk, gospel, jazz, contemporary, and global music are all well-represented.

**You can support the cost of our new hymnals by purchasing one or more bookplates for \$20 per hymnal.** The bookplate can be in honor or in memory of someone, or simply given to the glory of God. Order forms will be available as bulletin inserts, as well as in the narthex and atrium during the months of July and August. The bookplate sale will end on August 30 and we plan to have the new hymnals purchased and in the pews by Advent.



## Summer Sunday School – *Faithful Citizenship*

On July 7th we will conclude our study of Dr. Andrew Crain’s *Science & Christianity: Past, Present, and Future*. Then on July 14th Pastor Tim will help us review what we learned in that study and introduce us to our study for the rest of July and August, *Faithful Citizenship*. Developed by a team of pastors and seminary professors,

*Faithful Citizenship* is a six-session adult study that explores two views of current American life – individualism and the common good. The study asks how Christians should faithfully respond to the interlocking global challenges of economics, ecology, security, and health.

<b>July 14th</b>	<b>Review of <i>Science &amp; Christianity</i> / Overview of <i>Faithful Citizenship</i></b>	
<b>July 21st</b>	<b>Session 1: Global Society</b>	“Why worry about the world’s troubles? I’ve got enough of my own!”
<b>July 28th</b>	<b>Session 2: Global Economy</b>	“Is my job going to China?”
<b>Aug. 4th</b>	<b>Session 3: Global Ecology</b>	“I’ve changed my light bulbs. Now what?”
<b>Aug. 11th</b>	<b>Session 4: Global Security</b>	“Why don’t I feel safe? And why do they hate us?”
<b>Aug. 18th</b>	<b>Session 5: Global Health</b>	“Why risk getting shots if plenty of other people refuse to be immunized?”
<b>Aug. 25th</b>	<b>Session 6: Civic Virtue</b>	“How can we teach citizenship? We don’t even have time to eat together!”

Instead of a book, participants will receive handouts to read for the following week. The handouts will also be available on our website and through a link in the weekly email blast.

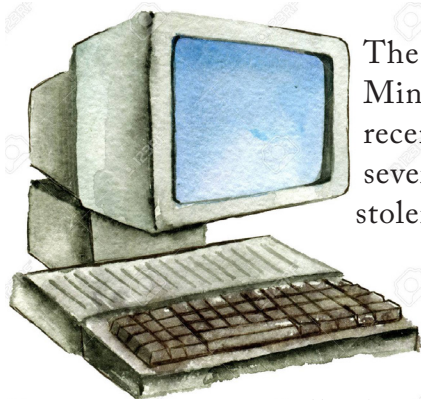
## Second Readers Book Club

We have a book group at Second known as Second Readers, and we would love to have anyone who might be interested in joining us to do so. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00p.m. in the church library. That said, in June, July and August, we meet for lunch and discussion at a restaurant. It is a casual group and we have read a variety of books the past few years. Some of the books we have read may be found in the library to the left of the fireplace if you are interested in an overview of our selections. Please call Margaret Sullivan at 588-3103 if you are interested and/or have any questions.

The Second Readers will meet July 17th at 12:00 p.m. at the Egg and I.



## Computers



The Montgomery Village Ministry building was recently broken into and several computers were stolen. If you have an old surplus desktop computer that you are not using and willing to donate, please call John Reynolds at 588-0085.



## July Lunch Bunch

Come celebrate July 4th on July 2nd! We will gather at the Olive Garden on Kingston Pike at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! Please call Mariann Thuesen at 253-7653 for a reservation.

## Pastor Tim on Vacation

Pastor Tim will be out of the office July 1st through July 13th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Sarah Morgan or Visitation Minister Jan Barber.



## 9 to 5

Pastor Tim is appearing in the musical 9 to 5 at the Oak Ridge Playhouse from July 5th through July 21st. Tickets are available by calling 865.482.9999 or online at [www.orplayhouse.com](http://www.orplayhouse.com). The musical is based on the movie of the same name and all the music was written by Dolly Parton. Fair warning: Pastor Tim plays the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical, bigot of a boss, Franklin Hart!

# Presbyterian Women Activities



On June 11th, Presbyterian Women held its fourth general meeting for all circles for the 2018-2019 year at Shannondale Retirement Center which is involved in a massive expansion of its residential facilities. In June, the contractors were busily removing older apartment buildings and beginning site preparation for new construction. Although the landscape around Shannondale is rapidly changing, PW members and guests were royally hosted with lovely flowers, decorated tables, a delicious lunch, and excellent music performed by the Somerset Trio. Marjorie Reynolds, a PW member, was recognized for her contributions to Church Women United through the years and for her recent Presidential Award from that organization.

As all attendees viewed the massive changes to Knoxville's only multi-purpose, nonprofit residential

and medical care facilities for the elderly in Knox County, Second Presbyterian Church members should remember that—with God's guiding hand—Second Church was a primary mover in the conception and creation of Shannondale back in 1963.

**Mission Circle Report:** For several months the Mission Circle of Second Presbyterian Church's Presbyterian Women has made field trip visits to several missions to which PW has contributed in the past, particularly from the church's Butten Fund.

The visiting circle members have gathered information and are impressed with the unique approaches these lesser known nonprofits have taken toward doing God's work with some of His most needy children. In late May, the Mission Circle visited Family Promise of Knoxville located on Middle-



brook Pike in the former West View Methodist Church. Family Promise works with family homelessness (a growing problem in Knoxville) in all configurations, including single mothers with sons over the age of twelve.

The shelter component of Family Promise works with the interfaith community to provide non-emergency, overnight shelter using the resources of the organization, host churches who use church classrooms with cots for sleeping, and support churches who provide meals between 5:00pm and 7am. Family Promise transports the families each day from the host church to their center, and school age children to school. Currently there are 17 host congregations that averaged four weeks in the year hosting a family and 19 support churches. This temporary shelter arrangement serves to care for families as Fami-

ly Promise works with parents and local agencies to find a permanent housing solution.

#### **House & Garden / Arts & Crafts Circles Report:**

These circles will continue activity during the summer months. Call Ileen Cheek (865-247-5258) for volunteering for summer planting and Cheryl Ragsdale (865-684-8999) for knitting.

#### **Bible Study Circle Report:**

This circle has completed its year's study unit on "God's Promise: I Will be With You" and will begin the 2019-2020 Bible study on the Ten Commandments in September.





## Bicentennial 2019

Maryville College celebrates its bicentennial this year! Our own Mary Kay Sullivan has been Chair of the Maryville College Board of Directors since 2016. She was also the first female Board Chair in the college's history!

### A Heartfelt Thanks...

Friends at Second Presbyterian Church,

Emily and I wish to thank you for your concerns and prayers during my recent radiation therapy. We are glad to be a part of a loving and caring church community. Thanks be to God!

*Cleston Jones*



### FISH - Correction

In the article about FISH in the June newsletter, we inadvertently left Brice Gilmer off our list of experienced veterans! Brice has been volunteering with FISH for 19 years and is one of the most experienced and dedicated volunteers that we have. Serving with FISH is one of Brice's passions, so if you have any questions about serving, don't hesitate to ask him. Sorry we left you off the list, Brice – and thank you for your years of dedicated service!

### june visitors

Mary Reese  
Drew Crain  
Calton Sewald  
Sunil John  
Andy Morgan  
Brenda Lutz  
Alex Cooper  
Ruthann Froberg  
Joanne Munger  
Daniel Munger

Henry Naff  
Matthew Lowe  
Tracy Howard  
Kyla Duncan  
Kate Bradley  
Amanda Loughran  
Frank Loughran  
Rusty Loughran  
David Horne  
D'Ann Mimbs

Karen Vance  
Shawna Lister  
Dan Brickey  
Keith Carr  
Katherine Carr Murphy  
Brooke Hayes  
Gary & Sara Pressel  
John Quillen  
Raleigh Lister

### july birthdays

David Stultz 7/1  
Marion Frazer 7/9  
Elizabeth Peebles 7/10  
Lily Wu 7/10  
Ben Bowlen 7/12  
Thomas Turner 7/14  
David Frazier 7/18  
Joan Riedl 7/22  
John Campbell 7/24  
Daniel Robertson 7/25  
Helen Grant 7/28

## Montreat Recap

The high school youth had a fantastic week at Montreat Youth Conference, learning how to "Let Love Lead." Alongside 1,000 or more youth from around the country, they worshiped, sang, played, hiked, and grew closer to God and one another. Each of them (and their adult leaders) was challenged, encouraged, and nurtured in so many ways throughout the week. Thank you to all who helped make this experience possible!



# LET LOVE LEAD.



## Massanetta Springs

From July 11th to July 14th our Middle School students will be attending the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference in Harrisonburg, VA. The theme this year - At the Door - is based on Matthew 7:7-12. Students will learn what it might mean to knock on the door and be in a relationship with God. Please be in prayer for our students - Braden Beets, Henry Casey, Neal Henley, Sydney Jones, Lily Reynolds - and their chaperones, Sarah Morgan and Tuesday Reynolds.

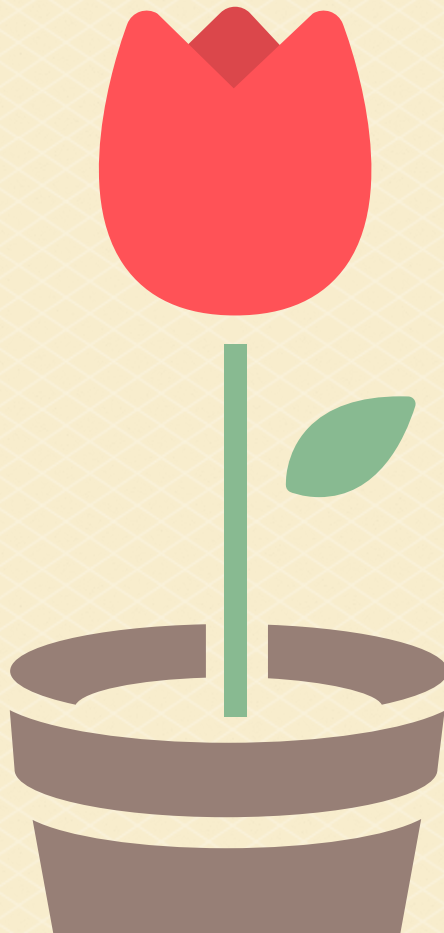
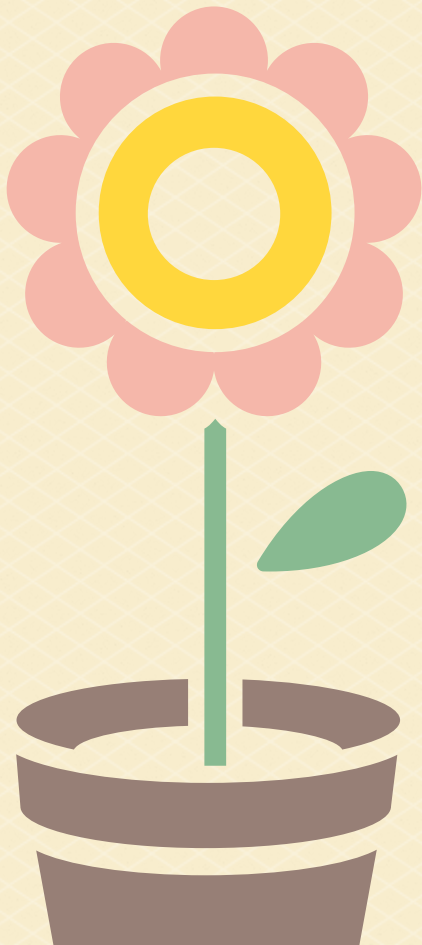
# WEST VIEW WORK DAY

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July Missions: We are collecting school supplies for West View in July. Please view the list on the following page. Boxes will be in the atrium.

AUG 3, 2019 | 9 AM - 12 PM  
WEST VIEW SCHOOL  
1714 MINGLE AVE

Join us Saturday, August 3, from 9-12, for our eleventh annual West View work day. Help is needed outside on the playground, for grounds cleanup and flower beds. Inside bulletin boards need to be decorated; teachers need help in getting classrooms ready for students; and more. We will be greeting the new principal, Dr. Amy Brace. Sign-up sheets are in the atrium.



# school supply list

## kindergarten

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BACKPACK  
BOX OF TISSUES  
ZIPLOCK BAGS (BOYS- SANDWICH/QUART)  
(GIRLS- GALLON/SNACK)  
UNSCENTED HAND SANITIZER (LIQUID)  
(SINK SIZE-8-10OZ)  
PLASTIC SUPPLY BOXES  
SMALL PRIZES FOR TREASURE CHEST (NOT CANDY)

## first grade

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1 BACKPACK  
2 PACKS OF YELLOW PENCILS  
1 PENCIL BOX  
4 GLUE STICKS  
1 PAIR OF CHILD-SIZE SCISSORS  
1 BOX OF 24 CRAYOLA CRAYONS  
3 LARGE BOXES OF TISSUES  
3 PLASTIC POCKET FOLDERS WITH BRADS  
(SOLID BLUE, SOLID YELLOW, SOLID RED)  
1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK  
2 BOTTLES OF HAND SANITIZER  
HEADPHONES

## second grade

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14 COLORED FOLDERS  
(WITH 3-PRONGS & POCKETS)  
2 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS  
1 PACK OF CRAYONS  
1 PACK OF COLORED PENCILS  
1 PACK OF GLUE STICKS  
1 PACK OF COLORED EXPO MARKERS  
1 PAIR OF EAR BUDS  
1 SMALL PENCIL BOX  
2 BOXES OF TISSUES  
1 PACK OF #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS)  
1 BOTTLE OF HAND SANITIZER

## third grade

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CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS  
CRAYOLA CRAYONS  
SCISSORS  
ELMER'S WHITE GLUE  
RED, BLACK, BLUE INK PENS  
PLASTIC PENCIL BOX (ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SHOE BOX)  
CLOROX WIPES  
TISSUES  
1 SMALL DRY ERASE BOARD

## fourth grade

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EAR BUDS  
8 PACK- EXPO MARKERS  
4 PACK- HIGHLIGHTERS  
GLUE STICKS  
MARKERS  
COLORED PENCILS  
2 SLICK (PLASTIC) 3-PRONG FOLDERS (1 BLACK, 1 YELLOW)  
24 PACK OF TICONDEROGA PENCILS  
2 BOXES OF KLEENEX  
1 CONTAINER OF CLOROX/LYSOL WIPES  
1 PACK OF PENCIL TOP ERASERS  
3 PACKS OF WIDE RULED PAPER  
1 BOTTLE OF HAND SANITIZER  
1 PAIR OF CHILD SCISSORS  
1 PENCIL POUCH (NO BOXES)

## fifth grade

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1 PENCIL POUCH  
1 GREEN PLASTIC TWO POCKET FOLDER W/ BRADS  
1 PURPLE PLASTIC TWO POCKET FOLDER W/BRADS  
1 COMPOSITION BOOK  
3 PACKS OF WIDE RULED PAPER  
2 PACKAGES OF PLAIN #2 PENCILS  
1 PACKAGES OF CAP ERASERS  
1 PAIR OF SCISSORS  
1 PACK OF GLUE STICKS  
1 BOX OF MARKERS  
1 BOX OF COLORED PENCILS  
1 PACKAGE OF HIGHLIGHTERS  
2 RED PENS  
2 PACKAGE OF MULTI-COLORED DRY ERASE MARKERS  
3 BOXES OF KLEENEX  
1 BOTTLE OF HAND SANITIZER  
2-3 PACKAGES OF CLOROX WIPES  
1 SET OF HEADPHONES  
1 STICK OF DEODORANT



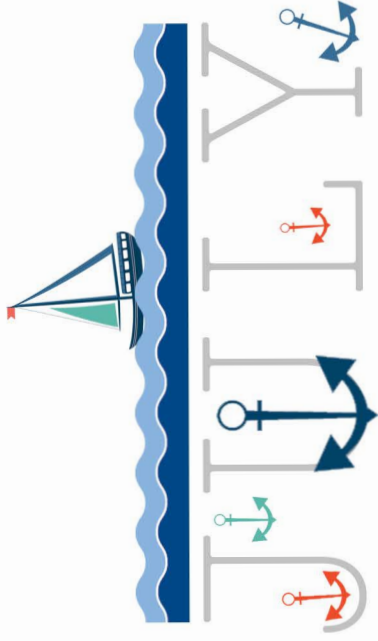
## Highlights from the April Session Meeting

- Received reports from the Preschool and Ministry Teams as information.
- Approved the Baptism of baby Wall, child of Drew and Haley Wall.
- Approved Dr. Lisa Wolf preaching on July 28, 2019
- Appointed a Task Force chaired by Margie Gill to review, study, discuss, and make a recommendation to the Session regarding staffing at Second Presbyterian, particularly with regards to the pastoral staffing model. The Task Force will also make recommendations regarding the rest of the staff, based on the pastoral model recommended.





2019



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
7 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion	1 Exercise Class 9:00 The Cross Ministry Meeting 4:30	2 Facilities Ministry 5:00 Lunch Bunch - Olive Garden 11:30 Service & Outreach Ministry 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	3 Exercise Class 9:00 PET Lunch 12:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	4 Independence Day Church office closed	5 Church office closed	6
14 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00	8 Exercise Class 9:00	9 PW Bible Study 10:00 Worship Ministry 6:00 Discipleship Ministry 7:00	10 Exercise Class 9:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	11	12 Church office closed	13
21 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00	15 Exercise Class 9:00 Preschool Board Meeting 12:00	16 Men's Basketball 8:30	17 Exercise Class 9:00 2nd Readers at Egg & I 12:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	18 PW Arts & Crafts 10:00	19 Church office closed	20
28 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00	22 Exercise Class 9:00	23 FISH Ministry 9:00 PW House & Garden 10:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	24 Exercise Class 9:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	25	26 Church office closed	27
	29 Exercise Class 9:00	30 Men's Basketball 8:30	31 Exercise Class 9:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>			<a href="#">Newsletter Submissions Due!</a>





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#### **ELDERS**

##### **2020 CLASS**

Jimmy Cheek  
Clara Hardin  
Doug Matthews  
Margaret Walther

##### **2021 CLASS**

Monica Casey  
Betsy Foster  
John Henley  
Cleston Jones

##### **2022 CLASS**

Margie Gill  
Dean Farmer  
Patricia Kennedy  
Marty McLean

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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#### **MINISTRY TEAMS AND CHAIRPERSONS**

##### **Worship & Celebration**

Doug Matthews &  
Betsy Foster

##### **Discipleship**

Monica Casey  
Patricia Kennedy

##### **Service & Outreach**

Clara Hardin

##### **Stewardship**

Jimmy Cheek &  
John Henley

##### **Care & Compassion**

Marty McLean &  
Margaret Walther

##### **Preschool Board**

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