The Boat is Leaving the Dock; Which One Are You On?

Yes it's true. September is just around the corner; the boat is leaving the dock. Which one are you on? There has already been a lot of planning put into our new church year (as always.) Plans for Sunday School, Adult Seminars, Worship, Mission, fellowship events and more (not to mention stewardship) have been gestating over the summer months. September is a time of new beginnings, a return to school and a more regular, workaday schedule. We are a well-planned church. Most of us, I assume, lead fairly well-planned lives (as much as we can plan for, anyway.) But what happens when all of our planning turns into just more of the ‘same-old, same-old,’ when life seems rote and routine, with little energy and even less purpose? How do we embrace and embody the best qualities of who we are made to be?

Where do we find direction, guidance, inspiration, energy, hope? In a very straightforward book, entitled Sailboat Church, the author Joan Gray (a former moderator of the PCUSA), draws a simple comparison between traveling in a rowboat and a sailboat. Both vessels can safely take you across a lake; they will get you where you want to go. One takes far more energy than the other. One relies on muscle power, the other relies on wind and skill. One is human powered, the other is powered by an unseen but immensely powerful force. Although the comparison has its limits, this image allows us to envision a way that allows for the Holy Spirit- the Wind of God- to become our ‘go-to’ power source.

Rather than relying solely on our resources and ‘the way it’s always been done before’, perhaps we can allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit to do what we’ve always done before with new energy, intelligence, imagination and love. It can work. Led by the Spirit in our Summer Sermon Series on Acts we tried some new things and our worship began to come alive.

As Joan Gray puts it, ‘the essential difference between rowboat and Sailboat churches may not be apparent on the surface… The difference is in the attitude of the members and leaders.” (p.1) Allowing ourselves to discern God’s unfolding will, listening to the Spirit and feeling her wind in our sails, the words of the Apostle Paul to new believers in Ephesus can come true… ”through the power at work within us we can do abundantly far more than we could ever ask or imagine.” There is more for us to do together than we have done before. It is time to dream, and to do!

Yes, the boat is leaving the dock, and the sails are flying high. Want to get on board?

With you, in Christ’s ministry, together,
Session Highlights
June-July, 2018

Moderator Dr. Thomas Blair called the Stated Meeting of Session of Second Presbyterian to order on July 17 and opened the meeting with a passage from Acts 12. Dr. Blair described this one as the “funniest scene in the Bible.” The message of this story is about Rhoda, whose name is a shortened form of the word Greek word for “rosebush.” After Peter was miraculously released from prison, he went to a house and knocked on the door. Rhoda answered it and, when she heard Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that she rushed to tell others in the house, all the while forgetting to open the door for him.

This story reminded Dr. Blair of an individual from Guatemala, Celso, who he unexpectedly met while on an evening walk. Celso lives with a family who are members of Central Presbyterian Church and has successfully assimilated into American society. An event like this shows us that the spirit of Acts invites us to be open, spontaneous and to welcome the unexpected.

During their June and July meetings, elders discussed the pros and cons of creating a new tagline (not an advertising slogan) for Second Presbyterian, noting that our former one, “Discovering Your Second Family,” is over 15 years old. Realizing that we do not want to abandon the meaning of our Second Family, elders focused on choosing a tagline that comprises three words, taking into consideration the importance of serving, growing, and sharing.

Session agreed to concentrate on three words, preferably verbs, and combine them with “your Second Family.” At their July meeting, Session narrowed their choices to the following two:

1) First Faith, Second Family
2) Seeking, Sharing, and Serving at Second

One of these taglines will be chosen in the very near future, to help existing and prospective members understand our purpose, drawn into work together in Christ’s name, according to His purposes. Session extends their collective thanks to Elder Heather Warnack for planning and leading this activity.

Rev. Blair and Rev. Carlson reviewed the Pastoral Care and Concerns list before closing the meeting with prayer.

~Scott Silverwood for the Session

The Thundering Scot, a Study in Contrasts: John Knox (1514-1572)
Adult Seminar Resumes this Fall
September 16 & 23
10 am in the Westcott Room

A priest (at first a notary), a devotee of itinerant preachers, a galley slave (for 19 months), pastor, scholar, guide, preacher, author, Presbyter….Married twice, primary author of the Directory for Worship (to be the Book of Order), primary author of the Scots Confession (1560), social reformer, Pastor in Berwick upon Tweed, London, Dieppe, Frankurt, Geneva, Edinburgh, St. Andrews; Scottish legend, yet buried in a parking lot next to St. Giles Cathedral, (parking space #23).

Who was John Knox and what does he matter to us in our tumultuous times? Rev. Dr. Tom Blair will lead two Adult Seminars on this topic on September 16th and 23rd at 10 am in the Westcott Room.
World Communion Sunday Special Guest
Preacher: The Rev. Grace Ji-Sun Kim
October 7, 2018

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim to our pulpit on October 7th, World Communion Sunday. She is a gifted preacher, a compassionate teacher and a world-class scholar. She lives in Bethlehem, PA and is currently an Associate Professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion. Grace received her M.Div. from Knox College (University of Toronto) and her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

Rev. Kim is the author or editor of 12 books: Planetary Solidarity: Global Women’s Voices on Christian Doctrine and Climate Justice, (Fortress Press) co-edited with Hilda Koster; Mother Daughter Speak: Lessons on Life, co-written with Elisabeth Sophia Lee; Intercultural Ministry: Hope for a Changing World, co-edited with Jann Aldredge-Clanton (Judson Press); Making Peace with the Earth: Action and Advocacy for Climate Justice (WCC); Embracing the Other: The Transformative Spirit of Love (Eerdmans); and Here I Am: Faith Stories of Korean American Clergywomen (Judson Press).

Presently she is working on The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to the Holy Spirit, (Fortress Press); Healing our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World, co-written with Dr. Graham Hill and Intersectional Theology: An Introductory Guide (Fortress Press) co-written with Dr. Susan Shaw.

Rev. Kim is a much sought after lecturer and has given papers/lectures throughout the United States and in Korea, Myanmar, Spain, Qatar, Brazil, Switzerland, Peru, England, South Africa and Canada.

She has also written for TIME, The Feminist Wire, Feminism and Religion, The Forum for Theological Education and The Nation.

She is an ordained minister of word and sacrament of the PC(USA). She is married to Dr. Perry Y.C. Lee (Associate Professor of Mathematics, Kutztown University) and they have 3 children Theo, (a Johns Hopkins University student), Elisabeth and Joshua.

She will be preaching at both services, leading an Adult Seminar Class, and will join us in conversation at our Annual Stewardship Harvest Gathering later that evening, at the home of Beth and Mark Felder.
FROM THE LARGER CHURCH: Highlights of Actions of the 223rd General Assembly (2018)

by Jerry Van Marter | Office of the General Assembly Communications


Church Leadership: In one of closest elections in years, Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri (Presbytery of Tropical Florida) and the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann (Presbyteries of Boston and Northern New England) were elected Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly (2018)... on a fourth ballot vote of 266-253. In other actions involving Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) leadership, the assembly:

Fossil Fuel Divestment: By a vote of 332-178, the assembly voted in favor of a minority report that called for the PC(USA) to continue its corporate engagement with fossil fuel companies—through its Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee—rather than divest from those companies.

Israel-Palestine/Middle East: After spirited debate in the Assembly Committee on Middle East Issues that spilled out into the hallways of America’s Center (St. Louis’ convention center), the assembly raced through the committee’s report in just thirty-five minutes on June 22. Among its actions, the assembly:

- Asked RE/MAX, LLC, to end its sale and rental of property on occupied, disputed land in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. The vote was 393-55.
- Voiced support for all efforts to bring Palestinians and Israelis together peacefully.
- Asked the state of Israel to fully comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in order to stop discriminatory practices and called on the U.S. government to rejoin the United Nations Human Rights Council.
- Condemned the recent violence along the border between Israel and Gaza.

Per Capita: The assembly approved a 2019 General Assembly per capita apportionment of $8.95 per member—an increase of $1.25 (or 15.8 percent) per member over 2018. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly had originally proposed a 39 percent increase in 2019 to $10.71 per member. At the assembly, General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II, revised that request down to a 10 percent increase in 2019 (to $8.50) and 2020. The Assembly Committee on General Assembly Procedures approved the 2019 request, but not the 2020 increase. The assembly added $643,000 (or 45 cents per member) to the per capita budget by the actions it took, raising the final per capita apportionment to $8.95. In other per capita-related actions, the assembly:

- Approved, in a slightly amended form, an overture from the Presbytery of Newton to establish a team of twelve to fifteen persons to “review the current per capita-based system of funding the ministry of councils higher than the session, for financial sustainability into the next ten years.”

The Way Forward: By a vote of 474-47, the assembly overwhelmingly approved the report of The Way Forward Commission, which was created by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) “to discern the vision for structure and function of our denomination.” The Way Forward Commission was joined by the All-Agency Review Committee in many of its recommendations. The assembly also created a Moving Forward Implementation Team to ensure follow-through of the actions taken and to make “mid-course corrections” between now and the 224th General Assembly (2020). Among its actions on The Way Forward, the assembly:

- Restructured PC(USA) A Corp to be representative of five of the six agencies of the PC(USA)—previously the A Corp board was identical to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board. The new A Corp board is composed of eleven members, representing each agency, with the exception of the Board of Pensions, plus at-large members.
- Strengthened the role of the General Assembly Stated Clerk, …giving the Stated Clerk ex officio membership on all agencies of the church, and giving the Stated Clerk consultative authority prior to the consideration for election of any candidate for chief executive of any of the PC(USA)’s six agencies.
- Authorized a “financial sustainability review.”
- Beefed up the denomination’s translation services and efforts toward greater inclusion, equity, and

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Getting to Know Your Second Family:  
Three Generations of the Harlan/Warnack Family

By Julie Evans

In a mobile society where youth who grow up in a church often move elsewhere for careers, it has become the exception rather than the norm to see three generations of one family regularly worshipping together on Sunday mornings. One such family at Second, who are familiar fixtures at the 11 am worship service, is the Harlan/Warnack family: Chuck and Mary Dell Harlan, and John, Heather, Lee, and Henry Warnack.

“Raising children in the church has been a priority for us,” says Heather Harlan Warnack. Sundays are meant for worshipping and being in the presence of God. Having our children in the church to share the time with both their parents and grandparents is so important.”

The Harlan connection to Second Presbyterian began more than 40 years ago when Chuck and Mary Dell Harlan were looking for a church for their young family. Both Mary Dell and Chuck had grown up attending different churches in Baltimore: Mary Dell at First English Lutheran, while Chuck was raised Quaker at the Stony Run Friends Meeting House. Married in 1970, they then attended First English Lutheran, but after their children Heather and Chad arrived in 1972 and 1976, respectively, they started to look for a new church. There were very few children at First English and, truth be told, Chuck didn’t much care for the high church Lutheran style of service that was so different from the Quaker services of his youth.

Friends Wendell and Sally Leimbach recommended Second and invited them to attend one of the then popular Second Friday Club adult socials. Having enjoyed the evening, they returned for a Sunday service.

Heather remembers Sylvia Thomas, an institution at Second Presbyterian for many years who led an energetic Sunday School program and was always dressed “to kill in her high heels and suits” taking Heather’s five-year-old hand and leading her to the Sunday School classroom where Sue Leber taught. Harriet Kerr was in the nursery with her brother Chad.

Heather and Chad grew up at Second. Among Heather’s confirmation class were kids of families still active today including two other three generation families: Jill Karpovich (parents Jaye and Ed Crooks and children Wyeth and Marta) and Katherine Crosby (parents Bruce and Polly Behrens and children Ellen, Will and Geoffrey). Others included Dodd Poe (son of Ed and Peggy Poe), and Bill Sheldon (son of John and Betti Sheldon). James Edwards (wife Katherine and children Charlotte, James and Michael) was a year or two behind Heather.

In 1990, Heather went off to college at Boston University, and didn’t return to Baltimore until 1999 to continue her career at the Baltimore Business Journal and local television stations, including WBAL and WMAR. Chad meanwhile left in 1994 to study at Wake Forest University, and has remained in the South where he married and works as a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual in Atlanta. Like Heather he has two boys, Charlie, 12 and Smith, 8. His family has a church home, Northside United Methodist.

Heather married local Baltimore boy Scott Deutschman at Second Presbyterian in 2001. Rev. Chris Matthews performed the ceremony. Tragically, a year later Scott collapsed and died during a first anniversary trip to New York City. Heather found in Second a “very caring congregation that lifts one another up.” She added that “so many people helped us and did things for us when Scott died—and then again when Chad’s wife Julie died” of cancer in 2017.

In 2004, Heather found a second chance at love, and ironically her first date with her now husband John Warnack was at Second Presbyterian Church.

John grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was baptized at Clairton Presbyterian Church and confirmed at Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church—a red

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Maryland, ironically a member of the same fraternity that MSA championship. Chuck went on to University of captain of the Friends lacrosse team that won the 1963 Kentucky. Chuck was a very talented athlete, and was another made moonshine in what is now Harlan County, a Supreme Court Justice in the late 19th century, while Delaware. One of his ancestors, John Marshall Harlan was colonies, back 351 years to 1687 in New Castle, traces its lineage to the early years of the American remember him playing lacrosse.

Heather has served as both an elder and a deacon and the Army & Navy Club in Washington, D.C. At Second, Preparatory where she is Assistant Head of School for 12 and Henry, 9. Heather currently works at Maryvale Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. They are now proud parents of two boys, Lee, Carolina. They are now proud parents of two boys, Lee, 12 and Henry, 9. Heather currently works at Maryvale Preparatory where she is Assistant Head of School for Advancement, while John is Chief Operating Officer of the Army & Navy Club in Washington, D.C. At Second, Heather has served as both an elder and a deacon and John has been a deacon.

The story of Chuck and Mary Dell's meeting may not have been quite so romantic as their daughter's, but it is charming nonetheless. Both Chuck and Mary Dell went to Friends School in Baltimore. Two grades apart, they never paid attention to each other in school although she does remember him playing lacrosse.

Chuck grew up in Roland Park. His Harlan family traces its lineage to the early years of the American colonies, back 351 years to 1687 in New Castle, Delaware. One of his ancestors, John Marshall Harlan was a Supreme Court Justice in the late 19th century, while another made moonshine in what is now Harlan County, Kentucky. Chuck was a very talented athlete, and was captain of the Friends lacrosse team that won the 1963 MSA championship. Chuck went on to University of Maryland, ironically a member of the same fraternity that his now son-in-law was in at Penn State. He graduated from then Towson State University in 1968. He has worked most of his career in the insurance industry, first as an agent, then as president of a national structured settlement company. Now he is working in a partnership to provide group healthcare and voluntary benefits for corporations.

The former Mary Dell Gordon grew up in Northwood and Rodgers Forge. After Friends, she went to the University of Delaware, graduating in 1969 with a degree in elementary education. Mary Dell taught first grade at Waverly Elementary School in Baltimore for several years before Heather was born. A close friend, Holly Gunts, was dating Chuck's younger brother. Chuck had seen Mary Dell at the Bratwursthaus in Towson and asked Holly to fix them up. She did, and they became engaged four months later.

Mary Dell teaching Sunday School at Second in 1982.

Throughout these many years as they raised their family, Chuck and Mary Dell have been active and engaged members of the congregation here at Second Presbyterian. Mary Dell organized communion for years, taught Sunday School and served as both an elder and a deacon. Chuck has been a deacon, a trustee, and now chairs the Stewardship Committee.

Heather added that "giving back" was something that was inculcated in her and her brother by their parents from a very young age. She remembers accompanying her Dad as a little girl to visit John Sheldon’s mother and deliver flowers when Chuck was a deacon. When Heather and Chad each lost their spouses, both felt compelled to do something for the community to honor Scott and Julie. Heather formed an organization that sponsored an annual run for several years. Half of the funds raised went to Gilman where Scott went to school, and the other half to the American Heart Association. Chad founded “Julie’s Dream” to raise funds for wilderness experiences for at-risk Atlanta youth. Julie had been considering leaving her job as Executive Vice President Chief Accounting Officer at the The Novare Group, a real estate development company, and moving to the non-profit world to start a Christian-based non-profit.
Helping Up Mission of Baltimore 2018 “Team HUM” at the Baltimore Running Festival

Baltimore’s Helping Up Mission is seeking participants and sponsors to support “2018 Team HUM” and raise awareness and critical funding. Team HUM members will be running, walking, or “Virtual Running” in the Baltimore Running Festival on Saturday, October 20, 2018. To find out more about this unique opportunity, please contact team captain Barry Burnett at 410-675-7500 Ext. 147 or email bburnett@helpingup.org. You can also visit our website to learn more about 2018 Team HUM at: http://helpingupmission.org/jointeamhum/.

Journey of Justice in the Holy Land

(January 2-12, 2019)

Informational Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 7 pm

Westcott Room

Join us for a 10-day tour of the Holy Land as we learn about the history, explore the topography, and listen to biblical stories. One of the story tellers and host of the trip, Tracy Radosevic will be sharing a bit about the trip at an informational meeting on Thursday, August 16th at 7pm in the Westcott room.

Contact Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco at jdifrancesco@secondpresby.org for a copy of the itinerary and for additional information.

Do you have communications or event planning skills and a passion for improving Baltimore City?

Acts4Youth Seeking Volunteers

Acts4Youth, our mission partner that nurtures personal, social and spiritual development in at-risk Baltimore City youth through its mentoring programs, is expanding and needs additional support. If you or anyone you know might be interested in volunteering as a social media intern, can share communications expertise, or provide event planning help, please contact Lesley Simmons at lsimmons@acts4youth.org, 443-240-7007.

September Mission Collection

We will be collecting gently used fall and winter clothing this fall (t-shirts are fine too). Please separate and mark your bags as men’s, women’s or children’s. Drop off in the Mission Corner.

5th Sunday Mission Project

Sunday, September 30

Stay Tuned for Details

CARES Needs Peanut Butter, Jelly & Cereal | Keep the Box Tops Coming In
Church Family News

We celebrated the wedding of:

Julianne Payne and Philip Bolton in our sanctuary August 11, 2018.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of J. William Middelton, who died on July 4, 2018. We remember his wife Margie, daughter Holly Tamisiea, sons Jamie and Dan, their spouses, and grandchildren, Jack, Grace, Cooper Tamisiea and Hadley Middelton.


Susan Hurd on the death of her father on August 5, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Small Groups

Tuesdays at 10
Seminar Room
With vacations passé, is it a good time to think about “All the Places to Go.”? In September, we will be doing just that, for it is the title of a new DVD Bible study with John Ortberg scheduled to begin then. We'll be viewing videos that open our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and encourages us to step out in faith and embrace all the extraordinary opportunities that await. For more information, contact Gene Haupt at 410.366.7599 or mghaupt@comcast.net.

Helping Hands

Thursdays, September 6 & October 4, 9 AM
Join us in the church kitchen as we make casseroles and cookies each month for Our Daily Bread. Contact Betsy Bond at betsybond3@gmail.com.

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The Bible Guys

Thursday, September 13, 7 am Westcott Room
We'll be looking at Luke 19:28-22:71, Jesus’ last days in Jerusalem. How does what he says and acts out make him a prophet? Do you think of Jesus as a prophet/why or why not—and what difference does that make to you (and us), anyway? Come at 7 am for coffee, doughnuts, fellowship and great conversation.

For more information, contact Rev. Blair at tblair@secondpresby.org.

Tapas, Talk & Theology

The Tapas, Talk and Theology study will begin a new study in the fall. We generally meet every other Friday evening at 7:00pm with a light supper in a participant’s home followed by discussion. For meeting date, location and other information, please contact Becky Ferrell at rrussferr@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, September 26, 7 pm
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather after our summer hiatus at the home of Janet Short, 9300 Carlisle Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21236. Do join us – everyone is welcome, beginners and experienced alike as we knit and crochet shawls, baby hats and chemo caps. Contact Janet at jesasc73@aol.com or 410-256-5097.

Racism/Poverty/Violence: The assembly engaged in various acts of public witness that sought to engage issues of racism, poverty, and violence in St. Louis under the umbrella of Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II’s, Hands and Feet initiative. In addition to a number of groups who came to St. Louis to engage in Hands and Feet service/learning projects during the assembly, several “mission trips” for assembly-goers engaged with various faith-based community groups to address poverty and racism in the city. The offering from the opening worship service raised more than $54,000, which after a dramatic march by nearly 1,000 assembly-goers from America’s Center to the City Justice Center, was given to ArchDefenders, a faith-based group that bails low-level offenders out of jail. Nearly three dozen people, victims of St. Louis’ draconian cash bail system, were released from custody with the money. In its actions, the assembly:

• Approved “The Gospel from St. Louis,” prepared by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
• Initiated the arduous process of possibly including Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” in the Book of Confessions.
• Strongly condemned “the unjust, racist disparagement of people and entire nations” and committed the PC (USA) to “a collective effort to solve the real problems facing our nation and the world.”
• Changed the church’s nomenclature from “racial ethnic people” to “people of color.”
• Called for an immediate moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty and for the commutation of all death sentences to sentences of life imprisonment.
• Authorized a five-member task group with a black women majority to raise awareness of issues adversely affecting black girls and women in society and the church, and to develop action plans to address those issues.
• Affirmed and celebrated the “full dignity and humanity” and gifts of people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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reconciliation between all constituencies of the church.
• Endorsed an “administrative action issued by the commission calling for greater transparency, particularly... in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and freedom for national staff employees to speak their minds in addressing the prevailing culture without retribution or retaliation.

Benjamin Pasternack, piano
Sunday, September 16, 3:30 pm
Among the most experienced and versatile musicians today, American pianist Benjamin Pasternack has performed as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician on four continents. Join us for his stunning and virtuosic program, featuring the works of Frédéric Chopin.

Chamber Music by Candlelight
Sunday, September 23, 7:30 pm
Rentaro Taki (1879-1903), Schumann (1810-1856), Beethoven (1770-1827), Dvořák (1841-1904)

The Morgan State University Choir
Sunday, September 30, 3:30 pm
The Morgan State University Choir is one of the nation’s most prestigious university choral ensembles. While classical, gospel, and contemporary popular music comprise the choir’s repertoire, it is noted for its emphasis on preserving the heritage of the spiritual. This is an upbeat, family-friendly concert your children and grandchildren won’t want to miss!
2018 Youth Mission Trip

This summer our senior high youth group traveled to Harrisonburg VA for our annual mission trip. We stayed at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center and volunteered with an organization called Renewing Homes. Each day we traveled to different homes in the region and helped to repair and renovate homes. We performed tasks such as tarring a roof, building a ramp, attaching metal sheeting, and drywalling. As a group we were challenged to work together to learn new skills and apply them to these homes. We were touched by the stories of the families that we helped. For example, the ramp that we built was for a family whose son was in an automobile accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. This family shared tears, gratitude, and joy with us as they shared their story. We also took time to build relationships and enjoy quality time together as a group. We went tubing down the river and rode the ski-lifts to the top of the mountain at Massanutten Resort to enjoy the incredible views. I am especially grateful for our fearless chaperones, Fay Miller and Scott Silverwood, who gave of their time, energy, and love to serve as leaders to our youth. It was a week filled with memories and we are grateful for the community that we found in those that we helped and with one another.

Sunday School to Begin Sept. 16

Our 2018-2019 Sunday School year begins the week following Rally Day on September 16th. Below is the class breakdown and list of our wonderful teachers.
- Pre-K: Rachel Mongeau and Jen Dardis
- K-1: Jill Karpovich and Nancy Flower
- 2nd-3rd: Rachel Long and Sierra Schmidt
- 4th-5th: Fay Miller and JT Paulk
- 6th – 8th: Shay Herman and Amethyst Spivak
- Senior High: Alena and Cameron Troxel, Sarah Slingluff, and Louise DeLavergne. Note that we will have senior high coffee house (at a real coffee house) on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 2nd, 3rd and occasional 5th Sundays, senior highs will be “serving the church” in cohort groups led by Louise and Sarah to provide more opportunities for experiential learning. Kids will work on liturgical dance routines, music for worship, designing bulletin covers, props for pageant, congregational events, 5th Sunday Mission Projects, filling in classrooms as helpers when teachers are out, etc.

Register your child at secondpresby.org/learn/registration/.

Confirmation

We are looking to form a confirmation class this fall. Interested 8th and 9th graders (or their parents) should contact Rev. Amy Carlson at acarlson@secondpresby.org.

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Immigration: The assembly called upon the federal government to end family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border, to immediately reunite parents with their children, to inform every parent where their children are being held and their condition, to stop using separation of children from their parents as a tactic to force criminal confessions; and called upon Presbyterians to support immigrant families, particularly parents and their separated children in any ways they can. The assembly also addressed war, violence, and human rights in Central America (particularly Nicaragua), South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Madagascar, and the Korean Peninsula.

Gun Violence: The assembly reaffirmed previous General Assembly policies designed to reduce gun violence, called all Presbyterians to pray for a movement of the Spirit to engage Presbyterians in nationwide actions to prevent gun violence, and urged them to create opportunities to study the issue of gun violence, with an emphasis on resources produced by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Vacation Bible School Recap

This July we had a wonderful time on our Rolling River Rampage Adventure in VBS! We welcomed 89 campers to a week of fun, learning, and community building. We are grateful for the help of our volunteers and counselors who made this week possible! We also raised over six hundred dollars in our Bake Sale to support the purchase of tools for a local church group traveling to help with rebuilding in Puerto Rico! Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful week. We are looking forward to next year: July 29th - August 2nd 2019!!! Save the Date.
Join us for a Taizé Worship Service
Wednesday, August 22, 7 pm
in the Sanctuary

RALLY SUNDAY
Celebrating the Start of the 2018-2019 Christian Education Year
New to Rally Day: caricature artists
September 9
Worship 10 am
Picnic 11 am