

The

Messenger

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June, 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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Rev. Don Fisher

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Tate Addis

Director of Children's & Youth

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Paula M. Isgrig

New Member & Volunteer

Coordinator: Tera Yakel

Controller:

Leanna Hattaway

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Marsha Kirsch

Admin. Asst.:

Derinda Moore

Admin. Secretary:

Diane Hunter

Clerk of Session:

James H. Bernard, Jr.

Summary of Income and Expenses for 2010

	April	YTD
Income	\$123,471	\$419,410
Expenses	108,508	362,206
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 14,962	\$57,204

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



From the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee hopes all members of Second will come to the **10:15 a.m.** (and only) worship service on **Sunday, June 6**, to vote on the candidate we are unanimously and joyfully recommending for the position of Pastor/Head of Staff.

You will find out his name and more about him when you hear him preach that day. But for now, we want you to know of our excitement about the future of our congregation. The candidate currently is an Associate Pastor at a large urban church, where he oversees program areas with a combined budget of more than \$2 million with 14 full-time and 7 to 10 part-time staff. He has mission field experience as well as with young adult ministries and is a marvelously gifted preacher. He's married with three children, ages 13, 9 and 6.

We have spent the last year reviewing nearly 120 applicants. The first time we read our candidate's resumé, it was clear and unanimous that he was our top choice. We are convinced God is calling him to this position — a conviction he shares. We're grateful for your support as we have worked prayerfully through this process. We could not be more delighted to bring this wonderful candidate to you for your approval. We are confident that Second's best years are ahead of us.

- *The Pastor Nominating Committee (Debbie Drotts, moderator; Patty Campbell, Kurt Keister, Jim Mueller, Bill Tammeus, Sarah Willis, Dorrie Virden)*



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).



Mission Dollars at Work Grace United Community Ministries

With the help of several area churches and countless volunteer hours, Grace United Community Ministries at 811 Benton has become one of Kansas City's important providers of opportunities for children, emergency food and clothing assistance, and substance abuse recovery and counseling.

Students participating in the After-School Tutoring and summer Freedom School programs have shown substantial improvement in both reading and math. Grace was the first multi-cultural site in Kansas City serving both Hispanic and African-American populations in the area.

Emergency food and clothes are provided by Grace's excellent food pantry and clothes closet. On Tuesday evenings, a wholesome dinner is served to 100-200 people by volunteers of the Whitestone Ministries. Holiday meals are also served, and some 400 families and singles receive turkeys/chickens, clothing, toys and other gifts from the Christmas Give-away.

The Substance Abuse Recovery Program, certified by the State of Missouri, provides counseling, assistance getting into treatment centers and follow-up recovery programs. Grace works in conjunction with AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and CA (Cocaine Anonymous) who meet regularly at Grace.

Several volunteers from Second, under the leadership of Dave Penner and John Hart, have been involved in a number of plumbing and building renovation projects at Grace in the past few years. Second Presbyterian has been an important part of God's motivation and inspiration in action to make Grace United Community Ministries an important instrument of His will in Kansas City.

Garden Fare



Doug Walters and Barbara Loots harvest the bounty of our garden plot.



Bill Dickinson and several enthusiastic Second Presbyterian gardeners are digging, planting, weeding and harvesting at the corner of Main and 51st Streets, KCMO. The Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee signed up for a few of the community garden plots made available by DST Systems. Please sign the clipboard on the credenza across from the library. Just this past week we have inherited two more plots, so help is needed.

Also!

The garden is bearing "fruit." Help yourself to produce from the table in Westminster Hall on Sundays. Leave a donation that will benefit local food pantries.

Capital Campaign Mission Component

Responses to the church-wide survey have given the Board of Deacons direction for selection of a mission project(s) for funding by the church. Thanks to all who participated. From the Capital Campaign, we will have an estimated \$132,000 for a new mission project. The top four areas of concern have been identified. Committees will now take suggestions as to what specific mission opportunities should be investigated or studied for potential church involvement. The areas of focus and committee chair persons are: (1) Education / Youth Services - Ellen Long, (2) Affordable Housing / Homelessness - Tom Nelson, (3) Hunger - Megan Cornell and (4) Domestic Violence / Treatment of Women and Children - Maria Steinacker.

These are broad areas of potential focus, and there are many existing organizations or new program ideas that could very effectively utilize our funding and participation. Over the next few months, we will collect as much information as possible to make a sound final selection in which we can all take pride. Forms for Mission Project Nomination are available from the church office. The form is only a starting point; please complete with as much or as little information as you have available. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Orr, orrhouse9@aol.com or 816-298-6403.

The next opportunity for conversation will be during the Witherspoon Class on Sunday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m. Brief presentations will be made by each of the four committees, then open discussion will follow.

Don't Miss Out!

Second Helpings, our weekly e-mail newsletter, will keep you up-to-date. E-mail mkirsch@secondpres.org to start receiving it.

The 2009-2010 Sunday School year is at a close, and the Christian Education Committee wants to thank those who helped teach all of God's children here at Second Presbyterian. Melissa Ashcraft, Terri Combs, Melissa Graybill, Kathy McKee, Alice Pattison, David and Judy Penner, Lori Proe, Glenda Self, Aimee Roberts Widmeyer, and Shirley Wurth all taught in the children's and youth department. We also want to thank those who substituted: Ann Alexander, David Gibbin, and Kay Postma. Those teaching the adults include: Steve Owens and Barbara Loots in "The Bible Speaks Today" class, Don Fisher in "The Real World" class, and shared leadership in the Covenant and COFFEE classes.

We appreciate all the time and talents these individuals share with the community of Second Presbyterian. It is a joy to have such willing and able teachers.

Sunday School will not be offered Sunday, May 30, Memorial Day weekend. We will begin Summer Sunday School June 6. Children age 3 - 5th grade will meet in 3A, and the youth will continue to meet in Calvin Center. We will not meet on Sunday, Fourth of July. Witherspoon will continue to gather each Sunday. Please see your adult Sunday School leaders for the Bible Speaks Today, Coffee in the Parlor, and Covenant Class schedules.



Children and Youth News



Kids are first at Second!

Church Nursery Volunteers are sought to assist our nannies just a few times a year. Please let Carolyn Nesbitt or Tera Yakel know of your willingness to help with our littlest ones.

Vacation Bible School June 6-10

Senior High Mission Trip June 20-26 to Dallas, Texas - Stewpot Ministry of First Presbyterian

Second Church Youth Week July 5-9 - watch also for Workout Wednesdays and Movie Mondays

Godly Play during 10:15 a.m. summer worship, will continue to be offered for ages 4 through completion of 1st grade.

Worship Alive will resume in the fall for grades 2 - 5.

Guatemala Travel

October 29-November 5

Join others from Heartland Presbytery in a visit to Maya Quiche Presbytery.

Brochures available. Speak to Bob Pruitt or Don Fisher.

Let's Go on a Safari Together!

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School 2010--Baobab Blast! June 6-10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Any child 3 years old (potty trained) to 5th grade is welcome to join the safari!



If you don't have children in this age range and want to help, you can be a part of the fun by collecting CARDBOARD egg cartons, cotton balls, newspapers, band-aids and zipper bags. There are collection boxes in Westminster Hall. We also can use volunteers during the week. If you are interested in volunteering for any or all of our week together, please see Paula M. Isgrig or



June Is "Undie Sunday" Month (and More!)

One of our most welcomed Clothes Closet donation programs is "Undie Sundays" - the entire month of June. Donations of adult-sized underwear are a blessing to the clients at Central Presbyterian, and we ask for your donations of NEW underwear and socks. These items and sizes are especially needed: Women's panties - sizes 7-10 only, Women's bras - 36-44, Men's briefs and shorts - med, large, XL, Men's and Women's socks. T-shirts and children's sizes are not needed. Barrels will be available for your convenience. The Clothes Closet is also in desperate need of men's jeans and khakis as well as sport shirts (polos). We are completely out of these items.

Food Pantry - has a special need for canned and dried fruit. All nonperishable items are always welcome, however.

Journey? What Journey?

Overnight, they disappear. The Jerusalem Market, Bethlehem, the Rabbi's House, Herod's Palace, and Caesar's walls. Where do they go? Each year, the removal of the Journey to Bethlehem in time for Sunday worship happens because tired but willing volunteers break it all down and put it away. Scenery flats, props, and other parts are stashed away in a former classroom space on the 3rd floor of the (old) education building. Larger pieces of scenery are now stored in PODS offsite. Custodians work very late sweeping up the debris of five or six hundred visitors. You're not an actor? Then why not organize your friends and family to be a clean-up team this year? You'll be part of making a "miracle" happen - and heavenly pizza will be served.



Scenery is tucked away until next year.

June Cross-Lines Lunch

Monday, June 14

Please help by baking cookies, brownies, or cupcakes, and bringing them to the church kitchen Sunday, June 13, marked "Cross-Lines."

Please call Lydia Jeter, 816-229-2605, to offer your help by cooking, serving or cleaning up anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., June 14.

Empowering Youth

On June 7 at 9:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall, Church Women United will host a group of high school students and Second's Jon Willis describing how their involvement with the Kansas City Interfaith Youth Alliance has impacted their faith. Instead of the negativity we often hear associated with youth, you will hear youth who are coming to terms with their spiritual heritages and learning to listen to each other with open hearts and minds.

A Note of Gratitude

Thanks to the staff and congregation for their calls, cards, prayers and support during Henry's hospitalization and after his death, with special thanks to Don Fisher and the Martha Society. -*Jan Dyhouse*

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 Jennifer Oakes Salva who died April 25, 2010.

Henry Dyhouse, who died April 30, 2010. He is the husband of Jan Dyhouse.

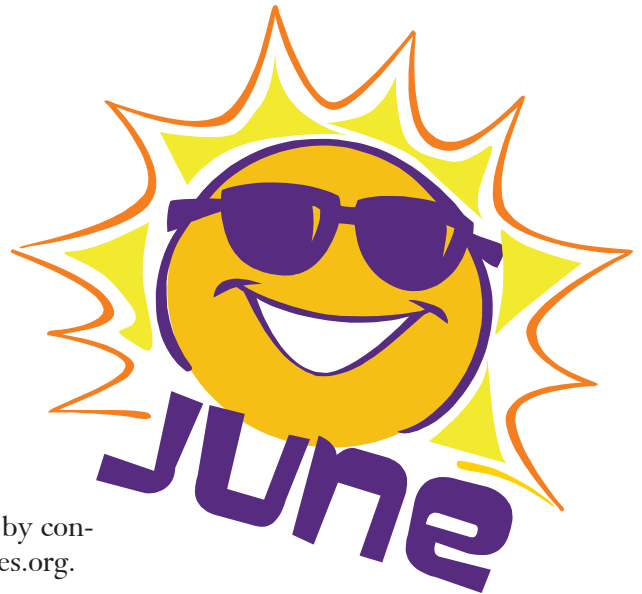
Caroline Records who died May 18, 2010. She is the sister of Betty Culen.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Upcoming Small Groups

Sign up for small groups in the downstairs lobby or by contacting Tera Yakel at 816-363-1300 or tyakel@secondpres.org.



Book Discussion with Barbara Gattermeir, Thursday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay is an engaging story of a young Jewish girl who was rounded up in Paris in 1942. This story is “masterly and compelling” and “highly recommended,” so check it out at Amazon or the library and come participate in this discussion.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, Sunday, June 20, 11:30 a.m.

Join us in the Courtyard after church to celebrate Father's Day and summer with ice cream and all the toppings. Add some sprinkles, chocolate or caramel sauce, and maybe a nut or two.

Wet and Wild, Sunday, June 27, 12:00 p.m.

Join us at Loose Park for an afternoon of fun with water. Bring your own picnic lunch and play at the spray ground. There will also be some games and a nearby playground.

Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my....., Tuesday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.

Bring your grandchildren, strollers and walking shoes to the Kansas City Zoo. With polar bears and other new exhibits, this is a great time to get out and see one of our city's hidden treasures. Although the zoo is a great place to bring your children and grandchildren – you can still come on your own and enjoy this multi-generational outing.