

The

Messenger

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February, 2010

Sunday Services

8:15 a.m. - Chapel
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
for All Ages
10:15 a.m. - Sanctuary

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Summary of Income and Expenses for 2009

	Dec.	YTD
Income	\$160,027	\$1,108,971
Expenses	131,064	1,116,284
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$28,963	\$ (7,313)



The Interim's Musings

A CONVERSATION BEFORE CALVARY

February 17, 2010 is Ash Wednesday. So begins our forty-day journey toward Holy Week. John's Gospel is radically different from the other three gospels. The conversation and prayer that Jesus shares with the disciples in John Chapters 13 through 17 is personal, unique, and practical. May I suggest you read these chapters during Lent. Relax and assume you are in a rambling conversation with a group of fellow believers, and Jesus is teaching a class and keeps telling you this is the last class where I will be with you face to face.

John implies that these conversations took place after Palm Sunday, during and after the Passover Feast, and the arrest of Jesus on Thursday of Holy Week. The conversation is unsystematic. There is no clear outline to the lessons. Definitions are lacking, and numerous topics are woven into a tapestry with a basic theme. As Eugene Peterson makes clear in his book entitled *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places* the theme is as follows:

I am leaving..... I am sending

Jesus is leaving.... the Holy Spirit is coming.

This theme bounces back and forth like a ping pong match. Over thirty times, the theme is sung with various melodies, different tone qualities, and a pitch that varies from the mountain tops to the deepest valleys. The teacher is direct, practical, and honest. And with the summary of verses that follow, it is impossible for a disciple of Christ to be a spectator or stand at a distance during this Lenten season.

I washed your feet; you wash one another's feet. (13:14)

I have loved you: you love one another. (13:34 15:12)

I've been with you; the Spirit will be with you. (14:16-17)

I live: You also will live. (14:19)

I am teaching you; the Spirit will teach/remind you. (14-25-26)

I was hated; you will be hated. (15:18-25)

I go away; the Spirit will come. (16:7)

I haven't finished what I have to say; the Spirit will tell you. (16:12-15)

Thus the Lenten Season begins. May this discourse between Jesus and us, his disciples, give us challenge and comfort during the journey to Easter.

Blessings to All,

John



Annual Meeting - Just Desserts!

As a member of Second, your presence and input at this meeting are important and valued. Please plan to attend.

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include an overview of 2009, a finance report, a chance for you to ask questions and the usual business meeting. A time of fellowship and desserts provided by the Elders and Deacons will follow the meeting.

Pancake Feast!

Everyone is welcome to come and share in the first "Fat Tuesday" event at Second on February 16, 5:00 -7:00 p.m. We will enjoy a pancake dinner with all the fixin's (sausage, oj, and coffee). There will also be a moment for reflection as we begin the season of Lent the following day. Donations will be accepted for the mission trip to Dallas, TX this summer. See Paula M. Isgrig for more details.

Save the Date

Spring Gathering of Presbytery Women of Heartland Presbytery and Festival of Peacemaking is Saturday, April 24, at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Keynote speaker is GA Moderator Bruce Reyes - Chow.

Join the Choir for the Easter Services!

The choir is singing for the 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. If you would like to join the choir for this, please contact me soon. We would love to have you even for a few weeks to prepare for this performance. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 24, from 8:15-8:45 p.m. There will also be a full rehearsal on Sunday, March 28 from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. with a pot luck preceding. Having so many wonderful voices for the Christmas season was a gift! I hope that we can rejoice in the same way again!

Super Souper Bowl of Caring

February 7, 2010

Please plan on bringing canned food and non-perishables to church with you Sunday, February 7. The youth will be collecting your items, as well as financial donations, for local charities before and after both worship services. Help us help our homeless and needy friends right here in Kansas City and join the many churches in the country that tackle hunger in their communities on this "Super" Day!



Haiti Disaster Assistance

Financial gifts to Second Church designated for "Haiti" will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may also give online through pcusa.org. 100% of your gifts will go to the Presbyterian Church partners that have been giving direct assistance since this tragedy, when lives, extended families and a nation were changed forever.

Prayer

God of compassion, please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted. Guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heal wounds and provide hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer; through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.
- Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the GA; Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk; Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the GA Mission Council

February Barrel Collection

The February Barrel Collection is for the Good Samaritan Project. Needs include toilet paper; paper towels; non-toxic cleaning supplies (Clorox brand, for example); dried pasta; spaghetti sauce; toothpaste; dish soap; scrubbing sponges; Ensure, Boost, or generic-equivalent nutritional drink.

Talk to Us!

The Christian Education Committee invites your input and support in this exciting new year. Please talk to any committee member about what you're thinking regarding this important part of our church life for all ages.

Also, we encourage you to consider joining our committee or at least



February Small Groups

These Small Groups were dreamed up in an attempt to encourage friendship, relationships and conversations among those who call Second Presbyterian their church home. It is my hope that each of you will step out and meet others

who share the pews with you, that you will open your hearts and lives to care and share with the other members of this church family. Go ahead and try an event that you might not have before – my guess is that you will find a smiling face when you arrive.

If you are planning ahead – make sure that you check out the March small group information that is located on the church website, secondpres.org.

Please sign up for the small groups at the table in the downstairs lobby or by contacting Tera Yakel at 816-363-1300 or tyakel@secondpres.org. **It is important that we have accurate numbers for the restaurants and caterers to prepare adequately.**

KnitWits Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Meeting Room A

Are you a life long knitter? Have you always wanted to learn to knit? Come join the KnitWits. You can work on projects, get tips or have someone teach you how to knit all in one place. Feel free to come for a week or two, or make it one of your regular times to sit and work as you chat. Contact Barbara Lee or Cindy Bowman if you have questions.

Bible Study with Rev. Don Fisher Tuesdays, January 26, February 2, 9, 7:00 p.m.

Don Fisher will be leading a *Bible study on The Bible's Pre-History: A Closer Look at Genesis 1-11*.

Saturday Night Out Saturday, February 6, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Has winter got you down – ready for a night out on the town? Let's check out the offerings at the AMC Downtown Movie Theater. With recliners and a full food and drink menu, this may be the best place in town to watch a movie. Tickets cost \$25 each and include a \$15 food voucher. We will decide what movie we will see when that week's schedule comes out. Free child care will be provided at the church.

Sunday Lunch Sunday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.

Sweet Tomatoes (1309 Meadow Lake Parkway, KCMO) will be overrun with folks from Second as we push tables together, swarm the buffet, laugh and get to know each other better over lunch. From age 3 to 93, this will be the place to be for lunch after church.

Movie Night Friday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.

The Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee will be showing the movie *Who Killed the Electric Car* at Pat Randolph's home (450 W. Meyer, KCMO.) This documentary is about electric cars, hybrids, hydrogen, and the future of transportation. Popcorn will be provided.

Seniors Valentine's Day Lunch Sunday, February 14, 11:30 a.m., Witherspoon Place

Baked ham is on the menu and lots of sweet treats to go around. Come, have lunch, conversation and a few special things as you share this time with other members of your Second Church family. All seniors in the church are welcome, single and married.

Guys' Night Out – KC Mavericks Hockey Game Saturday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Guys, this is the small group opportunity that you have been waiting for – watching other guys hit each other. Come to the new Independence Events Center to see KC's newest professional sports team play against the Amarillo Gorillas. Tickets are \$23 each for rinkside seats. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 15.

Organ Tour Sunday, February 28, 11:30 a.m.

Join Jerry Dawson and Tate Addis to see what lies behind the closed doors of the organ chambers and what our newly restored organ can do. The last tour was such a hit that we have decided to have an encore.

Family Camp 2010

Family Camp 2010 is scheduled for March 20-21. Please join us on our annual weekend at Heartland Center. We will enjoy outdoor activities, games and crafts, laughter, fellowship and food! This "annual not-to-miss event" is for the young and young-at-heart, families of 1 to 12!

You can come and spend the day (\$20/person), enjoy an overnight experience (\$225/family), or just come for the evening cookout and campfire worship (\$5/person). S'mores included! Please RSVP to Paula by January 31. We hope you will join us for all or part of this community experience!



(Talk to Us - Continued) attending a meeting and talking with us. We meet at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday each month. Members: Rev Don Fisher, Paula Isgrig, Elder Carolyn Nesbitt (chairperson), Elder Ann Alexander, David Gibbin, Ann Woolley, Mark Hash.

Clothes Closet News

It's February, and we are back to needing clothes for the Clothes Closet at Central. We are especially in need of women's new bras (sizes 36-42) and women's new crew socks and undies (sizes 7-9). We are also desperately in need of blankets which can be purchased for reasonable amounts at Dollar General, Family Dollar, and Big Lots. Good used blankets are also appropriate. We welcome other linens such as towels and sheets also. Warm p.j.'s for both men and women are needed too. We cannot use men's suits, sport coats or other wool or summer items. This has been a tough winter for many of our clients so think warm clothing for working people.

Share the Love

All women of Second are invited to attend a brunch, Saturday, February 20, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., in Westminster Hall. Even if the weather is chilly we will have a warm time celebrating this year's *Together in Service Project* sponsored by Presbyterian Women! Our efforts this year will benefit Newhouse, a Kansas City area shelter for victims of domestic violence. Following brunch, catered by Oak Street Coffee Shop, Newhouse will provide a short program. Watch for further information concerning items that are needed at Newhouse.

The Costume Room

From a modest beginning of bathrobes and beach towels supplied by cast members, the costume collection for the *Journey to Bethlehem* has grown to an almost professional quality.

Indeed, in the 1970's, member Dorothy Haglage commissioned and funded the creation of theater-quality robes and crowns durable enough to be used to this day by our Three Kings. Early on, Molly Hundley led a project to create simple garments out of unbleached muslin. Ann Stapleton added to the texture of the collection by securing remnants of fine upholstery material. Dorrie Virden, for many years the costume mistress for Journey, remembers "pearl-diving" into a large box to find suitable costumes for each cast member.

Over the years, the costumes have been organized, maintained, and distributed by the careful hands of Sharon Betzelberger, Edna Dooley, Glenda Self and Jari Clements. In 2009, Kay Postma, Kathy McKee, and Cindy Bowman served as the supervisors of the costume collection, which now occupies an entire room on the 3rd floor. An estimated 150 costumes, including crowns, helmets, armor, swords, staffs, and fur coats await each annual production. Angela and Eric Postma serve as helpers in all aspects of Journey preparation as their Christmas gift to their mom.

Calls are now going out to invite members to participate as Scene Supervisors in the planning of Journey 2010. Want to step up? Call Barbara Stevenin or e-mail to stevenin@sbcglobal.net.

New Addition!

Congratulations to Marcy and Doug Osburn on the new addition in their family, **Alexander (Alex) Vadim Osburn** who was born August 26, 2007.

In Need of Prayer

Prayers of sympathy for the families of:

- **Gilbert Bruhl**, infant son of Katie (Olson) and Joe Bruhl, who died December 31, 2009, in Boston, Massachusetts.

- **Andrew Roberts**, who died January 7, 2010. He is the son of Dr. Ronald T. and Kitty Roberts.

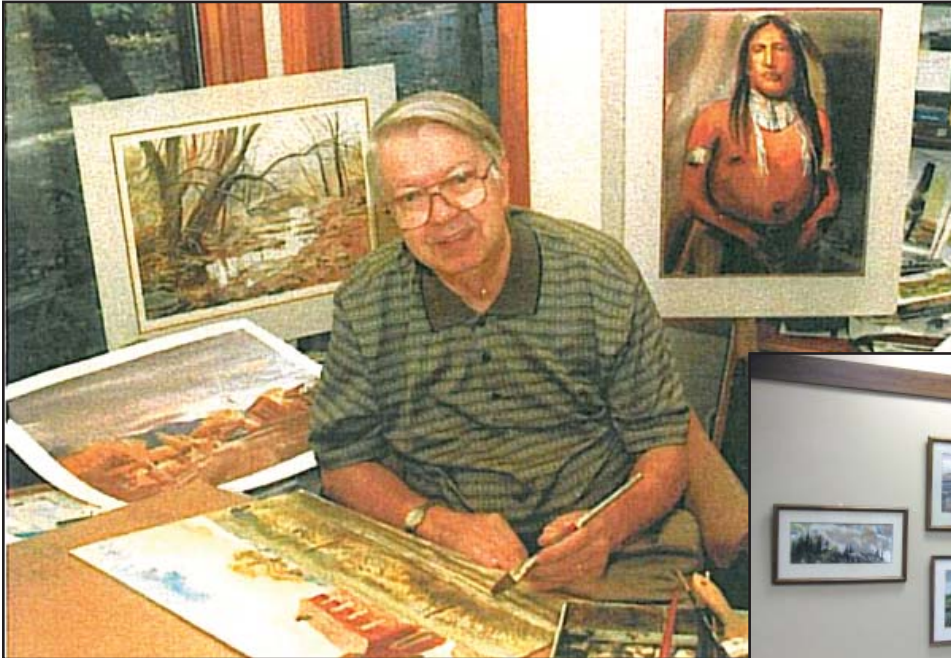
- **Jean Gaylord**, who died January 10, 2010.

- **Lois "Lonnie" Miller**, who died January 13, 2010.

- **Stephen Harris**, who died January 17, 2010. He is the husband of Georgeanne Harris.

YOUR **Second Family**

Hamil Paintings Enhance Westminster



Jim Hamil in his studio. Right - the gallery of Hamil art in Westminster Hall.

Six beautiful watercolor paintings were hung in Westminster Hall in mid-December adding a distinctive, finishing touch to this recently remodeled area. Many will recognize the pieces as the work of Jim Hamil, a member of Second Church for over

40 years and a nationally recognized artist.

Jim was a design stylist for Hallmark Cards for 14 years after graduating from the school of design at the University of Kansas. He then opened



his own studio expanding his creative career into a variety of formats and venues. He participated in major art fairs and shows for over 20 years including the Plaza Art Fair. He also has served as a judge and consultant for art shows in this area as well as other parts of the county. In addition, he has been a teacher holding classes in California, Colorado and the Midwest with students ranging from elementary school children to adults.

His work received significant attention from books of his paintings. Two in particular were especially popular, drawing long lines of people to his book signings. A beautiful “coffee table book”,

Farmland USA, was commissioned by Farmland Industries for their bicentennial. *The Kansas City Star* provided an extensive review which drew much attention and enhanced its popularity. Another large book of rural, Midwest paintings was titled *Return to Kansas* and was written by Jim’s wife, Sharon. The book has sold over 17,000 copies.

Jim’s paintings and prints of Kansas City scenes, and especially the Plaza, have been widely popular in addition to his rural scenes. His Plaza Christmas scene prints have been favorites for many years. Most of his subjects are landscapes, but he also does floral paintings. His distinctive watercolor technique evokes a great sense of universal appeal. For many years, Jim has shared his paintings and prints with Second, and they have been hung throughout the church. There are other Second connections for this artist... Jim and Sharon Hamil were married on Christmas Eve in our Sanctuary 32 years ago.

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Wednesdays Together

Spring Edition

(February 24 - March 31, 2010)



Back by popular demand! Plans are coming along for our spring edition of Wednesdays Together. During Lent, we will offer simple dinners and classes for all ages. Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. with a short community-building experience for all. At 6:00 p.m., we will break into classes for all ages and interests.

- 3 book studies, each 2 weeks long. Doug Hundley, February 24 and March 3, *Head and Heart: American Christianities* by Garry Willis; Barbara Loots, March 10 and 17, *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer: An approach to Life in Fullness* by Brother David Steindl-Rast; Mark Johnson, March 24 and 31, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus Borg
- 2 Bible Studies taught by Don Fisher and John Ross. (Three weeks each.)
- Love and Logic (parenting classes) - \$100 per person, \$150 per couple; class participation limited.
- Choir Rehearsal continues at its regular time.
- Children (K-5th) will enjoy time creating at Creation Station.

- Youth (6th-12th) will enjoy multi-sensory worship and Lenten disciplines.

Nursery care available upon request.

RSVP by Thursday, February 18, so we have an accurate count for the meal.

**Ash
Wednesday
Service
February 17
7:00 p.m.,
Chapel**