

SECOND EDITION

October 2018

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On Second Thought...

October is a great month for celebrations. On October 9th my wife and I will celebrate 25 years of marriage. We're going on a cruise. We have spent over a year of our lives on cruise ships but have never been passengers, so it should be an interesting experience. October 11th gives us the opportunity to celebrate our daughter's birthday and the kids will be on the cruise with us to celebrate. During October we also celebrate three other family birthdays – my brother's, a niece's and a nephew's. Columbus Day is in there somewhere and, of course, Halloween is on the last day of the month.

Halloween is now the second largest holiday in the United States, in terms of commercial impact. It's not just about the candy anymore! Costumes and parties, haunted houses, the premiere of new horror movies, lawn decorations, hayrides and corn mazes have all become hugely popular in recent years. Many Christians are rediscovering the ancient connection between Halloween (All Hallowed Evening) and All Saints Day. They are reclaiming the forgotten opportunity to remember those whose baptisms have been completed in death and who serve as examples to us in our Christian journey. They celebrate the lives of these loved ones and remember the promise of the gospel, "Death has been swallowed up in victory." This hope, after all, is what allows us to confront death head-on, even making fun of and scoffing at it.

October is also the time we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Reformation Day is the same day as Halloween because it was on October 31st, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning what we now know as the Protestant Reformation. Reformation Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday closest to this date, which will be October 28th for us. You can read more elsewhere in this newsletter about how we plan to

celebrate that day, but let's just say – if you have a kilt, wear it, 'cause the piper will be a-piping!



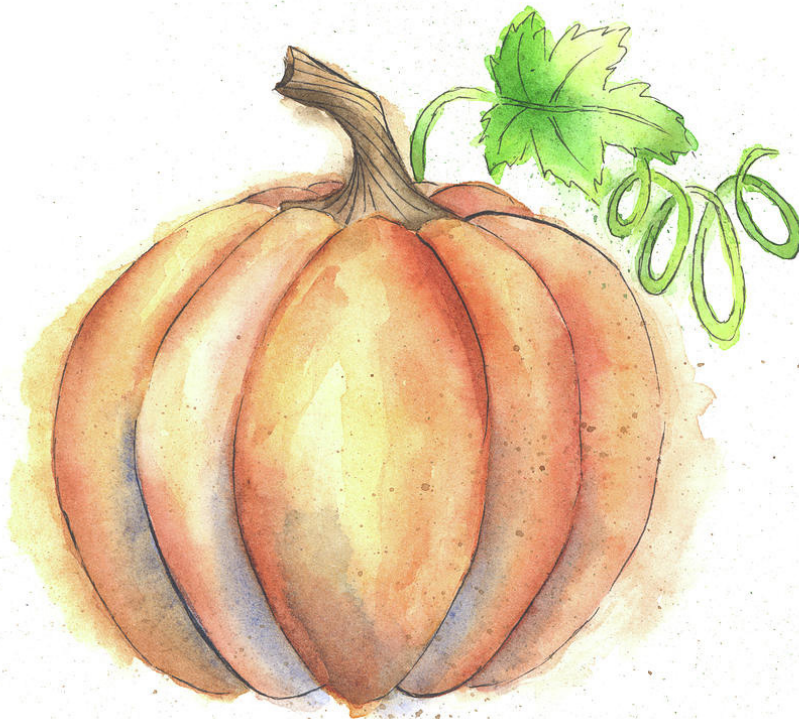
And, of course, October 21st is our big 200th Anniversary Celebration. In April 1818, a small group of people asked the Presbytery for "the privilege of erecting a new church" in Knoxville. Though the Presbytery denied the original request, the Synod of Tennessee overturned the Presbytery's action on October 24th of the same year and ordered the Presbytery to organize a Second Presbyterian Church with dispatch. October 21st is the Sunday closest to that date and we will remember and give thanks for those people, for the countless people whose lives have been impacted by the ministry of Second Presbyterian Church in the intervening years, and, above all, for God's 200 years of faithfulness to the people of this congregation. We will celebrate the founding of this congregation with a glorious worship service featuring a specially commissioned anthem, a brass quintet, the presence of the two students who are the recipients of the first 200th Anniversary Scholarships to be awarded, and a catered luncheon in Hudson Hall.

Like I said, October is a great month for celebrations. And do we have some celebrating to do! I would particularly like to thank Helen Grant and all the members of the 200th Anniversary Committee who were already hard at work when I got here two years ago, planning the year-long celebrations. What a wonderful year it has been. I can't wait to see what the next 200 years will bring. (Or at least the next 20!)

Grace and peace...

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Pastor Tim



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Stained Glass Sermon Series

Our bicentennial sermon series on the scenes depicted in the stained-glass windows of the sanctuary is rapidly drawing to a close. The series will conclude on November 4th. Here are the topics between now and then:

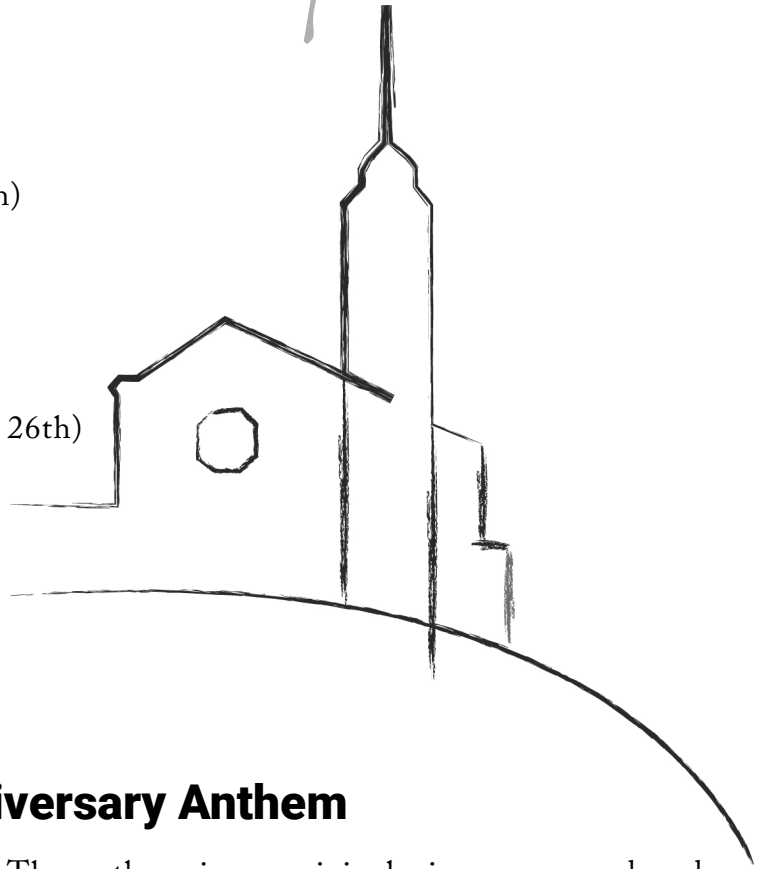
Oct. 7th	<i>Stephen (Pentecost)</i>	Acts 6:8-7:1, 54-60
Oct. 14th	<i>Ethiopian Eunuch & Peter on the Roof (Pentecost)</i>	Acts 8:26-40 & 10:1-48
Oct. 21st	<i>Presbyterian History Window (200th Anniversary)</i>	2 Corinthians 4:1-10
Oct. 28th	<i>The Church at Work in the World</i>	Matthew 28:16-20
Nov. 4th	<i>The Apostles' Window</i>	Revelation 4:6-11 & 5:6-14

Second's Most Popular Hymns...So Far!

For the last four months we have been singing the Most Popular Hymns of Second Presbyterian Church, as voted on by you, the members. On our 200th Anniversary Sunday, October 21st, we will reveal the #1 hymn. Take a look at the list below. What's missing? What hymns haven't we done yet? Can you guess the remaining hymns?

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- #21 – The Church's One Foundation (June 3rd)
- #20 – Just a Little Talk with Jesus (June 10th)
- #19 – Morning Has Broken (June 17th)
- #18 – In the Garden (June 24th)
- #17 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (July 1st)
- #16 – Here I Am, Lord (July 8th)
- #15 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (July 15th)
- #14 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (July 22nd)
- #13 – I Danced in the Morning (July 29th)
- #12 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save (August 5th)
- #11 – Lift High the Cross (August 12th)
- #10 – God of Grace and God of Glory (August 19th)
- #9 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty! (August 26th)
- #8 – The Old Rugged Cross (Sept. 2nd)
- #7 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Sept. 9th)
- #6 – How Great Thou Art (Sept. 16th)
- #5 – I'll Fly Away (Sept. 23rd)
- #4 – ?????? (Sept. 30th)
- #3 – ?????? (Oct. 7th)
- #2 – ?????? (Oct. 14th)
- #1 – ?????? (Oct. 21st)



Special 200th Anniversary Anthem

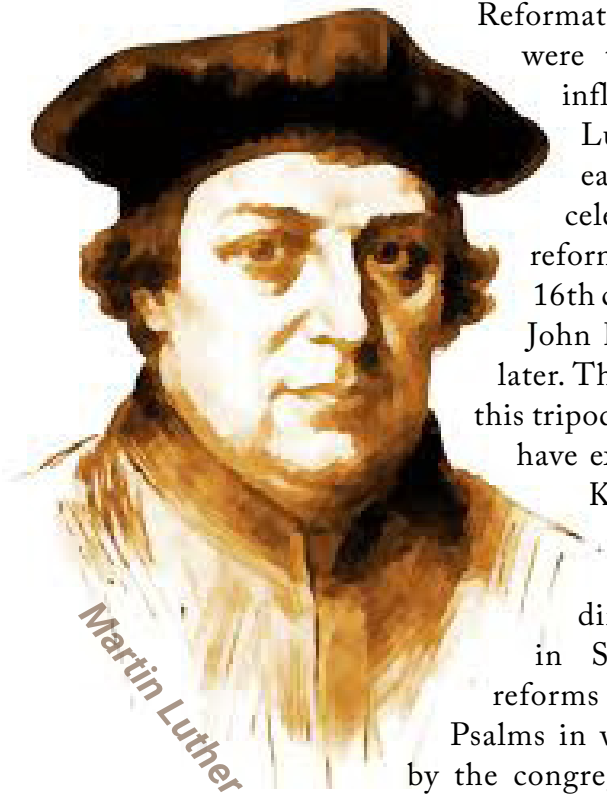
As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, Second Presbyterian Church has commissioned an original choral anthem for worship on October 21st. Based on 2 Corinthians 4:1-10, the anthem, entitled *Purpose and Thanksgiving*, is a joyous celebration of God's faithfulness to Second through the many peaks and valleys of our congregation's life. The choir will be accompanied by organ and brass and, based on a suggestion by 200th Anniversary Committee member Bruce Foster, the anthem ends with the congregation joining the choir in singing a verse of the hymn, *Now Thank We All Our God*.

The anthem is an original piece composed and arranged by Rev. Mike Stallings. Hailing from Goodlettsville, TN, Mike holds a Bachelor's degree in music from the University of Tennessee and a Master's degree in choral conducting from Middle Tennessee State University. He has served as Director of Music at several Methodist churches in both middle and east Tennessee and spent several years composing music for HGTV and DIY networks. Ordained as a deacon in the Methodist church, Mike is currently the Pastor of Worship & Arts at Concord United Methodist Church in Farragut, TN.

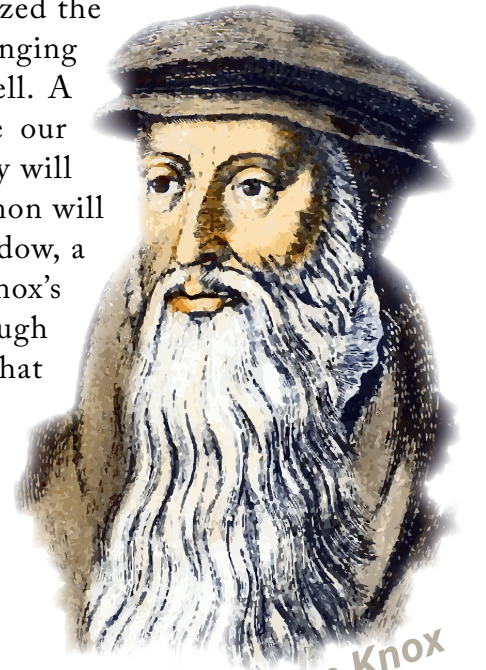
Reformation Sunday is October 28th

Reformation Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday in October closest to October 31st, the anniversary of the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg in 1517, thus beginning the Protestant

Reformation. For American Presbyterians, there were three phases of the Reformation that influenced and informed our Tradition: Luther's reforms in Germany in the early part of the 16th century, which we celebrated two years ago; John Calvin's reforms in Switzerland in the middle of the 16th century, which we celebrated last year; and John Knox's reforms in Scotland a generation later. This year we will celebrate the third leg of this tripod with a service similar to what you would have experienced had you attended worship in Knox's church in Edinburgh around 1560.



American Presbyterianism can be directly traced to Knox's worship reforms in Scotland, which built upon Calvin's reforms of Luther's. Knox emphasized the Psalms in worship, especially their singing by the congregation, and we will, as well. A piper will play in worship as we celebrate our Scottish roots, the prayers we will use that day will be prayers written by John Knox, and the sermon will be on the Church at Work in the World window, a fitting topic for the missionary emphasis of Knox's Presbyterianism. Good news, however – although John Knox was well known for sermons that lasted 1 hour and 20 minutes, Pastor Tim will try and keep the sermon significantly shorter!



All-Saints Day

It is a tradition here at Second Presbyterian on the Sunday closest to All Saints Day (November 1st) to read the names of those members who have joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses in the previous year. If you would like a loved one's name who wasn't a member of the church to be included this year, please send Rachel (rcarlson@2ndpres.org) an email and let her know. We will be reading the names on Sunday, November 4th during worship.

Wednesday Nights in October

October 3rd is our next 1st Wednesday Church Family 'Round the Table intergenerational program. Our first one in September was a big hit and many people talked about how much fun they had. If you didn't make it for the first one, we hope you come out and join us for the second one. The theme will be, "Backwards Night." To find out what that means, you'll have to show up!

We will continue our two classes, *Why Church?* and *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Study* on October 10th, 17th & 24th. There will be NO Wednesday night activities on Wednesday, October 31st so that people may be at home for Halloween.

Aging with Dignity

On Sunday, November 4th following worship at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Tim will once again be presenting *Aging with Dignity*, a class designed to help people of *all ages* think about the practical issues of aging, especially end of life issues. One of the best ways we can serve and empower our loved ones in the future is to make important decisions when we are healthy and able to do so. We will cover topics like living wills, durable powers of attorney, who we want to make health care decisions for us when we can't, how to communicate our health care and treatment wishes to loved ones, hospice care, what we want people to know and how to tell them, and funeral wishes and planning. The class will last approximately 2 hours. A light lunch will be served so please email Pastor Tim (treynolds@2ndpres.org) if you plan on attending.



Discovery Class

Are you interested in uniting with this congregation? Just want to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian? Then our Fall Discovery Class is for you! This class will be held in the Mary Chambers Room during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) beginning October 14th and will continue for 4 consecutive Sundays, concluding on November 4th. Pastor Tim will lead discussions on Reformed Theology, Presbyterianism, and the history of Second Presbyterian Church. The class is open to anyone who would like to attend – current members, people wishing to join, those who are curious to find out more about us, or folks who just want to refresh their memories about Presbyterian history and theology. At the conclusion of the class people will be given the opportunity to unite with this congregation in membership, if they so desire. A new member Sunday will be held on November 11th for those wishing to unite in membership with Second Presbyterian Church.



Parking Volunteers Needed

Staffing the parking lot for one of the home games is an easy way to serve the church and to help ensure that scholarships are available to those Preschool families who need financial assistance. It only requires a few hours of your time and you get to meet some wonderful people! You will need to arrive about 3 hours before game time and will be done 30 minutes prior to kickoff. We need folks for Nov. 17th (Missouri). If you are interested in volunteering for a home game, please contact Pastor Tim.

October Lunch Bunch

The October Lunch Bunch will be Tuesday, October 2, at 11:30 a.m. This will be pot luck lunch. Please bring your favorite dishes to share. Our speaker will be Jan Barber. She will be speaking on the topic "Spirituality of Aging." We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Mariann Thuesen at (865) 253-7653

Small Groups

Are you interested in joining a small group for fun, food and fellowship? Congregational Care wants to hear from you to see if this is a desired avenue in getting to know each other in a connective way. If this speaks to you, please contact Nan Sweitzer at nansweitzer@comcast.net.

Pat Yourselves on the Back!

Second Presbyterian Church purchased **54 Coupon Books** this year... the best we've ever done!! That means an extra \$432.00 to enhance the education of students at West View Elementary School. Thank you for stepping up to help with this mission.



The High Five Award

October's High Five Award goes to **Seth Reynolds** and **Max Jones**. Working behind the scenes, these two young men are in the balcony almost every Sunday running either the sound board or video camera.

They not only ensure that folks in the sanctuary are able to clearly hear what's going on in worship, they are a key part of making sure that folks at home are able to join our worship via online streaming. These two young men are dedicated and committed, only taking one Sunday off per month each. Even then, you will most likely find them in the balcony during worship, ready on standby just in case an extra hand is needed. In addition, both young men are active in Sunday School and on Wednesday evenings, and both play in their respective High School marching bands, along with other extracurricular school activities. If you would like to be part of our audio/video ministry – and give them a rest every now and then – let one of them or Paul Sexauer know. In the meantime, the next time you see one of these young men in the hallway, tell them thanks for serving in this critical ministry and give them a big High Five!

2nd readers

No meeting in November

When? Wednesday, October 17th

Where? Library

Time? 3:00 p.m.

Title: *The Hundred Story Home*

Author: Kathi Izard

Leader: Catherine

september visitors

Jim Cnockaert
Lisa Russell
Scott, Jennifer, Abby & James Armstrong
Caroline Canfield
Callie Canfield
Autumn Sexton
Megan Hines
Emma Hines
Matthew Lowe
Ellie Lander
Rion Steels
Trell Stoud
Joanne Mounger
Doug & Andrea Byerly
Kim & Findley Hudgens
Patrick Stultz
Andy & Kelly Stultz
Pamela Maples
Pat Winingar
Travis, Leah & Ellen Franklin
Suzanne & Charles White
Andy Morgan
Lisa Osburn
Karen Vance
Shawna Lister
Henry Naff
Jennifer Levy-Tatum
Kathryn Pugh
Eric Pugh
Ruth Pugh
Yar Wei
Fred & Susan Brackney
Elizabeth Lander
Jack Marshall
Aubrey Bader
Brooke Frohlich
Carter DePoy
Geoffrey & Patricia Kennedy
Rachel, David & Jacob Cantrell
Clay & Kathryn Zava
Brent Walther
Alex Cooper
Ruthann Froberg
Matthew & Stephanie Cummings
Mary Lyn & Tom Cappiello
Terry & Kay Weaver
Miles Jenkins
Mary Wallace Clement
Kier Hull
Desiree & Chip Denton



october birthdays

George Rogers 10/1
Cole Turner 10/1
Tammy Akers 10/3
John Butler 10/4
Sandra Butler 10/4
Ed Batts 10/5
Mark Turner 10/5
Taylor Dodson 10/6
Catherine Beals 10/7
Cheryl Ragsdale 10/8
John Kelley 10/10
Theresa Stone 10/10
Lily Reynolds 10/11
Charles Landis 10/16
Emily Rose 10/16
Arlys Milligan 10/25
Ann Wallace 10/25
Sunny Sweitzer 10/28
Bill Arant 10/29

church painting

Look up! Check out the oil painting of Second Presbyterian Church by our very own Assistant Director of Music and Organist, David Stultz. David is both musically and artistically gifted. We are very lucky to have him! David said the following about the painting, "I just completed this oil painting as an expression of my gratitude to God and to Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville for giving me the opportunity to now serve as the assistant director of music and organist."



UKIRK Dinners

Our Church is again providing Wednesday Night dinners on the fourth Wednesday of each month to UKIRK students. We need four people each month to provide food. Our first Wednesday is September 26th. If you can help with this please call Ileen Cheek at 247-5258 or email at ileenchek@hotmail.com.

We usually provide a main course, sides and dessert. They eat at 7:00 but we can take the food over earlier and they will keep it warm. You can deliver your food to the church and we will get it over to them. Please help!

Food & Friends

We are currently looking for Food & Friends hosts for the 2018-2019 school year. There is an online sign up in the weekly email blast. If you don't have access to the sign up, let Rachel or Sarah know. Food & Friends is a ministry to college students & young adults. Each week following worship, any college student or young adult who would like to go to lunch with other young adults is invited to meet at the Baptismal Font following worship. Lunch is paid for by the church. If you would like more information on this important ministry, please contact Sarah Morgan.



Trunk or Treat

The youth of 2nd Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a Trunk or Treat at Westview Elementary, and they need your help! It will be held in the parking lot at Westview on Wednesday, October 31st. Stay tuned for details on how to sign up!



Reintroducing the Church Library

Second Presbyterian Church Library is located on the hall leading to the front of the sanctuary, known as the Fireside Room. This library is self-serve. It is open when the church is open and closed when the church is closed. Patrons may have to turn on the lights.

To check out a book, CD, or DVD, one just signs the card located in the back of books and on the back of all media and place the card in the card box on top of the card catalogue. The updated

software does not print catalogue cards so finding a more recent book may take some looking or ask me, your volunteer librarian.

The Library takes four magazines: *Horizons*, *Presbyterian Outlook*, *Presbyterians Today*, and *Christianity Today*. The Library has a children's section and some biography and carefully selected fiction. Mainly the Library concentrates on books pertaining to religion.

The following are more recent books added to the collection:

The World According to Mr. Rogers and Life's Journeys According to Mr. Rogers

DVD *It's You I Like: PBS tribute to Mr. Rogers*

DVD *I Can Only Imagine*

DVD *An Evening with C. S. Lewis*

What is the Bible? By Rob Bell and Love Wins also by Rob Bell (these books recommended by Rev. Andy Morgan during his lessons on hell)

Shaken by Tim Tebow (story of Tim's highs and lows in the NFL)

Only Susan and And I Did by Susan Crum-Teague (woman's journey with cancer)

David and Goliath: underdogs, misfits, and the art of battling giants by Malcolm Gladwell

City of Thorns by Ben Rawlence: "To the charity workers, Dadaab Refugee Camp. Is a Humanitarian crisis; to the Kenyan government, 'a nursery for terrorists'; to the Western media, a dangerous no-go area; but to its half a million residents, their last resort." Ben Rawlence was a firsthand witness to Dadaab and its residents. He writes of the lives of nine individuals to educate the world with this crisis.

Liz Peebles
247-4503
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Let Us Pray,

We help to transform lives through our work for peace, with the tools God has given us. Together, in the Spirit of God, we work to break the power of hate, and heal the wounds of violence and division. We join together to pray, and boldly take action for God's peace — at all times in all ways.

Amen.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received on Sunday, October 7th to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing injustice across the world.



50%

supports the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice, example: our church partners in Madagascar



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will be used by the Presbytery of East Tennessee for peacemaking and reconciliation ministry projects.



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FISH Ministry Needs You!

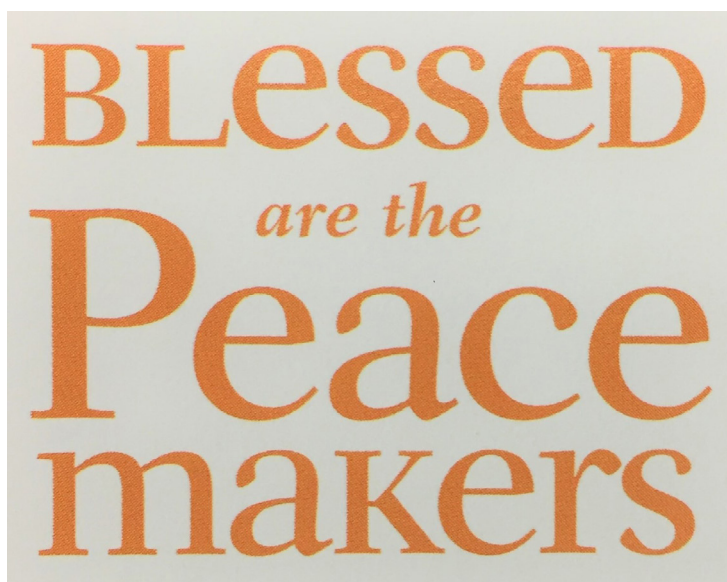
Helping to provide food for needy families in Knoxville is one of the mission endeavors of Second Presbyterian Church. Since 1972, our church has been one of about 35 churches or community groups who, as members of FISH of Knox County, typically serve this ministry once each month. Some volunteers prepare bags of food items, others, in pairs deliver them to homes where help is requested through a FISH phone line to the church.

The FISH Pantry is supported through our church budget. Meeting on the fourth Tuesday, our FISH Pantry has previously served over 25 families each month. Currently the number has decreased to about 15 due mainly to a shortage of drivers and baggers. It is the hope of our church's missions leaders that more drivers will step forward in order that Second Church may increase its hunger relief ministry. Drivers begin deliveries at 11:30 and over the noontime.

If you wish to be part of our FISH ministry, notify the church office or call our FISH Pantry coordinator, Marion Frazer, at 671-0275.

Second Presbyterian Coin Jar

Donations to the coin jar in the atrium for Living Waters for the World totaled \$502.48. This organization provides water purification systems for small communities mainly in central and South America as well as the Caribbean. The coin jar is now collecting donations for the Morgan Scott Project in Deer Lodge, Tennessee. They provide support for local area students, host work groups, children's camp and medical clinics, distribute garden supplies and food boxes, provide Christmas gifts for children, and operate a thrift store. Please donate any loose change to the coin jar!





Presbyterian Women's Day at Sunset Gap - October 18, 2018

Presbyterian Women's Day is held each year in October. The women of the Presbytery, and men, are invited to Sunset Gap to learn about Sunset Gap, share a meal and fellowship. This year Presbyterian Women's Day will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Sign in will start at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$5 a person. A carpool will be leaving from Second Presbyterian Church around 9:00 a.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to maintain or begin your relationship with Sunset Gap. If you are interested in attending the event, check the Sunset Gap website for registration informa-

tion: www.sunsetgap.com. Contact Charlotte Klieman with questions and/or to sign up: 865.922.8453 or ckly@comcast.net.

Also, we are currently collecting donations for Sunset Gap's food pantry. Collection boxes will be in the coat rack area at the church for the next several weeks. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check out to "Presbyterian Women." Please bring items in by October 17th.

Food Pantry Wish List Items: self-rising flour, self-rising corn meal, cooking oil, sugar, crackers, rice, soup, canned meat (tuna, chicken), spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 18, 2018

Dear Fellow Second Pres Member,

We are writing to you today to ask for your help with the JOY Singers of 2nd Pres. We are a group of folks who love singing and sharing our gift as a ministry of the church. We take our song selections and visit the nursing homes and assisted living centers where some of our own church members are living. And you don't need to be a "singer" to participate. All voices are welcome.

Our rehearsal times are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10am. Rehearsals run about an hour and the fellowship is a big part of our enjoyment and relationship. Performance times will be kept to this same schedule as much as possible.

Please consider joining us for this worthy and worthwhile (not to mention fun) endeavor.

Musically yours,

Matt Mimbs

Director of Music and Arts

Jan Barber

Visitation Minister





Coming Soon - A 200th Anniversary Commemorative Book

Our 200th anniversary commemorative book, *Reflections on Second Presbyterian Church – Its times and its peoples, 1818-2018*, is coming soon. The book, authored by Arvillee and Helen Grant and the anniversary team, will begin advance sales October 1st. The release date will be in November. This later date will allow pictures of the October 21st worship and lunch to be included in the publication.

The book will have a glossy paperback cover along with many color and black and white pictures. The cost will be between

\$20 and \$25 dollars. The printing has been offered as an anniversary gift. The money from sales will be given to the Second Presbyterian 200th Anniversary Scholarship Fund. Two scholarship recipients have been chosen for this year.

Advances in printing will make this history book a very special one that the committee is sure our congregants will want. Watch for advance sale signups. Any questions may be addressed to Elizabeth Peebles, 247-4503 or enp3613@gmail.com.



To All 200th Vintage-Dressed Greeters and Ushers

On Sunday, October 21, 2018, Second Presbyterian Church will celebrate its last 200th Anniversary event. With the worship service and catered luncheon to follow, we need all our costumed greeters and ushers to be present in the “finery” that you have collected to represent some period in our long history. We also welcome new recruits who wish to join us on that Sunday.

Contact Cheryl Ragsdale at 684-8999 or Helen Grant at 693-1980 for more information on participating in this celebration.







TO THE CONGREGATION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

On behalf of Maryville College, I want to extend our gratitude to the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church for your generous support of the Isaac Anderson Cabin project. Your gift is helping preserve this important piece of Presbyterian history for many generations to come. The cabin construction is well underway at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend and will be open to the public in early 2019. As your church's Bicentennial celebrations draw to a close, we are honored to partner with you in this legacy of Rev. Isaac Anderson. Thank you for carrying on his legacy to "Do good on the largest scale possible."

Sincerely,

Dr. Tom Bogart
Maryville College President

Emerald Youth



Christmas Store



October 200-A-Month

The 200-a-Month collection in October is for Emerald Youth Foundation's Christmas Store. The Store sells new toys at 70% off original price, allowing families to provide Christmas gifts for their children. The toys are for ages preschool to high school.

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To Members & Friends of Second Presbyterian Church

As Second Presbyterian Church nears the end of its 200th celebration year, I wish to share with you some thoughts about the luncheon the 200th Anniversary Committee is planning for Sunday, October 21—

By a recent “straw poll” the congregation has indicated that they prefer catered food for this special day and the task group of the 200th Committee (who is hosting the luncheon) has made arrangements for a full meal on this Sunday after the worship service with baskets on the tables to receive the full cost of the meal.

My wish is to explain that the 200th Anniversary Committee has operated by choice on a small, no frills budget that has narrowly focused eyes on our historic past but has chosen to focus energy

and resources on the future of Second Presbyterian Church through our newly endowed scholarship fund and the 200-A-Month mission efforts. Supporters will have an opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund that Sunday.

I sincerely hope that members and friends of Second Church wish the church well on our founding day activities on October 21, and we anticipate additional attendees this day that choose to attend our worship service and the luncheon that follows. We join our Pastor and our Session in inviting all who seek to praise the Lord in worship, prayer, and song in our sanctuary and to enjoy fellowship and the food that follows in Hudson Hall.

Helen Grant,
Co-Chair, 200th Anniversary Committee

Dear Congregation,

On Sunday, October 21, 2018, our Second Presbyterian Church Family will gather to participate in the last planned event of our 200th Anniversary celebrations. Mark your calendars for this worship service in the sanctuary, followed by a catered luncheon in Hudson Hall. In the worship service there will be an opportunity to provide in the offering plate a special contribution to the 200th Anniversary Scholarship Fund for those who wish to do so. Several church members will be present that day, dressed in vintage clothing. Be sure to admire them!

By the calendar we will be just a little early to observe the actual founding date of Second Presbyterian Church of October 24, 1818, but the 200th Anniversary Committee chose the closest Sunday, October 21, for the culmination of a year's special activities.

You may not remember just how this 200th Anniversary activity began—almost three years ago the Second Church Session requested that Arvilee and Helen Grant co-chair a 200th Anniversary Committee to plan and conduct a celebration of the church's founding. They accepted.

Many in our congregation will remember 2015 as a time of great change in Second Presbyterian Church. We were led by an interim, part-time pastor, Dr. Rucker; as a church family we had lost many members, including friends, relatives, and Session members who had chosen to leave our congregation; it was a time for sadness and difficult decisions.

The 200th Anniversary Committee was formed and began its work immediately. The Committee agreed and Session approved that the agenda for the celebration would be one that focused on Second Church's historic past and the roles that the church has played in the community. Because the church's history reflected a strong sense of mission, both in the past and present, the Committee began to search for a new mission project that would both represent God's love for His people and Second Church's willingness to put that love to work in the community. The Committee further agreed that the congregation should have the opportunity to be directly involved in any selected projects.

Now, three years later, the celebrating is almost over. The Committee has deliberately kept a low-key celebration— focusing resources more

on the mission projects and historic past that relate to the present and future for the community. Any examination of the past has been presented in order to help the congregation and the community to understand better Second Church's history in order to strengthen its members for its path into the future.

The two mission projects have been chosen and work continues on both of them:

The 200th Anniversary Scholarship Fund of Second Presbyterian Church has been established at the East Tennessee Foundation and has already issued its first scholarship recipients for 2018. The two recipients are using those scholarships for this school year and you will meet the students on Sunday, October 21.

The 200-A-Month collections of items for local selected charities will continue for the entire 2018 year and is doing well each month. The aim is to collect at least 200 items needed by clients of local non-profits—the contributed items such as soap, tooth paste, disposable razors, etc. have

numbered over 200 items every month—thanks to the congregation for the contributions and to Pastor Tim for the idea of this project!

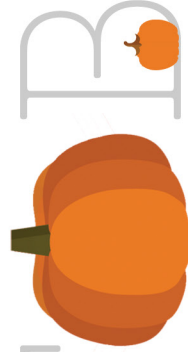
The historical research articles on Second Church have been published monthly in the *Second Edition*, have been compiled, expanded and edited, along with photos, and are being published in a new book entitled, *Reflections on Second Presbyterian Church—It's Times and its Peoples, 1818-2018*. The printing costs are being handled privately and the entire cost of each sold book will go directly into the scholarship fund principal (only the earnings from the invested principal can be used for scholarships).

See you October 21!!
Helen Grant, Co-Chair,
200th Anniversary Committee



Church Financial Report

	Jan-August 2018 Actual	Jan-August 2018 Budget	2018 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$343,348	\$326,947	\$490,420
Non-pledged Offerings	\$53,586	\$36,667	\$55,000
Preschool	\$13,333	\$13,333	\$20,000
Other	\$104,539	\$95,800	\$143,700
TOTAL GIVING	\$514,806	\$472,747	\$709,120
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$469,984	\$510,464	\$709,120
NET	\$44,822	(\$37,717)	\$0



2018

OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion Peace & Global Offering Food & Friends 12:15	Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	1 Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities Ministry 5:00 Care & Compassion Ministry 6:00 Service & Outreach Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	2 Exercise Class 9:00 PET Lunch 12:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	3 Exercise Class 9:00 DAR 12:30 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	4 Church office closed	5 Church office closed
	Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	8 PW Bible Study 10:00 Worship Ministry 6:00 Discipleship Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	9 Exercise Class 9:00 DAR 12:30 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	10 Exercise Class 9:00 DAR 12:30 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	11 Church office closed	12 Church office closed
	Columbus Day		16 Joy Singers 10:00 Preschool Board meeting 12:00 Session Meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	17 Exercise Class 9:00 Symphony League 9:30 2nd Readers 3:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	18 Alzheimer Meeting - Mary Chambers 8:00 Sunset Gap 9:30 PW Arts & Crafts 10:00	19 Church office closed
20th Celebration! Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	Exercise Class 9:00 BSF 5:15	22 Fish Pantry 9:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 PW House & Garden 10:00 Men's Basketball 8:30	23 Exercise Class 9:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	24 Exercise Class 9:00 Handbells 4:30 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:05 Chancel Choir 7:00 Email Blast Submissions Due	25 Church office closed	26 Church office closed
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						Newsletter Submissions Due!
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John Henley
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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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