

# SECOND EDITION

March 2019



# On Second Thought...

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and living Savior, Jesus Christ! With the approach of March 10th and the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, I have been thinking about the concept of time, our perceptions of it, the ways in which we relate to it, and the things that we do with it. Sometimes time seems to be fluid, other times it seems to be very rigid, at still other times it seems to drag on laboriously, and at still other times it seems to fly by.

Not knowing what time it is can be extremely disorienting. In the summer of 1989, I was driving cross-country from Las Vegas to Nashville and didn't realize that New Mexico did not recognize Daylight Savings Time. I spent the night in Albuquerque and went to see a movie but missed it because I thought it was 7:00 when it was 8:00 there. I thought that I had just not yet crossed from the Pacific to the Mountain time zone and spent the next day trying to figure out where the line was when, in fact, I had already crossed it two days before. I was completely discombobulated, I didn't trust my watch, and I really didn't feel right until I was all the way back to Nashville and squarely within good old Central Standard Time.

Another time, when I was sick as a teenager, I had been asleep all day and woke up at about 7:00 p.m. I thought it was 7:00 a.m. and was confused to find the whole family eating hamburgers together in the kitchen for breakfast. It took me a good half-hour to understand that it was supertime and that *my concept* of time was what was off-base.

At the very least, we can say that time is relative, and we don't necessarily need Professor Einstein's famous theory to help us reach that conclusion. My time with you so far has been *relatively* short; after all, what is 2½ years in the life of a congregation that is 200 years old? Ask a pregnant mother-to-be how long 9 months is, however, and you will probably be told that it is a *relative* eternity of anticipation.

Not knowing what time it is can be disorienting and misleading. There are many ways to reckon time.

As I sit here writing this, the clock says it is 1:21 p.m. EDT. It can also be said that it is afternoon, that it is daytime, that it is "work" time and not personal or vacation time, or that it is still wintertime. It is the 21st day of February in the year 2019 (and I am one day late getting this article to Rachel for the newsletter!). For many accountants it is tax time. For movie fans it is Oscar time. For basketball fans it is basketball season and almost time for March Madness. For UT Football fans it is recruiting season and *almost* Spring Practice time. For students it is almost Spring Break time. For Christians, it is the time between God's Kingdom having already come in Jesus Christ but not yet being fully here.

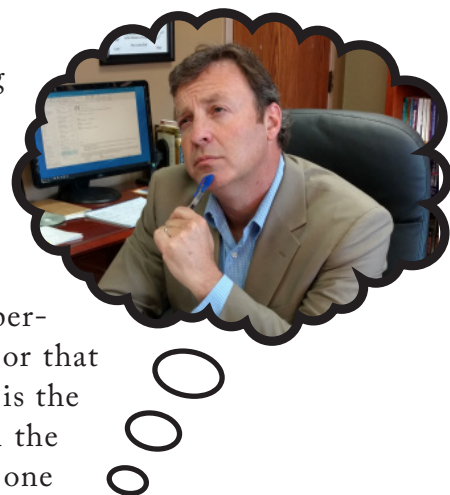
Beginning March 6th and continuing through April 21st, it will be the Lenten season. It is a time for us to reorient ourselves towards God through spiritual disciplines such as prayer, confession, sacrifice, and the giving of alms, so that we are prepared for the disorienting story of Easter. It's a time for us to ask ourselves how our spiritual discipleship is going, ask for forgiveness from God for where we've missed the mark, and to dedicate ourselves to serving and loving in God's name in gratitude for all God has done. Lent is a time that we are to focus on our walk with God, turning towards the things of God and away from the things of the world, so that we are not disoriented by the world in which we live. Lent is a time to prepare for the outlandish, mysterious, wonderful grace that God bestows on us through the cross.

I invite you to spend your time observing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, study, service, and fasting during this Lenten season. I can assure you, it will be time well-spent.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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# EXODUS

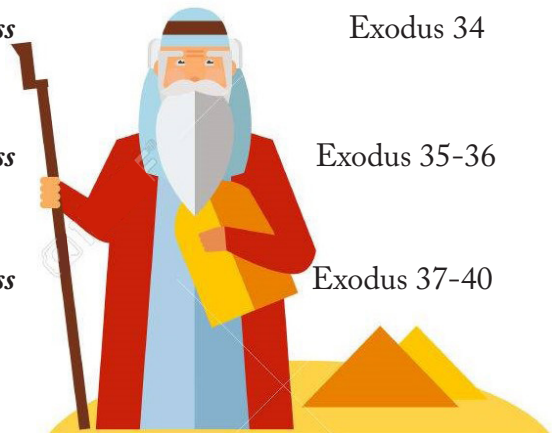
## *Journey through the Wilderness*

### Upcoming Sermons/Topics

Our sermon series *Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness* continues in March. The book of Exodus contains some of our most beloved stories: the birth and calling of Moses, the Ten Plagues, the parting of the sea, the giving of the Ten Command-

ments, the incident of the Golden Calf, and God's covenant with Israel. Join us as we journey through the wilderness with the Israelites from now until Palm Sunday and experience God's faithfulness again and again.

March 3rd	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> Sinai & The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19-20
March 6th <i>Ash Wed.</i>	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> Ratification of the Covenant	Exodus 24
March 10th	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> Breaking of the Covenant	Exodus 32
March 17th	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> Renewal of the Covenant	Exodus 34
March 24th	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> The People Offer Their Gifts	Exodus 35-36
March 31st	<b><i>Exodus: Journey through the Wilderness</i></b> The Tabernacle	Exodus 37-40







## Ash Wednesday Service

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th. We will celebrate with a service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel following our Wednesday Night Dinner. The dinner that evening will be a simple meal of soup

## 5th Sunday Worship

March 31st is a 5th Sunday, so we will gather in the Fellowship Hall, once again, for our Sunday morning worship service. We look forward to seeing you there!



Carson-Newman University's "Redemption" performed at our Second Sunday Service in February.



Our Second Sunday worship this month will be worship in the style of *Taizé* (tay-zay). The Taizé community is a French ecumenical monastic order with a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. It was founded in 1940 by Roger Schutz-Marsauche ("Brother Roger"). Brother Roger died in 2005 at the age of 90 after being stabbed during a prayer service. Tens of thousands of people make the pilgrimage to Taizé, France, each year to worship together and share in the community's way of life.

Sung prayer and silence are at the heart of Taizé worship, which is a contemplative worship experience. Simple repetitive musical phrases using words from Scripture are sung, giving the worshiper the opportunity to contemplate God's presence through the power of music. A cantor is sometimes used to complement the congregation and musical phrases are also often sung in canon. Silent prayer and meditation upon Scripture are also an integral part of Taizé worship, which is generally experienced in a darkened room lit only by candlelight. There is no preaching; worshipers are simply invited to rest in God.

We will gather for this meditative style of worship at 6:00 p.m. on March 10th in the Chapel. All are welcome.



## **Wednesdays in Lent** ***A Focus on Missions***

This Lenten season we will focus on our community ministry partners by hearing from missions and ministries that Second Presbyterian Church supports. Each week following dinner, a representative from one of the agencies that we support financially will give a presentation on their ministry, answer any questions we might have, and let us know how we can best continue supporting their work in the community. This is an excellent chance to discover the difference we are making in our community and how you can help support the work these agencies are doing in Christ's name.

**March 13th** – Camp John Knox

**March 20th** – Emerald Youth Foundation

**March 27th** – Interfaith Health Clinic

**April 3rd** – Westview Elementary School

**April 10th** – Montgomery Village

**April 17th** – Volunteer Ministry Center

**Note:** Since UKirk @ UTK has a Wednesday evening program, they are unable to join us on Wednesdays. However, students from UKirk will be leading us in worship on a Sunday during Lent to show their gratitude for all that we do for their ministry.

## March Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, March 5th at 11:30 a.m. Our program is a special musical event, featuring a surprise long-standing member of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.

This is a catered meal by Eva and the cost is \$10/person. Please call Mariann Thuesen at 253-7653 or Bobbie Denton at 584-4955 by February 28th. All are invited to attend this lunch.

## Spring Forward!

Don't forget to Spring Forward! Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night or you'll be late for worship!

## Extended Communion

We need volunteers for Extended Communion! If you are interested in helping to take communion to our shut-ins, please consider being a volunteer once a month for this important and touching ministry. You will be paired with an experienced volunteer. It is easy and only takes an hour or two of your time the week after communion Sunday. Not only will you be a blessing to one of our shut-ins, you will develop a lasting relationship with your delivery partner. For more information, please contact Jan at 865-765-0437.

## March Flowers

We need flowers for the month of March. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Sarah Doyle in the front office.

## March Luncheon

It's not too late! You don't want to miss the program and luncheon, "Time Marches On," on Tuesday, March 12th at 11:30 a.m. This event is hosted by PW, but *everyone* is invited. Lunch is catered by Eva's (\$10).

The program will feature Joanie La Torre, the owner of Black Bear Clock Repair and appraiser on Antique Road Show. Bring your favorite antique clock, watch, music box, chronometer or barometer for a free appraisal and historical background of the piece. (Please come between 11 and 11:30 if you bring an item for appraisal.) For a reservation call Mariann Thuesen at (865)253-7653 by March 5th.





## march birthdays

Charles Wu 3/1  
Doug Matthews 3/6  
Ally McLean 3/8  
Lucy Brittian 3/10  
Beth Robertson 3/12  
Terry Weaver 3/14  
Nancy Montgomery 3/22  
Sydney Jones 3/23  
Charlotte Klieman 3/25  
Ann Payne 3/29  
Mariann Thuesen 3/30

## february visitors

Chris Mullins  
Paul Koontz  
Neil Malcolm  
Sarah Cooper  
Jennifer Levy-Tatum  
Colin Christenson  
Michele Koontz  
Helen Hennon  
Barbara Fields  
Zachary Burch  
Virginia Williams  
Andy & Robert Morgan  
Mary Anne Sheffield  
Larry, Laura & Seth Harper  
Matthew Lowe  
Trell Stoud  
Carter DePoy  
Steva Harrod  
Daniel Mounger  
Joanne Mounger  
Mary Kay Sullivan  
Mary Virginia Paletta  
Paul & Brenda Lutz  
Tom & Elisa Dietz  
Jim Cnockaert  
Karen Vance  
Henry Naff  
Brooke Frohlich  
James Gilmer  
Audrey & Brad Nellis  
Bill Sullivan  
Maney, Brooke,  
Emmie, & Alley Hayes  
Alex Cooper  
Brent Walther



## The High Five Award

This month's High Five goes to the **Second Presbyterian Church Preschool**. The Preschool recently received a Three-Star Rating (out of 3) from the Department of Human Services. The Star-Quality rating system from the state is based on 8 different factors: director's qualifications, professional development of staff, developmental learning, parent and family engagement, ratios and group sizes, staff compensation, on-site program assessment and observation, and child health and well-being. Each star a program receives means that it has met increasingly higher standards. In other words, the more stars a program receives, the better the quality of care it offers to children. The Three-Star Rating is the highest rating the state of Tennessee gives to child care centers and means that our program has far exceeded the state's minimum licensing standards. So the next time you see Linda Sue or Holly or one of the teachers in the hallway, give them a big High Five for providing such excellent service to our little ones!



## 2nd Readers

When? Wednesday, March 20th

Where? Church

Time? 3:15 p.m.

Title: *The Great Alone*

Author: Kristen Hannah

Leader: Arlys



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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### Presbyterian Women March Activities

The Presbyterian Women of Second Presbyterian Church sponsor each month four circles with each circle having its separate meeting time and date. In addition, PW also provides large group meetings at scheduled times with lunch (\$10) and a program that is planned for both men and women with members and nonmembers welcome. In March, the large group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The featured speaker is Joanie La Torre, a timepiece expert with Antique Road Show, who will speak and evaluate timepieces that attendees may bring. Call Mariann Thuesen for a reservation at (865)253-7653 by March 5.

**\*House and Garden Circle**, led by Ileen Cheek (865)247-5258, meets the fourth Tuesday at 10:00, first gathering in the atrium before the day's activity. In March, the group will be doing some inspections of the church's classrooms and identifying cleaning needs. Call if you have specific room needs in mind.

**\*Mission Circle**, led by Charlotte Klieman (865)922-8453 meets the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 each month by first gathering in the atrium before beginning the planned activity. This year the circle is trying to learn more about local missions that have been 2018 recipients of the Hazel Butten Fund (a PW mission fund). The group visited the Montgomery Village Center in Feb-

ruary and hopes to visit Family Promise in March or April. Family Promise provides some support, food and shelter for selected homeless families.

**\*Arts and Crafts Circle**, led by Cheryl Ragsdale (865)684-8999 meets the third Thursday each month at 10:00 in Room 56, across from the Library. The circle provides instruction for beginners in knitting and crochet and the selected first project is to produce a number of prayer shawls to be given to those with serious illness and/or those homebound.

**\*Bible Study Circle**, led by Helen Grant (865)693-1980, meets the second Tuesday each month from 10:00-11:00, in the Mary Chambers Room. Each lesson is complete and all visitors are welcome to attend one or all study classes as they choose. This year the Bible study follows the theme, "I will be with you." Each month we look at God's promise at a different time and context.

On March 12, we will look at God's promise as He addresses His people held in captivity in Babylon—in a place of unfamiliar culture, displaced from their homes and religion, abandoned, hopeless. Many in our modern world face the same kind of challenges. Let us pray that when our trials inevitably come, may they not overcome us, that we recognize that God is our refuge and our strength. Amen.



# preschool



Pastor Tim reading to the children in February.



Helen Grant told an original story with her cat puppet!

## SPC Preschool Readers

SPC Preschool is looking for volunteers to come read to the children on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Books will be provided but if you have a childhood favorite you are welcome to bring that as well! Sign up in the atrium.





## Preschool 3-Star Award

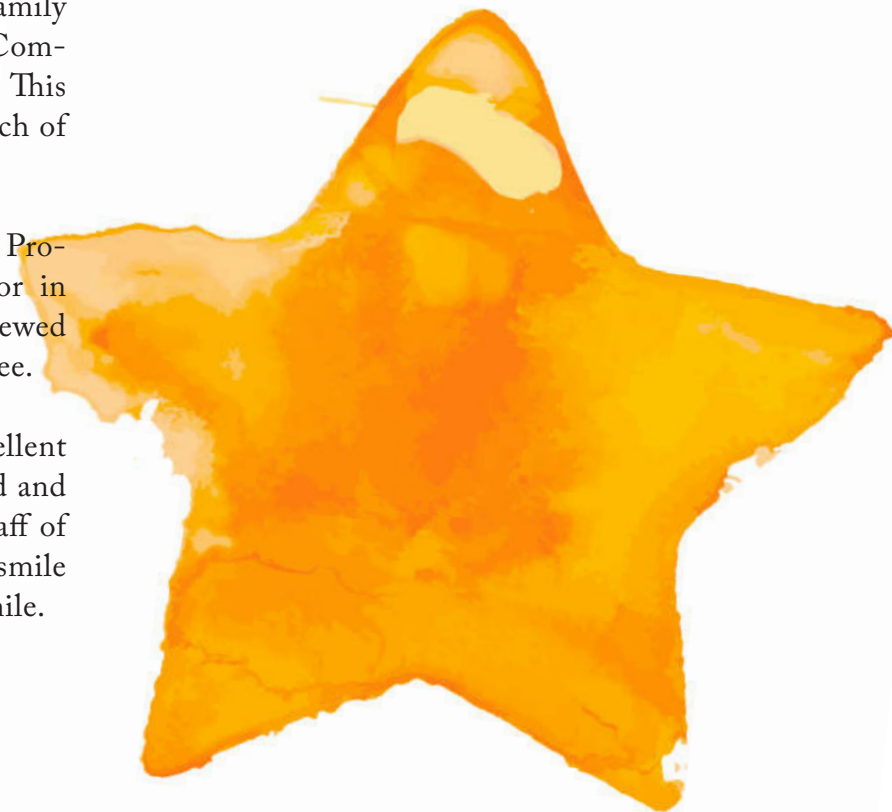
Your Preschool here at Second Presbyterian Church has received 3 out of 3 STARS for the 17th year in a row. Each year the state assesses our program for quality by observing the classrooms and reviewing children and staff files. This is all part of our licensing re-evaluation. There are seven categories that are assessed; Director Qualifications, Professional Development of Staff, Developmental Learning, Parent/Family Involvement, Ratio & Group Size, Staff Compensation, and Program Assessment Score. This year the preschool received 3 out of 3 in each of these categories.

You can view the Star-Quality Child Care Program Report Card posted beside the door in the preschool building along with the renewed license for operating a childcare in Tennessee.

Our Preschool is fortunate to have excellent leadership in our Directors Linda Sue Byrd and Holly Grimm and a highly professional staff of teachers. Our children never fail to put a smile on my face. Come join us, I guarantee a smile.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

Cleston E. Jones, *Board Chairperson*



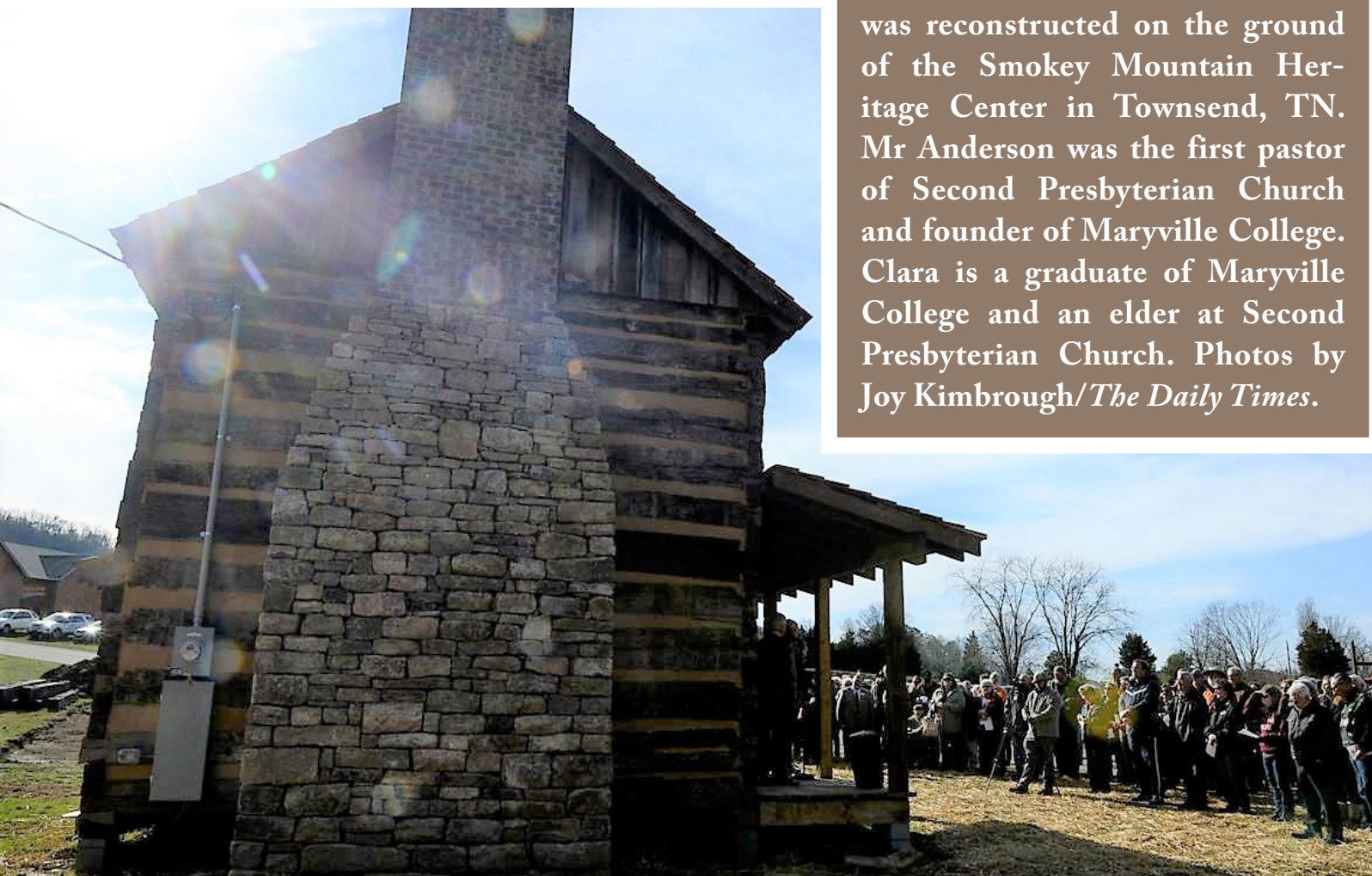


200th anniversary



## Cabin Dedication

On February 8, 2019, Clara Hardin participated in the ribbon-cutting and spoke at the dedication of the Isaac Anderson cabin. The cabin was reconstructed on the ground of the Smokey Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend, TN. Mr Anderson was the first pastor of Second Presbyterian Church and founder of Maryville College. Clara is a graduate of Maryville College and an elder at Second Presbyterian Church. Photos by Joy Kimbrough/*The Daily Times*.











## News from the 200th Anniversary

### Restoration Event

*by Helen Grant*

About two years ago, three Second Presbyterian ladies—Anne Armstrong, Clara Hardin, and Helen Grant—picked a cold, blustery, rainy Sunday afternoon to hunt for the first home and farm of Isaac Anderson, a young Presbyterian minister on the East Tennessee frontier in 1802. Anderson later became the first minister of Second Presbyterian Church from 1819-1829.

The ladies found a plaque marking a spot near Anderson's first school as head master, located the Anderson Family cemetery, and—most

importantly—walked to Anderson's first home, abandoned, surrounded by subdivision houses. The log cabin, partially covered with vinyl siding, vines and undergrowth stood dilapidated—empty and mostly forgotten.

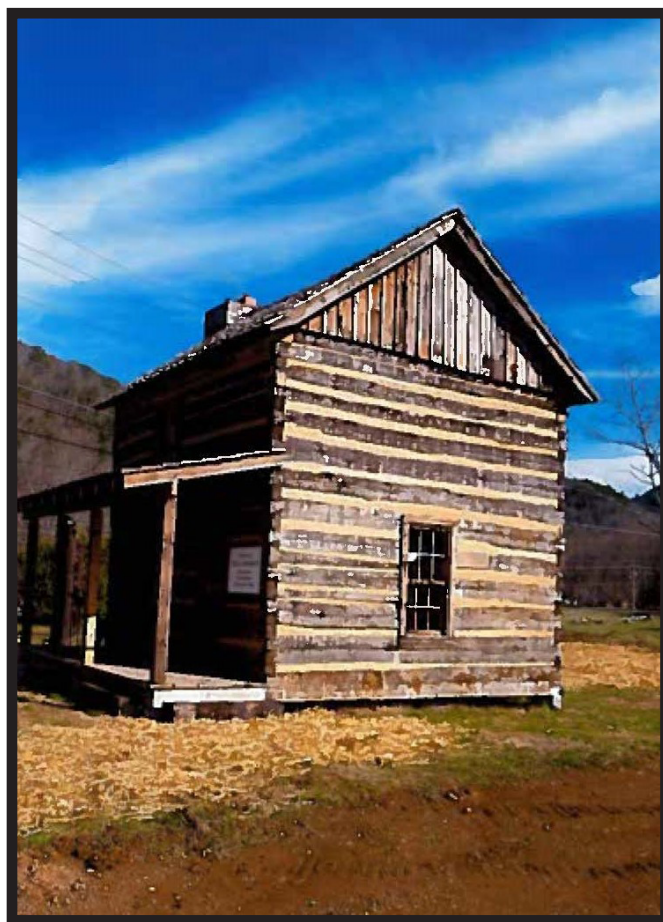
Fast forward now to February 8, 2019, when the trio of ladies from Second Church traveled again to visit Anderson's first home at its grand opening. It had been carefully dismantled (each log and stone numbered and saved, with some rotted logs replaced).



All the cabin's parts that were original had been moved to the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend, Tennessee, and restoration of the cabin was almost complete.

The log cabin now sits at the entrance to the museum for all to explore as a testimonial to a brave, dedicated Christian frontiersman who dreamed and established the first seminary on the Tennessee frontier. His life-long motto, "To do good, on the largest possible scale", guided him in pastorates including Second Presbyterian Church and New Providence Presbyterian Church and the creation of Maryville College where he served as president for decades.

The cabin restoration was made possible by hard, persistent efforts and donations from many, including Second Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to those who led the saving of this historic relic, including Clara Hardin's never-wavering determination to see the cabin restored and preserved!





## 200th Scholarship Winners

On February 7, 2019, Maryville College held a Scholarship Dinner with many scholarship donors and recipients attending. I was happy to attend where I sat at the dinner table with Second Church's 200th Anniversary Scholarship recipients: Anya Dunn and Cameron Moore. It was a joyous evening and one that gave me much encouragement to feel the enthusiastic spirits of the students—excited about their selected fields of study and their confidence in their abilities in the future to contribute to the lives of others.

Both of our scholarship students seem to be doing well academically and looking forward to the rest of the school year.

**Anya** has just begun spring practice on the school tennis team and she is hoping to have an opportunity for some volunteer work at Blount Memorial Hospital. She plans to pursue in the future some field related to pediatrics with an emphasis on special needs children.

**Cameron** hopes eventually to pursue advanced degrees to prepare for teaching at the college level. At the moment he is very excited about his opportunity to travel to Greece this spring on a study team led by a Maryville College professor, a native of Greece.







## March Mission Madness for Montgomery Village Ministry

Montgomery Village Ministry needs your help in providing necessary items for its village residents. Donations can be brought to the Atrium during the entire month of March.

Score 2 points for any of the following:

- Liquid Laundry detergent
- Powder Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Dishwashing detergent
- Toilet tissue
- Bath cleanser
- Floor cleaner
- Female Sanitary products

Score 3 points for large containers or packages.  
They divide these into smaller packages.

Thank you in advance for your help in scoring a win for Montgomery Village.

## Church Financial Report

	Jan 2019 Actual	Jan 2019 Budget	2019 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$75,713	\$48,350	\$580,200
Non-pledged Offerings	\$3,349	\$4,167	\$50,000
Preschool	\$1,667	\$1,667	\$20,000
Other	\$443	\$5,238	\$62,887
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$81,172</b>	<b>\$59,422</b>	<b>\$713,087</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$47,686</b>	<b>\$64,864</b>	<b>\$778,372</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$33,486</b>	<b>(\$5,442)</b>	<b>\$65,285</b>

## Wednesday Night Youth Fun!



# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	1 Church office closed	2
3 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion Food & Friends 12:15	4 Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	5 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities Ministry 5:00 Stewardship Ministry 6:00 Care & Compassion Ministry 6:00 Service & Outreach Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	6 PET Lunch 12:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Ash Wed. (Chapel) 6:15  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	7	8 Church office closed TIPS 3:00	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15 Second Sunday Worship Service (Chapel) 6:00	11 Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	12 PW Bible Study 10:00 PW Luncheon 11:30 Worship Ministry 6:00 Discipleship Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	13 Exercise Class 9:00 DAR 12:30 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	14	15 Church office closed	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	18 Exercise Class 9:00 Preschool Board Meeting 12:00 The Cross Ministry Meeting 4:30 BSF 5:15	19 Session Meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	20 First Day of Spring Symphony League 9:30 2nd Readers 3:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 <a href="#">Newsletter &amp; Eblast Submissions Due!</a>	21 PW Arts & Crafts 10:00	22 Church office closed	23
24 Sunday School Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	25 Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	26 FISH Ministry 9:00 PW House & Garden 10:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	27 Exercise Class 9:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00  <b>Email Blast Submissions Due</b>	28 Alzheimer's Meeting 8:00	29	30
31 Sunday School Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship (Fell. Hall) 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15						





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