



Additional Upcoming Events

All-Church Thanksgiving Potluck – Sunday, November 20, 11:30 a.m. Potlucks always provide such a great opportunity to sit with friends and enjoy some of our favorite food. Turkey will be provided so bring a dish to share. Reservations are important so we have enough turkey for everyone.

Annual Fair Trade Christmas – Saturday, November 19, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 20, after both services. You'll find hostess gifts, stocking stuffers and home decor for everyone from kids to co-workers.

Thank Offering – Sunday, November 20. Since 1888 Presbyterian women have expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings through the Thank Offering. Forty percent will go to hospitals and health-related ministries. Please give as you are blessed.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2012 – Sunday, February 5. Students will be collecting canned food and other non-perishable items, along with cash donations, for homeless and hungry families in the Kansas City area.

Annual Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2012. As a member of Second, your presence and input at this meeting are important and valued. Please plan to attend. The GPS Committee will reveal their findings after months of research and input from the congregation concerning the future of Second. The meeting will also include an overview of 2011, a finance overview and a chance for you to ask questions. Watch for details about this meeting in future communications.

Wednesdays Together – 6 weeks starting February 15. Ash Wednesday services will be held on February 22 with a meal offered prior to the service, and then we continue Wednesdays Together on February 29 through March 28.

Annual Second Presbyterian Family Camp – April 13-15, 2012. Enjoy time with your "Second" family at Heartland Presbyterian Center. There will be hiking, games/crafts, service projects, an evening campfire worship, and much more! The registration forms will be available at the end of January. We have several options for your participation; with more information to follow. See Paula M. Isgrig or Marcy Porter with questions.

The Messenger

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Advent –

a season where we all receive some much needed Cynical Therapy

There is plenty of fuel today to feed the fires of hopelessness and cynicism. Little Greece holds the world's economy hostage, the frustrations that sparked the Arab Spring have drifted west and occupied U.S. cities. Stocks continue to fizzle and our political leaders behave like 3rd graders on a playground picking fights. Thank God for Advent, the season that promises our hopes for salvation will be realized. The Wonderful Counselor is coming, the Prince of Peace is near, and our Mighty God will enter fearful and cynical lives as Hope is born anew. Here's how we'll be waiting and celebrating here at Second. I hope you will take advantage of this fabulous, free Cynical Therapy.

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Advent Festival November 27, 9:00 a.m. All ages gather in Westminster Hall to make Advent crafts and learn about the meaning of this season.

Sundays in December On Sundays, December 4 and 11, we will be unwrapping Biblical passages on Hope, even in the midst of circumstances which favored the cynical. On December 11, our choir will also be giving a gift of special music and on December 18, (one service, 10:15 a.m.) our children and youth will lead us as they, along with a multitude of other musicians, share the Christmas story in words and music.

Wednesdays in December at 5:30 p.m.

December 7 – Dinner, song and an Advent reflection. Led by Don Fisher.

December 14 – An evening of prayer, caroling in the neighborhood and hot chocolate!

December 21 – Acknowledging the feelings of loneliness and loss that can accompany this season for so many, we will gather in the chapel to sing, pray, write and sit with each other as we allow the incarnate one to enter into even our longest nights of the year.

Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m., a family friendly service preceded by a youth led prelude at 4:00 p.m. Later service begins at 6:00 p.m. Every family is asked to bring a candle.

Christmas Day A single, brief service will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.