

Second Presbyterian Church in New York City

262 Years of Ministry

A SECOND LOOK: JUNE 2018

An Invitation to the Life and Work of Our Community of Faith and Fellowship

IN SESSION

News from the May 17, 2018 Session Meeting

by Nancy Hughes, Clerk of Session

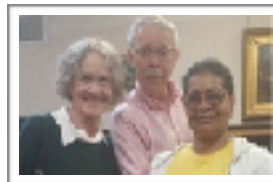
- After discussion with ARS Head of School Irwin Shlachter, Business Manager Luther Wilson, and Trustee Clayton Young, the Session approved the ARS 2018 budget and three-year plan.

- Other approvals:

1. To seek architectural plans for the projected accessible restroom;

2. Restoration of the pulpit Bible, spearheaded by Clerk Nancy Hughes, and underwritten by Judith Thatcher in memory of Leonard Ching. We will send out more information later for those who wish to contribute in Leonard's memory.

3. Benevolences, at the request of the Board of Deacons, to: Franciscan Community Center; Westside Campaign Against Hunger; Church of Gethsemane; Women's Press Collective; New Sanctuary Coalition; Jaracanda School; and the Syria...



Sue Nason, Ed Carpenter, and Barbara Quick share a moment at Fellowship Hour

FROM THE PASTOR

A Word About Worship: Why Do We Stand for the Liturgy of Confession?

Another change in our worship service is that we remain standing after the opening hymn, as we hear and then respond to the Call to Confession. Why? Simply put – we stand for the Prayer of Confession because we don't kneel! I don't mean that facetiously – but it's not only what we say that reflects our attitude. If we are sincerely penitent, and honest about our need for forgiveness, then probably, as *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* says, "sitting is... not the optimal posture for an act of humility before the God of grace." So, we stand while we pray, and we remain standing as we receive the Assurance of God's Pardon, out of respect, awe and gratitude before the living God. And don't worry, I'm not going to ask you to kneel – though if the Spirit moves you, please go right ahead! *(continued)*

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Lindsay Borden, Interim Pastor

Eunjung Ahn, Minister of Music

Worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays

Seeking a Better World Together

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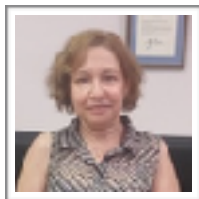
...Lebanon Partnership Network of the PC (USA).

•We discussed the June 24 Mission Study Kick-Off and agreed to hold another congregation-wide conversation early in the fall.

•With regret, we heard that Sunday School teacher Pamela Hahn will, after a decade of faithful service, leave at the end of June. The Christian Education Committee, Neal Boswell, chair, will coordinate the search for a new teacher.

•The Stewardship Committee presented the schedule for their 2018 activities.

•Worship & Music Committee reports discussion about summer worship: perhaps July in the sanctuary and August in the Carnegie Library.



**Pam Hahn
taught a
decade of
our children**

The Mission Study Process Begins

Last month, you read an overview of the interim period tasks; this month, we get down to business! On Sunday June 24, our Mission Study process will begin with the traditional potluck picnic, as we eat together and have some fun sharing and recording memorable events in the life of Second Presbyterian, decade by decade, with an emphasis on personal experience. You'll be asked questions like: When did you join the church? What church and community and world events do you recall? What pastors, and what church or family high points, do you remember?

Then, in small groups, you'll talk about what Second Presbyterian has meant to you, and begin to think ahead to the future, as you consider what you think are the gifts, challenges and needs of this church. That should be enough to start with!

If you can't make it, we'll miss you, but do not fear – there will be other opportunities to share your experiences and thoughts, including a survey questionnaire you'll be asked to respond to. And we'll have another congregation-wide meeting in the fall – and perhaps at the end of the process we'll reconvene again and return to some of the early questions, to see if your thoughts have changed.

Meanwhile, in summer or early fall, the Session will appoint a Mission Study Team of 3 – 5 people who'll gather more information about the church and the neighborhood. Eventually, guided by prayer and continued conversation, they'll put all that valuable information together and see what it reveals about where and to what God is calling this church.

So, save the date: June 24, after worship. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Lindsay

June 2018 Calendar

Patti Van Dyke is Worship Coordinator and Karen Amrhein and Meg Fox are Fellowship Hour Coordinators

Saturday, June 2, noon: Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America - march over the Brooklyn Bridge. Meet at the Korean War Memorial, Cadmon Plaza, Brooklyn. For more info, contact Rev. Lindsay or just show up!

Sunday, June 3, 10:15 am: Come and worship on this 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time. During our Time with Young Disciples we'll have a special Thank You for beloved Sunday School teacher Ms. Pamela Hahn who will be leaving us at the end of June.

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 pm: Trustees' Meeting, Pastor's Office

Wednesday, June 6, 5 pm: Worship & Music Committee, Sanctuary; 7 pm: Choir rehearsal

Sunday, June 10, 10:15 am: On the choir's last Sunday until fall, our worship service will celebrate our music program and all who enrich it, including our Minister of Music Eunjung Ahn.

Tuesday, June 12, 11:30 am: Second Tuesdays Prayer Meeting. Optional lunch in neighborhood afterwards.

Wednesday, June 13, 5:30 pm: Stewardship Committee, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 14, 11 am: Alexander Robertson School graduation with reception in Carnegie Library sponsored by the ARS Parent Association

Saturday, June 16: The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) convenes in St. Louis

Saturday, June 17, 10:15 am: On Fathers Day we share the Sacrament of Communion

Thursday, June 21, 6:15 pm: Session Meeting, Head of School Office

Sunday, June 24, 10:15 am: Worship followed by our traditional potluck picnic which this year will also be the kick-off of our Mission Study - join us for good food and fruitful conversation.

From now through October 28, an exhibition at the Museum of the City of New York, "Elegance in the Sky", about the architect of our church and 360 Central Park West, Rosario Candela. 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street.

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Wishing you a blessed, relaxed, and safe summer. And if you're away from home, don't forget your church! Please consider sending in your summer pledges before you leave or while you're away. Thank you!