
SECOND CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

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NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1, 2012

11:00am

Including the Chalking of the Door

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD WORSHIP

Including a Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Vows

Sunday, January 8, 2012

11:00 am

Featuring Megan Stout, Harp

Ms. Stout plays with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

the newsletter of second presbyterian church

Second Thoughts from the Pastor

Our faith is one that celebrates new and challenging opportunities. Think for a moment about the biblical narrative:

- Abram and Sarai were called to venture into an unknown place and future;
- Moses and Miriam were chosen to lead the people out of slavery, through the wilderness, and into the land of promise.
- Jeremiah announced God's intention to enter into a new covenant with Israel—a covenant written not on stones, but on the people's hearts.
- Jesus proclaimed the inbreaking of God's reign and the new relationship with God that accompanies it.

The biblical story begins with the creation of the world—newness coming into being. At the end of the story we hear the promise of a “new heaven and a new earth.”

Our faith story drips with the new—and in that newness is a sense of challenge. A challenge to believe promises that seem fanciful and distant. A challenge to follow when the way is not clear. A challenge to be faithful to the One whose faithfulness to us has never faltered.

A New Year for a congregation portends new opportunities and challenges. It is easy to look back and identify those opportunities and challenges from the past year; it is another matter altogether to recognize those opportunities and challenges that will greet us in this the year ahead. It requires us, as a community of faith, to keep our ears to the ground and our hearts and eyes open to the movement of the Spirit among us.

Discerning the movement of the Spirit, however, is only half of the process we call discipleship. We complete that call as we respond in faith—not always knowing what is ahead or what we might be called to risk in order to follow.

May 2012 be a year when Second Presbyterian Church discovers the courage to journey in new and life-giving ways.

In anticipation,

Mary Gene

FROM THE PASTORAL MUSICIAN

The next program in the *2011-2012 Cousts Music Series* will take place on Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 pm. Please note the time and day of this program; normally Cousts programs take place on Sunday afternoons.

We are pleased to welcome the Doane College Choir from Nebraska. Founded in 1872, Doane College is Nebraska's first liberal arts and sciences college. The 47-voice choir, under the director of Tom Trenney, will present a delightful and varied program. We are pleased that we are one of several stops that the choir is making on its winter tour.

For over one hundred years, Doane choral groups have inspired others with their performances of sacred and secular music. During annual national tours, the choir has presented concerts across the country. The choir has also embarked on seven international tours and has appeared in Berlin, Munich, Prague, and Salzburg.

In addition to performances of major works with orchestra, the choir has been invited to sing at conventions of the United Church of Christ, American Choral Directors Association, and Nebraska Music Educators. They have worked with noted guest conductors such as Simon Carrington, Weston Noble, Alice Parker, and both Jonathan and Sir David Willcocks.

I also appreciate the hospitality that some members in the congregation are making for this program. Following the concert, the 47 singers will stay in host homes. Without the generous hospitality of the congregation, this concert would not be possible.

Grace and peace,

Andy

From the Organ Bench:

Andy was invited to play in the St. Louis American Guild of Organists members' recital on November 28 at Graham Chapel on the campus of Washington University. He played a violin and organ piece by Naji Hakim with St. Louis Symphony violinist Asako Kubaki.

Andy also played a noon-time recital on December 15 at Christ Church Cathedral, filling in at the last minute because of illness by the Cathedral's music director/organist.

We thank Nancy Olsen for building a podium for the director to use at choir and orchestra programs. The podium was finished in time for the December Advent Vespers. In addition to being extremely useful, this podium also matches the architecture of the Sanctuary beautifully. We are grateful for the generosity of Nancy's time and talents in making this gift!

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Saturday Evening
January 21, 7:30 pm

Doane College Choir

Presenting a delightful evening program

Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster Place

Free and open to the public
Childcare provided with reservation by January 18
314.367.0367

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 20, 2011

- Called to order with Evening Prayer led by the pastor.
- Members Present: Mary Gene Boteler, Moderator, Barbara Bowyer, Charles Croissant, Nancy Smith, Kevin Gritzke, Ellen Schroeder, Stephen Duntley, David Maltby, Nicholas Petges, Nancy Quigley, Julius Hunter
Members Excused: Barbara Anderson, Booker Shaw
Others: Don Beimdiek, Clerk, Brian Smith, Treasurer
- Approved the minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting.
- Approved Presbytery Per Capita of \$27.14 per 210 members = \$ 5,722.50
- Approved Mission Giving of \$35,000 with the following percentages:

Presbytery	80%
Synod	5%
General Assembly	15%
- Approved the report of the Treasurer. End of year deficit is projected to be \$24,660 which is \$5,000 less than anticipated.
- Set the Annual Meeting of Congregation for January 29, 2012
- Made the following changes in membership with a net increase in 2011 of 16 members:
 - Transfer: John and Beth Willock – joined Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church
 - Inactive: Jessie Bridges, Cathy Simmons, Linda Whiting, Bonnie Wilson
- Called a session meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:30 pm to hear the results of the feasibility study.
- Approved Mark O'Brien and Hannah Nutt serving communion on Christmas Eve.
- Nominating Committee reported that they plan to present the following candidates for the Session Class of 2015: Josh Brettman, Mark O'Brien, Jim Williams, Charlet Cochran.
- Approved a contract for \$5680 with Vince Graye Slate and tile Roofing to remove and replace shingles and replace wall and roof flashing above the southwest corner of Niccolls Hall courtyard.
- Ellen Schroeder, chair of the Stewardship and Finance Mission Team, presented the 2012 requests from the mission teams. The asking budget was \$79,369 over anticipated revenues. The session divided into three groups to discuss the requests. The session made initial cuts of \$18,920 and instructed mission team chairs to meet with mission teams for deeper cuts.
- Shared concerns and celebrations and adjourned with prayer by the pastor.

DE-DECK THE HALLS **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH**

We would like to thank everyone who assisted in Decking the Halls this year! It was wonderful to spend some time chatting, eating and decorating together. Everything looked wonderful thanks to the hard work of everyone involved! If you would like to assist in De-Decking the Halls, please join us on Thursday January 5th from 10:00am-Noon to complete the “unwrapping” of the decorations. Bring your lunch; we will eat together in a time for fellowship. Thanks again for the wonderful support during this busy time of year.

GOOD GROUND PANTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

148 clients served including 22 new clients
481 family members represented
over 200 bowls of chili served
unknown dozens of cookies and other treats consumed
nearly 300 bags of groceries distributed
volunteers to thank too numerous to name at this time

We pray for all of our clients and their needs -- homes, families, employments, security, health, etc.

We give thanks for the opportunity to work with and serve them.

COAT DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of you who donated new or gently used winter coats, hats, and gloves for the students at Washington Montessori. Altogether, we collected and delivered 25 coats, 21 pairs of gloves, two scarves, and 16 hats. No child should be cold this winter. The Mission Outreach team thanks you for your generous support!

2011 "GIFT OF GIVING" UPDATE

Second Church's members and friends again generously supported the 2011 *Gift of Giving* program this past holiday season! A total of \$8,459 was contributed by more than 70 'givers' -- and more than 170 acknowledgment cards were mailed to their 'honorees' as a result of that giving!

Many Washington Montessori School children and their siblings – *eleven families total* -- truly enjoyed this Christmas as 49 children received gifts of clothing, toys, and educational materials as a result of the \$4,063 given by our members. Many hands made light work as many members helped wrap gifts following worship on Sunday, December 18th! Thank you to all Second Church members and friends who so generously contributed to the Washington Montessori families financially-- as well as the many volunteers who served as shoppers, gift wrappers, and lunch providers.

Additionally, \$4,396 was contributed to help support Good Ground Pantry's ongoing effort to help feed the hungry of our area. At the Good Ground Party, 300 bags of groceries and \$25 Schnucks gift cards were distributed to 148 GGP clients at the Christmas chili lunch held on Saturday, December 17th. An "extra thanks" goes to those who helped organize the cooking and contributed baked goods – and all the Second Church members, friends, Second Gen/s/, and Girl Scouts who helped serve the lunch – as well as the all-important set-up and Green Team clean-up crew!! The church's warm hospitality is always so appreciated by our GGP clients!

THANK YOU to all who helped make this program a success again this year!

Erin Acino and Josh Brettmann
Barbara Anderson
Chester Baker
Laura Barrett and David Clohessy
Margaret and Roger Beaman
Eleanor Bell
Jacob Blanton and Laura VanArendonk
Marge and Bob Bogner
Mary Gene Boteler and Rick Nutt
Barbara Bowyer

JoAnna Case
Jill and Richard Claybour
Matthew, Coleton and Chloe Claybour
Charlet and Don Cochran
Laura and Stephen Duntley
Betty and Jim Dowd
Kay and Bob Easton
Marnita and Deno Fabbre
Mary Feist
Anna Louise Fisher

Hazel Forster
Ede Heard
Janet Hill
Gayla and Arthur Hoffman
Marti Hughes
Megan Isaacson-Schmid and
 Grace Schmid
Peg and Henry Kaltenthaler
Karen Kelsey
Jessica Koster
Judy and John Leo
Laura Lock
Julie March
Henry Meier
Susan and Tom Monroe
Candace O'Connor and
 Bob Wiltenburg
The Office Staff of Second Church:
 Mary Gene Boteler
 Janet Cheverud
 Jean Chouquette
 Jim Dowd
 Patty McClerking
 Andrew Peters
 Dennis Umfleet

Jean Patterson
Marian and Manny Paxhia
Roy Pfautch
Meg and John Puterbaugh
Katie and John Pyron
Personnel Mission Team
Nancy Quigley
Grace Reichle
Ellen and Nathan Schroeder
Bente and Neil Seitz
Jane and Booker Shaw
Jana Sisler
Marjie and Ken Smith
Nancy Smith
Christin Snyder
Marion Stevens
Jay Summerville
Ashley Wiegand
Sue and Jim Williams
Barbara and Mike Willock
Jennifer and Jason Woods



FROM THE EDUCATION MISSION TEAM

2011-2012 SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge - 1st Floor, 9:30 a.m.
See monthly Christian Forum schedule for weekly topics.

Enrichment Class – Activity Room – 1st Floor, 9:30 a.m.
Andrea Cochran, our children's church school coordinator, returns to teach "*Feasting on the Word*" curriculum this year. Elementary age children are invited to participate in an Enrichment Class in the Activity Room. The nursery is available for young children.



CALLING ALL KIDS!

The children's Sunday school time is from 9:30 -10:30 in the Activity Room.

Andrea Cochran, our children's church school coordinator, is teaching the "*Feasting on the Word*" curriculum this year.

Childcare is available in the Activity Room for younger children beginning at 9:30 as well as during worship.

CHRISTIAN FORUM

January Schedule

Sunday Mornings – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Portrait Lounge

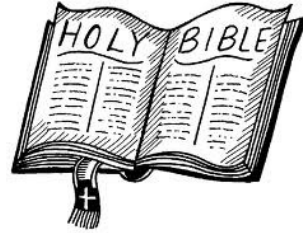
Coordinator	Date	Topic	Presenter	Contact Information
NEW YEAR	Jan. 1	<i>New Year</i> - No Forum		
Don Beimdiek	Jan. 8	Looking at Genesis Today	Frank Flinn	fkflinn@artsci.wustl.edu
Don Beimdiek	Jan. 15	Looking at Genesis Today	Frank Flinn	fkflinn@artsci.wustl.edu
Don Beimdiek	Jan. 22	Looking at Genesis Today	Frank Flinn	fkflinn@artsci.wustl.edu
Don Beimdiek	Jan. 29	Looking at Genesis Today	Frank Flinn	fkflinn@artsci.wustl.edu

ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nicolls Hall

This Fall, the Sunday Bible Discussion Group has continued to read Matthew starting at Chapter 15.

"You're not getting very far," one might say. Ah, true, but zooming through just to get to the end is not the goal.



Imagine reading a passage you may have seen or heard many times before and through a conversation with friends discovering a rich, meaningful, new understanding of what was written. Consider the possibility of broadening your personal interpretation of God's Word by investing only 45 minutes a week without any extra work. Think about learning more about the Bible with support at a leisurely pace.

THAT'S what we're all about.

Not a Sunday goes by that we don't walk away from our table without a deeper understanding of the Bible and a better feeling about our Church.

There is always a seat at our table for you. We meet in Nicolls Hall at 9:30 every Sunday for coffee/tea and conversation and begin reading and discussing at 9:45. You don't have to prepare; you don't have to bring anything. You don't even have to say anything if you don't want to. How easy is that? You should come.

See you soon!

For more information: maltbyd@hotmail.com

SESSION

Third Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm
Upper Room – Second Floor

MISSION TEAMS

Second Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00pm
Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor

MEN'S BREAKFAST

NOW MEETS ON THE
3RD TUESDAY

So that more people can attend, the Men's Breakfast group now meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next Men's Breakfast will be at 7:30am on January 17.

Invitations and reminders will still be e-mailed ahead of each meeting. If you'd like to be on the e-mail list, please contact Mike Willock (jwill2@mindspring.com).

We hope to see you there.

TABLE TALK

Second Wednesday of each month
Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30pm
Everest Cafe, 4105 Manchester
(The Grove neighborhood)

KNITTING OURSELVES TO GOD

Second Friday of each month
Friday, January 13 at 10:30am
Portrait Lounge – First Floor

DEACONESS

Second Sunday of each month
Sunday, January 8 at 12:15pm
Compton Lounge – Lower Level

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

“Confessing the Beatitudes”
Third Friday of each month
Friday, January 20 at 10:30am
Portrait Lounge – First Floor

2ND GENERATION/S/

Contact John or Katie Pyron with any questions or suggestions - at 252-557-9766 or 2ndgens@gmail.com

“Everybody’s Got to Eat”

Lunch on Sundays after worship in the Upper Room – 2nd Floor

Good Ground Pantry

Second Saturday of each month at 9:30am

WOMEN OF SECOND **Women’s Spiritual Retreat - 2012**

You are invited to attend a women’s spiritual retreat led by Rev. Julie March at Todd Hall Retreat Center for two days of study, prayer, camaraderie, and reflection. The dates of the retreat are Sat., March 17, 10:00 am – Sun., March 18, 3:00 pm.

The retreat is titled **Our Spiritual Journey**, and will focus on our growing relationship with God throughout our lives. Together with friends old and new we will have the opportunity to meditate, pray and share thoughts about our spiritual journey. All women of Second Church are invited to attend the retreat.

The price of the retreat will include four meals, one night’s lodging, retreat leader, conference room, use of beautiful bucolic grounds, and supplies. The cost per person will be \$100.00. Todd Hall is located in Columbia, IL, about a 35 minute drive from the church. It is a perfect venue for reflection, prayer and personal interaction. If you wish information on Todd Hall, you can reference ToddHallRetreat.org.

The retreat is open to women of every age at Second. You are encouraged to be part of this very special event. If you are interested or wish more information, please feel free to contact Jane Smith at jane.m.smith@sbcglobal.net.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP WITH HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Please remember our home-bound members. They really appreciate receiving cards and knowing that their church family prays for them. Should you not have their addresses, please call our church office. If you know of someone we have omitted, please contact Nancy Smith.



Homebound members are:

Eleanor Bell

Josefina Hilario

Ernestine McKellar

Joyce Polette

Gilbert and Maud Thomas

Alma Wesley

Dr. Ralph Gieselman

Laura Orthwein

Grace Reichle

Mary Shaklee

David and Janet Nevin

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We all enjoy the drinks and treats after the worship service! PLEASE choose a Sunday to provide some simple snacks -- it is not necessary to be elaborate! The sign-up calendar is on the bulletin board by the elevator.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Chuck Miller, Nancy Quigley, Deb Maltby, David Maltby

MARY RYDER HOME

If you can part with your Mardi Gras beads, the Mary Ryder Home would love to have them. They may be dropped off at the M.R. basket in the first floor hallway. The ladies will have a festive party with them. Thanks.

The Deaconesses

WASHINGTON MONTESSORI

CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT FLIGHT

Thirty-four Washington Montessori children learned the principles of flight and space exploration in a field trip led by our tutors to Boeing Aircraft on December 7.

While the emphasis was on the principles of flight and its four major components – lift, power, control, and stability, the children also learned of the Wright brothers, their tenacity in pursuing an idea, and the rigorous training and discipline of our astronauts. The actual-sized space capsules generated the most excitement. (There were numerous “would be” astronauts in the group before we departed.) Boeing Aircraft did a superb job of educating and motivating children at 4th and 5th grade level. It was yet another example of broadening the horizons of underserved children.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 652

The girls enjoyed a busy December, beginning with a sleepover at the church. The most popular activity was karaoke, with the girls trying to teach Miss Barbara a popular song - she managed to sing "to the left, to the left" with enthusiasm although generally not at the right time or in the right key! The Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes also completed badge activities and games of Twister and Headbandz were enjoyed by all. Saturday morning the girls enjoyed making cards, clothespin reindeer, and adjustable necklaces.



On December 17, the troop joined with members of the congregation in serving lunch to our Good Ground Pantry clients. When asked later what they enjoyed most about the day, every girl stated she really liked helping with the luncheon. After we completed our service, we enjoyed a Christmas party where we exchanged gifts. The girls were especially happy with their secret Santa gifts. They also received a stocking filled with goodies from their leaders. All in all, it was a fun filled day for them.

January begins the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. We'll meet in early January to learn about marketing and sales, discuss goal setting, and prepare to sell cookies. Most of the money that is raised from our cookie sale will be used to support the upcoming trip to Washington DC.

Congregational Meeting and Luncheon Sunday, January 29, 2012

Following worship the congregation will gather in the Dining Room to review the work of the church in 2011 and to elect officers.

Mission Team Chairpersons are encouraged to submit their Annual Reports no later than Monday, January 16, 2012.

2012 Mission Yearbook Features Second Church Garden

The 2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbooks for Prayer and Study are available for \$10 each from the church office. This year's book is green, and the Second Church community garden is featured on page 210 for Thursday, July 26th.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Mark O'Brien and Michael Harshbarger

Corrected mailing address: 3124 Providence Place 1F, 63111

Thank You

Dear Session,

Once again, you have allowed Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma (an honorary international society of women educators) to use your gorgeous facility for our annual fundraiser auction and brunch. On December 11, 2010, forty-three members and friends thoroughly enjoyed your ornate banquet room (which was set up so perfectly for our needs) and delicious chicken salad lunch served by Mary and her helpers. We know that our friend, Jean Weinstock, was with us in spirit as we had our annual Christmas celebration. This year, we raised more than \$2,100 dollars which will be allocated toward scholarships for deserving high school senior women planning to become teachers.

Every woman with whom I spoke raved about the lunch and the beautiful setting. In addition, the security guard (I believe her name is Patty) was extremely helpful to us in getting parked and assisting some of our elderly members to move about.

On behalf of Pi Chapter, I want to express appreciation for the use of Second Presbyterian Church facilities, and we hope that we might return for a similar event next December. Thank you for your loving hospitality, and bless you in your continued Christian outreach.

Sincerely yours,
Madge Wiesner, President
Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma

NEW GIFT OPTION FROM YOUR IRA WILL BENEFIT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, signed into law on December 17, 2010, includes key provisions concerning IRA rollovers to charity. In brief, the Act allows you to rollover from your traditional IRA or Roth IRA to Second Presbyterian Church, *tax free*, up to \$100,000 in 2011. These distributions must be made to a qualified charity, such as Second Presbyterian Church, and can be excluded from your gross income. If you are 70 ½ years of age or older these distributions count toward your minimum distribution.

Who qualifies and how does this work?

- You must be 70 ½ years of age or older on the date of the transfer.
- Your IRA administrator must send the check directly from the IRA to Second Presbyterian Church or another qualified charity (direct trustee to charity transfer).
- The gift must be 100% charitable. It can establish a new permanent endowment fund, add to an existing fund, or pay a pledge.
- The gift can satisfy minimum required distributions, reducing reportable income.

What are the benefits for younger people?

As with prior law, for donors between the ages of 59 ½ and 70 ½ who have more money in their IRAs than they are likely to need for retirement security, the Act offers an ancillary benefit: Funds may not be distributed to a charity *but can be withdrawn from an IRA or another retirement account and then donated to the charity without payment of the 10% penalty for early withdrawal.*

If you do not meet the requirements for the new tax law, *you may want to consider designating Second Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of your IRA.*

Before taking any such actions, you should consult your tax and/or financial advisor about the best ways to take advantage of these new charitable giving opportunities.



SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

Join the fun on **Sunday, February 5th**, Super Bowl Sunday, to support Good Ground Pantry. Bring cans of soup to worship that day and place them in the box of the team you think will win the Super Bowl that evening. Boxes labeled for the teams will be located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall.

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people (at a Presbyterian Church in South Carolina) to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the *Souper Bowl of Caring* and mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$71 million for people in need. For more info, visit www.souperbowl.org