

# SECOND EDITION

March 2017

LENTEN SERMON SERIES MARCH 1 - APRIL 16

## JOURNEY OF STONES

# On Second Thought...

If you're like me, you didn't necessarily grow up observing Lent. Maybe if you grew up Catholic you did, but for most of us who grew up in the Protestant tradition, Lent was either something that "other" people observed...or what came out of our bellybuttons! ☺ Seriously...Lent has seen an increased popularity in the church in recent decades and it's good to have an understanding of just what it is we are doing when we "celebrate" the season of Lent.

Depending upon who you ask, the word Lent is either derived from the Latin word meaning "to lengthen" or the Saxon word meaning "spring". Lent is forty days long excluding Sundays, which is the Lord's Day. Every Sunday, even those during Lent, is a "little Easter" – a celebration of the resurrection. Thus, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday is a period of forty-six days by the calendar. Lent is the traditional season of prayer and fasting in preparation for the season of Easter. There is both an inward and an outward dimension to Lent. It is a time for personal spiritual growth through spiritual disciplines, such as repentance, fellowship, study, prayer, fasting, and concentrating upon our baptismal covenant. We are also to give serious thought and consideration to how we "witness" to God's presence in our daily lives and commit to live as God's "sent people" in the world.

The early church first marked the Pascha – the Christian Passover – with a Saturday/Sunday festival commemorating the passion and resurrection at Easter. This also became the day that Christians would baptize new initiates into the church. So over time an extended period of baptismal preparation was added to this festival, resulting in the Lenten season. This all fell by the wayside, however, as we imagined ourselves to be a completely "churched" society and infant baptism became the norm.

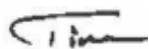
Lent came to be seen by most Protestants as nothing but pure "ritualism" kept alive by the Catholics. But it eventually dawned on many Protestants that we are completely unprepared for the story of the passion and resurrection of Christ that is the crucial center of the Christian life and we needed something to prepare us to hear this story that is so formational

and central to our identity. So we have haltingly recovered the ancient practice of a season of preparation for hearing the story of the cross. I say haltingly because we stumble over the impressions of Lent that come mainly from misunderstanding our Catholic friends. These impressions consist largely of restriction, regulation, and penitence. As Protestants began to recover the season, many took on the tradition of "giving things up" for Lent – dessert, chocolate, popcorn, gum, or other frivolities – because that's what we had seen others do, but we did so without a full understanding of the theological underpinnings of the practices. In doing so, we have trivialized the very profound spiritual discipline of fasting.

Fasting is not about "giving up" something – turning away from pleasures of the world. Fasting is about turning toward God and deepening our relationship with him. Lent is a time to turn our focus toward God so that we can be re-evangelized, truly converted, better prepared to hear the amazing story of our redemption in the midst of our brokenness, and equipped to live out this story in the world. It is a time to return to the Lord, to recall our mortality, and wait upon the Lord. Lent is a time for putting aside the sins and failures of the past in the light of who we are yet to become by the grace of God.

Lent is a time to draw inward and renew ourselves so that we may give full expression to our commitment to the covenant community through the Great Proclamation of the Easter/Pentecost season. In the same way Christ withdrew to the wilderness for forty days in order to prepare for his own ministry in the world, Lent is a time for us to prepare for our mission to do God's will in the world.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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# LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Journey

of Stones

March 1st - April 16th



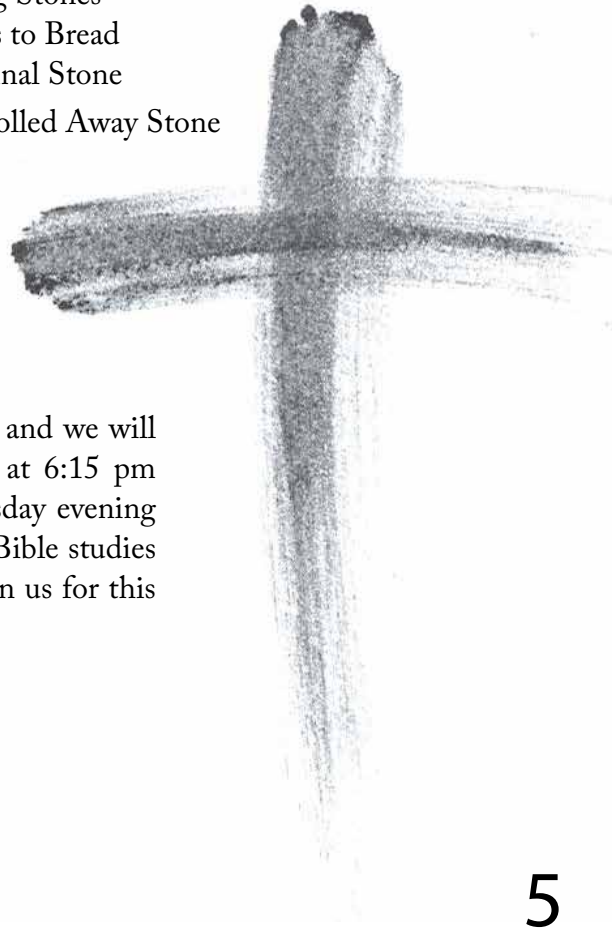
## Lenton Sermon Series – Journey of Stones

This Lenten season we will embark as a community on what we are calling a *Journey of Stones*. Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in Scripture, each week Pastor Tim will be using the metaphor of stones as representative of our sins. As you enter the sanctuary each week you will be invited to pick up a stone which will become a concrete symbol of each sermon's theme. As the message concludes, you will be invited to come forward and place your stone at the foot of the cross. These stones, collectively, will represent the sins we are "giving up" for Lent. We hope that you join us each week as together we travel the Lenten journey and discover how Christ takes our sin upon himself, so that we might be truly prepared to hear the Easter message of the Stone that was Rolled Away.

Date	Scripture	Theme
March 5	Exodus 32:1-24	Written in Stone
March 12	Psalms 118/Mark 12:1-2	Rejected Stones
March 19	Luke 11:37-52	Hearts of Stone
March 26	John 8:1-12	Sticks and Stones
April 2	Matthew 16:13-20	Upon This Rock
April 9	Luke 19:29-40	Crying Stones
April 13	Matthew 4:1-11	Stones to Bread
	Matthew 27:60	The Final Stone
April 15	John 20:1-18	The Rolled Away Stone

### Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins Wednesday, March 1st and we will celebrate with a Service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:15 pm in the chapel. We will still gather for our Wednesday evening meal at 5:15, but our normal Wednesday evening Bible studies will be cancelled that evening so that all might join us for this introspective and reflective worship service.





*On that note...*

## **TRINITY CHIMES DURING LENT**

During the season of Lent, Henry Casey will be sharing his piano skills in playing the Trinity Chimes at the beginning and ending of each service. This is one of his practice sessions with Brenda at the Condon Bush Memorial Organ.



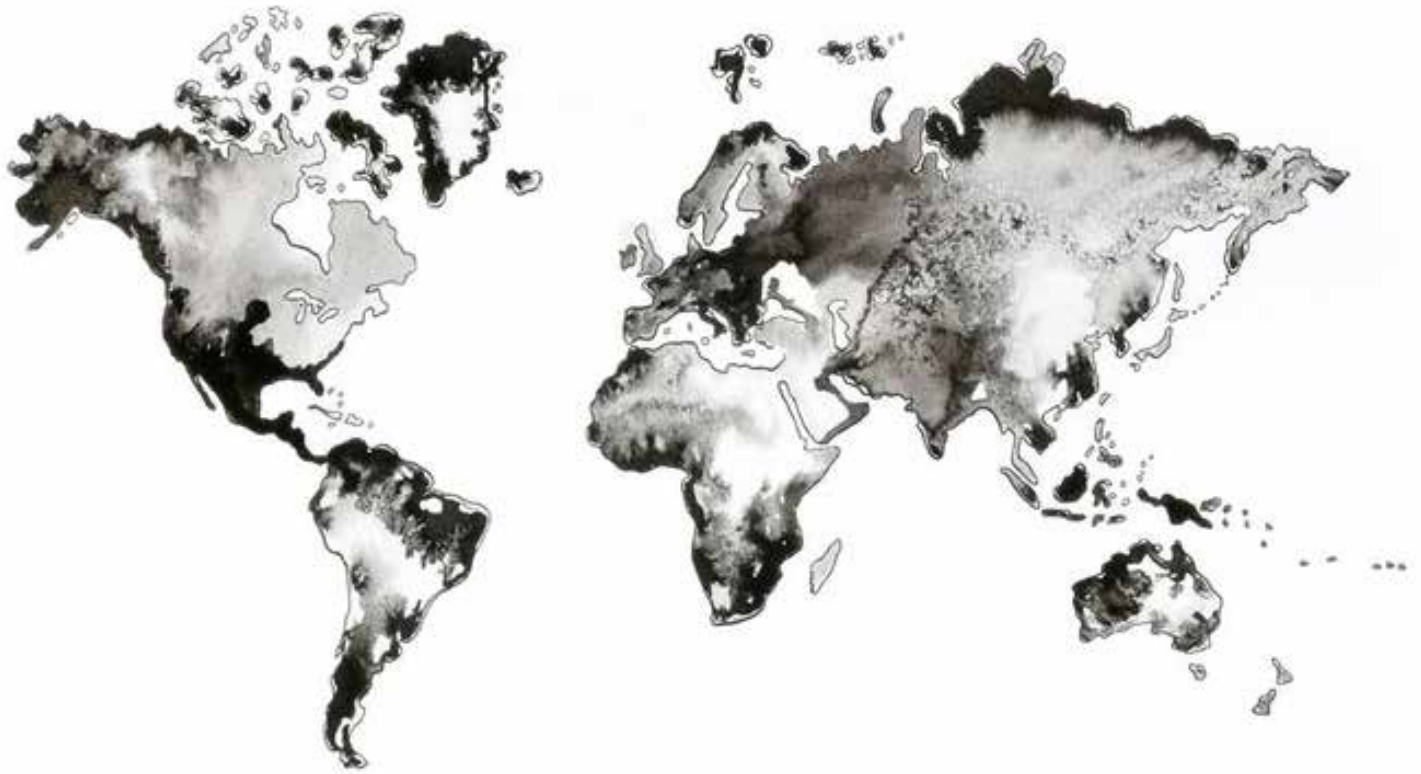




## BELLS WILL BE RINGING

Our beautiful thirteen bell carillon was struck by lightning in 2015. Thanks to repairs by James Baysinger of OrganTek, the bells will peal again on Easter Sunday. The new technology offers a bank of hundreds of hymns to choose from for playing before and after worship services. James is pictured above in his harness doing repairs high in the belfry. The other two photos show some of the new parts mounted on the wall and the state of the art controller that is soon to be installed.





# Mission Matters: what are the international missions your money helps support?

## **Vida Joven and La Finca Camp—Nicaragua**

What are Vida Joven and La Finca? Vida Joven was started in Nicaragua by Jim Hornsby at the invitation of church leaders in Matagalpa, Nicaragua 25 years ago. From those humble beginnings Vida Joven is now in many cities in Nicaragua and is providing leadership in Honduras, Costa Rica, Cuba and other parts of Latin America. They have been and continue to train leaders as missionaries for Jesus Christ, as well as develop leaders for the country in business, politics and medicine.

La Finca (The Farm) is a Young Life Camp/Coffee farm hidden in the mountains of Matagalpa, Nicaragua. Here, a young Nicaraguan comes to experience the love of Christ and to have the best week of their life! La Finca began in 1992 with the first Young Life camp and has been expanded to host 187 guests. A new master plan will be completed in 2017, enabling La Finca to accommodate 350 guests.





### **Les and Cindy Morgan**

Currently in the US Nov 2016 thru April 2017. They were in Bangladesh for many years and will probably return. The Morgans help churches plan and implement congregation-based ministries of healing as well as broader community health programs integrated with other social development activities. They also advise mission hospitals on patient care and support the work of church-related nursing schools. They have a special interest in helping churches deepen their understanding of the ministry of healing and its role in the proclamation of the gospel.



### **Dan and Elizabeth Turk**

Mission co-workers in Madagascar since 1994  
Serving at the invitation of the Church for Jesus Christ of Madagascar (FJKM)

“We are excited about working with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM) in its ministries of healing and hope,” write Dan and Elizabeth Turk. The Turks serve with PC(USA)’s partner church, FJKM, as it ministers to the population in the domains of health, environment, agriculture and safe drinking water. FJKM believes that Christian witness should include ministry both to the physical and spiritual needs of God’s people and care for all of God’s creation. Dan and Elizabeth work as advisors to FJKM in the fields of environment and health, respectively.

# HIGH 5 AWARD

**March's High Five Award recipient is *Kim Elrod*.**

**Kim has been a member of Second Presbyterian Church since 2005 and has served in many different capacities, including as a deacon and an elder. Kim currently chairs the Congregational Care Ministry Team where her gifts of hospitality and compassion help her lead others in caring for the members of Second Presbyterian Church. She has been quite busy the last couple of months, overseeing the collection and compilation of stories for our Advent Devotional, as well as chairing the Nominating Committee that brought to the congregation the current class of officers-elect. When not at Second Presbyterian, Kim can be found serving patients at Knoxville's Interfaith Health Clinic, where she helps patients get the medicines they need. Kim will be rotating off the Session in April, but we know that her care for people – particularly the least, the last, and the lost – will continue to be at the center of all she does. Kim's tender heart, smiling face, and welcoming presence are blessing to those of us that call Second Presbyterian Church home!**

## **Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12, 2017. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour on Saturday night, March 11th. If you don't run your clocks forward one hour before going to bed, you'll be late for worship on Sunday morning!

## **2nd Readers**

**When?** Wednesday, March 15

**Where?** Church

**Time?** 3:45p.m.

**Title:** A Man Called Ove

**Author:** Fredrik Backman

**Leader:** Rachel Hallam

**When?** Wednesday, April 19

**Where?** Church

**Time?** 3:45p.m.

**Title:** TBA

**Author:** TBA

**Leader:** Arlys Milligan

**When?** Wednesday, May 17

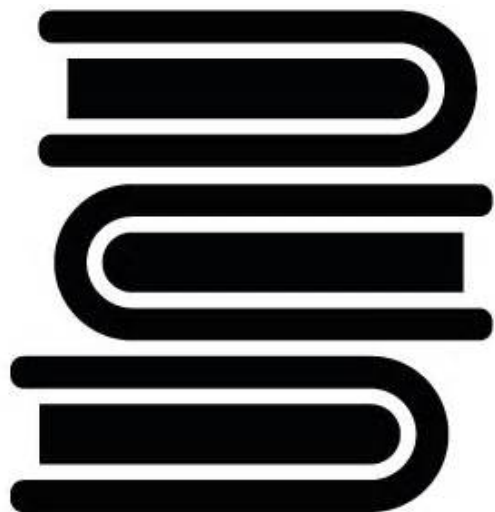
**Where?** Church

**Time?** 3:45p.m.

**Title:** Hillbilly Elegy

**Author:** JD Vance

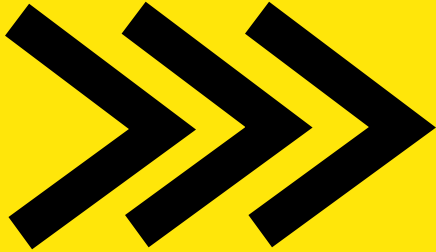
**Leader:** Liz Peebles





# LUNCH BUNCH

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## March Lunch Bunch

The focus of Lunch Bunch this month is “Memories of Events at Second Presbyterian.” Jot down your memories and bring them to the meeting to help celebrate our 200th Anniversary! Please join us Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m.

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## And Next Month...

Please join us for Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing Habitat for Humanity. Please bring an item for the Thrift Store!



## **Discovery Class**

Our Next Discovery Class begins March 19th! The Discovery Class is for people interested in joining Second Presbyterian and for those just wanting to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian. This 4-week class meets during the Sunday School hour with discussions on Presbyterian history, theology, worship and sacraments, along with the history and ministry of Second Presbyterian Church. The class is led by Pastor Tim. At the conclusion of the class folks will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, if they so desire. A new member Sunday will be held on Easter Sunday for all of those who wish to unite in membership with Second Presbyterian Church.

## **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Pastor Tim's Wednesday night Bible study during Lent will be a companion study to the Journey of Stones sermon series. Questions for thought and reflection will be provided each Sunday in the bulletin. On Wednesdays we will go deeper into the theme of the previous Sunday's sermon by discussing these questions – and our answers – both at our tables and in the large group. We hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent as we lay aside the sin that clings to us and learn to be God's faithful people in the world.

## **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 30, 2017. The awards will be made in April. The Butten Fund Ministry Team members are Ruth Campbell, Leslie Testerman, and Aggie Bell.

## **Decorating Team**

The Worship & Music Ministry Team is forming a team to decorate the sanctuary and other areas of the church as needed during special seasons of the year, such as Advent and Lent. While creative folks are certainly needed, we also welcome those who would enjoy helping in the set up and take down process. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Ed Batts (batts752@msn.com) or Dana Hendrix (dhendrix@aol.com). Thank you!

## **Let Your Voice Be Heard**

The Joy Singers are presently meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10 am. Senior adults are welcome to come and sing. We will be going to nursing and retirement homes during the month of May.

## **Spring Potluck - March 26th**

Second Presbyterian Church will be having a Spring Potluck on March 26th. Come join us for fellowship, food and fun!

## **Outdoor Work Day - Save the Date!**

There will be an Outdoor Work Day at Second Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 1st from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. All volunteers appreciated!

## **Fauré's Requiem**

The choir will be performing Fauré's Requiem on Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

## **Line Dancing Extended Hours**

Line dancing with Jim Ford will continue in March on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 8:30pm and Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:00am. Anyone is welcome to join! The more the merrier!



Cara Hunter  
 Mary Hooker  
 Kevin Michaels  
 Rion Steele  
 Cheryl Ragsdale  
 Jack & Kathy Gotchen  
 Bruce, Renie & Marie Carroll  
 Charlene Cotton  
 Carter DePoy  
 Tracy Horton  
 Kim Hudgens  
 Syd & Bonnie Murray  
 Henry Naff  
 Elizabeth Hamilton  
 Ben & Val Sharp  
 Francesca Harker  
 Alysa Hoffer  
 Nancy Rust  
 Charlee Cecil  
 Carter DePoy  
 Melissa Peters

## SPC FEBRUARY VISITORS

## SPC MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Charles Wu 3/01  
 Doug Matthews 3/06  
 Ally McLean 3/08  
 Lucy Brittian 3/10  
 William Campbell 3/10  
 Jan Barber 3/11  
 Julia Cantrell 3/12  
 Dick Eckert 3/17  
 Sam Tinsley 3/18  
 Nancy Montgomery 3/22  
 Sydney Jones 3/23  
 Charlotte Klieman 3/25  
 Ann Payne 3/29  
 Mariann Thuesen 3/30

# MARCH FOOD & FRIENDS



**All young adults** are invited to join Food & Friends each Sunday following worship. Food & Friends is an informal lunch gathering at a local restaurant that is hosted by member volunteers and paid for by the church. The invitation is open to anyone 18 to 29ish, in college or not, single or married.

Those interested in going to lunch will meet at the front of the sanctuary by the lectern following the service. The hosts for Food & Friends this month are:

- March 5 Doug and Leslie Matthews
- March 12 Craig and Dana Hendrix
- March 19 Angela Jones and Monica Casey
- March 26 All are invited to our congregational potluck after worship



# A Message From Dr. Carver

From Pastor Tim: “Dr. Carver sent this letter by email just after the December newsletter deadline had passed. I intended to send it to Rachel for inclusion in the January newsletter and forgot to do so. Then I forgot in February, as well! My apologies to Dr. Carver for the delay in getting his ‘thank you’ before the congregation.” - PT

November 26, 2016

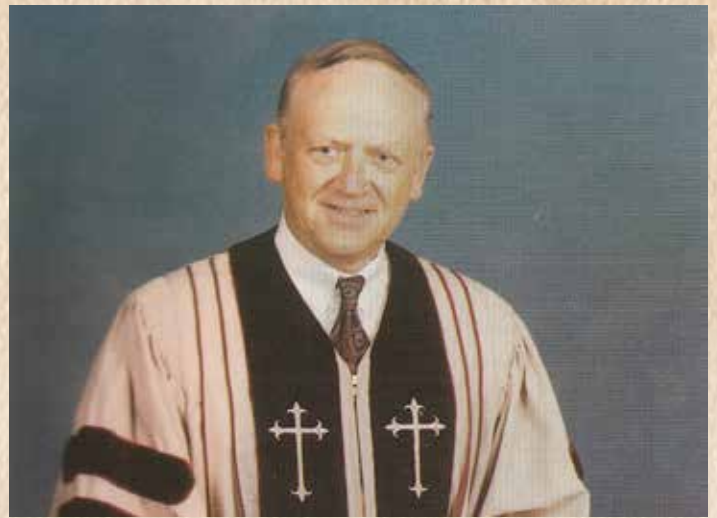
## In Appreciation

*“I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.”  
Philippians 1:3-4*

Words are not adequate to express our gratitude to the Session of Second Presbyterian Church for the honor of being named Pastor Emeritus. Needless to say, it is also difficult to express our level of surprise when learning of the news in a call from Tim Reynolds.

Our 20 years at Second Church (1976-1996) were the longest, busiest, most rewarding and certainly the most memorable of our many years in the ministry. On a personal note, we raised our family and cared for both sets of parents in the midst of a gracious, loving and supportive 2nd Church family during those years, ministering to us through times of joy as well as sorrow. For this, we will always be grateful.

Last Thursday we had recovered enough from a “super bug” to join our family for Thanksgiving dinner. Appropriately, most of the conversation was spent reminiscing about our years at 2nd Church. At first, we had to get over a reality check when our youngest child, Kim (now 44 and the mother of 3) casually stated that when we went to Second in 1976, she was only 4 years old! Of course, our son Brian and Kim’s memories centered around Bird Stories (pastor Penguin) for children and the youth programs including the annual retreats to Colorado (skiing), mission trips to Mexico, hurricane relief to Florida, etc. on the 43 passenger 2nd



Church Blue Bird bus. It was a fun discussion and let’s just say our five grandchildren (ages 8 to 17) got an earful.

At the time of retirement in January, 1996, we did not realize that it would amount to little more than a change of jobs, one always leading to another. I served as Interim Pastor at three large churches in Florida – Cape Coral, Venice and Tampa and to five smaller churches in Louisiana. I preached my last sermon on Easter Sunday in April, 2015.

We want to thank Pastor Tim for attending the beautiful church “on the hill” when he was a young man, and for his very kind words, participation and efforts in extending this wonderful recognition. We wish Tim and his family God’s many blessings in their new endeavor and trust that Second Presbyterian Church will continue to be a beacon of faith for the Knoxville community and beyond under his leadership.

A warm ‘thank you’ to our many friends for your calls, cards, notes and emails extending congratulations. It is our hope to visit Knoxville sometime in the Spring, God willing. At that time, we will personally extend our appreciation to members of the Session and the congregation.

Till then, our lives will continue to be blessed through our memories of you.

*“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:7*

In Christian love,

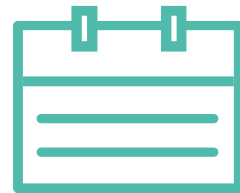
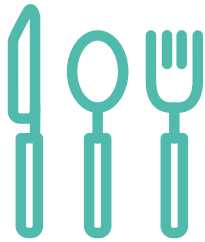
Noreen and Ed Carver

COMING THIS SPRING

# DATE Night

DINNER, AUCTION, AND  
TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

*presented by: 2pc youth*



THIS SPRING THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE HOSTING A WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER. THE YOUTH WILL COOK AND SERVE EVERYONE IN ADDITION TO ORGANIZING A TALENT SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. WE NEED YOUR HELP! IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION OR HAVE A TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CONGREGATION, PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINA (CGORE@2NDPRES.ORG). ALL OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS FOR THIS YEAR.



# Mission Matters-- Help Wanted!

## Upcoming Local Mission Opportunities

**Service**

**Gift in kind**



### Have fun playing games!



## **Volunteer to Play Games at Night of the Arts at West View**

**Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm**

***Never fear. You will be assigned a game and will have a copy to learn how to play before the event***

Volunteers will help play games with families. The more volunteers, the more games that can happen, the more fun! Art will be displayed, there will be a choral production, and all adults (staff and volunteers) will be given games to play with families and send home a game with them after you play it (they learn how to play the game with you and you send it with the family).

Sign up in the Atrium or contact Donna Matlock at [dmatlock@utk.edu](mailto:dmatlock@utk.edu) or 898-7517

## Ongoing Needs

### **FISH at Second Presbyterian**

**(Place donations in box in coat rack area)**



**small & LARGE**

- 1) Small sizes of personal care items: toothpaste, toothbrush (child sizes fine); deodorant, shampoo
- 2) Adult diapers---medium and large sizes- these are mostly asked for by women.
- 3) Toilet paper---giant packages fine.-They send one roll per order.
- 4) Small size dish washing detergent.

### **West View Elementary School**

**(Place donations in box in coat rack area.)**

**New/slightly used books for the Free Little Library.**

In addition to children's books some suitable books for their parents can also be used



Have you signed up for Class (and lunch) yet?

On March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

Presbyterian Women presents:

**“Domestic Violence 101”**

**Presented by: Amy Dilworth**

**Executive Director of Family Justice Center**



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No brown bag required. Fabulous lunch is only \$10.

If you are not in a PW Circle:



Registration is easy. Simply make a reservation by March 9<sup>th</sup> by contacting  
Liz Peebles [enp3613@gmail.com](mailto:enp3613@gmail.com); phone: 247-4503 or 660-9597 (cell)

Star Performances  
At Presbyterian Women Luncheons  
(not just for women)



April 11th at 11:30—meal is still only \$10

**Wanda Sobieski, Knoxville Attorney, PLLC**

**“Tennessee’s Role in the Struggle for Suffrage: Votes for Women”**

Historic pictures from this era and Wanda’s narrative of these important events combine to provide a very interesting and memorable experience. that

**YOU don’t want to miss!**

**THEN**

May 9th at 11:30

**“Spring Concert”**

**Singing Seniors from O’Connor Sr. Citizens Center**

This will be a beautiful and well-rehearsed concert

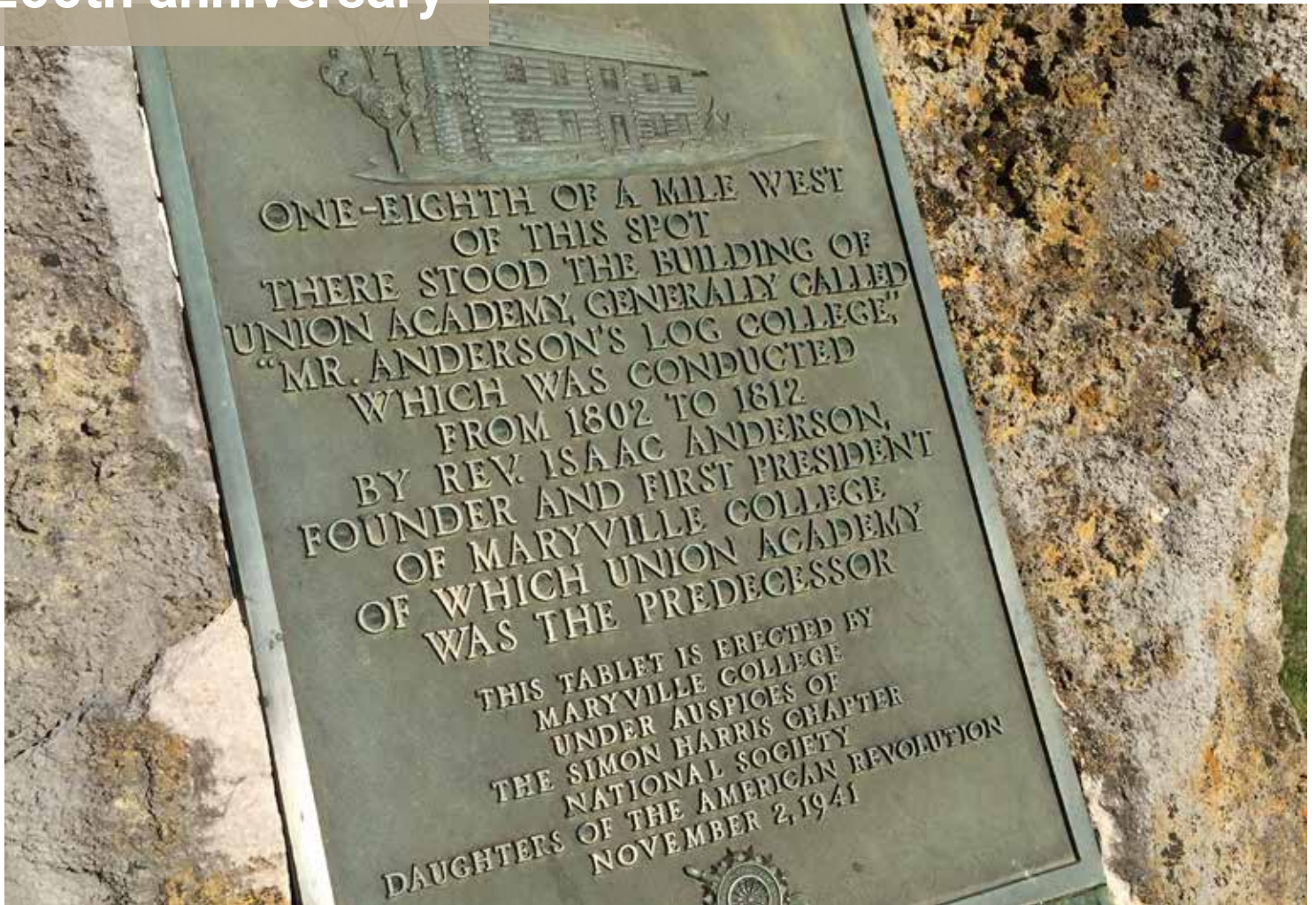
**presented by 50 to 60 men and women.**

**Note that the chorus is comprised of men and women.**

**Men—please join us for this special event.**

**The audience should be at least as large as the chorus.**

**Plan to bring a friend!**



## 200th Committee **WANTS** Memories

*By Helen Grant*

The 200th Anniversary Committee will be publishing its commemorative book near the end of our 200th Anniversary celebrations in 2018. The book—intended to give another dimension to the three existing Second Presbyterian Church histories—will cover three areas not covered by these histories. The most important section of the book, “Collected Memories”, will be the memories that you have in your heart and mind that you wish to share. These memories will help preserve the past of Second Church in a warm, personal way that will never be covered by Session minutes and statistics about the church, but will give future readers insight into our church lives and what it meant to be members as we humans strive toward God’s Kingdom.

Please help us by sharing your memories. The Committee will be collecting those memories in the next couple of months. Here are two suggestions that might help trigger your memory bank:

1. Think about church happenings/church programs you have observed at Second Church. Think about one (or more) that was especially meaningful to you. Share it with us so that we can preserve it.
2. Share a personal experience in or through the church’s activities that has special meaning for you. For example, a child’s baptism, a wedding, the dedication of a new building, a sermon, a spontaneous occurrence, etc.



Please allow me to share with you one of my most recent, dearest memories of an experience I had with two fellow Second Presbyterians.

On a recent, sunshiny but cold and blustery January Saturday, three little old ladies went on an “adventure”. The idea for this adventure all started with an obscure family history book on John Adair who was one of Knox County’s early settlers in what is now Fountain City. Anne Armstrong, of staunch Scot and Ulster-Scot heritage both by blood and marriage, loaned me the book and in it were a couple of pages on a neighbor named Isaac Anderson. In that book—and no other—I found a reference to a commemorative plaque placed by the local chapter of the DAR in recognition of Rev. Isaac Anderson’s Union Academy which he built on his farm and where he taught for ten years, 1802-1812. The most exciting part for me was learning that the plaque is located near Murphy Road, close to the site of the school on Anderson’s farm. To find that plaque meant that I could actually see for myself part of Anderson’s farm first hand and I could imagine how it looked in Grassy Valley 215 years ago!

On impulse I called Anne Armstrong (a great history buff) and Clara Hardin (a Maryville College graduate and Isaac Anderson admirer). We donned our warmest “adventurer” clothes and off we went to search.

The Grassy Valley area along Tazewell Pike is still beautiful, but, of course, after 215 years, the area is no longer farmland but now accommodates hundreds and hundreds of attractive middle income houses.

First, we found the plaque in excellent condition and easily readable. It is mounted on a boulder at the edge of Murphy Road near one of the entrances to a new subdivision named Shannon Valley Farms. While I am basking in our find, Clara says that the lay of the land looks familiar to her and she guides us along the neat rows of houses to an open area that she believes is close to the site of Rev. Anderson’s first home. She had visited the cabin several years ago with some Knoxville Heritage folks.

The wind was cutting, but she convinced us that the cabin’s site was, “Down that muddy path”. So we walked about one-half mile and then—there it was—Anderson’s first home on the farm! It is deserted, boarded up and locked up and is nestled behind more new houses, but is in terrible condition. Still, I loved imaging how it was so long ago as he walked to teach his classes at the Union Academy. (Clara nurtures the hope that Maryville College will some day move the cabin to the campus.) By now we are thoroughly wind blown and counting ourselves lucky to encounter two genuine Anderson sites, but on the way toward home on Tazewell Pike the ever-vigilant Anne spots a cemetery that she remembers visiting once. She believes that it is an old Anderson family cemetery and so it is! Isaac Anderson’s parents are buried there. The cemetery now is named “Anderson-Gouffon Cemetery” and is well cared-for, is fenced and locked and sits behind another housing development.

Never have three little old ladies been more happy and satisfied with their “findings”. It was an adventure and the memory of that afternoon is one that I hold dearly and share with you.



**NOW, it is your turn. SHARE A MEMORY!**

# The Beginning For Second Presbyterian Church

## PART 2: The First Congregation

*Co-Chairs, Arvillee and Helen Grant*

From the first century A.D. to the present Christian churches, each one has had a unique beginning—shaped by doctrine, principles, and traditions; by its leadership (both clergy and laypeople) and by the times and cultures of the church's environment. So it was with Second Presbyterian Church born in 1818 into a new nation, a new state, a new county and village—all barely beyond their dangerous and rawest frontier years. In recognition of the part members play in their church's character, we will try in this chapter to give the reader at least a glimpse of some characteristics of Second Presbyterian Church's first congregation.

It is not surprising that this little band of Christians would want Rev. Isaac Anderson to be their minister. After all, Presbyterian ministers were in short supply in Tennessee; many Presbyterian seminary graduates trained in the east had no interest in living in a small, rather isolated community with little to offer in terms of compensation. Rev. Isaac Anderson, at 38 years of age, was an experienced, highly respected preacher and educator. He was one of the most powerful preachers in the pulpit in his time and possessed a kind and welcoming demeanor.

It is very surprising that Rev. Anderson would even consider taking on the task of organizing and shepherding another church with little to offer—and located 16 miles from his home in Maryville which would require several hours of travel on horseback and ferry over roads with little or no maintenance in all kinds of weather. Anderson was busily occupied with his life-long careers as a pastor and educator. He led the very active and growing New Providence Presbyterian Church, was busy with his schools and was working toward his plan to establish a local

seminary to train Presbyterian ministers. He was a leader at both the presbytery and synod levels.

Why, indeed, would Rev. Anderson decide to accept a call from a group of folks some of whom were known in Knoxville as dissenters from the Presbyterian Church (the first church organized in the village)? To the knowledge of this writer Anderson never answered that question, but he did accept the call.

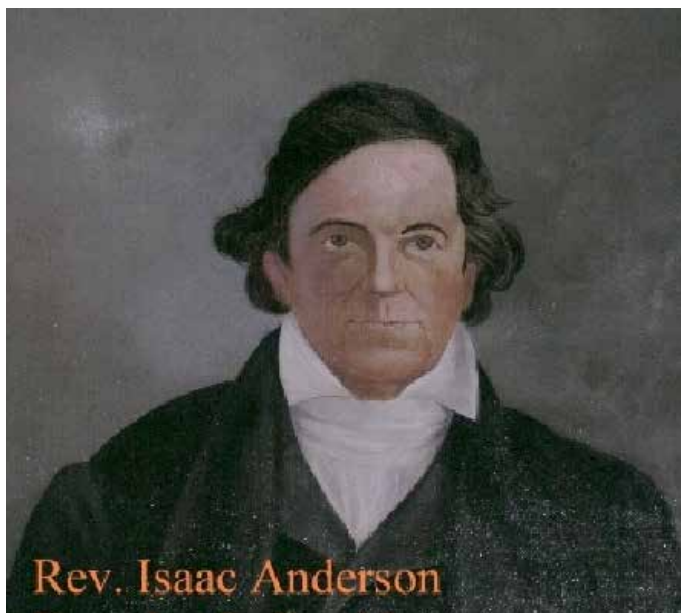
One can only speculate about Anderson's reasons for wanting to lead this newly formed group. Perhaps he sensed something in them that convinced him that he was needed to give this fledgling church a chance to survive. We do know about Anderson's firm stand against slavery and the doctrine of God's grace for all His children. We think that this group now formed as another Presbyterian Church agreed with Anderson's own beliefs. Thus, over time, Knoxville's first church became known as the First Presbyterian Church and the new church became known as Second Presbyterian Church.

Just who were the first members of Second Presbyterian Church? The three existing histories of the church offer little information about its first congregation, but the church library's archives does have the first register of Second Presbyterian Church dated 1819-1840. The register's paper is very fragile, the ink faded, and some handwriting difficult to read. Most of the names first listed in the register appear to be familiar Scottish surnames with multiple entries for McCampbells, Andersons, McCullens, Craigheads, McClelens, Hills, Renshaws, and Whites.

Among the earliest entries are four entries stating—"Jack a man of color", "Lucia a woman of color", "Jane a woman of color", Betsy a woman of color". A

few years later there are several entries like “John Black man” and Betty Black woman”. One must conclude from these entries that the church accepted slaves, but we cannot know their status in the church. In many early churches slaves were sometimes accepted but they were often not allowed to participate in usual member activities or hold office.

The earliest register is a challenge to decipher and to count members, but we do know that in 1819, forty-two males agreed to be financially responsible for the construction of the first building. By estimating the number of other family members associated with these men, we may safely assume that the first congregation totaled about one hundred people in the beginning.



The first Session was composed of five elders: Archibald Rhea, John McCampbell, Thomas Craighead, Joseph Brown and John Taylor.

It is likely that most of the first members of Second Presbyterian Church lived in town and were probably similar to other town residents in terms of types of occupations and economic levels. By 1820 Knoxville had quickly evolved from a tiny settlement to a thriving community of about 1,500 residents. Transportation to other parts of the country was still a problem because of the isolation of the surrounding mountains and the shoals in the rivers which impeded

river traffic, but commerce and light manufacturing were expanding, both from trade from the nearby rural counties and from traveling settlers now moving through Knoxville to Middle and West Tennessee and on to Texas. Knoxville became a restocking and refitting center for the thousands of wagons in need of supplies and other services. Downtown Knoxville had quickly grown beyond James White's fort and the first mill with many retail stores, a newspaper and print shop, taverns, and the beginning of a robust wholesale business.

With Knox County's court house and jail in downtown Knoxville, most legal matters took place in town, thus causing a concentration of lawyers. In fact, the William Anderson family, including Rev. Anderson, is listed in Goodspeed's History of Tennessee as an outstanding family of the period. "They were all remarkable for their size and commanding presence and their great strength both physical and intellectual. Isaac was the Presbyterian minister; William E. served as attorney general of the judicial circuit; Robert M. practiced law in Knoxville and presided on the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; James served as a magistrate of Knox County". [Ed. note: Goodspeed's does point out that William E. did not excel in his work as attorney general because he was "fond of ardent spirits" and later moved to Nashville]

Second Presbyterian Church's first list of members contains several names of men who were very active in commerce and government affairs, but we introduce to you the name of a young woman, Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Kain Parsons, the wife of Enoch Parsons, a local lawyer. In addition to being a founding member of Second Presbyterian Church we know a few other interesting things about her. Kitty Parsons was one of five children of John Kain, Senior, a very early settler from South Carolina who was considered to be part of the most influential families in Knox County. Upon moving to Knox County, Kain hired Thomas Hope, a British artisan/builder/architect, who settled in Knox County and first built Ramsey House (then



considered the finest house in Tennessee). The Kain house, named Trafalgar, was built of brick and was located on a vast property (which Kain referred to as his plantation) in the Love's Creek/Spring Place area. The family entertained many guests in their home, including General Andrew Jackson. Kain was a staunch Presbyterian and started a school in his home where the Bible and the blue-backed speller were taught. He also maintained a class for Negro slaves (which he probably owned).

Kitty Kain Parsons must have inherited her father's independent spirit. We first hear of her when she, along with four other young women, became the first female students enrolled at Blount College (later to be the University of Tennessee). In 1813 she married a young lawyer heavily involved in politics who in 1819 unsuccessfully ran for governor of Tennessee. We may safely assume that Kitty Kain Parsons, unlike her father, had anti-slavery sentiments since she has joined the group forming Second Presbyterian Church. There is one more interesting episode about Kitty Kain Parsons that is found only in a rare book by Rev. John J. Robinson entitled *Memoir of Rev. Isaac Anderson, DD, 1860*.

In his preface Robinson states the following:

. . . the first five chapters are made up from facts received directly from Dr. Anderson himself. I took down and have here preserved, as far as possible, the very words of his narrative respecting his early life; his choice of a profession; his missionary labors; and much of the early history of the Institution.

In chapter four of Robinson's book there is a direct quote which we enclose in full:

. . . when the Second Presbyterian Church at Knoxville was organized, Mrs. Catherine Parsons went herself to Maryville, sixteen miles distant, to engage the Rev. Isaac Anderson, DD., to preach to those associated in the movement, and have them organized into a church. His first sermon was delivered in the court-house, from the words, 'For what intent have ye sent for me?' He was their first preacher, and, during

a period of ten years, went over to Knoxville to preach once every two weeks.

[Ed. note: According to Giffen's, *A History of Second Presbyterian Church*, The Presbytery of Union officially organized the church on October 24, 1818. Dr. Isaac Anderson accepted the call as the founding pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in 1819.]

One can only wonder why Mrs. Parsons was chosen to offer Rev. Anderson the position of part-time minister at Second Presbyterian Church. We do not know the exact date on which the lay leaders were elected, but, at any rate, Mrs. Parsons could not have held any official position in this newly formed body. Females were not allowed to be officers in the Presbyterian Church until 1930, but Second Church did not elect a female officer until 1958. We have found no explanation of why Mrs. Parsons was representing the church in such an important, official matter.

With Rev. Anderson limiting his time to preaching at Second Presbyterian Church to once every two weeks, much of the load of administering to church matters and shepherding the congregation had to fall on the church elders. The lay leaders and Rev. Anderson must have confronted this issue, and we will try in Part 3 of this series on the church's beginning to see how well they managed.

*SOURCES: French Broad-Holston Country, by Mary U. Rothrock, ed., 1946. Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, 1887. Heart of the Valley, by Lucile Deaderick, ed., 1976. A History of Second Presbyterian Church, by Lowell L. Giffen, 1994. Isaac Anderson, by Samuel Tyndale Wilson, 1932. Memoir of Rev. Isaac Anderson, DD., by Rev. John J. Robinson, 1860.*



## LINE DANCING – FOR ALL AGES

The Preschool here at SPC is so excited to be joining Jim Ford for line dancing once a week in the Fellowship Hall. Our oldest preschool classrooms have learned to do the same line dances that Jim teaches to the adults. Our Preschool friends are working on cognitive development, gross motor skills as well as having a lot of fun.



## Highlights from the February Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on January 24, 2017 and the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 5, 2017.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- As Trustees of the Corporation, elected the members of the Endowment Fund Committee. They are Tim Wright - Chairman, Dick Dodson - Vice Chairman, Mancil Milligan, Ann Wallace and Betsy Bush.
- Approved the 2017 Mission Committee Budget.

## Church Financial Report

Year of 2016	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	
Pledged Offerings	\$65,034	\$45,569	
Non-pledged Offerings	\$8,490	\$2,500	
Preschool	\$2,667	\$2,667	
Other	\$8,971	\$8,910	
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$85,162</b>	<b>\$59,646</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$57,697</b>	<b>\$59,646</b>	
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$27,465</b>	<b>\$0</b>	





# MARCH



2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Communion Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:00 Confirmation Class 6:00	5 Men's BSF 5:30	6 Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities committee meeting 5:00 Care Givers Class 6:00 Committee meetings 6:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Email Blast Submissions Due 1 Line Dancing 9:00 PET brown bag lunch 12:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Ash Wednesday 6:15 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45	2 Church office closed TIPS 3:00	3 Church office closed TIPS 3:00	4 Panhellenic Parking 7:00-7:00 Officer training 10:00
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:00	12 Men's BSF 5:30	13 PW Board meeting 9:30 PW Circles 10:15 PW Lunch 11:30 Deacon's meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	7 Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities committee meeting 5:00 Care Givers Class 6:00 Committee meetings 6:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	9 Church office closed	10 Church office closed	11 Officer training 10:00
<b>Daylight Saving Time starts</b> Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:00 Confirmation Class 6:00	19 The Cross Ministry Board meeting 4:30 Men's BSF 5:30 <b>2nd Edition Submissions Due</b>	20 Joy Singers Rehearsal 10:00 Preschool board meeting 12:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Session meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Email Blast Submissions Due 15 Line Dancing 9:00 2nd Readers 3:45 Preschool Program 4:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Women's CG 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45	16 Church office closed	17 Church office closed St. Patrick's Day	18 Officer training 10:00
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Potluck Lunch 12:15 Confirmation Class 6:00	26 Men's BSF 5:30	27 Fish Pantry 9:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Email Blast Submissions Due 29 Line Dancing 9:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 David Goslee's Class 6:00 Women's CG 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45	30 Officer training 7:30 pm	31 Church office closed	25 Symphony practice 11:00





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*"Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."*  
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*"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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