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Festival of Faith

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Featured Speaker: Brian K. Blount

President and Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

If you want the gospel in its most direct, most urgent, most dramatic form—go to Mark. Matthew’s Gospel has the Sermon on the Mount, with its beautiful antitheses; Luke’s, the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan; John’s, the long, deep discourses; Mark, however, begins with a direct declaration, “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the son of God,” and takes off from there.

The proclamation of John the Baptist, Jesus’ baptism and his being tempted in the wilderness, the arrest of John, Jesus beginning his public ministry with the proclamation that the kingdom of God is at hand, his calling the first disciples, his astonishing teaching in the synagogue, his casting out of the unclean spirits and their recognizing him as the Holy One of God, the healing of Simon’s mother-in-law, the crowds and the healings and the exorcisms, the still-larger crowds, everyone looking for Jesus, his preaching in the synagogues, the healing of the leper, the even-larger crowds so that Jesus could not go into a town openly—and all of that is only the first chapter! To read Mark’s Gospel—and especially to read it straight through from beginning to end—is to understand both the astonishment that Jesus generated and the urgency with which the early church proclaimed him as risen Lord and Savior.

This year, for our Festival of Faith, Second Presbyterian Church, will have the opportunity to experience and reflect upon the power of Mark’s Gospel, and the good news that it proclaims.

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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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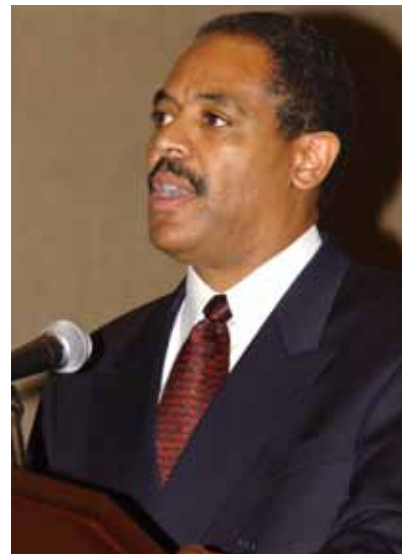
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Saturday 9 a.m. to noon

Festival of Faith

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Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Blount was called to this position in 2007, after serving for 15 years as the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Blount graduated from the College of William and Mary and Princeton Seminary; he also served for six years as pastor of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia. Dr. Blount has written and edited several books including, *Go Preach: Mark's Kingdom Message and the Black Church Today*, and *Preaching Mark in Two Voices*. He is an extraordinary preacher and teacher.

Joining Dr. Blount will be Kirianne Weaver Riehl, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Northville, NY. Like Dr. Blount, Rev. Riehl is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary; she is fondly remembered here at Second Presbyterian for her ministry as Lake Fellow, as well as for her performance of Mark's Gospel.

Friday, February 26, 4-6 p.m.: Kirianne Weaver performs the Gospel of Mark

6:30-8:15 p.m.: Dinner with remarks from Brian Blount

Saturday February 27, 9:30 a.m.-Noon: Presentation by Dr. Blount;
Discussion with Dr. Blount and Rev. Riehl.

Sunday, February 28, Dr. Blount will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 services

In one of his books, Dr. Blount writes that we are “wired for God, wired by God with a human spirit that despite its limitations can be touched by God's Holy Spirit . . . it is how we hear God.” We hope that this year's Festival of Faith will be a time when the Spirit touches us so we can hear God through the Gospel of Mark.

"The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." **MARK 1:1**

Dear Friends:

I suspect that each one of us has a particular passage, story or book of Scripture that holds special meaning for us. Over the years, I have found myself drawn time and again to the Gospel of Mark. It may have something to do with its brevity, rough hewn character or the breakneck speed with which Mark tells the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Mark's favorite word seems to be immediately, a word he uses 42 times in his short book. Mark can barely get one story out before he rushes headlong into another story of Jesus.



A part of what attracts me to Mark is that it is the first gospel written and Mark becomes a foundation for Matthew and Luke as they weave their gospel stories. I also like the way Mark keeps the identity of Jesus a secret from the other characters in the story until the end when Jesus is dying on the cross. As I read Mark, I wonder when the disciples will finally

figure out who he is. I never cease being amazed at what is believed to be the original ending of the gospel when the women run from the empty tomb and don't tell anyone what they have seen and heard because they are afraid (See Mk 16:8). Mark is full of surprises, rough edges and great power.

Our Festival of Faith weekend, Feb. 26-28, will give us a special opportunity to explore the gospel of Mark together with an old friend and a new friend. Our former Lake Fellow, the Rev. Kirianne Weaver, who is now the Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Northville, NY, will offer a dramatic presentation of the entire Gospel of Mark. We are delighted to welcome Kirianne back to Second for this special event. Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and a former Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Blount has published extensively on many subjects including books on both Mark and Revelation. He is an internationally known and dynamic preacher and teacher of the faith. We are privileged to have Dr. Blount as our guest for the weekend.

I hope you will join us for the 2010 Festival of Faith as our study of the gospel of Mark enriches our understanding and leads us to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

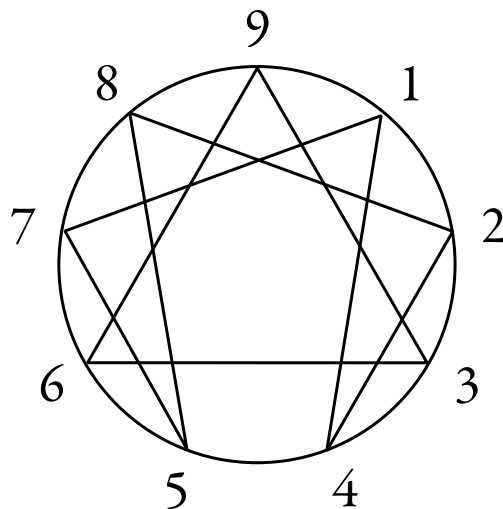
Yours in Christ,

Lewis F. Galloway

Enneagram II Retreat

FEBRUARY 5 & 6

Enneagram #2: Continuing the Journey of Transformation



This retreat is for those who have a basic understanding of the Enneagram personality types. It is an invitation to review and take a deeper walk into understanding oneself, others and our relationship with God.

Join us Feb 5-6, 2010 as Sister Maureen Mangan, cpps, continues to show us how the Enneagram can help us in our journey toward wholeness and a closer relationship with God.

Enneagram #2: Continuing the Journey of Transformation will be held from 7 to 9 PM on Friday February 5th and from 8:30 AM to 4 PM on Saturday February 6th, 2010. Saturday lunch will be provided. Cost is \$40. Please register by February 1st.



THE FUTURE IS NOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 11:30 AM



As time passes by and we become senior citizens, we are totally oblivious that the homes in which we live have not changed with time. Many of us are still living in our homes which were designed for us when we were 25-30 years younger. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our homes could accommodate our current needs as we advance in age?

Be sure to join us for lunch on Wednesday, March 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Common Room. A panel of experts will present ways that will help us make our homes more senior friendly.

You can make reservations at the front desk beginning Monday, February 15. The cost for the luncheon is \$10 per person. Sign up today, the deadline is March 8.

SAGES BRUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 12:30 PM

Please join us on Sunday, February 28 for our first event of 2010. We will enjoy brunch at Woodstock Country Club at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$19 per person and reservations are necessary. Tickets will be available for purchase February 7th in McFarland and the following 2 Sundays. You may also make reservations at the reception desk during regular hours, Mon-Fri, starting February 8. The deadline will be Monday, February 22 at Noon.

A Taste of Teen Talent

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

A Taste of Teen Talent...A Menu for All Appetites.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy the talents of our musical teens at Second. Please join us on March 14 for an all Church Luncheon and Youth Program. There will be something for every taste...singing, dancing, violin and cello solos, marimba, guitar, brass, and percussion selections. This wonderful event will be held in the Community Room following the 11 a.m. service.

The tickets will be available in McFarland Hall starting Sunday, February 14 and the following three Sundays. Tickets will also be available at the reception desk from Monday, February 15 through 12:00 noon on Monday, March 8. Reservations are required and tickets are \$14 per person. We hope you can join us.

A Sage Sponsored Program





InSpiring Speaker Series

Funny Man Craig Tornquist

MARCH 12, 6:15 PM

Craig Tornquist is proof that God wants us to laugh! Presbyterian Women along with Welcome Baby Ministry is pleased to present Indiana native Craig Tornquist as our third guest in our InSpirational Speaker Series. Craig brings an evening of fun and laughter to our speaker line-up. He combines musical parody with impressions and audience participation to create a laugh-filled show for the whole family. His Christian-inspired comedy has encouraged thousands of congregations from Michigan to Texas to "see God's delight at home, in school, on the job or simply by looking in the mirror." (uh oh - be ready for that one!).



Please join us Friday March 12th at 6:15 p.m. in the Community Room for a dinner catered by Jugs and an evening of good wholesome fun with Craig. Bring friends and family and make a night of it! Tickets available February 21, 28 and March 7 for \$10.00 each or \$25.00 per family in McFarland Hall from 10:30-11 a.m., online at SecondChurch.org/PW and at the reception desk during regular church business hours. Free childcare for all children not attending the performance can be arranged by calling 252-5519 one week prior to the event.

PW Statewide Spiritual Retreat in New Harmony

FEBRUARY 26 - 27

Presbyterian Women from all 3 Presbyteries are planning a Spiritual Retreat for ladies of the Presbyterian Churches of Indiana. Please set aside Feb. 26 and 27 to meet in fellowship with other women from around the state at Lake Placid in New Harmony. Watch the church mail in the near future for more information and registration. For more information, call Nadine Hill at 317-241-4041; Beverly Laszlo at 219-996-4913; or Pat Morrison at 812-254-9634.

Beecher Singers Lenten Concert

FEBRUARY 21, 4:00 PM

Hear the Beecher Singers, Second's 20-voice auditioned choral ensemble, in concert Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Admission is free.

Conductor Dr. Michelle Louer has chosen exciting works by Henry Purcell and Maurice Duruflé, scored for choir, organ and Baroque brass ensemble for the professionals who sing the "Second@Six" service.

Purcell's Music from the Funeral for Queen Mary is set in seven parts including "March," "Man that is Born of Woman," "Canzona," "In the Midst of Life," "Canzona," "Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts," and a concluding "March."

Original organ instrumentation, played by Dr. Heather Hinton, will accompany Beecher Singers in Duruflé's soaring "Requiem."

Congregation and community are cordially invited to enjoy this highlight of the 2010 Anima Sacra Series.

For more information, call the Music & Fine Arts office at 253-6461, X309 or contact Dale Caldwell at dcaldwell@secondchurch.org.



On A Mission ... Westminster Neighborhood Ministries

More than 25 years ago Second Presbyterian partnered with Westminster Presbyterian to provide support for families on the near east side of Indianapolis. This alliance evolved into Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, a program of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Although Westminster Presbyterian Church has a small congregation, the needs of the immediate neighborhood are great. Westminster is on N. State Street, a few blocks from Arsenal Tech High School and the former women's prison.

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries' expanding list of programs includes:

- ❖ After school program for elementary and middle school students
- ❖ Full-time summer program for local children
- ❖ Preschool program (began in 2009)
- ❖ Weekly food pantry on Thursday mornings
- ❖ Weekly community lunch on Thursdays
- ❖ Visits by Genessaret Free Health Clinic
- ❖ Legal aid for community members

Second Presbyterian continues to be a major supporter of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries providing financial assistance, as well as volunteers, who serve in many ways such as:

- ❖ After school mentors,
- ❖ Food pantry volunteer,
- ❖ Legal aid volunteers, and
- ❖ Volunteers on Saturday work days to maintain the building.

In addition to financial and volunteer support, Second donates funds from the annual Souper Bowl event to stock the Westminster food pantry. Food donations collected at Second also go to Westminster.

Faith Presbyterian and Irvington Presbyterian, as well as other congregations, are also very involved in Westminster's programs.

Members of Second have found innovative ways to help at Westminster. The MOMs Bible study group has hosted parties involving children of both Second and Westminster. One of our members started teaching English to some of the Hispanic women who visit the food pantry. Last summer Second volunteers helped the children of the summer program build and tend a garden at Westminster. The youngsters enjoyed fresh food they had grown themselves.

If you are interested in getting involved at Westminster, contact David Berry at Second or Stephen Crane, director of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, at 632-9785.



2010 Kenya Carnival Kick-Off!

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 6-7:30 PM, YOUTH SUITE

Mark your Calendars!

Come learn how you can get involved!

Disaster Shelter Training

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Our church has partnered with the American Red Cross to be a safe place for people who have been displaced during a disaster. A team of volunteers has already been formed, but we are always interested in new folks coming on board. Every person on the team who wishes to help with the shelter, should we ever be called into action, needs to complete eight hours of Red Cross training.

A training date has been set for Saturday, February 20 here at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This training is open to people currently on the disaster team who have yet to complete their Red Cross training or new volunteers who are interested in joining. Please note that this training is only for a faith-based shelter operation. If you desire more extensive Red Cross training, please contact them directly.

Our hope and prayer is that we never have to be called into action, but should the occasion arise, we will rely on the strength and loving hospitality of our team members to care for our neighbors in need. If you have questions or would like to sign up for the training, please contact Deacon Chris Melton at 848-9998 or Rev. Rachel Wann at the church, 253-6461 or rwann@secondchurch.org.

Valentine's Day Blood Drive



Have a Heart - Give someone a second chance at life.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 a.m. until 12:30, Community Room

Walk-ins welcome,
but appointments preferred.

Sign up at our table in McFarland Hall or contact Amy Lee at the church, 253-6461 or alee@secondchurch.org

Souper Reminder

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 7. Please remember to bring in your non-perishable food items, your kid's football banks and your monetary donations! As you come through the North Entrance grab a bite of breakfast at our Tailgate Party, no matter the weather, and drop off your bag of food at the Westminster mini-bus! Steve Crane, the executive director of the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, will be in the Atrium to answer your questions about WNM's exciting ministries.

Following each worship service, the Middle School Youth will receive your monetary donations as you exit the chapel/sanctuary. Also, if you are planning to host a Super Bowl party in your home to watch the Big Game, invite your guests to donate a canned good or cash. You can return these donations anytime as part of our Souper Bowl Overtime. We will keep counting until it all comes in! Your generous donations help support the Food Pantry at Westminster.





Dvořák



Janáček

Sanctuary Choir Lenten Concert

MARCH 7, 4:00 P.M.

Enjoy a special Lenten Concert Sunday, March 7 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, featuring Second's Sanctuary Choir, Northminster Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir and Festival Orchestra. A freewill offering will be taken.

Director of Music & Fine Arts Dr. Michelle Louer has chosen lush and exciting works by Czech composers Antonín Dvořák and Leos Janáček for this Anima Sacra Series highlight.

Hear Antonín Dvořák's familiar *New World Symphony* (1893) and *Te Deum* (1892) written by the Czech Republic's best known composer, who lived from 1841 to 1904. In *New World*, his most famous composition, Dvořák looked for inspiration from American melodies rather than Old World models.

Leos Janáček's *Otče náš* (Our Father) dates from 1901, incorporating tenor solo, chorus, harp and organ in a five movement work. This least accessible Czech composer lived from 1854 to 1928, and loved language with its flow and abrupt pauses.

For more information, call the Department of Music & Fine Arts at 253-6461, X309, or contact Administrative Assistant Dale Caldwell at dcaldwell@SecondChurch.org.



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Get to Know Your Web Site

This Month's Tip: **What's Going On?**

Curious about what's happening at Second? Check out the detailed calendar on the web site. Click on a date to see a list of events for that day. Click on the event to find out details including who to contact for more information. Contact the church office to have your event added to the calendar.

