



What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
June 2011



FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Saints at Second,

The Vision Team has met and is ready to propose to the session this draft of our Vision Statement for Second Presbyterian Church. We shall know by the next newsletter whether or not it was approved, since this had to go to press before session was able to act upon it. Please read it over and meditate on the statement as to how it can affect our way of ministering to our community. It has the three basic elements and it is a simple statement; these aspects are very important. The three elements are worship, growth (our own spiritual growth) and mission (reaching out to those around us in Jesus' name). It is a statement that defines how we are part of the people of God and what are the appropriate things for us as the people of God to do. Since it lays out the parameters of what are appropriate Christian responses to life and mission, we then get a sense of direction concerning the way the Lord is guiding our ministry. The

Vision Team expects our new Vision Statement to become our litmus test for who we are and what we are to do.

*As members of Second Presbyterian Church,
We gather in worship;
We grow in God's Word;
We serve in Jesus' name*

Again, the purpose for a Vision Statement is much more important than to print on the bulletin.

Soon to come, the Vision Team plans to develop a Devotional Resource Center with resources that you may check out for assistance in your personal devotional life! That is one of our summer projects. It is our hope that the center will be incentive to help us all grow as Christians. Keep an eye out for this and I will update its progress when I can.

Grace and Peace,
Daniel E. Hale, D. Min.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

June, 2011

June 5, **R-19**, Romans 9:14-10:4, IS GOD JUST? **Holy Communion**

June 12, **R-20, Pentecost Sunday**, Romans 10:5-13, THE SAVING CONFESSION

June 19, **Father's Day, R-21**, Romans 10:14-21, FAITH COMES FROM HEARING

June 26, **R-22**, Romans 11:1-10, ISRAEL'S REMNANT

WITNESS & SERVICE COMMITTEE

2011 Pentecost Offering - Sunday, June 12, 2011

“So I Send You.” (John 20:21)

Pentecost Sunday is an amazing, life-giving day in the community of faith. At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. As we receive the Pentecost Offering on June 12, 2011, we bring the transforming love of God to children at risk and celebrate God’s ministries in the lives of youth and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering supports our efforts to nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. It helps us call forth a new generation of leadership in mission service through the Young Adult Volunteer program. Using a portion of the receipts, congregations can make a difference in the lives of children at risk. It gives us the opportunity to use 40 percent of the amount we receive to minister to our own community on behalf of children at risk.

This year’s theme, “*So I Send You*” (*John 20:21*), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering on June 12, 2011. Your gifts will have an impact now and in the generations to come!

Mother’s Day/Father’s Day Offering June 19, 2011

Your gift to the Mother’s Day/Father’s Day Offering will help maintain the security, dignity and quality of life of many of the older adults living in the Sunnyside Communities. Please give generously on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19, 2011

Interfaith Adult Daycare Update

The Interfaith Adult Daycare is celebrating 20 years of service on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m. They will have a brief program in the fellowship hall of Covenant Presbyterian Church with a reception and tours of their facilities to follow. Second Church has been contributor to this program ever since it began on High Street in 1991. We have had a representative on the board until this year. Plan to come and see and hear what wonderful program this daycare is. Enjoy this opportunity to greet old friends, honor the volunteers and tour the facilities and share the refreshment of course

Dr. Beecher Watson & Sam Mattocks, Co-Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Please continue to remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers or with a card, call or visit.

Hunger Corner

The Monthly Food Offering will be received on Sunday, June 5. The recipient for this month is CARES.

Congregational Care Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Bring Your Treasures!! If you have some items you are tired of - but might be a treasure for a Bingo winner - bring it to Evelyn Peebles at church between now and the next Senior Day. We would appreciate it.

Dorothy Riggan, Chair.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION PROJECT



June in July 5-9 Tri-Cities Workcamp adults and young men and women volunteer to paint, build ramps and repairs homes for homeowners in need. It is the students' way to "give back" to the community. **We will provide lunch for 7 campers**, 5 days; 2 sandwiches, chips, fruit and sweet; fast food is permitted. *Beverage provided by Workcamp.*

"Alone we work. Together we work miracles."

Bettie Guthrie, PW Co-Moderator

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Second,

Thank you so very much for the cards, calls and prayers following my back surgery and recuperating at home.

Sincerely, Robert Fitts

Sympathy Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Sam Mattocks upon the death of his mother-in-law, Jean Beard, to the family of Nancy James upon the death of her sister, Virginia Richardson, and to Betty Holt and her family upon the death of her husband, John W. Holt, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN WILLIAM HOLT, JR.

October 13, 1934 - May 15, 2011

BIRTHDAYS

June

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Wayne Tucker | Mrs. Susan Hargrave | 16 Katharine M. Snavely |
| 3 Mrs. Joyce West | Hamilton | 25 Bill Ellis |
| William Dale Nichols | 10 Mrs. Marcia Hale | 27 Walter Dance |
| 4 Mrs. Betty Pat Webb | 11 Michael Wright | 28 Mrs. Nancy Watson |
| 5 Ms. Emily Martin | William E. Martin | 29 Jay Peterson |
| Mrs. Gayle Jones | Harry D. Baird, IV | |
| 6 Mrs. Jean Salmon | 15 Derek Groux | |

**FELLOWSHIP TIME – June 5:
Witness & Service Committee**



The Finance Committee is looking for places where we can save money. Becky Lancaster reports that the church spends \$550/year on mailing “What’s First”. Although Becky sends “What’s First” using bulk rate to save money, the price of postage is rising. In today’s world of technology, the Committee thinks that if we send “What’s First” by e-mail we can save a considerable amount on postage. Now, we realize that not everyone has or uses e-mail, and those people will continue to receive their hardcopy. For those who are able to attend church regularly, “What’s First” will be on the table behind the sanctuary.

If you are willing to help us save money by receiving your copy of “What’s First” by e-mail please send your e-mail address to Becky at secondpres1851@verizon.net

If you are receiving “What’s First” and no longer wish to, please contact the church: 804-732-6531 or secondpres1851@verizon.net

If you can help by being a member of a counting team please contact: Bettie Guthrie cbgup@aol.com OR Katharine Snavely kmsnavely@comcast.net

Thank you for your help.

TREASURER’S REPORT

	April 2011	Cumulative January to April
Income: Offerings:	11,423.45	47,234.66
Fees		450.00
Transfer	5,000.00	5,000.00
Restricted	2,413.00	2,487.25
Total Income	18,836.45	55,171.91
Expenses: Total	17,000.47	62,339.81
Net Gains/Losses	1,835.98	(8,141.36)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
JUNE, 2011			1	2 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time 11:00 a.m. Reading Through the Bible	3	4
5 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Communion Monthly Food Offering received. 12:00 p.m. Educ/ Nurture Comm.	6 11:30 a.m. Worship Comm.	7	8	9 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee	10	11
12 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Pentecost Offering received	13	14	15 12:15 p.m. DCU Lunch/ Meeting at Second Church 7:00 p.m. Session	16 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time 11:00 a.m. Reading Through The Bible 12:00 noon "What's First" Articles for July/August due	17	18
19 11:00 a.m. Worship, Father's Day Mother's/Father's Day Offering received.	20	21 8:30 a.m. Presbytery of the James Meeting Brandermill Church	22	23 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time	24	25
26 11:00 a.m. Worship 12 noon Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Lunch/All are invited	27	28	29	30 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time		

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our May PW Birthday party was so much fun, and Joseph was a great hit. Our own Evelyn Peebles closed the evening with one of her famous and fabulous poems. Continuing the evening's Joseph theme, she gave out bags of "grain" (candy corn) as party favors in which she had hidden small silver cups in three of the bags. But those 3 lucky people received a treat instead of a punishment. Thank you Evelyn for ending the evening with a bang!



News of the Spring Gathering - The day started with Fred Holbrook (Louise Temple's nephew) playing the bagpipes as the ladies gathered. Numerous health kits were collected, and the offering to benefit Comfort Zone Camp totaled \$1,871.11. The Fall Gathering will be held at Chester Presbyterian Church, and the annual Leadership Training event will be held at that same time rather than in August.

It is now time for our circles to take a break for the summer from our meetings. But, of course, our mission work goes on. Tri-Cities Workcamp is our June/July project, and we will certainly need your help. Our Circle attendance was up this past year, and I hope that even more of you ladies will want to come be part of a group when we start up again in the fall. The Bible study lesson for next year will be "The Beatitudes" (probably a bit easier than Revelation!) The Church Circle is looking for someone to help Evelyn Peebles who has been both Circle Moderator and Bible Moderator. If anyone feels called to help her out in either of those positions, please let us know.

So now with a grateful heart for all the good work you have done and continue to do for PW, I wish each of you a restful and happy summer.



Alice Martin

160th Anniversary

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to celebrating our 160th Anniversary on November 13, 2011. The Worship Committee would like to invite our former members and friends to share this special occasion with us. Please submit names and addresses of people you would like to receive an invitation to Becky in the church office as soon as possible.
Co-Chairs: Dorothy Riggan & Wayne Tucker



SCHEDULES - JUNE 2011

<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Closing/Security</u>	<u>Counters</u>
5 Michael Wright Karen Wright	Mark Stevens	Katharine Snavelly Keith Snavelly
12 Rudy Rowland Nell Rowland	_____	Martha Possnack Bob McIlwaine
19 Carl Guthrie Bettie Guthrie	Michael Wright	↓
26 Wayne Tucker Gloria Rose	Keith Snavelly	



GRADUATE INFORMATION

If your child or you are graduating from High School, College, Technical School, Graduate School or any other school, please call the church office and let Becky know what school your child is graduating from and what degree they are receiving. Thank you for your help!