

## WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 6**

Exodus 12:1-14  
Passover

**Sunday, September 13**

Exodus 14:19-31  
Crossing the Red Sea

**Sunday, September 20**

Exodus 16:2-15  
Manna

**Sunday September 27**

Exodus 17:1-7  
Water from the Rock

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Dorothy Jump         | 18 Graham Marshall     |
| 3 Rev. James Davenport | 20 Beth Willyard       |
| 6 Melissa Peirano      | 20 Gary Noblitt        |
| 7 Whitney Alley        | 22 Jeff Ross           |
| 9 William K. Ransom    | 23 Becky Franklin Kuhn |
| 10 Henry Paik          | 24 Renee B. Gray       |
| 11 Casey Bell          | 25 Reese Shipley       |
| 14 Sarah H. Rose       | 26 Brianne Harrah      |
| 15 Stephen Miller      | 26 Tanya Simpson       |
| 16 Norma Witherspoon   | 26 Don Riley           |
| 17 Betty Spaulding     | 27 Aaliyah Jones       |
| 17 Landan Troxler      | 30 Gloria C. Haney     |



Grandson Zach and daughters in medical field.

Lillie and all returning to school

Rachel Simmons

Peyton Eddington (Granddaughter of Susan Vance)

Donlee Roberson and Family

Joyce Harrison (Debbie Barnes' Aunt)

Hannah (Dave & Jean Helwig's Great Granddaughter)

Martha Huskins

Daughter Katie (Unspoken Prayer Request)

Bonnie Millard (Friend of Jeanne Janney)

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Those affected by the storms

Members of PNC

Virus outbreak at UNC

Our country and the world

# Second Presbyterian PRESS



**September 2020**

(from an article by Benjamin L. Corey)

Culture has a tendency to quietly whisper in our ear that independence is a beautiful thing. We value the concept of being self-made. Being primarily true to ourselves and having an independent personality is generally seen as a strength. Culture tells us these things...but the message of Jesus does not.

As we live out a faith that is blindly infused with an individualistic culture, we end up with a distorted approach to faith that leaves us lonely, isolated, and alone. In order to not only rediscover the radical message of Jesus, but in order to actually have a shot at living this out in an authentic way, we must return to the truth discovered in God's original plan for humanity—we need to return to the beginning.

The Creation Poem of Genesis 1 tells a beautiful story of the God who masterfully created everything. God was happy with everything God created and pronounced every single part of it to be "good." However, when God looked at a single human being living by himself, outside the context of community, we finally hear God say something God hadn't said before: "It's not good to be alone."

To rectify the situation God created the first community of two. Living life as an individual apart from authentic and intimate communal relationships was never part of the deal. We were created for community.

We even see that *God* wanted "in" when it came to this new community, as God took afternoon walks with them during the cool part of the day—building and participating in community *with* them. God made that known to the Israelite people as God accompanied them out of Egypt, into the wilderness and eventually, to the Promised Land. Even Jesus did not bear His burdens outside the context of relationship with others. He could have; but didn't want to.

The experience we are living through leaves us hungry for community for a good reason: it's part of our make-up, part of our created being. As we continue in this wilderness, may we renew our commitment to stay connected, to care for one another. All of us, including the God we proclaim, want to live in authentic, life-affirming community.

In grace, with love,  
Cathy

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### SESSION NEWS

The Session met on August 23 to begin looking at the 2021 Budget with leadership from Finance chair, Mike Morrison. Elders will again rotate worship times to speak about funding the aspects of our church ministry. We approved policies related to donations. We also approved giving space to "Beloved Woman," a not-for-profit agency created by Sherry Cothran to help women in poverty become self-sufficient. The church building will remain closed through September, online services and meetings will continue. Building and Grounds is working with a roofing business to see about getting the roof replaced, hopefully with insurance money from hail damage. Christian Education is talking about adult study. St. Matthew's Shelter has had no residents for some time. A report from the Deacons was received with interest in how church members are. A Session retreat is being planned for October. 2020 Elders: Emily Cammon (Clerk); Mike Morrison (Finance); Betty Whitaker (St. Matthew's Shelter); Matt Carbone (Marketing and Outreach); Beverly Steyn (Personnel); Scott Miller (Personnel); Natasha Condra (Building and Grounds); Rick Rushworth (Fellowship); Jonathan Hunter; Les Ourth (Missions); Paul Hesselink (Christian Education); Charly Brown (Worship).

### DEACONS NEWS

The Deacons met on August 9 in the Elmore Room, with masks and distance but in person! We shared about how the virus has affected us personally. Sandy Franklin gave an excellent presentation on our budget and available funds for assisting church members. We discussed some guidelines to help us when requests are made: every person making a request will meet with two deacons; generally, one request per year; assistance will be a gift but donations can be made. The deacons will utilize cards and calls to stay in touch with our members. 2020 Deacons: Cathy Lamb (Moderator), Patsy Brown (Treasurer), Barbara Bye (Secretary), Chuck Boyd, Nancy Snodgrass, Robby Carney

### 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Starting with this month, your Session will begin to make the case for your 2021 Financial Pledge. Financial Pledges enable the Session to plan budgets for all of the elements for Christ's mission in Chattanooga. Our goals for 2021 will remain high as the need for our Christ's ministry continues to increase. Please begin to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Second Presbyterian in 2021, and be alert to Stewardship Messages from those who represent Christ's mission with Second Presbyterian and a separate Stewardship newsletter. The Stewardship season will culminate with Stewardship Sunday on November 15, 2020.

### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The PNC is moving forward with the process of choosing our new pastor. We've scored all applicants received from the Presbytery. Currently, we're analyzing the top tier for our next step and will discuss our top choices soon. Thank you for your patience and support. Father God, help us to discern what is and what is not your voice. Patsy Brown

### SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your faithful giving to the mission and ministry of Second Pres!  
 Pledges this month: \$11,055.00  
 January-July: \$75,455.00  
 Budgeted: \$145,140.00

### OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Church Family,

It is that time again to nominate congregational members to be on the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).

We are including congregational input as best as we can during these uncertain times. Please either volunteer or **submit one name** to the ONC by Sunday, September 13, 2020. The name that is submitted must be someone who has agreed to serve on the committee. The top three names will be presented to the Session and congregation for approval.

Currently, Beverly Steyn (Session representative), Robby Carney (Deacon representative) and I (Session member and moderator of the ONC) are serving on the committee. We are looking for three additional members to serve.

Once the committee has been established, the ONC nominates special people representing different aspects of our congregation to determine those who will be nominated for the office of Elder and Deacon.

Please email the church at [office@secondpreschattanooga.org](mailto:office@secondpreschattanooga.org) to submit your nomination. In Christ's Love, Natasha Roberson Condra, Moderator, Officer Nominating Committee

### WOMEN IN THE BIBLE!

Now is a good time to learn something new or recall a memory. Do you remember these women in the Bible? Heads up PW, these are ladies that you might not know or may have never heard of before. Enjoy the challenge!

Candace Phoebe Joanna Anna Abigail  
 Damaris Keturah Lois Vashti Jochebed

1. When her husband, who happened to be the king of Persia, summoned her to a party, she was a no-show! \_\_\_\_\_
2. At about 84, this widow and prophetess had an opportunity to see the Christ child. \_\_\_\_\_
3. This Athenian woman was one of Paul's converts. \_\_\_\_\_
4. She was the mother of Moses. \_\_\_\_\_
5. When Paul talked of Timothy's faith, he mentioned it had been passed down to him from his grandmother. What was her name? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Paul called her "our sister," a servant in the church of Cenchrea. \_\_\_\_\_
7. She was the wife of Cuza, Herod's household manager and had been healed by Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Sometime after the death of Sarah, Abraham took a wife who bore him 6 children, What was her name? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Philip's conversation about Jesus Christ with the Ethiopian treasurer led to his conversion and baptism. What was the name of the Ethiopian queen he served? \_\_\_\_\_
10. King David had both a sister and a wife with this name? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:  
 1-Vashti 2-Anna 3-Damaris 4-Jochebed 5-Lois  
 6-Phoebe 7-Joanna 8-Keturah 9-Candace 10-Abigail

Traditionally, Presbyterian Women start their calendar year in August. We host a luncheon after church at which time we recognize the PW leadership and invite the congregation to support and pray for us in the coming year. As we all know, there is nothing “traditional” about these times! We are all learning to navigate this pandemic and all the “new different” it has created, yet we do not lose heart. Moving forward we hold on to what we believe and what we are called to do as Presbyterian Women. Oh, I realize how it might look different (see the article about the Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army), but as PW we will find a way to do it. Like Israel, who was held captive in Babylon, we too lament “how long, oh Lord” till this “new different” will pass? But also like many of those in captivity who sought to preserve their beliefs and traditional ways, the PW remains committed to nurturing our faith through prayer, Bible study, and the support of mission through this pandemic. “New Different” here we come!

Our first circle meeting will be held at the traditional time of 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 14, but we will meet by non-traditional means called Zoom. Contact me or the church office for how to access the Zoom circle meeting. Your email will be used to send you an invitation to the meeting (with all the needed sign in information).

Our traditional fall service project for the Salvation Army will continue but not in the traditional manner. (See article) We hope many of you will help with this project.

Our PW calendar (at the bottom of this letter) reflects our traditional year of gatherings, service, and mission projects, but we know they may not take place in the same way as in the past.

Despite all this I am excited to begin another year with PW. God is good all the time, and I look forward to Him using PW at 2<sup>nd</sup> Church this year to bring His light to shine more clearly in this world. What a privilege it is in this “new different” to seek to be a part of God’s plan. Our Bible Study, “Into the Light- Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament,” speaks directly to the times we are experiencing. As I mentioned in a recent letter, the word lament means “a passionate expression of loss, grief, or sorrow.” Who among us has not done some lamenting these last 6 months?! Lament is a tool that God’s people use to navigate distress, pain, and suffering. It is a wonderful study. Let me know if you want a copy for your personal study.

So I will say it again, 2020-2021 here we come. “New different” or not, we are the people of God, and out of “this present darkness” we will move towards the Light - The Light that is Jesus Christ! Can I get an Amen?

Suzanne Rushworth - Moderator Deut. 31:8

**CALENDARS FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS**

Please remember to save those 2020-2021 calendars that you are getting in the mail for the Hospitalized Veterans of Tennessee. Bring them to the church office or give them to Suzanne Rushworth.

**LET’S GET TOGETHER!!**

**JOIN CATHY BY ZOOM ON TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM AND 6:00PM FOR CATHY CHAT!**

This is a time to connect via ZOOM with Cathy and others from the church to share prayer requests, say hello and just have great conversation! Call the church office for the meeting ID number!

**CHRIST CONNECT!**

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm there will be a video for devotion and quiet reflection posted on the church website at [www.secondpreschattanooga.org](http://www.secondpreschattanooga.org). Visit the website and watch the video for some middle of the week refreshment for your heart and soul!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING TAI CHI**

William "John" Johnson has weekly Zoom meetings for Tai Chi on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM. If you are interested please contact him at [johnjohnson@appliedtaiji.com](mailto:johnjohnson@appliedtaiji.com) for more information.

**CHILDREN’S PAGE**

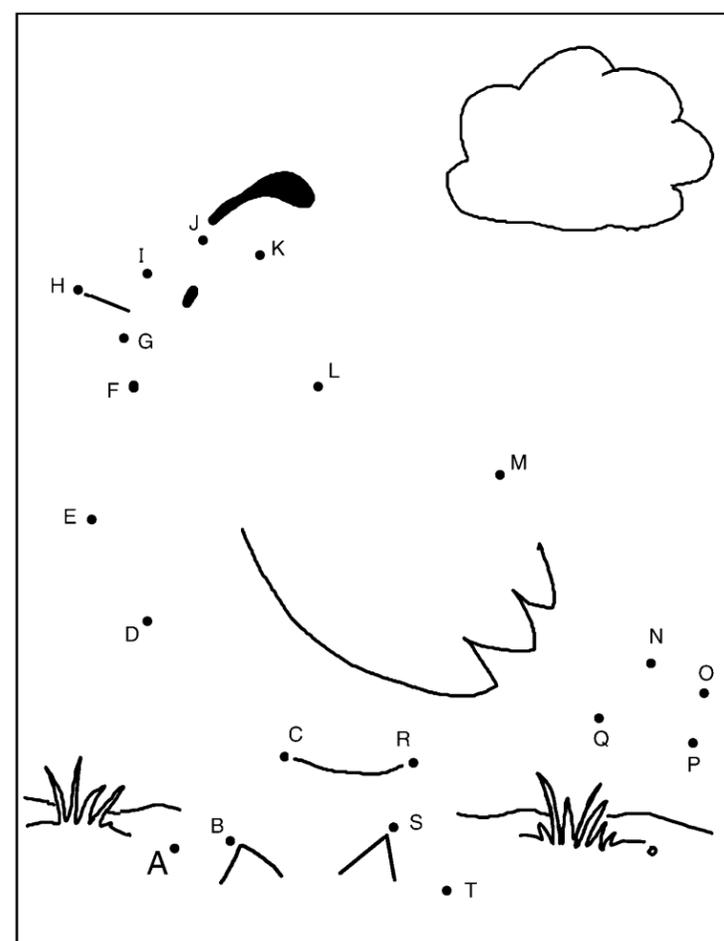
As Moses stretched his hand over the sea the Lord drove the waters back.

Circle 9 differences in the bottom picture.



God also sent something else for them to eat.

Connect the dots to find out what God sent. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: 2020-2021 CALENDAR

September: 9/14: Circle meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson Introduction  
Project: Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

October: 10/12: Circle meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 1  
Projects: Salvation Army Christmas Stockings – deadline October 30  
UTC Hope House lunches – TBA – (cookies always welcome)  
PW Sunset Gap Day - TBA  
PW Fall Gathering - TBA

November: Sunday (11/1): dedication of Christmas Stockings during worship  
11/2: Circle meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 2  
11/29: Thank Offering Luncheon  
Project: Christmas giving tree (socks, gloves, hats, scarves) goes up 11/29

December: 12/7: Circle meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 3  
12/9: Church Christmas Dinner & program (Wed.) sponsored by PW  
12/27: Last Sunday to put items on Giving Tree

January: 1/4: Circle Meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 4  
Project: TBA

February: 2/1: Circle Meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 5  
2/20: Annual Women's Luncheon (Saturday – 12:00 noon)

March: 3/1: Circle Meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 6/7  
Project: UTC Hope House lunches – TBA – (cookies always welcome)  
PW Spring Gathering - TBA

April: 4/5: Circle Meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 8  
Project: UTC Hope House lunches – TBA – (cookies always welcome)  
4/25: PW Sunday (Speaker-Mary Ellen Ausenbaugh) & Luncheon

May: 5/3: Circle Meeting 10:30 - Bible Study: Lesson 9

June: 6/6: Birthday Offering Luncheon

July: Summer Salad Gathering and Planning Meeting – TBA

August: 8/8: PW Sunday Luncheon and dedication of officers

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### THE SALVATION ARMY

Our PW circle is eager to continue to play its part in The Salvation Army's effort to ensure that area Seniors are remembered at Christmas. How to do that in the face of COVID-19 restrictions challenged us for a moment, but we think we have a solution.

We are inviting 25 members and friends of our church family to agree to fill 2 stockings each, 1 for a man and 1 for a woman, between now and the end of October. That number, 25 can be made up by families, couples, 2 good friends, who perhaps can't get together in person but can visit on the phone and decide what will go into their stockings, or by "singletons", who prefer to work alone. Please carry through on your commitment and return your stockings to the church by Oct. 29. They will be blessed at the Nov. 1 worship service, whatever form that takes.

After you sign up by calling Suzanne Rushworth, 423.267.5451, or Marcia Kling, 423.756.3890, your stockings and a list of suggested items will be sent or delivered to you. We're happy to report that several members have already signed on to help! So, make that call today to ensure your place in this mission of love and caring!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our congregation is pleased to be able to award Educational Grants to two of our college students as they return to classes this fall: Mack Conner who is attending the University of Alabama and Chloe Langston who is attending Chattanooga State. We are thankful for the generosity of those who have gone before us in setting up this fund for a specific purpose, and wish our students the best as they pursue their endeavors.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Although regular Christian education activities have been suspended in recent months, the committee remains committed to its ministry.

Children are receiving monthly mailings including letters and the Sunday children's bulletins usually available in church. Youth are receiving monthly letters with suggestions for Bible study and devotions.

The Guardian Angel program will begin in September as usual. Youth in middle school or high school should return their information forms to Suzanne Rushworth if they have not already done so. Any adult interested in being a Guardian Angel this year should contact Suzanne.

The committee is currently exploring ways to provide adult Sunday School in the fall if the building remains closed, and possibly to encourage adult Christian education more broadly.

Books donated to the library are being processed and added to the collection. Look for details in a future newsletter when the building is open again.

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### HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

School has started and no matter if you are going to school in person or are receiving on-line instruction YOU have begun a new year of learning and growing. Bring your best effort to every day. Start focused and stay strong.

I hope we can be together again soon, but until then we continue our study "Knowing God by His Names." The lesson is meant to be one of encouragement this month. God has many names, and they all reflect something about his character. The following are ones I pray that you will remember as you go through this school year. Think about these names of God and what they tell you about the nature of God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### Name of God:

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| The Beginning and The End (Rev 22:13) | Characteristics: Before All and Beyond All                |
| Deliverer (Romans 11:26)              | Characteristics: Rescuer, Compassionate                   |
| Hope (Romans 15:13)                   | Characteristics: Our security, Provider                   |
| Lord is There (Ezekiel 48:35)         | Characteristics: Present with His people                  |
| Vine (John 15:1)                      | Characteristics: Source of Life & Goodness                |
| Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)      | Characteristics: Helps believers deal with all situations |

#### Interesting fact:

The word "goodbye" comes from the term "Godbwye," a contraction of the phrase "God be with ye." The first documented use of "Godbwye" appeared in a letter English writer and scholar, Gabriel Harve, wrote in 1573. So let me say to all, Goodbye! Suzanne