

## Lectionary for September

**September 3:** Exodus 3:1–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 16:21–28

**September 10:** Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

**September 17:** Exodus 14:19–31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35

**September 24:** Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Ruth Rye

Shirley McQuiston

Vickie VonBerg

Alice Briggs

Jim Neumann

Reg Rye

Helen Gross

Terry Doutré

Don Day

Diane ODell

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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter September 2017



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### Kick-off Sunday

Please put Sunday, September 10 on your calendar for “Kick-off” Sunday. Children will be doing a variety of “mini-workshops” about Creation and will experience all the wonders of God’s creation on that day. This is always a fun day for all! Please stop by the Sunday school wing to register your child for Sunday school.



### Kickoff Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes and sausage – OH MY!

Prepared and served by our smiling Youth – OH MY!

Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> right after worship. Our Youth Group will be serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. This is always a great meal with great company! We will be accepting donations at the door to help support our activities throughout the year! Hope to see you there!



### Fall Potluck for all Musicians Let’s Eat!

It’s always good to start out a new season of music with a good meal! On Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00pm all singers, ringers, instrumentalists, strummers, pluckers and all spouses will gather for our fall kick-off potluck. Please bring your tableware and a dish to pass. Join us for wonderful fellowship and some terrific Presbyterian cooking!



### Chancel & JuBELLation Choirs

The Chancel Choir will have our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 immediately following our potluck. The choir will not sing on September 10 (one last summer Sunday!) and will not rehearse on Wednesday, September 13. Our first Sunday to sing in church will be September 17. We will learn the song for that Sunday on September 6.

The first rehearsal for the JuBELLation Choir will be Wednesday, September 20. Hope to see you on September 6 at 6:00pm for our potluck!



### Sunday School Workshops

Sunday school will start this month, so please sign up to be a workshop leader for one or several Sundays this year! Our theme this year is "A Witness to God's Presence". It starts with Genesis and ends with the Church. The Bible is full of characters that witness the very existence of God in their lives and pass that experience on to future generations. We are called to share that witness. Some of the units we will be exploring are Creation, Plagues and Passover, The Incarnation, Feeding the 5000, the Lord's Prayer, Walk to Emmaus and Paul on the Road. There is a signup board in the Sunday school hallway. Please check to see where you can best serve!

### White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale is on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. It's time to clean out your closets and basements for this big sale. You may bring your items (no clothing please) starting on Sunday, September 24. PLEASE DON'T BRING ANYTHING PRIOR TO THAT DATE as we have events at that keep us from storing the "treasures". We will need lots of help at this event! Signup sheets to help at the sale will be in the gathering area.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second Adult Education



2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second will start Sunday, September 24. We are beginning a new series from "The Great Courses" called "Great World Religions", a comprehensive study of the five major world religions - Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. This DVD lecture series begins with University professor and international government and media consultant John L. Esposito. He guides us through facts and myths surrounding Islam and its more than 1.2 billion adherents. How familiar are you with the world's second largest and fastest-growing religion? Many of us know little about the faith and are familiar only with the actions of a minority of radical extremists. This course will help you better understand Islam's role as both a religion and a way of life, and its deep impact on world affairs both historically and today. Get your coffee and doughnut then join us at 10:45am in the library!



### PYG – Presbyterian Youth Group

Calling all youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades! You are welcome to join us for any PYG events this year. We will be having our regular PYG meetings as usual on Sundays from 10:45am to noon for everyone, and then we will be starting a Sr. High Bible Study/Discussion Group this year for youth in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades! Watch your email, newsletters and bulletins to stay informed on all our meetings and events! Please see Becca, DJ or Tammi with any questions.

### Scrip Order

Due to the Labor Day holiday we will place a Scrip order on Sunday, September 10. For back to school purchases order Meijer, JC Penney, Old Navy, Gap, or Kohl's. Stop by the office on September 10 to order or you may purchase any of these gift cards that we have on hand:



- Applebee's \$25**
- Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100**
- Logan's Roadhouse \$25**
- Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25**
- Taco Bell \$10**
- Speedway \$25/\$100**
- Walmart/Sam's \$25/\$100**
- Kohl's \$25**

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

### "Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Second mile giving is an opportunity to contribute to a mission of the church in a specific way. You can donate your time, talent or treasures to these projects. This month we are focusing on the Saginaw County Crop Hunger Walk.



The CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 8, with registration at the YMCA starting at 1:00 pm, and the walk starts at 1:30pm. This year if we raise 10% more than we did last year, we'll earn an additional \$1,500 from an anonymous donor!

We will have walker and sponsor information in the office in mid-September so watch the bulletins for information to sign up. Besides the regular 6 mile CROP Walk, Saginaw County will feature a half-distance walk option, 3 miles, for those with physical concerns, young children or time constraints. It's easier than ever to participate!

CROP Hunger Walks help support hunger-fighting efforts in America and around the world. CROP helps provide food and water, and also resources that empower people to meet their own needs.

25% of the total amount raised stays in our community to fight hunger and poverty through local agencies like the East Side Soup Kitchen and Hidden Harvest. Money raised through the CROP Walk helps them refill their pantry shelves after the summer fundraising "doldrums". This year the need is greater than ever. Though the need is great, so is the compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who we are called to imitate.

**Please join us in the CROP Walk this year either by walking or sponsoring a walker from our congregation!**

## Thank You from the Pastor

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, concerns, cards and food during my recent hospitalization. I am very grateful to have such a wonderful and caring congregation and staff. Jim Neumann



## 2018 Reach Mission Trip Meeting

It is time to start planning the Youth Reach Mission trip for the summer of 2018. New Berlin, NY – here we come! Our 2018 REACH trip will be July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 and will be open to any youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the Fall of 2018. We will be having a very quick informational meeting on Sunday, October 1 at 10:45am in the youth room. No commitment is necessary at this time but if you are maybe interested and just want some information, or know for sure you want to go please join us at this meeting.

## Youth Events

**Sunday, September 10** – Pancake breakfast!

Wear your green or orange PYG shirt and meet us in Fellowship Hall between 9:00 and 9:30am.

**Sunday, September 17** – PYG – 10:45am to noon

**Sunday, September 24** – PYG 10:45am to noon



## Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are welcome to join the Florence Gilmour Circle on September 13, at 9:30am as we begin a new study and discussion of the book, *The Grand Weaver* by Ravi Zacharias

## Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy Hands and Hearts will meet on Monday, September 11, 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Youth Room. This group makes and donates items to shelters, nursing homes and schools. Anyone is welcome to join this group and if you want to take materials home to work on, that is much appreciated also.



## Suggestions to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee invites you to participate in the nominating process by carefully considering the qualifications for office of Elder, and then suggesting names of persons who could serve. Please use the following form for this purpose. You can even nominate yourself! Fold/secure, or place in an envelope addressed to the nominating committee and send it to the church, or place in the offering plate. Your Nominating committee thanks you for your suggestions.

### Members of the Nominating Committee:

**Elder representatives:** Ed Hak and Mike Patton

**Congregational representatives:** Lorena Johnson, Natalie Martinez, Jeanne Parks, Tom Poole & Tammi Sova

### General Qualifications for the office of Elder

- † An active member of Second Presbyterian Church
- † A strong Christian commitment to Christ and the church.
- † A manner of life that is a demonstration of the Gospel.
- † A desire to serve by giving of their time, talent, and treasure.
- † A person of good judgment, cooperativeness, and open to new ideas.
- † Ability to follow through on assignments.
- † Willing to serve for a 3 year commitment, and to participate in church functions.

### To the Nominating Committee:

I suggest that

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be considered for the office of **Elder**. I think he/she would make a good Elder because:

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# Second Presbyterian Church

## SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians</i>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Office Closed	<b>5</b>  2pm Exercise	<b>6</b> 6:00p Music Potluck 7:00p Chancel Ch	<b>7</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30am Worship & nursery Kick-Off Sunday Scrip Order Pancake Breakfast	<b>11</b>  1:00pm Busy Hands	<b>12</b> 2pm Exercise  Committee Night	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>15</b> 11am Exercise	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 10:45am PYG	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2pm Exercise  Finance Comm.	<b>20</b> 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	<b>21</b> 8:30am Prayer Group 	<b>22</b> 11am Exercise	<b>23</b> 
<b>24</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second 10:45am PYG	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 2pm Exercise  7pm Session	<b>27</b> Newsletter Mailed  6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	<b>28</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>29</b> 11am Exercise	<b>30</b> 9:00am – 2:00pm White Elephant Sale