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## Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon Sunday, January 31, 2010

- 9:30 to 10:20   Worship, Sanctuary  
10:30 to 11:05   **Congregational Annual Meeting, Sanctuary**  
**11:15** to 12:05   Worship, Sanctuary  
12:15            Celebration Luncheon, Community Room



## Weaving the Web of Care *through Mission*

To encourage participation in the annual meeting by members of the congregation who attend both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services, the meeting will be held **BETWEEN** the services. Please note the schedule for that Sunday morning.

Features of the annual meeting will include election of Elders, Deacons, members of the Nominating Committee and the presentation of the budget for 2010. The annual report will be distributed and church officers will be available to respond to questions. A video highlighting the life of the church in 2009 will be shown.

Following the 11:15 worship service, the congregation is invited to join in a lunch celebrating Second's mission outreach in 2009. Special mission projects are being planned for the children and youth of the church.

Reservations for the luncheon may be purchased online or on Sundays, January 10, 17 and 24 during coffee hour and after the 11:00 service, or at the receptionist desk in the Atrium at the church during the week. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 7-12 and free for children 6 & under, with a \$25 maximum per family.

This year's mission project, which will be prepared by our children during our extended church school hour from 9:30–11:05, will be the assembling of baby care kits for the Riley Mother and Baby Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya. The hospital includes operating rooms for Cesarean deliveries, a hostel for mothers and pre-term infants, and a 50-bed newborn intensive care unit, the first NICU in East Africa.

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### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP HOURS

8:15 a.m.—Chapel  
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary  
11 a.m.—Sanctuary

### FAMILIES@FIVE WORSHIP

Seasonal at 5 p.m.—Chapel

### SECOND@SIX CASUAL WORSHIP

6 p.m.—Sanctuary

### SERVICE OF COMMUNION & WHOLENESS

10:35 a.m.—Chapel

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to noon

# ChrisCare Group Ministry

**Christ said,** *"Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."* MATTHEW 18:20

## What is a ChristCare Group?

A ChristCare Group is a gathering of 5-12 people who meet weekly or bi-weekly to focus on four activities:

- ❖ mutual care and encouragement
- ❖ prayer and worship
- ❖ practical study that relates the Bible to everyday life
- ❖ service or outreach to others

### How are ChristCare Groups formed?

- ❖ The groups will be led by 30 individuals who have just completed 3 months of ChristCare Small Group Leadership training.
- ❖ The groups independently choose the topic of study and the type of service or outreach.
- ❖ The groups may be made up of members who are of similar age, have common interests or share a life experience.
- ❖ The groups are open to invite both members in our church and others outside our church.

### When and how to join a ChristCare Group?

- ❖ In January, ChristCare Groups will begin the process of building members.
- ❖ Look for interest cards in the Bulletin, pews and literature racks.
- ❖ Simply fill out the interest card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the receptionist's desk.

### Who would benefit from participation in a ChristCare Group?

All those who desire to:

- ❖ learn more about God,
- ❖ grow in their Christian faith,
- ❖ develop a closer fellowship with others,
- ❖ give and receive care during life's ups and downs,
- ❖ pray and worship God in a small group environment,
- ❖ discover and develop their gifts and special talents,
- ❖ reach out to others in practical ways with the love of Jesus.

Dear Friends:

Have you ever stopped to think about how important small groups are in our lives? A small circle of family or friends helps us keep our balance, enables us to live a productive life, guides us when we are in need, lifts our spirits when we are discouraged, leads us back to the right path when we are wrong and loves us even when we are most unlovable. I have heard friends in business say how much having a trusted peer group means when they are dealing with difficult issues and decisions. Throughout my ministry, being a part of a clergy group has helped me in countless ways when I have needed guidance, wisdom, a listening ear, prayer and encouragement.



We are a large congregation made up of many small groups. Many of our members have found strength, encouragement, new opportunities for service and spiritual growth by participating in Bible studies, Monday Mission Sewers, SAWS, Reunion groups, choirs, youth groups, ReNew and countless other small groups. In many ways, small groups can be like the house churches of the New Testament that met for prayer, mutual encouragement, learning and service.

**This January we are launching a new small group ministry called ChristCare.**

ChristCare groups will be composed of 6 to 12 individuals who will meet two to four times a month for fellowship, prayer, mutual support, study and service. The groups will be led by members of the congregation who have participated in over 40 hours of training in facilitating small groups. In early December, 27 new ChristCare leaders were commissioned for this exciting ministry. These leaders will be forming groups from a faith perspective around a variety of interests such as: Starbucks and Scripture; Inner-city Ministry, Gardening, Caring for Family with Dementia, Listening to Your Life, Dads Ministry, Shepherding Others, Monday Morning Sorters, ReNew Groups, Cooking, Women Caring for and Supporting One Another, Great Banquet Reunion Groups. The possibilities are limitless.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to being a part of a ChristCare Group. Information about these groups will be available on Sundays in January during coffee hour or you may call Dr. Jim Riley at the church. Being a part of a small group is one way we grow in our capacity to *live in harmony with one another*, share one another's joys and burdens and *with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*.

Yours in Christ,

Lewis F. Galloway

## Candidates for Church Officers

One of the most important committees of Second Church is the Church Nominating Committee, whose members are selected anew each year.

Nominations were submitted by members of the congregation for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Youth Deacon and the 2010 Nominating Committee. The process of selection began in early September and after three months of careful, prayerful deliberation every Monday evening, the candidates were determined.

The following candidates' names will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on January 31, 2010, in the Sanctuary between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. worship services.

### Elders

Nathan Baker, Chic Born, Ed Friel, John Hagstrom, Bill Sando, Beth Bedwell, Karen D. Buttrey, Nancy Cronin, Katrina Getts, Link Krimendahl,

### Deacons

Dan Brundage, Randy Hitchens, John Marshall, Doug Pelton, Bob Rutan, Ron Snow, Robert Warhurst, Bob Zachidny, Marge Haigh, Janet Fox, Ann Hathaway, Kay Mace, Barbara Mohr, Cynthia Odle, Jill Reese, Jane Williams

### Youth Deacons

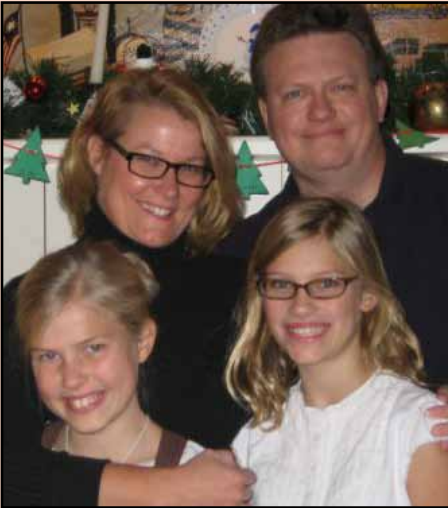
Emily Palmer, Henry Googasian, Lizzie Booher

### 2010 Nominating Committee

Mark Huesing, Jim Sturman, David Swider, Carolyn Cook, Sandy Gordner, Mary Sue Higgins, Jennifer Kubly

The Church Nominating Committee of 2009 wishes to thank the members of Second for giving them the opportunity to serve in this important work in the life of our church. To God be the Glory !

## Children's Circle Welcomes New Director



Cara Paul with her husband, Mark, and daughters Meredith and Maggie

The Children's Circle welcomes Cara Paul as their new director. Cara will begin in January with our weekday early childhood program. She will be working with 35 teachers, 2 administrators, the Children's Circle Board, 350 children and many, many parents and grandparents.

Cara has served as the assistant director of the Orchard Park Learning Center at Orchard Park Presbyterian for the past 5 years. She comes to us with strong teaching, administrative and parenting experience. Cara holds a degree in Early Childhood Education from Hanover College. She taught at Woodbrook Elementary School for five years and has been at Orchard Park Learning Center since 2002, serving first as a Mother's Day Out and Preschool lead teacher and now as the Music Teacher and Assistant Director.

## Unleash your Souper Power!

Last year, 13,771 churches and other organizations raised over \$10.3 million for hunger-related charities around the country as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Once again, our own Second Presbyterian

was one of the top churches in the nation, bringing in a little over \$22,000 and 2203 items of food. This year, the Hunger Ministry Team invites you to surpass those amounts. With the economic downturn, these donations are needed more than ever to help feed our neighbors in Indianapolis



The Souper Bowl of Caring was born in 1990 when a Presbyterian Youth Group gathered for a party on Super Bowl Sunday. A prayer was offered, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." In response to that prayer, groups have set aside the first Sunday in February to collect money and food items for hunger-related charities in their communities.

As in past years, Second Church will collect monetary donations and food items to support the Westminster Food Pantry. Nonperishable food may be dropped off at the church throughout January, with the final collection on Sunday, February 7. Donation envelopes for Souper Bowl are in the pew racks and on February 7 the youth will collect your donations in soup pots following each of the worship services. Coin collection banks will be available soon.

For a new twist this year, we encourage those of you who are hosting Super Bowl parties in your homes to invite your guests to bring canned food or money to your party. The items collected may be brought to the church the week following the big game as part of a "Souper Bowl Overtime Effort."

Let's try to surpass last year's totals! Questions may be directed to Rev. Rachel A. Wann at 253-6461.





## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Second Presbyterian Women welcome you and a friend or neighbor to our Winter/Spring Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke. We meet at 9 a.m. for prayer in Milner Chapel and then in Room 356 at 9:15 for fellowship and study. Study books are available at meetings for \$7. We would love to have you join us. For more information, please contact Fran Bowman at 846-7763 or Cherry Willen at 251-6793.



## Joy to the World Through Missions!

Thanks to the hard work of over 400 volunteers, the 61st Annual Presbyterian Women's Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sale was a huge success. Over \$62,000 was raised. This money will provide God's blessings to those in need across our city, state, nation and world. Thank you to all the volunteers whose contributions of time, physical labor, ingenuity, and treasures will bring God's love to so many.

## Clean Water Ministry

It may come as a surprise to most of us, but we have Presbyterian brothers and sisters in the country of Togo, located in West Africa. Unfortunately, many of them are suffering because their basic needs are not being met. Many of the streams that used to produce fresh water year round are drying up and clean ground water is a rare commodity. Presbyterians in Togo pray daily for children affected by water-borne diseases like intestinal worms and hope to God that another cholera epidemic does not occur due to a lack of clean water.

Our church has already donated \$3,500 to build a well in this country and some folks in our congregation have begun to form a ministry team that has grown out of this concern for clean water in countries like Togo. If you are interested in clean water ministry, contact Amy Lee at [alee@secondchurch.org](mailto:alee@secondchurch.org), or by calling the church.



## A Great Year for Pyoca

We have had another incredible year of Christian Education for all ages. This past summer, over 670 campers came to grow, learn, and share their faith with each other. In addition to the usual activities, we were blessed with three new camps: A Jr. High Night Owl, a Discoverer Earth Loving Friends, and a You and Me camp. We had an 8% increase in our program from last year. A great group of volunteers and staff rounded out the summer!



Additionally, we have been truly blessed with support from presbyteries, churches, and individuals with over \$554,000 in receipts in our capital campaign since its inception. We were able to finish three projects this year, and have had rave reviews for the new cabin, the welcome center/office addition, and of course the new parking lot which allows up to 30 vehicles to park during busy registration periods!

The geothermal system also was a fantastic upgrade as we were able to air condition the Lodge which made it very comfortable during the hot months! The system should save us around \$10,000 a year in propane costs alone!





## Feed your Pinata

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 12:00 NOON

Revive that pinata! Come to the Mexico Mission/Outreach Team meeting on Sunday, January 10, at 12:00 noon in room 216 by the Community Room kitchen to find solutions to questions you may never have considered. Dream about white sandy beaches, big wide smiles on the faces of children and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to connect to and be transformed by a visit to our sister church, Monte de los Olivos, either week straddling March 31 - April 7. Another trip will be planned for July 10-17. Consider these to be mission-vacations. Families or individuals are welcome. Spanish speaking is not required.

- ❖ build a church
- ❖ paint murals
- ❖ teach ESL classes
- ❖ sing
- ❖ run a health clinic
- ❖ lead bilingual Bible study and fellowship
- ❖ make puppets & lead Christian education classes
- ❖ host volleyball & basketball clinics
- ❖ teach Vacation Bible School
- ❖ picnic on the beach
- ❖ swim, snorkel, cavort with dolphins
- ❖ fish for barracuda
- ❖ climb Mayan ruins
- ❖ explore cenotes or underground cisterns
- ❖ shop
- ❖ eat delicious cuisine
- ❖ and even rest!

If you have any questions before this meeting or about the program, please call Bill Sando at 442-7408, [bsando@comcast.net](mailto:bsando@comcast.net) or call Amy Lee at the church office 253-6461. We are starting to think about ways to help also in the lives of our Hispanic brethren here in the Indianapolis area. Your input is welcome.

## Sharing Hospitality with our Neighbors

Second Church is seeking to join the Interfaith Hospitality Network. IHN is a team of dozens of churches throughout our community who have taken on the mission of providing a safe and friendly environment to families who are homeless in the Indianapolis area. Each church hosts up to four families (no more than a dozen or so people) for one to two weeks at a time, for up to four weeks per year.

During our assigned weeks our church will be home to our guests from Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning, from 5:00 p.m. each day to about 6:00 a.m. During the day, our guests will stay at the IHN Day Center and work with case workers. At the Day Center they will learn a variety of life skills to help them attain self-sufficiency, with a goal of finding stable housing for their family.

For this new ministry to occur we will need numerous volunteers, including hosts who will stay with the families throughout the night, people to prepare and donate meals, others to help serve and clean up, drivers who will pick up and drop off our guests in the IHN van, activities leaders who will work with the children each evening after dinner and others who are willing to perform a variety of miscellaneous tasks ('gophers') as needed. Those who have already been trained for the Red Cross Disaster Team may find this an opportunity to hone hospitality skills in a more structured environment.

We would like to begin hosting families by springtime. If you are interested in learning more about this new and exciting ministry, please contact Rev. Rachel A. Wann at 253-6461 or [rwann@secondchurch.org](mailto:rwann@secondchurch.org)



# Tshikaji, Democratic Republic of the Congo

It's been a wild, hectic few months! After arriving in Kinshasa in May, we began the process for obtaining our residence visas. During the seven week wait for them to be issued, we studied Tshiluba, the language spoken in the part of Congo where we work. We got to our home station of Tshikaji in July and hit the ground running. John began working his way through a backlog of patients that had been waiting for him. The first two months were especially difficult because of a number of complex surgical problems, one after another. John has been struck by the large number of "re-operative" cases he is doing -- patients that have been operated on elsewhere and are then coming to Good Shepherd with post-operative complications. This indicates a strong need for the institute to be proactive in holding continuing education courses for Kananga area health care providers.

In addition to a heavy surgical and clinical load, John has been working hard with others to get an accounting office computer server installed and functional. An additional part of this project will be the installation of a wireless communication system between Good Shepherd Hospital and PAX, the outpatient clinic in Kananga. John loves this kind of techno-geek stuff but it sure does take up a lot of time!

As the interim director of the CPC (Congolese Presbyterian Church) medical program, John supervises the medical work of the CPC bush hospitals in coordination with the staff at each hospital and the church leadership. Over the month of October we made 5 grueling, bone-jarring road trips to all 7 hospitals where John met the staffs and was oriented to each hospital. We were accompanied on these trips by the head of the CPC, the Rev. Dr. Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi. This was a rare opportunity to spend a great deal of time with Dr. Mulumba and to benefit from his wisdom and vast experience. Every one of the CPC hospitals is carrying on exemplary work under extremely difficult conditions. Most have only one doctor who, with a limited number of support staff, struggles to provide medical care and Christian witness to rural, poorest-of-the-poor populations on thinner-than-shoestring budgets. At station after station we were told that our visit was an enormous encouragement and fervently hoped-for evidence that they have not been forgotten by



PC(USA) churches. Let me tell you, it is quite something to be greeted by an undulating throng of several hundred singing, dancing, flower-throwing Congolese Presbyterians! It wasn't for us personally that they were so gracious, but for whom we represent—you—American Presbyterians whose sacrifice and generosity sustains and heartens them.

While John visited the hospitals, I visited CPC schools

at each station. Like the hospitals, these schools operate under arduous conditions -- mud and stick thatch roof buildings, no teacher or student textbooks, overcrowded classrooms, no desks or chairs, no electricity, no running water, no gymnasium, computer lab, science lab, no bright posters, maps, charts, globes, art materials or any of the many things that US schools take for granted. Yet, day after day, faithful teachers and hopeful students come together to work toward the brighter future for Congo that an education promises. The 21 elementary and 16 secondary schools I visited were a glowing testament to the tenacious and unquenchable spirit of a people who, in spite of overwhelming obstacles, will not give in to despair.

We returned two days ago from our final visit sore, exhausted and plagued by "traveler's diarrhea" but excited about the coming months when we will return to these stations on a regular schedule. John will do and teach surgery (and try to fix an ailing generator, a broken water pump, a defunct solar power system...). I will work in the schools helping teachers and administrators find ways to improve the quality of instruction and increase community involvement.

We are grateful to you for your prayers and support. We feel privileged to partner with you in God's work in this part of the world. Thank you for making it possible for us to be here.

Grace and Peace,  
John and Gwenda Fletcher  
PC(USA) mission co-workers



Hospital CPC Luebo





## New Century String Quartet

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 3 p.m.

Enjoy the wonderful world of "Poetry, Nursery Rhymes and Music," in Milner Chapel, as the New Century String Quartet and Second's own mezzo soprano Dr. Mitzi Westra join forces to entertain you with the power of international language and music.

Opening the program, "A Sinking Love" by Tan Dur takes its Chinese text from Li Bai's eighth century poem and is built on six pitches from 17th century English composer Henry Purcell's "Fantasia."

"The Sunset" [Il Tramanta] combines Percy Bysshe Shelley's poetry with Ottorino Respighi's exquisite musical score. Listen as the piece transcends the cultural barriers of different languages.

In his delightful "String Quartet No. 5," composer Heitor Villa-Lobos joyfully carries the audience back to childhood, integrating Brazilian nursery rhymes and lullabies.

Soloist Dr. Mitzi Westra received her B.A. degree in music and religion from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before earning a MM and DMA in vocal performance from the University of Minnesota.

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### SAGES OF SECOND

## Sage Brunch at Woodstock

Join the Sages on February 28th at 12:30 for a delicious Brunch at Woodstock Country Club.



Currently, Dr. Westra deftly combines teaching voice and theory at the University of Indianapolis, leading the Sanctuary Choir alto section and maintaining her own private studio. Each summer she sings with the renowned Santa Fe Desert Chorale.

Celebrating their 10th anniversary, the New Century String Quartet was cofounded by violinist Dean Franke and violist Susan Chan and is based at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center on the

University of Indianapolis campus. Formerly the Accord Chamber Music Society of San Francisco, the NCSQ has earned high praise from California and Indiana critics. The NCSQ has also been featured in the Indianapolis Star as well as the WFYI "Art of the Matter" for its distinctive programming, commissions and performances.

Admission to this Anima Sacra Series event is free. A reception will follow.