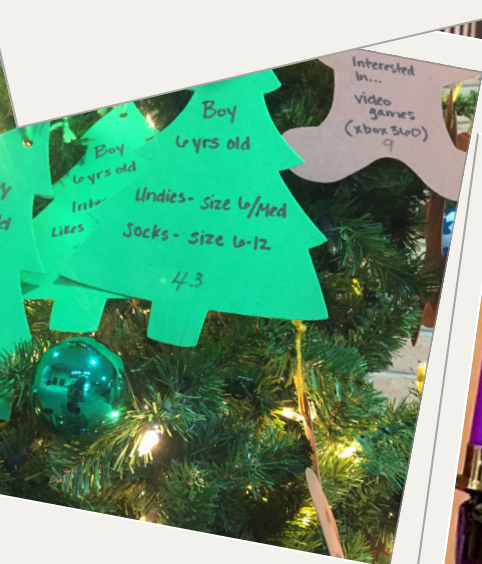


# SECOND EDITION

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# On Second Thought...

I miss the “happy” in *Happy Holidays*. And the “merry” in *Merry Christmas*, for that matter. Since when did holiday greetings become so...adversarial? Well, since 2005, when a cable news network commentator took then-President George W. Bush to task for sending out Christmas cards that wished recipients a “happy holiday season.” President Bush was simply following the lead of fellow Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who, in an effort to include those who did not claim Christianity as their religious faith, sent out cards in the 1950’s that read “Season’s Greetings.” Oh yes, Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Carter, Reagan, and Clinton all took care, as well, to be inclusive in their Christmas-time holiday greetings.

In 2005, however, it became a thing. A measuring stick. A litmus test. A way to gauge which side of the culture wars you were on. *Happy Holidays* meant you were taking the side of the liberal cultural accommodationists who not only wanted to get rid of Christmas, but who denied the very fabric on which the country was founded and wanted to remove Christianity from America altogether. *Merry Christmas* put you on the side of those who were protecting Christmas, American Family Values, the Flag, Main Street America, and the right to force people to honor Jesus’ birth whether they worshiped him or not.

In the 12 years since it has become something of a Christmas tradition. The American Family Association publishes its annual “naughty or nice” list of companies that are “Christmas-friendly” (meaning they use the word “Christmas” in their advertising) and those that are not. Poll after poll is released showing which greeting is preferred according to political party, geographic region, age, and so on. Schools get sued for removing “Silent Night” from their choir programs and for having “Silent Night” in them. Towns get sued for keeping nativity scenes out of the square and for having them there. If someone dares to wish *Happy Holidays* to a *Merry Christmas* adherent, the latter spits *Merry Christmas* back in the face of the former as if to say, “Take that, you pagan

heathen! I will not allow your secular accommodation to intrude upon my enjoyment of Christmas, by God!” And vice versa.

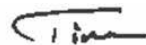
Sigh. Peace on earth.  
Good will to all.

I think it’s good for Christians to remember that in a culture that is increasingly pluralistic, whether by design or not, our witness to the grace of our Savior is best conveyed by *grace*. So, when we greet people whom we know are fellow believers, “Merry Christmas!” is fine because we know they are celebrating the birth of our common Savior. But to others – Jews, Muslims, Hindus, atheists, agnostics, and the many strangers whose religious convictions are unknown to us – there is something graceful about saying, “Happy Holidays.” It wishes them well in terms that befit them.

As for me? Well, I usually say, “Blessed Advent” if it’s before December 25th. It’s not a well-known holiday greeting these days, but it certainly is the more liturgically appropriate one for Christians in the early days of December. Not only does it have the advantage of neatly avoiding the culture wars altogether, it’s fun to see the confused looks on peoples’ faces *and* it often starts a conversation. I think we could use a little more conversation and a little less rhetoric in our country right now. Imagine if we actually listened to people we disagree with, simply to learn where they are coming from, rather than to argue a point or get them to come around to our point of view.

It seems to me the whole Incarnation was about God coming among us, as one of us, so that he could better understand us and we him. Understanding. Listening. What a perfect way to celebrate Christmas.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim

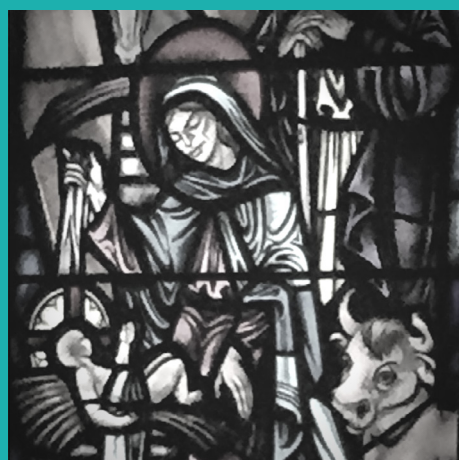
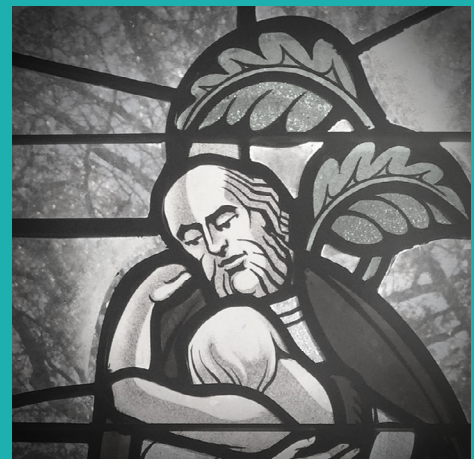
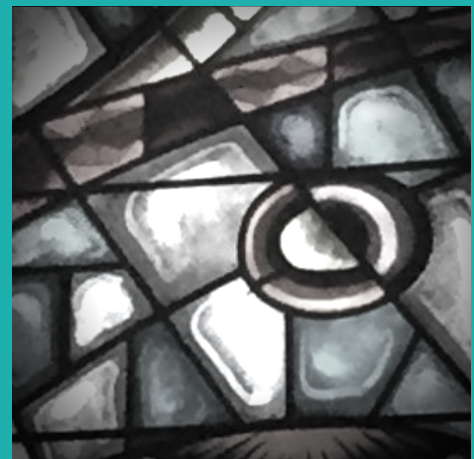
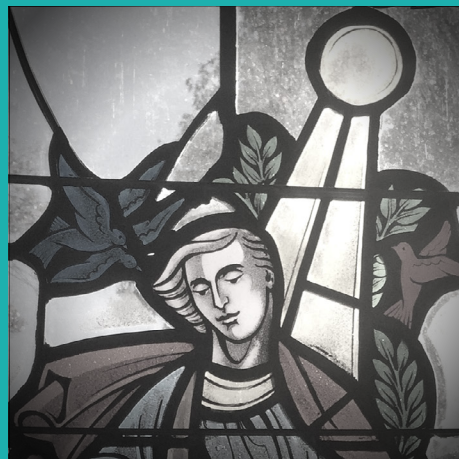




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# STAINED GLASS SERMON SERIES



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## Stained-Glass Windows Sermon Series

Pastor Tim is starting a sermon series during Advent that will focus on the images and stories depicted in the lovely and inspiring stained-glass windows in our sanctuary. This sermon series will conclude in October 2018, when we celebrate the official founding of Second Presbyterian Church. The sermon series will cover all of the windows and all of the images depicted therein.

When our present building was dedicated in April of 1958, there were two stained-glass windows in place: the Chancel Window and the Apostles' Window (balcony). They were designed by Dr. Henry Lee Willett, of The Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia, and Dr. Joseph Copeland, pastor of Second Presbyterian at the time. The Chancel Window's predominant theme is the cross, outlined in red, and contains scenes from the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ. The outer panes depict Old and New Testament heroes. The Apostles' Window above the balcony depict a winged man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle, symbols for Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, respectively. In the center is the Lamb of God, the symbol for Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation.

The rest of the windows were designed for Willet by Eric Sundean and installation was completed by the early 1980's. They depict the Life of Jesus and the Life of the Church. On the river side, from narthex to chancel, the

windows' themes are: Incarnation (the focus of our Advent sermons), Discipleship, Teaching the Word, Intimate Ministry of Christ, Jesus the Great Physician, and Son of God, His Miracles. Underneath these are windows depicting the Parables of Jesus. On the parlor side, from chancel to narthex, the themes are: Pentecost and the Early Church, Presbyterian History, and The Church at Work in the World.

During Advent we are combining two panes from the Chancel Window with the Incarnation Window to explore the meaning of Jesus' birth. The First Sunday in Advent will focus on Isaiah (Chancel Window – left column, middle row), who foretold the coming of the Messiah in Isaiah 40. The Second Sunday of Advent will focus on John the Baptist (Chancel Window – right column, bottom row), the one whom Isaiah predicted would prepare the way for the Lord. On the Third Sunday of Advent we will move to the Incarnation Window and look at Mary, followed by the Shepherds, Angel, and Star on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, which happens to be Christmas Eve this year. On Christmas Eve in the evening we will consider Joseph and his place in the drama of the Nativity.

We hope this focus on our stained-glass windows, and the people and scenes depicted there, will prepare you to receive Christ in your heart once again this Advent season.

Dec. 3	Isaiah 40: 1-11	<i>Stained Glass Series:</i> Isaiah (Chancel Window)
Dec. 10	Mark 1: 1-8	<i>Stained Glass Series:</i> John the Baptist (Chancel Window)
Dec. 17	Luke 1: 26-38	<i>Stained Glass Series:</i> Mary (Incarnation Window)
Dec. 24 (a.m.)	Luke 2: 1-15	<i>Stained Glass Series:</i> Shepherds/Angels/Star (Incarnation)
Dec. 24 (p.m.)	Eph. 1: 3-14	<i>Stained Glass Series:</i> Joseph (Incarnation Window)
Dec. 31	Matt. 2: 1-12	<i>Stained Glass Series:</i> The Wise Men (Incarnation Window)

# SPC ADVENT CHOIR CONCERT

On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, at 3:00 in the afternoon, the Chancel Choir will present a concert of beautiful Advent music by Palestrina, Josquin des Pres, Rachmaninoff, Biebl, Pergolesi, Francesco Durante, Mozart, and Bach along with scripture readings and congregational carols. The choir will be accompanied by string quartet and organ.

Please join us as we usher in this reflective season preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ.





## **Chancel Choir members are:**

**Soprano:** Elizabeth Elliott, Arlys Milligan,  
Elizabeth Stovall, Linda Williams,  
and Anna Young

**Alto:** Caitlin Bolden,  
Margaret Elliott, Jennifer Shilling,  
April Sledge, and Beth Robertson

**Tenor:** Martin Hennessee,  
Daniel Robertson,  
and Eric White

**Bass:** David Goslee,  
Maurice Hendricks,  
Roy Kersey, and  
Matthew Rajkowski

**Minister of Music:**  
Don Townsend

**Organist:** Brenda Goslee

**Pictured right:** Soprano  
Scholarship Students -  
Anna Young and  
Elizabeth Stovall



## Worship & Fellowship Opportunities

### **December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. - Advent Choir Concert** ***"Hail, Mary, Full of Grace"***

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### **December 10th at 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins**

Join the Youth Group, Deacons, and other adults as we carol to some of our shut-ins. Help bring some Holiday Cheer to our members who can't be with us each Sunday.

### **December 13th at 6:20 p.m. - Wednesday Night Celebration**

We will celebrate the end of the semester with dinner together, followed by a short program of Christmas music by our older preschoolers and then a special presentation of an original Advent musical called, *Sleepers, Wake!* by The WordPlayers. Dinner starts at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:20.

### **December 24th at 7:00 p.m. - Carol & Candlelight Service**

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ as a church family by singing Christmas carols, hearing the Christmas story, and singing Silent Night by candlelight. Pastor Tim will conclude his sermon series on The Ghosts of Christmas, the Chancel Ringers will play, and the Chancel Choir will sing some beloved Christmas carols, including O Holy Night with soloist Teresa Anstatt. Pres-service music begins at 6:30 p.m. and the service begins at 7:00.

### **December 31st at 11:00 a.m. - Covenant Renewal Service**

On Sunday, December 31st, we will celebrate a Covenant Renewal Service. The end of the year is the perfect opportunity for us to renew our covenant with God and hear of God's covenant faithfulness to us as we embark upon the new year to come.

## Stewardship Sunday

On Sunday, December 3rd, during worship, you will have the opportunity to turn in your pledge card for 2018. You should have received a special mailing about this the week of Thanksgiving. If you did not receive it, copies are available in the Atrium on the table. If you cannot be present on December 3rd, you may turn in your pledge cards to the church office any time during church office hours. Your support for the mission and ministry of Second Presbyterian Church is needed and appreciated.

## The Advent Wreath

Once again we will continue our tradition of lighting the Advent Wreath prior to each worship service during Advent. Any persons or groups of persons that wish to do so are invited to participate in this wonderful ritual. If you are interested in lighting the Advent Wreath this year, please contact Pastor Tim.

## Poinsettias

Reservation forms are available in the narthex and atrium for those wishing to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary or make a contribution towards the cost of decorating the church. A form has also been included in this issue of the Second Edition.



## A Letter from Dr. Carver

Dear Friends:

So very often, Norean and I look back upon our 20 years (1976-1996) at Second Presbyterian Church and recall so many wonderful memories. It was truly a blessing to serve with a congregation who radiated love and energy as they reached out in ministry to each other and to the community.

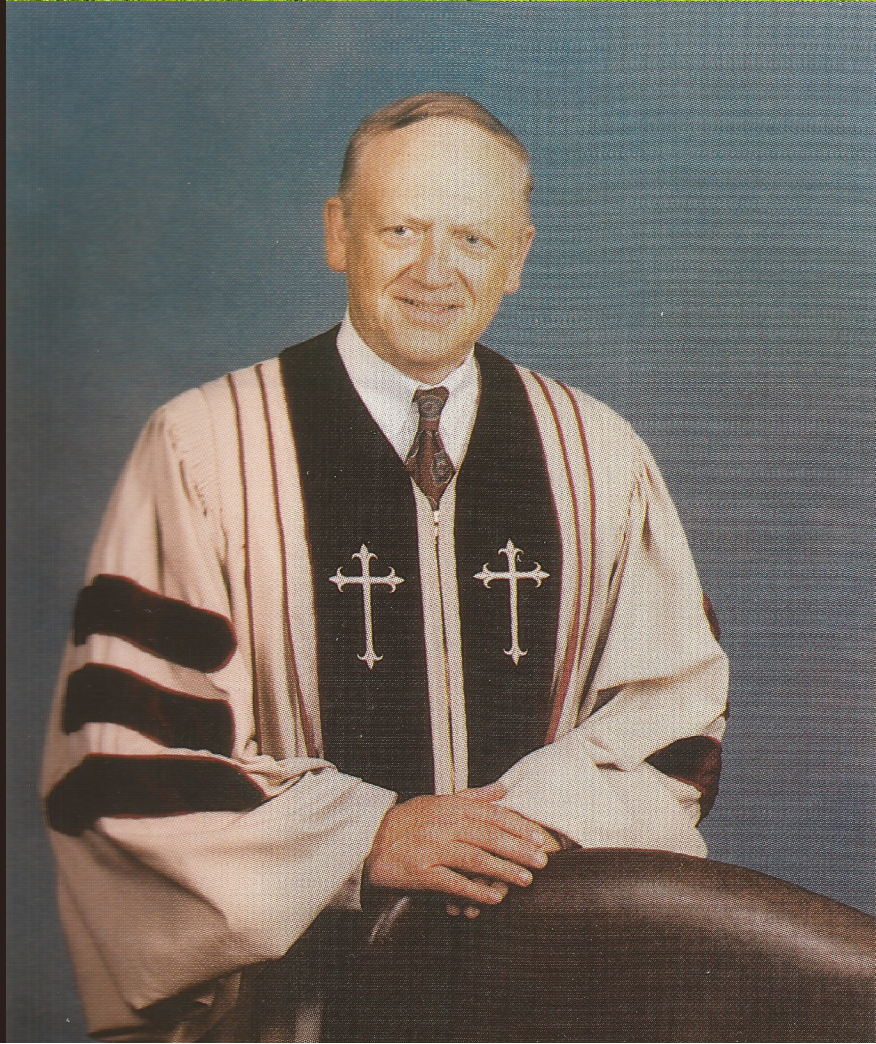
As Christmas 2017 approaches, we are especially remembering and thinking of you all. In the fullness of time, God sent His only begotten Son with a star shining in the heavens. As the bright light pierced the sky guiding the Wise Men to the humble stable, the true light of the world came in the person of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May this glorious day of our Savior's birth resound with Hope and Peace on earth.

Under the leadership of Pastor Tim, we envision you as a vibrant congregation of believers whose spirit of devotion is a great source of comfort and strength serving each other and the Knoxville community. May God richly bless you and continue to equip you daily for His work as shepherds, teachers, listeners, comforters, counselors and friends.

Praying your Christmas is filled with joy and for God's continued blessings in the New Year.

Cordially yours in the service of Christ,

**W. Edmund Carver**





# WELCOME HOME NEW MEMBERS



**Front Row L-R:** Chris Poole, Tracy Horton, Christina Young, Jerry Young

**Back Row L-R:** Frank McLelland; Will, Ben, Valerie, Katherine & Andrew Sharp



## **Chris Poole**

Chris Poole retired from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and then the American Chemical Society in Washington, DC. Currently, she performs pharmaceutical audits and assess integrity of educational testing on a part-time basis. Chris has three daughters that are married, two living in Knoxville and one in Alpharetta, GA. She is blessed with three grandchildren, a boy and two girls.

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## **Tracy Horton**

Tracy grew up in Morristown, Tennessee and graduated from The University of Tennessee with a B.S. in education and a M.S. in school counseling. She has three grown children that live in Oregon, Nashville, and Knoxville. Tracy works for Knox County Schools and enjoys gardening, collecting antiques, walking, and reading. She looks forward to getting to know each of the members here and to discover God's plans for our church.

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## **Dr. Jerry Young and Christina Kloker Young**

Jerry was born and raised in Iowa and went to college at North Park Covenant Collage. From there he went to Iowa City where he graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Christina was born in St. Louis, Missouri and grew up in Elmhurst, IL. She graduated from Millikin University in Decatur, IL with degrees in Music and Elementary Education. After raising families of 4 and 2 children, respectively, Jerry and Christina met, when they were both single again, through their love of music. They married in 1983 and now have 14 grandchildren (2 in Japan) who are the focus of their lives. Jerry and Christina moved to TN after he retired in 2001 to Oak Ridge, and then to the Buckingham Community in 2016.

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## **Frank Morgan McClelland**

Frank McClelland grew up in Maryville, Tennessee, while his father worked at Maryville College. After graduating from the University of Tennessee, he moved to the Washington, D.C., area and worked for several commercial and federal government organizations that designed, protected, and standardized large wireless and digital telecommunication networks. He presently lives in the Buckingham section of the Shannondale Retirement Community in West Knoxville.

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## **The Sharp Family**

Ben and Valerie Sharp moved here a little over 2 years ago from Abingdon, VA. Ben is an attorney with the Knoxville office of the Federal Defender Services of East Tennessee. Valerie teaches 4th grade at Copper Ridge Elementary. They have three children – Katherine, Will and Andrew. Katherine is a senior at the STEM Academy and plans to attend UT Chattanooga in the fall. Will is in middle school and Andrew is in elementary.

## Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering supports church workers and their families in need and nurtures the promise of our future racial ethnic leaders. The Christmas Joy Offering will be received during the 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. worship services on Sunday, December 24th.

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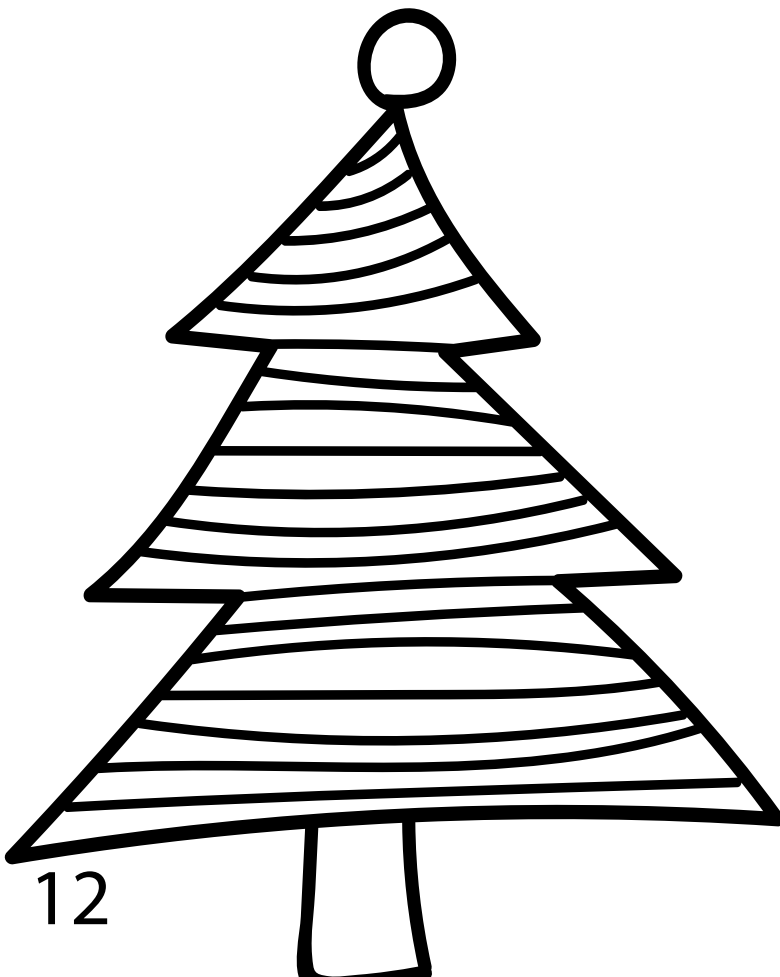
### **provides critical financial assistance to church leaders in need**

- This 50% supports grants that help retired church workers and their families with financial and housing needs and provides aid to current church workers with urgent financial and medical needs.

50%

### **supports opportunities for future leaders at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools**

- This 50% gives scholarships to racial ethnic students and future church leaders as well as equips racial ethnic leaders for ministry.



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## Past, Present, and Future

Please join us for the Presbyterian Women Luncheon on January 9, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Arvilee and Helen Grant, the SPC 200th Anniversary Chairs, will present *"Thru the Years: Past, Present, and Future."* Come learn about the past, present and future of Second Presbyterian Church. Helen and Arvilee will also tell us more about the plans and events in place for the church, family and friends to celebrate the 200th Anniversary. Lunch is \$10.

If you are not in a PW Circle, please call Mariann Thusen at (865) 253-7653 by Thursday January 4th for a reservation.

## 2nd Readers

### **2nd Readers Christmas Luncheon**

When? Wednesday, December 20

Where? Caroline Buckner's home

Time? 12:00 p.m.

When? Wednesday, January 17

Where? Church

Time? 3:45 p.m.

Title: *Grandma Gatewood's Walk*

Author: Ben Montgomery

Leader: Mariann





## Advent Devotionals

Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex and in the Atrium. This year's Advent Devotional is created specifically to be a companion piece to Pastor Tim's Stained-Glass Window sermon series and the Advent focus on the Incarnation Window. Written by members of Second Presbyterian Church, the devotional will help you go deeper into the Christmas story than we are able to do on Sundays alone. There is no charge for these devotionals and we invite you to use them by yourself, with your family, or with your friends as a way to prepare yourself for the wonder that is Christmas.

## Wednesday Nights

Our final Wednesday night dinner and fellowship of the year will be on December 13th. Wednesday activities will then be on Christmas break. We will resume our regular schedule on Wednesday, January 10th.

## It's Not Too Late!

You have until December 7th to make a reservation for the PW Luncheon and Concert by the O'Connor Center Band on December 12th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$10. Come and bring a friend! Please call Mariann Thuesen at 865.253.7653 to reserve your place(s).

## Thank Offering

Due to the Presbytery Meeting in November, the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering will be collected at the December meeting.

## Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet on December 5th at 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden on Kingston Pike. Think of a short story or a joke to share with the group!

## Christmas Eve Reception

Anyone who would like to contribute "sweets and goodies" to the Christmas Eve reception please contact Caroline Buckner at 865.315.2333 or 865.531.8867. Thank you!

## Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join our young people as we go Christmas Caroling to some of our homebound members on Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping with transportation, please contact Pastor Tim.

## Church Work Day

The church work day has been scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

## Thank You!

"Thank you for all your support during my surgery and recovery. All your cards, visits, phone calls, and especially your prayers meant a lot. I'm blessed with a wonderful church family."

- Kathy Thomas

## Flowers

We need flowers for the month of January. If you would like to donate flowers to the church, please let Sarah know.





The WordPlayer's present.....

# SLEEPERS, WAKE!

On Wednesday evening, December 13th, The WordPlayers will present an original Advent one-act play with music called Sleepers, Wake! Written by Ethan Norman, this play will take a quick-witted and contemporary look at the stories from the beginning of Luke, leading up to the birth of John the Baptist. Gabriel's visits to Zechariah and Mary, and Mary's visit to Elizabeth are among the re-imagined scenes. With a story brought to life in a modern context and songs to touch the heart, Sleepers, Wake! reminds us to receive the Messiah into our lives on his terms.

In addition to The WordPlayers performing that night, our Preschool Blue students will perform a short program of Christmas music immediately following dinner. We hope that you come out for this end-of-the-year fellowship and worship celebration. Dinner is at 5:30 and the program will begin at 6:20.



## November Visitors

Soon Noi Goh  
Nancy Rust  
Henry Naff  
Matthew & Stephanie Cummings  
Joan Markel  
Rion Steele  
Megan Money  
Betty Reynolds  
Carter DePoy  
Kim Hudgens  
Susan Brackney  
Anna Ragsdale  
Melissa Peters  
Taylor Patterson  
Scott Peters  
Joanne Mounger  
Steve Long  
Rich & Kathie Anderson  
Charlene Cotton  
Larry Bull  
Gregory Bull  
Steve Long  
John & Carlyn Robinson

## December Birthdays

Kylie Beets 12/01	John Matlock 12/21
Janet Bower 12/01	Lynda May 12/22
Barbara Bragg 12/01	Emily Tinsley 12/22
Anne McWhirter 12/04	Betty Copeland 12/23
Al Pierson 12/09	Ileen Cheek 12/24
Eric Wallace 12/10	Carl Ensor 12/28
Allan Bartlett 12/15	Abraham Ullrich 12/29
Jean Clark 12/16	Emily Jones 12/31
Nettie Downen 12/18	

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# THE HIGH 5 AWARD

This month's High Five Award goes to **Mancil Milligan, Catherine Beals, and everyone who was involved** in hosting the November meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee – from helping to set-up, decorate, host, cleanup, or tear-down after! We are still hearing comments from folks around the Presbytery about how warmly and graciously they were received. Several folks that day remarked how glad they were to be here again and what a lovely job Second has always done. They also said they were glad to know that Second is thriving. A big High Five to everyone who helped make the day a great success!

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## Associate Pastor Search Update

This time last year, the congregation was busy meeting with Pastor Tim in homes for our Fireside Chats. In those chats there were two desires that consistently and constantly were identified: more intergenerational fellowship and a strong, growing youth program. As the Session and Personnel Ministry Team discussed these two clearly articulated desires this past spring, they determined that we should add a full-time staff person to focus on one of these areas. Neither group could come to a consensus, however, on which one. So, a link was sent out to an online survey to offer the congregation the opportunity to voice their opinion on which area needed the most immediate attention. Again, no consensus was identified as the results were evenly split.

So, the Personnel Ministry Team scheduled a fellowship luncheon after worship one Sunday in June to have open discussion on the matter. On the issue of which area a staff person should focus on, no clear consensus was reached; those in attendance were still evenly split. It was discerned, however, that no matter which area the staff person focused on, the members of the congregation seemed to prefer that the staff person be an ordained Associate Pastor.

With this insight, the Personnel Ministry Team recommended to the Session that we hire a Temporary Associate Pastor for 2-3 years who would spend half their time focusing on Congregational Life, and half their time focusing on Youth ministries. Congregational Life would include oversight of all our ministries of care and compassion, including fellowship and congregational care. Youth would include oversight of our Middle and High School ministry, along with ministry to college students. After 2-3 years the Session could reevaluate its ministry objectives and make a determination about which area a called and installed position would be responsible for.

Because of the preference for an ordained person, and because this would be a Temporary position, rather than a called/installed position, Presbytery approval through the Committee on Ministry was needed. This approval was received in September and the COM asked that we make the official title “Transitional Designated Associate Pastor.” The “Transitional” indicates that this is not a permanent position. The “Designated” is language from the old Book of Order indicating that the Session of the congregation will be responsible for hiring the person, as well as renewing their contract annually.

The Session formed a Search Team comprised of: Matt Casey (Co-Chair), Jim Ford (Co-Chair), Sandra Butler, Lisa Henley, and Tuesday Reynolds. This team began meeting at the end of September and by mid-October the job description had been posted in several places, including our denomination’s database. We received a number of applications and were “matched” with even more. The Search Team spent time going through resumes and denominational forms and chose four applicants for initial interviews, which they are currently in the midst of conducting. After the first round of interviews, the team will meet to decide which, if any, of these candidates they wish to move forward in the process with.

Though nothing is certain at this time, it could be that, since this is a hire by the Session and not a call by the congregation, this new staff person will be on board by the end of January. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, if you wish to see the job description for the “Transitional Designated Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Youth” (don’t worry – we won’t call them that!), you can navigate to the church website, scroll down until you see the link that says “Employment,” and click on that. Please keep the search team in your prayers!



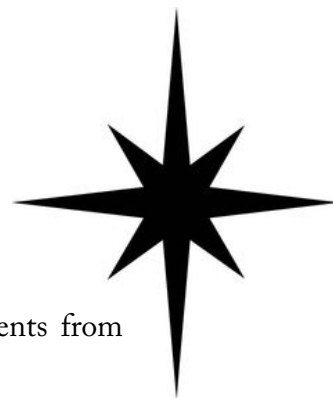
## West View Angel Tree

Please help to provide Christmas gifts for West View students who need Christmas gifts due to home and family situations. There will be a tree in the atrium with paper ornaments attached. Please take one or more ornaments, buy the gifts, wrap them, and place them under the tree before **December 13th**.

This year, there are 48 requested gifts. There is one gift on each angel ornament. A child usually gets 4 gifts. Typically the school asks parents for shirt size, pants size, choice of either PJ's or undies & socks, and a toy request or 'theme' the child likes so shopper can choose a toy.

### it's easy...

1. Choose one or several ornaments from the tree in the Atrium
2. Purchase the gift asked for on each ornament.
3. Wrap the gift.
4. Attach the ornament to the gift.
5. Place the gift under the Angel Tree by December 13th.



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## Volunteer Ministry Center Holiday Store

The Mission Committee is again asking members and friends to join with us in stocking the Volunteer Ministry Center Holiday Store.

Items which are in particular demand are:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *Basketballs and Footballs           | * Cosmetic Sets                    |
| *Dolls of all kinds                  | * Hair care sets                   |
| * Infant toys                        | * Fragrance sets for men and women |
| * Toys for small children            | * Tool kits for men                |
| * Craft sets for children and adults | * Small kitchen appliances         |
| * Games for all ages                 |                                    |

The items should be new (in original packaging) and unwrapped. Please place the gifts in the box in the Atrium by **Sunday, December 17th**. A detailed lists of items is in the Second Edition or found in the Atrium. Thank you for your support!



## Rev. Isaac Anderson's Cabin Saved

In January, 2017, three Second Church ladies—Clara Hardin, Anne Armstrong, and Helen Grant found Isaac Anderson's cabin, his first home as a young married farmer/preacher/educator in Knox County near Tazewell Pike and Murphy Road. We were both elated to find the 215-year-old cabin of the founder of Second Presbyterian Church and Maryville College but saddened that it was in very poor condition and appeared abandoned.

GOOD NEWS! Through the efforts of several individuals including an anonymous donor who has provided money to begin the rescue of Anderson's log cabin, the cabin is saved. It has been carefully dismantled and stored at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend, Tennessee—a fitting remembrance of Rev. Anderson's tireless work to establish churches and schools, especially for those in need. When funds are available, the cabin will be reassembled out in the front of the Heritage Center.



## Banner Making Workshop a Success

In October about 25 church members gathered on Friday night and Saturday morning to learn about liturgical art and some of the steps to create it. Ellen Phillips, the artist, met with us and guided us in the job of using artist's paper to create banners to hang in our sanctuary during our 200th anniversary year. The symbols selected for the banners reflect our church's long history, and a printed brochure will be produced to explain the banners' significance to our history.

The two banners are now complete and ready to be hung in the sanctuary on each side of the chancel window in January, 2018.

## Second Church's First Scholarship Winner to Be Selected

The Second Presbyterian Church's 200th Anniversary Scholarship Fund is alive and well! The fund gradually grows to the point that we will be able to use the interest it will produce by next October to award the first scholarship at our culminating worship service on October 21, 2018, at the close of our celebration. What an exciting event to anticipate!

Two members of the 200th Anniversary Committee—Mary Farmer and Bruce Foster—will be representing Second Church on the East Tennessee Foundation's scholarship selection committee. Be sure to thank these two for the difficult job they face in helping to choose our scholarship recipient.



# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MOVES ON

## Part Two: Fifty Years in the Third Building

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*Co-Chairs, Arvillee and Helen Grant*

**CORRECTION:** In the last chapter we stated that the giant bells in the Walnut Street Church bell tower were rung manually until 1946 by pulling on ropes. We enclose here a corrected version of bell playing quoted in an old News-Sentinel article based on an interview with the “official” bell ringer of many years—Harold Hayes, a realtor and member of Second Church.

*“I played them for years. There is a ladder behind a door off the side entrance. I’d have to climb that ladder to the first landing, then climb two more ladders before I finally got to the bell tower. It was the coldest place in the world in the winter and hot as Hades in summer. I’d be all dressed up to go to Sunday School and church when I’d arrive, but by the time I’d get down from the tower I’d feel like jumping in the river to cool off and clean off.”*

*The bells were arranged 10 in a row, ‘with a peculiar sort of keyboard’. Each bell was played by pulling down a piece of wood that looked like a wheelbarrow handle. You really had to pull hard to ring those bells! I usually played on Sunday mornings, but one cold winter night when Dr. Barbour, then minister, asked me to play for a Christmas Eve midnight service, I had to take a lantern up in the tower with me.”*

Dr. Robert Bachman served well ministering to his congregation in Second Church’s second building from 1896-1906 and provided a smooth transition into the third building which he pastored from 1907-1911. The new gothic building was much admired by the community who regarded it as an asset to Knoxville. The building must have seemed most spacious and ornate and adequate for all the church’s

needs. The congregation was now a few blocks away from the hubbub of noisy business on Market and Union Streets.

Let us look briefly at some realities of daily life in Knoxville and U.S. at the start of the twentieth century:

\*Knoxville’s population in 1910 neared 37,000.

\*Only eight percent of homes had a telephone (hand cranked with a party line).

\*There were only about 8,000 cars in the U.S. with only 144 miles of paved roads.

\*Only fourteen percent of homes had a bathtub.

\*Kitchens had no electric stoves or refrigerators.

\*There were no radios, televisions, vacuum cleaners or zippers.

\*The movie theaters showed silent black and white movies with printed captions.

The first five decades of the twentieth century in the United States proved to be years of quickening changes, unexpected and often unpleasant. In approximately half of those fifty years, the United States was directly involved in major wars (World War I and World War II and the Korean War and a massive world-wide depression). Coupled with those realities, the industrial age which rushed in through the years after the Civil War seemed to gain momentum about the time that Second Presbyterian Church decided to move from the hustle and bustle corner of Market and Union.





**Players in a pageant in 1952 for the Women's Association of Second Presbyterian Church. The ladies dressed in costume of 1867 to commemorate the organization's 85th anniversary.**

### **Women at Second Church**

Although women were not allowed in most of the life of Second Presbyterian Church to preach, be an officer, or teach (other than young children), they found ways to contribute actively to the daily life of the church. Immediately after the Civil War, they were essential in bringing order and cleanliness back into a filthy and dismantled church building. With Dr. Nathan Bachman as pastor, the role of women was enhanced with the Ladies Aid Society's organization in 1868. Through the years the organization changed its name a few times but maintained always a focus on mission—local, national, and foreign. This

organization has operated continuously through the years, is now known as Presbyterian Women and, is believed to be, the oldest organization within the umbrella of Second Church.

Bobbie Denton remembers the treadle sewing machines that the ladies used (probably during World War II) to make baby quilts and layettes for the Red Cross to distribute. The ladies came to the church once a week, pulled out the machines, and sewed, using materials and patterns supplied by the Red Cross. The sewing ladies brought their lunches and made a day of it.



As the years in the third building reached the 1950s, the realities of a changing society began to change the women's role at Second. Starting during World War II, each year more and more wives began to assume the dual roles of house wife/motherhood and a career outside the home. Many of the volunteer duties that women had performed—especially for local mission outreach—had access to fewer women available to serve. This trend continues to this day—in some ways changing the nature of mission outreach of our churches.

### **Boy Scout Troop 6 at Second Church**

Troop 6 of the Boy Scouts of America was first organized in January, 1915. In 1916 the troop was moved to Second Presbyterian Church's Walnut Street building. Troop 6 has now been in continuous active operation with Second Church as its supporter (except for one year during World War II). Through the years, members of Second Church have helped provide leadership and financial aid.

Having celebrated its 100th birthday in 2015, Troop 6 now has produced well over 200 Eagle Scouts and is one of the oldest organizations with continuous service associated with Second Church.

John Matlock stated that:

*"Boy Scout Troop 6 met in the basement of the church where we had our patrol meetings, learned scouting skills and had more or less great organized fun. Gene White was my Scout Master and what a debt of gratitude I and many fellow scouts owe to him for his years of service and dedication to building characters of many a Troop 6 boy through teaching scouting skills and values and making our camping trips and summer camp adventures happen. To me the scout troop was an advanced Sunday School. So I am very grateful to the church for sponsoring this wonderful troop through the years."*

### **The Pastors at Walnut Street Church**

The Walnut Street Church was pastored by six ministers during its 50-year life. Each brought his

gifts in troubling decades and gave his own special and unique strengths that helped Second Presbyterian Church maintain itself as a staunch leader in the educational and faith communities.

When **Dr. Robert L. Bachman** resigned in 1911, after fifteen years as pastor, the Session described their summation of their beloved pastor thusly:

*"We are confronted with the loss of a faithful Christian minister who has with boldness preached the everlasting gospel of God's Kingdom and with the loss of a beloved pastor, always a welcome visitor in our homes, who has visited our sick, ministering unto them in holy consolation and who has tenderly committed our dead to the grave."* [A high tribute for any pastor.]

[Ed. note: Dr. Robert Lucky Bachman was the youngest of four brothers who all became Presbyterian ministers. Dr. Nathan Bachman, the oldest brother was Second Church's eighth minister from 1866-1876. Perhaps many remember the Bachman Children's Home, established by Dr. John Lynn Bachman in 1912 (the second youngest of the "Bachman boys"). The school served orphaned children and later those with disabilities for over 102 years until it closed in 2017. Second Church included the school in its mission program for many years.]

Dr. Robert L. Bachman was followed by **Dr. Herbert Smith, 1912-1916, Dr. Roy Vale, 1917-1921; and Dr. Horace Cady Wilson, 1921-1927**, who came from the First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Illinois. [Dr. Wilson's grandsons, our own Bob and John Campbell, were born later and grew up in Second Presbyterian Church.] That same year the church added its first Director of Religious Education. During Dr. Wilson's years at Second Church, the church installed a new organ and due to growth in the Sunday School program, the manse was converted into Sunday School rooms. In 1927 Dr. Wilson accepted a call to Warren Memorial Church of Louisville, Kentucky.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 6 learn first aid while camping in 1920.

In 1928 (the year before the Great Depression hit) **Dr. Clifford Barbour** accepted a call to Second Church, coming from Herron Avenue Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Barbour thus began a pastorate that extended from 1928-1951—the longest tenure of any of Second's ministers. Dotty Barbour (his daughter-in-law) remembers that Dr. Barbour had contracted polio as a baby and one leg was permanently damaged so that he always needed a leg brace, a cane, and later arm crutches for help with mobility. Several in the congregation fondly remember the click that his brace made as he adjusted it for movement, particularly when he walked down the aisle of the sanctuary. Dotty Barbour recalls Dr. Barbour saying that he felt

that his disability helped lead him to his call to the ministry and influenced him in his life's work. He was said to be, in spite of his affliction, a robust individual. Allen Deaver remembers seeing him use a hand grip and bring a football player to his knees.

Martha Riggins Brown recalls having a Communicant's Class with Dr. Barbour. She said, "We felt privileged to have the opportunity to meet with him without the presence of parents or teachers. He helped us realize the importance of the commitment we were preparing to make. His favorite hymn was "The Old Rugged Cross."

Dr. Barbour proved to be highly effective in the pulpit and the size of the congregation grew quickly



under his pastorate, many stating that Dr. Barbour's sermons influenced their choice of Second Church as their church home. John Testerman remembers Dr. Barbour's "melodious voice" as he delivered his sermons. Dotty Barbour states that: "One of the funniest sermons I can recall was the time that a man came in off the street smelling very much of alcohol. He came into the church to get warm and fell asleep. We became aware of his presence when he shouted out, "Ah, shut up! because Dr. Barbour's sermon was keeping him awake. This allowed the congregation to enjoy a good laugh."

Soon after coming to Second Church, Dr. Barbour helped with the establishment of the School of Religion at the University of Tennessee and became one of the first instructors. Edith Harbaugh joined the staff in 1928 as Director of Christian Education and began many years of service in both the third and fourth buildings. These two leaders were following a tradition from the very beginning of Second Church with an emphasis on Sunday School, both within the congregation and in outreach in the community. Most of the members who attended Second Church on Walnut Street mention their happy memories of the strong Sunday School program. Sisters Beverly Gilmer and Edith Vance recall the time working with the young children and had words of praise for little Tim Wright and Marnie Page.

The church established Hillside House on property near Central Avenue in Happy Holler in 1941. According to Giffen's history, "Second Church conducted an afternoon Sunday School every week, and occasionally a worship service, for over twenty years." Bobbie Denton reported that in the same period of time the women of the church conducted Bible study in that same community, meeting in local homes, probably each month. The church ladies took refreshments for the Bible study attendees.

Anne Payne recalls accompanying Dr. Barbour many times as he visited members both as pastor and

counselor. During his years at Second there was much need for consolation from the stresses of the depression and World War II.

In 1949 Dr. Barbour was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA.

As Dr. Barbour neared the end of his tenure at Second Church in 1951, he constantly faced issues related to the growth of membership to almost 1,500 crammed into too little square footage of usable space in the church, sited on land-locked property with congested automobile and truck traffic, almost no parking spaces for the congregation, street noise, etc. The relative "quiet" at Walnut and Church in 1907 had evolved in the 1950s to much the same hubbub the church experienced at Market and Union!



**Congregation of Second Presbyterian Church about 1955 showing an overflow crowd seated in meeting room adjacent to the sanctuary.**

The Walnut Street building was still functioning and the church was still serving its members and the community well, but, with the flight to the suburbs accelerating, members were divided on what to do—with no land on which to add on space, they considered adding multiple stories built in place of the manse structure.

In 1952 **Dr. Joseph Copeland** succeeded Dr. Barbour as he accepted a call to the presidency of Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Copeland from the First Presbyterian Church of Denton, Texas, immediately faced the time worn issue of how best to deal with the changes in building needs and societal changes that were stressing the Walnut Street building.

In the meantime, Copeland proved to be a good organizer and planner and picked up the reins of leadership well as Barbour left them. Dr. Barbour had begun a counseling program in the church and, according to Buehler's history, he "pioneered in combining religion with psychology to help people with their problems not only in the church, but in the entire community as well." Buehler states that through generous gifts, Second Church in 1954 began a formal counseling service with a full time trained counselor for the church and the community. This ministry continued until 1964 in the fourth building.

We close this chapter in the life of Second Presbyterian Church at Walnut Street. The struggles over the decision of whether or not to move is well covered, particularly in Giffen's history. It is sufficient to say here that the decision to move was difficult for a divided congregation—painful for a close-knit congregation who obviously loved each other and the fellowship that they shared and cherished. Many current members have mentioned joyous weddings and baptisms, comforting funerals—the pure happiness of being together in God's house.

Martha Riggins Brown stated:

*"I wish I could thank personally each one of the "saints" who made my experiences at church so meaningful. It's a wonderful mystery that we never know the impact we have on the lives of those who gather with us in exploration of faith and times of worship. I pray that Second Church will continue with strong ministry for many, many years to come."*

*SOURCES: Her Walls Before Thee Stand: History of Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1818-1968, by W. Russell Briscoe and Katherine Buehler. A History of Second Presbyterian Church, 1818-1994, by Lowell L. Giffen, 1994. Knoxville News-Sentinel Archives. McClung Historical Collection, Knox County Public Library, Pamphlet files. Second Presbyterian Church Library Archives. The sweet memories of present members of Second Presbyterian Church.*



**A typical 1907 Ford automobile.**



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## Highlights from the November Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on October 17, 2017 and the Congregational Meeting on October 29, 2017.
- Received reports from the Deacons, Pre-school and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Received the Independent Accountant's Review of the Statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.
- Approved the funding of the 200th Anniversary Budget by the Collective Memorials.
- Approved the motion from the Pre-School Board that the church be responsible for funding scholarships under the budget of the Mission Committee, or as otherwise directed by Session.
- Elected Angela Jones to the Pre-School Board replacing John Henley.
- Approved the replacement of a boiler using the facilities maintenance designated fund.
- Designated that Margaret Sullivan, Arlys Milligan, Frank Myers, and Tim Wright can count the money received from the offerings, Wednesday Night Dinners, etc.

## Church Financial Report

	Jan-Oct. 2017 Actual	Jan-Oct. 2017 Budget	2017 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$442,658	\$455,693	\$546,832
Non-pledged Offerings	\$67,983	\$25,000	\$30,000
Preschool	\$26,667	\$26,667	\$32,000
Other	\$81,749	\$89,103	\$106,924
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$619,057</b>	<b>\$596,463</b>	<b>\$715,756</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$550,721</b>	<b>\$596,463</b>	<b>\$715,756</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$68,336</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion Food & Friends 12:15 Choir Advent Concert 3:00	27 4 BSF 5:30	28 5 Joy Singers 10:30 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities team 5:00 Ministry Team meetings 6:00 Ministry Team meetings 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	29 6 PET lunch 12:00 Line Dancing 4:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00  Email Blast Submissions Due	30 7 Preschool Christmas Program	1 Church office closed Preschool Training - Parlor 9:00 TIPS 4:00	2 TIPS Christmas Party 8:00
10 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	11 BSF 5:30	12 PW Board Meeting 9:30 PW Circles 10:15 PW Lunch & Program 11:30 Deacons & Session meeting 6:00 Personnel meeting 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	13 Line Dancing 4:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 WordPlayers 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00  Email Blast Submissions Due	14	15 Church office closed	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Food & Friends 12:15	18 The Cross Ministry Board meeting 4:30  <a href="#">Newsletter Submissions Due!</a>	19 Joy Singers 10:00 PreSchool Board meeting 12:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	20 2nd Readers 3:45 Line Dancing 4:00 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00  Email Blast Submissions Due	21	22 Church office closed	23
24 Food & Friends 12:15 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 Reception 8:00 Christmas Eve	25 Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 Line Dancing 4:00 Chancel Ringers 6:15 Bible Study 6:20 Chancel Choir 7:00  Email Blast Submissions Due	28	29 Church office closed	30
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Tim Wright

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Jimmy Cheek  
Clara Hardin  
Doug Matthews

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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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##### **2018 CLASS**

Sandra Butler  
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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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