



Pastor's Notes - George C. Anderson

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SHOWING UP

September begins the “Program Year” at Second Presbyterian Church. Our congregation will take another strong step farther away from the pandemic shutdown as we gather more frequently in person for worship, study, fellowship and service. Look for information in this *Second Sheet* about worship, classes, and other opportunities to join. The annual publication of our Christian Education Booklet detailing opportunities offered this program year will be available very soon, if not already, in your mailbox and online.

I particularly encourage children and youth to engage actively. When families visit our church, even online, whether they see other children and youth involved is a big determining factor as to whether or not they end up making Second Presbyterian their church home. With our strong Preschool and membership with many children and youth, we are in a great position to be the church new families would choose for their children to find friends and to grow in their faith. All that is needed is active participation. In short, one of the best things a family can do to attract other families is to show up.



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the website and in publications.
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their photos (or photos of their
minor children) should so
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Listen to our sermons on *Second
on the Mount*, and our podcast for
children and families, *Child of God
with The Rev. Elizabeth Link!*
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– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers

July 17 - Given to the glory of God in remembrance of the birthday and the life of Alexa Tyree Cannon: Sister, daughter, granddaughter, cousin, niece, friend and beautiful soul by her mom, dad and sisters..... **July 24** - Given to the glory of God by Alison Conte in honor of her parents' anniversary and her husband's birthday..... **July 31** - Given to the glory of God by Pam McPherson in loving memory of her parents, Mildred (Mickey) and Horace (Mac) McPherson, and brother, Timothy (Tim) McPherson..... **August 7** - Given to the glory of God by Jim and Nancy Pickens in honor of their family and in celebration of the congregation, staff and ministers of Second Presbyterian Church.

Open Flower Dates: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Oct. 9, Nov. 20 & 27, and Jan. 2. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Mia Copeland and family on the death of her mother, Ann Brockenbrough, on Friday, August 5, 2022. Our prayers are also with the families of Aaron Copeland and Brooke Rosen, Ann's grandchildren.

Concerns

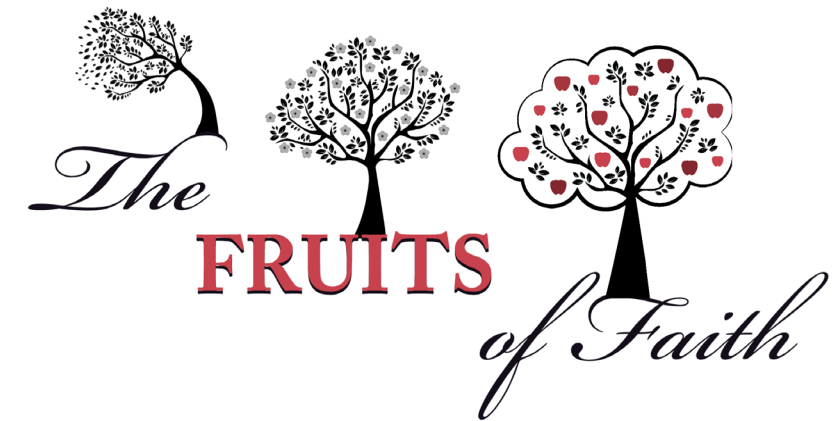
Sonja Crawford, Cheryl Crowell, Christine Harkness, Ruth Harris, Betty Kulp, Gerrie Lamanna, Marianne McDowell, Sara McGhee, Gene Richter, Treva Richter, Carolyn Victorine, Bob Widmeyer, Joshua Ramos Zamora, Hunter Beumer (Carol Worley's son), Dr. Tim Callis, David Tatem (Bob and Carol Widmeyer's son-in-law).

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Phyllis and Randy Norbo on the arrival of their granddaughter, Charlotte McMillen Chuchla, born on Saturday, July 16, 2022 to Kate and Rob Chuchla of Dallas, TX..... Congratulations to Bonnie and Pegram Johnson on the arrival of their grandson, Cannon Louis Uptegraft, born on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 to Greer and Colby Uptegraft of Alexandria, VA.

Baptisms

During the worship service on Sunday, July 17, Oliver Hughes Gray was presented for the Sacrament of Baptism by his parents, Callie and Scott Gray. Nancy Gray, Oliver's grandmother, served as presiding elder..... Amelia Suzanne Dalton stood for the Sacrament of Baptism during the worship service on Sunday, July 31. Mary Evelyn Russell served as presiding elder.



In John 15, we are taught by Jesus with these words: ⁵ *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* ⁶ *If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."* ⁷ *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."* ⁸ *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*

Have you ever stopped to think about what Jesus meant with this analogy? What did he mean when he spoke of "bearing fruit"?

At the end of this passage Jesus says that to God's glory we are to bear much fruit, which will show ourselves to be his disciples. So, as we live out our lives as stewards of Christ we are ultimately displaying the fruit of our faith in God. This "fruit" is described by Paul in Galatians (5:22) as *"love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"*.

Many have experienced a progression in their faith over these past pandemic years, expressed in the moment in which we have been living. This progression has gone from Faithful Resilience—where we were holding firm to what we believed through a time of uncertainty and challenge—to a Faith Refreshed—where we had adapted and survived so well that we were emerging reenergized and revitalized in our faith. As we continue to progress, we envision ourselves in a new position where we are strong, knowledgeable, determined, and even more ready to witness to our faith in the Lord through our **Fruits of Faith!**

With your faith in God still centered in you, what kind of fruit will you nurture? Will it be acts of love or gentleness, or maybe self-control or peace? Further, just how many of these fruits are you willing to bear? You are pruned and ready to sustain an abundance as you show yourselves as Disciples of Christ!

May your faith in the Lord remain with you and may you feel the Lord's Spirit move through you in all that you do.

In peace,

Cindy Waters
Stewardship Committee – Past Chair





RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 11 – BETTER TOGETHER

***“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.” – Matthew 18:20***

We have come to call the first Sunday after Labor Day when we kick off a new church program year “Rally Day.” To rally means to come together again to renew an effort; to join in common cause; to recover and rebound after illness; a mass meeting of people for a purpose. Each of these definitions seems appropriate just now as we begin a new program year of Christian nurture and discipleship.

Just two years ago, Christian education at Second was completely remote. Rally Day was a YouTube premiere, and education took place in living rooms and around breakfast tables, via take-home kits, Zoom screens, and prerecorded videos. We learned that we could try new things and continue learning together even across time and space.

In 2021, hybrid was the theme. Rally Day was outside and distanced, though yummy treats and warm fellowship reminded us of the good old days! We outfitted classrooms to make the in-person and virtual experiences as close as possible. We started the church school year with some classes live and some recorded. As the year progressed, more and more people felt safe to return.

This year, we are excited for a new and special way to kick off the school year together. Join us for a Rally Day breakfast on September 11 in Fellowship Hall. Visit with friends and learn about exciting educational opportunities at Second for all ages. A special preview video will be made available online for anyone who is unable to join us.

Friends, let us give thanks for the gift of being together!

Rally Day Schedule:

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Rally Day Presentation, Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class Orientation, Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Worship; Children, Worship, & Wonder
- 5-6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Intersection
Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall, Playground & Children's Music Suite

Be on the lookout for our 2022-2023 Christian Education Booklet with details about opportunities for education for all ages!

SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS' FELLOWSHIP (4-YEAR-OLDS THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

Last fall, we began Sunday Night Kids' Fellowship as a safe way to gather kids together to play, eat dinner, and make music. It was a soaring success! With that experience in mind, we have shaped our Sunday nights for fall 2022 as the evolution of that great program.

Kids' Fellowship will begin on Sunday, Sept 11 @ 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with a fun and kid-friendly meal. After dinner, the children will divide by age and progress through an engaging evening of recreation and music. The groups will have the opportunity to run and play, experience Bible stories through Story and Stretch, and enjoy the chance to make music through a special weekly music experience. Throughout the fall semester, the music experience will focus on FUN using voices, instruments and movement.

TRENT GETAWAY: AT THE CROSSROADS

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the Trent Getaway such a special retreat for our church family. It was a wonderful weekend of learning, playing, and relaxing together.



SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

Like many of the church's committees, the Green Team took a break in August. In our absence, we hope the following **Spotlight**, which follows up on last month's message to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**, brings a smile to your face and sustains your spirit to practice the 3R's—both at church and at home.

As we look forward to Rally Day 2022 and all the exciting opportunities being offered in Christian ed., worship and music, service and outreach, and stewardship of the church property and grounds, let us not forget that as Christians and Presbyterians, we are called to care for the Earth and all life upon it.

— 2PC Green Team

"Grounded in Scripture, Informed by Science."



Young Enthusiast
(on left)

Keane, Bill.
The Family Circus.

Adult Ed
(on right)

North America Synd.
Dennis the Menace.



BIRTHDAY CARDS TO NATHAN GOFF

Church member Nathan Goff will be turning 100 years old on September 8. Cards are welcome to be mailed to Nathan to honor this milestone; help us wish him a very special and happy birthday! Address: 3038 Dover Drive SW, Roanoke, VA 24018.

PCC TRAIN TUG POSTPONED

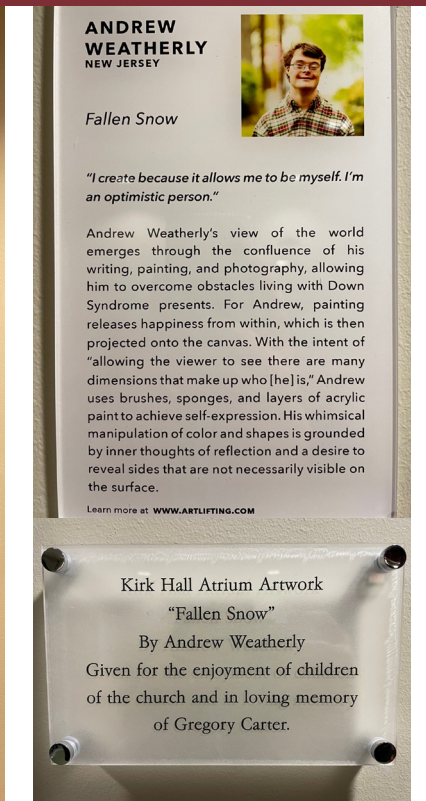
UPDATE: The Big Lick and PCC Train Tug—which was set to return on Saturday, September 24—has now been postponed until 2023. We look forward to the day in which this fun and unique event benefiting the PCC can be safely held again.

GALS GATHERING NOVEMBER 11-12, 2022, "MIDWIVES OF A NEW CREATION"

We are so excited for this year's Gals weekend retreat at Eagle Eyrie! This is a special overnight event for women in our church to grow closer to one another and closer to God through study, conversation, crafts, and shared meals. The theme this year is "Midwives of a New Creation," and our guest speaker will be the Rev. Jen Brothers.

The retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon with crafts and snacks. Dinner is served around 6:00 p.m. with an evening session and music planned for Friday night. On Saturday morning, we enjoy breakfast and a couple sessions in our small groups. We include a worship service with communion, and lunch follows thereafter. The retreat typically ends around 2:00 p.m.

Brochures with more details are available online and at the front office and sanctuary tower racks. Registration and payment is due by Monday, October 3. Learn more at www.spres.org, and register online at www.spres.org/gals-gathering-registration-2022/.



NEW ARTWORK IN KIRK HALL ATRIUM – "FALLEN SNOW" BY ANDREW WEATHERLY

If you have been up to the second floor recently, you may have already noticed the beautiful new artwork and informational plaques hanging on the walls of the Kirk Hall Atrium. The work, given for the enjoyment of children of the church and in loving memory of Gregory Carter, is entitled "Fallen Snow" and painted by Andrew Weatherly of New Jersey. Andrew, who uses painting and other creative outlets to overcome the obstacles living with Down Syndrome presents, shares that painting releases happiness from within, which is then projected onto the canvas. We invite you to enjoy the piece in person the next time you visit the church.

SUMMER PACK A SNACK SUCCESS

The summer Pack a Snack program went exceptionally well this year. The group from Second Presbyterian along with four other area churches packed 800 bags of food for the children who qualified and were participating in the summer school program of Roanoke City Public Schools. Second Presbyterian had a very enthusiastic bunch who made it possible to pack the bags in a quick and efficient manner each Wednesday morning in July. Thank you to our volunteers (pictured on right) and thank you, the congregation, for supporting the Pack a Snack program this summer.



YOUTH

DR BIBLES & BRICKS MISSION TRIP

It was so good to be back in San Juan working with our siblings in Christ through Solid Rock International! This summer, 14 participants (13 first-timers) did so much amazing work at the newly constructed clinic painting and at the Vacation Bible School we helped lead at two different church sites. What makes this trip so special? The language of love and presence spans any barrier! Although it was hard to communicate verbally, our youth had no issue making friends with the local kids of VBS and the surrounding barrios. It was inspiring to watch our youth joyfully and faithfully play, sing, and just be present with those we were interacting with, all the while supporting one another. If you have not had the chance, please read the blog posts on our church website's blog page (www.spres.org/connect/blog/). Our youth led morning and evening worship at the guesthouse, grew close with one another, and witnessed the love and joy of God in service! En el nombre de Jesus! Amen!



MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

We had an amazing time at the “More Than Enough” Montreat Youth Conference this year! We recognized that without God we are not enough; we received God’s love that makes us more enough; we relied on God’s abundance that gives us more than enough; we resisted evil in the world by God’s power and we can do more than enough; we realized that, filled with God’s Spirit, together we are more than enough. A huge thank you goes to Chasity Fitzpatrick, Jim Baynton, and Ben Brannan for leading our group of 18 youth throughout the week.

Remember: God made you who you are, and you are more than enough!



SATURDAY OF SERVICE

This summer we continued our “Saturdays of Service.” We enjoyed two service days as the youth spent a full day working in the entry walkway and courtyard of Family Service of Roanoke Valley. Our youth worked so hard, and the before and after is remarkable! We also got dirty when we cleaned up and organized the Intersection for the new program year! Before we got to work each Saturday, we gathered for worship and reflection, to center ourselves and focus on the One who has called us into a life of service. Thanks be to God!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Rally Day Cookout and Kick-off Meeting: Sunday, September 11 (5:00-6:30 p.m.)**
 Youth, parents, guardians and families are invited to join us as we kick-off the new year with a cookout and game at the Intersection! There will be food, games, and a brief informational meeting for parents. Come join in on the fun!
- Youth Group begins Sunday, September 18 (5:00-6:30 p.m.)**
 Youth are invited to join us at the Intersection for our first regular youth group of the year!
- All-Youth Retreat: October 1-2**
 The All-Youth Retreat will be held at a new location this year! We will enjoy the beauty of God’s creation at Craig Springs Camp & Retreat Center right outside of New Castle. There will be games, team building, spiritual growth, and plenty of chill time to hang out with friends and build relationships! This is a highlight for our youth and a great way to begin our new program year. I encourage you to make this weekend a priority for your youth this fall. Sign-ups are available at the bottom of the Youth page of our website.
- Midweek Manna**
 Midweek Manna, a biweekly gathering of high school girls, begins this month! Every other Wednesday during the school year, this group meets for dinner, crafts, games, and conversation. This has been a meaningful experience for many of our high school girls, and we would love for you to join us! We are always adding new members to the group, so if your daughter has never participated before, this would be a great time to get involved. Manna begins Wednesday, September 21 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This group is led by Valerie Brannan and Rebekah Gunn. Please reach out to Ben with any questions or to be added to the communication list.
- Midweek Man-Night**
 Now it is the boys’ turn. With the success of Manna, we thought it would be great to do the same for our boys. Midweek Man-Night is a biweekly gathering of middle and high school boys. These gatherings will rotate between outdoor activities and dinner. We have a strong group of young men in our youth group, and this provides opportunities to grow closer together and share experiences with one another. Please reach out to Ben if interested.

YOUNG ADULTS

We have seen many familiar faces and many new faces at our Young Adult gatherings over the summer. We will kick off the year with a gathering in late September, and then we will begin to meet twice a month starting in October at various locations. Please reach out to Ben if interested and to join the email and text list (benb@spres.org)!

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Worship and Music Fund

In memory of **Marilyn Williams** by
Thomas and Peggy Strong
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Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or email: admin@spres.org. This list includes donations received between July 1-31, 2022.

**We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in this list. Please contact the Church Administrator, 540-343-3659, to help us get it corrected.*

REWARDS PROGRAMS: MAKING IT EASIER THAN EVER BEFORE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH

AMAZONSMILE: The AmazonSmile program allows you to shop on Amazon all while helping support charitable organizations like Second Presbyterian as you shop. With Second Presbyterian Church selected as your charity of choice, the AmazonSmile foundation will donate the equivalent of 0.5% of your purchase price when you check out on smile.amazon.com.

Registering is easy. Visit our website at www.spres.org/give/amazonsmile/ and click the Amazon button where you will designate Second Presbyterian Church (Roanoke, VA) as your charity. Click “start shopping” and you will be prompted to sign in. Once you complete your order, Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to Second Presbyterian with no fees, and no extra cost. Future shopping can be initiated by going straight to smile.amazon.com and logging in. This will be your new way to access Amazon shopping in order for Second Presbyterian to be supported. So remember to always log on to smile.amazon.com or bookmark the site on your browser.

KROGER REWARDS: Second Presbyterian is pleased to be a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program, which provides hope and help to local communities, schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations. By participating, you can earn money for our church each time you swipe your Plus card. If you would like to make Second Presbyterian Church the organization to which you link your Kroger account, visit www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards, sign in or create a digital account, and link your Plus card by searching for “Second Presbyterian Church” or use our NPO account number: JC314, to enroll.

We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and thank all those who are already participating!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:15pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Zoom	2	3
4 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream	5 Church Office Closed, Labor Day	6 9:30am Staff Meeting	7 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Hybrid	8 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:00pm Property Committee, Hybrid	9 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Hybrid	10
11 Rally Day 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00 PM Kid's Fellowship 5:00 PM Youth Group	12 3:30pm Youth Mental Health Check-In, Intersection 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library	13 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 6:00pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom	14 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Second Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee, Hybrid	15 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	16	17
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September School Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies for Highland Park Elementary school for the month of September. Please place your donations in the box in the coat closet by Kirk Hall. Suggested supplies include:

#2 pencils, glue sticks, Expo dry erase markers, 24-count Crayola crayons, student scissors, packs of sharpened colored pencils, highlighters, zippered pencil pouches, colored markers, Clorox wipes, gallon & quart sized Ziploc bags, boxes of tissues, different colored folders, pocket folders with brads, and cans of coffee for the teacher workroom.

