

The

Messenger

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July, 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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Tate Addis

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Summary of Income and Expenses for 2010

	May	YTD
Income	\$69,980	\$489,391
Expenses	84,303	446,509
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$(14,323)	\$ 42,881

*YTD income reflects payments against 2010 pledges received in Fall 2009



Interim's Musings

A CELEBRATIVE GOOD-BYE

A favorite author of mine said the following:

WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING AND YOU DO IT, IMMEDIATELY YOU KNOW MORE.

My call to Second Presbyterian Church as your Interim Pastor was a call I knew I should accept. I took the call, and immediately I knew more and continued to grow and enjoy the journey of faith that has been ours to share during the last year and a half. I know more about the depth of your Christian faith. I know more about your dreams and hopes for Christ's church called Second. I know more about your joys and sorrows along with your tears and laughter. I know more about the Mid-West, the history of Kansas City, the flowers and fountains, the Starlight Theater, The Power and Light District, and of course, my 'Hood' called the Plaza.

July is my last month of being the Interim at Second. I will enjoy celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the last time with you over the July 4th week-end. Then the next three Sunday's will be an opportunity for us to worship and praise God together as we prepare to pass the baton of leadership to your new pastor, The Rev. Paul T. Rock.

The Presbytery suggests that the Interim move out of his office about three weeks prior to the arrival of the new pastor. Paul Rock begins officially in mid-August. Thus, in conversation with the Personnel Committee, the sequence of my departure and Paul's arrival is appropriate.

Many have asked where Tara and I will be located after we complete our responsibilities in Kansas City. Corelle, the wife of our youngest son Ryan, is pregnant with twins, a boy and a girl. They are due in late July. So we will be in Denver with trips to Green Valley, Arizona where our permanent home is located. Then, because our time in Kansas City has been so pleasant, it is possible that I might explore another Interim assignment. At this time, no decisions of this kind have moved toward any finalization.

I am indeed excited about the call of the Rev. Paul Rock to Second Presbyterian Church. I believe God has called Rev. Paul Rock for 'such a time as this.' From my first meeting with Paul, I had a secret prayer that God might move in mighty ways to bring Paul and his family into the life of Second Presbyterian. I believe Paul has the spiritual gifts and the leadership style that will bring exciting new adventures for the glory of God to the church I have grown to love called Second.

I close these comments with a challenge from the same author I quoted to begin.

BEWARE OF PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU ONCE WERE,
WHEN GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE NEVER
BEEN.

In Christ's Love,

The Voting Is Over - New Pastoral Leadership at Second Begins!



PNC members and Rev. Paul Rock are all smiles after the Presbytery affirmed his call on June 15. From left - Bill Tammeus, Dorrie Virden, Jim Mueller, Rev. Paul T. Rock, Sarah Willis, Deb Drotts and Patty Campbell. Kurt Keister was not able to attend.

With no dissenting votes, Heartland Presbytery on June 15 approved the call of the Rev. Paul T. Rock to be Pastor/Head of Staff at Second Presbyterian Church.

That approval completes the process that started when Second's Pastor Nominating Committee unanimously recommended that the congregation call Paul. The congregation approved that recommendation on June 6 after hearing Paul preach.



Claire, Paul, Nathan, Emily and Stacey Rock.

Paul, currently an Associate Pastor at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, will begin his work at Second the week of August 16, and his first sermon will be August 29. Some time after his final sermon at Fifth Avenue on July 11, he, his wife Stacey, and their three children will move to Kansas City.

The June 15 vote by Presbytery came at its regularly scheduled meeting, held at Linwood United Church. After Paul responded to several questions from the Rev. Chris Herring, chairman of the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery affirmed his call. Six of the seven PNC members were able to be present along with several other Second members who served as commissioners or observers.

While Paul was in town for the Presbytery meeting, he also had an opportunity to meet with both the Board of Deacons and the Session.

Plans are being made to have members of the PNC speak to the congregation at an August worship service about the process that resulted in Paul's call and about their excitement over Second's future under new pastoral leadership. Watch for an announcement about when that will happen.

Mission Dollars at Work

LINC is a nationally-recognized organization known for its efforts to improve the lives of children and families in Kansas City.

LINC works through its Caring Communities initiative with a focus on improving services that families depend on: education, child welfare, health, neighborhood development, seniors, and others.

This group works to empower the homeless and at-risk families toward self-sufficiency through its programs, people, and collaborations. Deacon Shawn Tolivar and former Deacon Nicoya Helm volunteer at LINC as budget counselors, helping families learn budgeting skills.

This year, this congregation contributed \$8,000 toward helping families learn at a most-basic level to become self-sufficient.

Camp Supplies Are a Blessing!

Thanks to all who contributed camp supplies to the May Deacons Barrel collection. Second is sponsoring 18 youth at Heartland Camp this summer from Troost Elementary, Gordon Parks Elementary and Operation Breakthrough. Not only is it a joy to send these kids off to camp and to hear their stories when they return, but it is an extra blessing to be able to provide them with some basic supplies: sleeping bags, sun screen, insect repellent, notebooks, pens, flashlights, etc. The Deacons appreciate all the support, including that of volunteer drivers, for enhancing this ministry of Second Presbyterian Church.

PW Exchange to India

You could be one of 30 women from around the U.S. to participate in an amazing opportunity, the triennial Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange to India in October, 2011. During this experience, you would learn about human trafficking.

The new application deadline is July 15, 2010. Applications are to be submitted to: Renee Neff-Clark, PW Synod Moderator, 4801 Belinder Road, Westwood, KS 66205. Application forms are available on the Synod website, <http://www.synodma.org>.

If you have questions about the Global Exchange, please contact Renee at 913-262-6589 or reneeneff-clark@yahoo.com.

Polish Choir Needs Housing

Cantores Minores, a Polish all-male choir will tour to Kansas City August 5-7, and will be singing at Central United Methodist Church on the evening of August 6.

They will arrive in Kansas City around 8:00 p.m. on the 5th and will need housing the night of the 5th and 6th. There are 34 members and 4 adults that need to be housed. They are traveling a long way to bring beautiful music. (Check them out on YouTube.) Please let Cory Ganschow know if you would be willing to help!

Clothes Closet - Summer!

Now is the time to begin bringing summer items that do not need to be dry cleaned. We can still use towels and sheets. Please be sure items are clean and in good repair and without stains. Thanks for your continued support.

Guatemala Travel

October 29-November 5

The Guatemala Action Team strongly encourages participation in Heartland Presbytery's fall trip to Maya Quiche Presbytery, especially for those who would be first-time travelers to Guatemala. Financial assistance is available to defer some of the cost. Speak to Bob Pruitt or Don Fisher for more information. Brochures are available on the table outside Westminster Hall.



Quinn drives home his point to Chip along with the new school year and new Senior Pastor!

Christian Education Updates

The **pictures below** are from Baobab Blast 2010. Volunteers and children had a blast getting to know each other and learning about God. You can see more photos from VBS on our website, secondpres.org.

Second Church Youth Week July 6-9 - watch also for Workout Wednesday and Movie Mondays.



Megan shows us her heart!

Youth Mission Trip to Stewpot Mission in Dallas, TX, - happening late June as the Messenger goes to press.

Godly Play meets during the 10:15 a.m. summer worship for ages 4 through completion of the 1st grade (and the following summer)

Worship Alive meets on some Sundays in the summer during the 10:15 a.m. worship service, late June and July (not first Sunday). Please watch for weekly announcements for those who have finished 2nd through 5th grade, as well as those who participated last year.

Children's Sunday School meets at 9 a.m., Room 3A, for ages 3 through 5th grade through July (not on the 4th of July).

Youth Sunday School "Getting Lost in the Summer" - find your way to Calvin Center on Sunday mornings (not on the 4th of July).

Heartland Camp Paula Isgrig will be camp director July 25-30. More of our youth are attending this summer!

Adult Sunday School - The Witherspoon Class and COF-FEE group will continue to meet as usual during the summer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. Occasionally help our nannies in the nursery during the 10:15 a.m. service and get to know our newest members. Please let Carolyn Nesbitt (CE chair), Barbara Kaufman, or Tera Yakel know of your interest. We'll help you get ready to start!

2. Sunday School teaching opportunities are available. Contact Paula Isgrig, Don Fisher, or any member of the CE committee to get more information and we'll talk!

Committee members are: Carolyn Nesbitt, Ann Alexander, Ann Woolley, Alice Pattison, Laura New, Mark Hash.

BACK TO SCHOOL! Later in August, we will begin a new fall season of Christian Education



Isaac gets into the fun.



Carolyn and friends hang out under the tree.

Nominations Requested!

The Nominating Committee will be selecting members to be our Elders and Deacons for three-year terms, one youth for a one-year term as Deacon, and the 2011 Nominating Committee members for a one-year term (all terms beginning in January 2011). Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, left in the boxes at various locations around the church, mailed to the church or faxed to 816-363-4942. The deadline to turn in your nominations is Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

Nominations will be considered by the current Nominating Committee: Moderator Jon Willis (Elder), Gail Cunningham, George Dooley, Barbara Kaufman, Alice Pattison, David Ross, Aimee Roberts Widmeyer, Kite Singleton (Alternate), and Tom Wertz (Alternate).



Upcoming Small Groups

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.

Charlie Hooper's in Brookside Monday, July 5, 6:00 p.m.

Come have dinner with us. \$3 burgers and fries at Charlie Hooper's is one of our most popular intergenerational events, so even if you have never come before, this is the day to see what all the talk is about.

Show me the Money Friday, July 9, 9:00 a.m.

The kids and grandkids may be out of school – but they will learn and love this tour. Join economist and church member Jon Willis on a tour of the Federal Reserve Bank. This tour not only includes a look at all the millions stashed in the vault but also some history about the Federal Reserve. Jon will also be answering questions about the state of the current economy and how our economy works. Due to security you must sign up in advance, and bring a copy of your photo ID.

Food and Fishing Saturday, July 10, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Home of Pat and Mary Groshong in Lee's Summit. The combination of a fishing pond, lots of yard space to play and good food will result in a great time. So bring your fishing pole and a dish to share (meat provided). Even if fishing isn't your thing you can still come and hang out and enjoy the presence of other members of your church family.

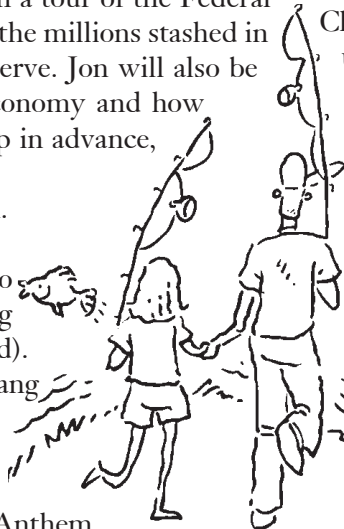
T-Bones Game Sunday, July 18, 5:00 p.m.

Come hear our own Paula Isgrig sing the National Anthem and see the T-Bones play. Tickets \$10 each. See Paula for more information.

Picnic at Meadowlake Park Sunday, August 1, 4:30 p.m.

(2900 W 79th St., PVKS)

Always a popular event, Meadowlake Park - here we come - bike trails, playground, tennis courts, and a baseball/soccer field, so plan on some fun activities. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on the grill, so bring a dish to share.



July Cross-Lines Lunch

We will be serving the next lunch at the Cross-Lines Argentine Food Kitchen on Monday, July 12. Please help us by:

(1) Baking cookies, cupcakes, brownies. Leave these in the church kitchen on Sunday, July 11, and mark them for "Cross-Lines".

(2) Preparing and serving this meal at Cross-Lines, followed by clean-up, on July 12. No cooking expertise is needed! Call Cindy Bowman at 913-642-6854 if you can help anytime that day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

New Books in Our Library

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

From Nomads to Pilgrims by Diana Butler Bass

The Practicing Congregation by Diana Butler Bass

Strength for the Journey by Diana Butler Bass

Thank You from PW

Presbyterian Women of Second Church wish to thank all who contributed to the Church-wide PW Birthday Offering. The \$1,046.58 collected will help fund expansion of the Kindergarten and Childcare Center in Kirkuk, Iraq, and will help Peace Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, with its RISE Project.

Baby!

Ashley Elizabeth St. Denis was born April 28, 2010. Her parents are Laura and Steve St. Denis.

In Need of Prayer

Prayers of sympathy for the families of:

• **Elizabeth Winters** who died December 18, 2009. A memorial service was held on June 12, 2010, at Second Presbyterian Church.

• **Leslie T. Gladden** who died June 18, 2010. He is the father of Carol Gibson.



Ellen Marquardt – An Active Ministry in Retirement

Ellen Marquardt seems always to be on the move in her ministry... even after retiring. In June, she will become the Visiting Pastoral Assistant serving two churches in Scotland, St. John the Baptist and St. Leonard in the Field. She will provide support in all ministerial duties for the sole pastor who serves these two parishes in the Church of Scotland. Ellen and her

husband, Bill, moved in June to Perth, a community of about 50,000 people, north of Edinburgh.

Members of Second will remember Ellen as the Associate Executive Presbyter from 1996-2007 for our Heartland Presbytery, which represents 103 churches in our area. She left Kansas City in 2007 to become the Interim Executive Presbyter for the Long Island Presbytery. She served the 61 worshipping communities in this New York area for three years until this past May.

Ellen's theological calling has taken her far afield from the great state of Texas, where she was born and educated and where many of her family still live. In 1969, she traveled to Fulton, Missouri, to be a Seminary Intern. There she met Bill, Librarian to Westminster College, and they married in 1970. Her graduation from seminary was delayed until 1982 while she raised their two children.

The Marquardts plan to return to Kansas City and Second Church after Ellen's ministry in Scotland ends in June of 2011. Ellen is contemplating trying her hand at blogging, to keep everyone posted on the Marquardt's Excellent Adventure in Scotland. If she does start a blog, she will notify Second with access information so that friends in this congregation can share the adventure.

Graduation

Evan Myers graduated from Shawnee Mission East and is heading to Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Carol Grimaldi Honored by St. Teresa's Academy

Earlier this year, Carol Grimaldi was presented the 2010 Mother Evelyn O'Neil award by St. Teresa's Academy.

Each year, the award is given to women from the Kansas City area who exemplify one of the core values of the academy:

excellence, assisting the poor, social justice, and community stewardship.

Part of the reason the award is presented is to allow St. Teresa's students to learn about the success of the award winner which helps them think about their own possibilities and future. The students were given the opportunity to interact with Carol and ask questions.

Carol was honored for her community stewardship. She is the Executive Director of Brush Creek Community Partners. She is active in neighborhood and community groups and is a member of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee to the University of Missouri - Kansas City Women's Center. Also, Carol has served on the Jackson County Board of Directors and the city's Public Improvement and Advisory Committee.

Carol has been active in the life of Second Church as well. She has served as an Elder, Past Moderator of the Board of Deacons and Moderator of the Hage Endowment Committee. She was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Dr. Edward J. Thompson and, more recently, the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



July Barrel Collection Cross-Lines School Supplies

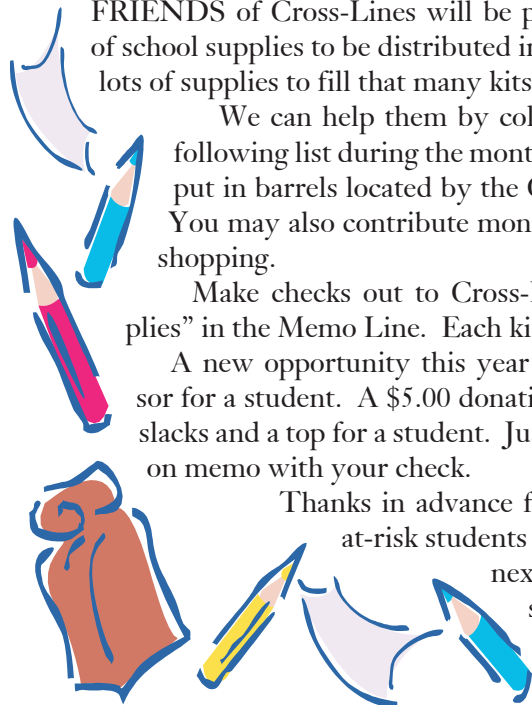
Cross-Lines will be providing school supply kits for students from low-income families in Kansas City, KS. The FRIENDS of Cross-Lines will be putting together 1600 kits of school supplies to be distributed in August. They will need lots of supplies to fill that many kits.

We can help them by collecting supplies from the following list during the month of July. Supplies can be put in barrels located by the Courtyard and west door. You may also contribute money, and others will do the shopping.

Make checks out to Cross-Lines with "School Supplies" in the Memo Line. Each kit costs about \$20.

A new opportunity this year is to be a clothing sponsor for a student. A \$5.00 donation will purchase a pair of slacks and a top for a student. Just note "clothing sponsor" on memo with your check.

Thanks in advance for helping some possibly at-risk students get off to a good start this next school year by making sure they have a kit of supplies.



SUPPLIES REQUESTED BY THE SCHOOLS:

Large Pencils (for beginning writers)
#2 Pencils
Erasers
Large Crayons (box of 8)
Crayola Crayons (box of 24)
Crayola Markers (box of 8 Classic Colors)
Colored Pencils (box of 12)
Ballpoint pens (blue, black, red)
Highlighters
Elmer's School Glue (4 oz. bottles)
Glue Sticks
Scissors (Fiskar-pointed)
Rulers (with both inches and mm)
Pocket Folders (plain)
Spiral Notebooks (wide line, college rule)
Notebook Paper (wide line, college rule)
1 1/2" 3-ring binders
Packs of dividers
Plastic School Boxes
3-ring Pencil Bags
Boxes of Tissues
(Backpacks are ordered, so they are not on the list.)