

**Nashville Epiphany Project  
Second Presbyterian Church  
10th Anniversary**

Second Presbyterian Church invites you to celebrate ten years of the Nashville Epiphany Project on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>! Young Adult Volunteer alumnus Matt Lang (class of 2002) will preach at our 11am worship service. Immediately following, we will gather for lunch to rejoice with the alumni, church members and agencies who have made and continue to make this incredible program possible. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert to accompany our pots of soup.

The Nashville Epiphany Project (NEP) began its service to young adults and the local community in 2001 as part of the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program of the PC (USA). The YAV program offers a year of volunteer service for young adults at fifteen national and international sites. During their year of service, young adults work full time at a local non-profit agency, participate in vocational discernment and live simply in intentional Christian community.

Through this, the Nashville Epiphany Project seeks to embody Christ's radical justice and love through acts of service that strive to acknowledge the reciprocal nature of mission. NEP desires to transform traditional models of service from a focus on *doing* mission, to *being in* mission with others. This is accomplished by providing volunteers ministries that focus on direct services and structural change.

NEP has undergone many changes in ten years, living deeper and deeper into its mission. Four different members of Second Presbyterian have coordinated the program, including Heidi Aspinwall, Kimberly Ness, Marsha Crownover and Susan Brantley. Susan, who has been our tireless leader since 2004, will be passing the baton this fall. Over the last two years in particular, Susan has brought about a significant expansion of the program's scope by incorporating additional partner churches, placement agencies and volunteer housing, thus doubling the number of young adults we can invite into our program each year for a capacity of eight. Not only do we reach more young adults this way, we also connect area churches to the program and supply much needed staff support to tremendous local non-profits. Some of the original NEP placement agencies were Tying Nashville Together, Monroe Harding, Manna and Room in The Inn's Campus for Human Development. Along with the Room in the Inn, current partner agencies include the Martha O'Bryan Center, Conexion Americas, Preston Taylor Ministries, Vanderbilt Campus Ministry, Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Nations Ministry Center and Siloam Family Health Center. Current partner churches, where our volunteers worship and take part in congregational life, include Downtown, Harpeth, Hillsboro, Westminster and Trinity Presbyterian Churches.

For all the good this program does in and around Nashville, the ultimate impact is found in the unfolding lives of our alumni. In ten years NEP has already supported 25 YAVs – equipping and challenging them all to seek God's love and justice for the world in a variety of ways. Alumni are currently pursuing a broad range of vocations including ordained ministry, missionary service, non-profit work, law, education, healthcare, engineering and raising families.

Please join us January 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NEP program and to interact with the young adults who have served with us.