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# Pastor's Notes - George C. Anderson

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## **VOCATIONAL NEWS**

I have three pieces of vocational news to share concerning ministers with whom our congregation has a close connection.

First, Rev. Jen Brothers accepted a call to serve the Presbytery of the Peaks as a Church Leadership Ministry Specialist. She will work as a consultant with pastors and congregations within the presbytery as they seek strength, renewal, and possibly reconstruction. The presbytery recognized Jen's background as a counselor, as one who taught in the Batten Leadership Institute at Hollins University, and her gifts for ministry as demonstrated by her stellar seminary work and her effective work in the church. Much of that work was on display at Second Presbyterian Church where she served as both an Intern (when ministry was "normal") and as an Interim Minister (when ministry was abnormal during a pandemic). We congratulate Jen for this exciting call and are happy that Jen and Carter will remain in the area.

Second, Rev. Jennifer Powell has accepted a call to serve as a solo pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, a small but active church. She is excited to serve a church that is inclusive, places a strong emphasis on teaching and is intentional in making community connections. She will begin this ministry in mid-January and Bob will join her later when he wraps up some things at his work. Jennifer tells us that Mount Sterling is a very small town in a beautiful area about 40 minutes east of Lexington ("horse country").



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The church occasionally uses photos of people and groups on the website and in publications.

Those objecting to the use of their photos (or photos of their minor children) should so inform the church.

Enjoy listening to podcasts?
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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In accepting this call, Jennifer is leaving a tenured faculty position at Radford University. Earlier this year, she left her part-time position at Covenant Presbyterian Church here in Roanoke where she made a dramatic difference. She was loved and celebrated in both positions. We can understand because of all the work Jennifer has done at Second Presbyterian as a member and as an intern. We congratulate Jennifer on this call and we know how blessed a small church in Kentucky will be.

Third, Rev. Stephen Emick began his ordained ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in 1990 as an Associate Pastor. Youth was Stephen's primary focus. He was quite effective. The youth program flourished, and he was well loved by the congregation. In 1995, Stephen accepted a call to serve as Pastor for Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown. He remained closely connected to Second maintaining his friendships and even calling me periodically so as to maintain a friendship with the Senior Minister of the church he once served. He was highly effective in Allentown as evidenced by the fact that he has remained there as pastor for 28 years with three Senior Ministers. He is now the church's Co-Head of Staff. In fact, he has been so effective, he will remain at the church till his retirement with January 31 being his last day.

That's right, his retirement! I can almost hear some of you long-time members gasping because you still remember him as the young Associate Pastor spending so much time with youth. We congratulate Stephen on his long and faithful ministry and pray that he and Barbara will find many ways to flourish and possibly still serve in retirement.

#### **Two GIFTS**

You already know of the two special gifts the church received if you read about them in my recent Pastor's Letter. The first is a **Gift of Affirmation**. The church received shares of stock worth over \$10,000 from an anonymous donor couple. The church was instructed to sell the stock and place the money in the Youth Mission Fund that is managed by the Second Fund. An explanation was then given for the gift. It was given "in honor of all those youth, adults and ministers who have served Christ in their humble service and friendship to others."

On behalf of all those youth, adults and ministers, I want to thank the donors not only for their generosity but also for their affirmation of the commitment and dedication of so many who are seeking to serve Christ through the church. This gift will help keep potentially life-transforming mission trips affordable for young people.

The second is a **Gift of Mission Partnership**. Due to a shocking rise in costs of materials, renovating Alexa House (formerly called the Alpha Omega House) will be more expensive than anticipated and will exceed the amount raised during the Mission Build Campaign. A few Sundays ago, Rev. Eric Long made an appeal to the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church. He explained that a gap of \$160,000 needed to be covered. He spoke to the strong relationship of our two congregations. He told his congregation that this house was needed by St. John's as well as Second Presbyterian because St. John's will host families there when it will be their weeks to do so.

The good folks of St. John's responded. This week, we have learned that almost \$58,000 has been given by St. John's members to help in renovating the house. Their generosity in support of this shared ministry is a wonderful witness to the close relationship our two congregations have always had. Many of you have friends and family members at St. John's. Let them know how much we at Second Presbyterian appreciate their generous support of the renovation of the Alexa House.

#### **NEW MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC**

Rising food prices and lingering Covid effects continue to increase food insecurity in the Roanoke Valley. We've heard reports from the Presbyterian Community Center that their food pantry shelves are often bare due to the increased demand for items.

To help the center keep their shelves stocked throughout the year, Second Presbyterian will begin collecting a monthly food item for the PCC. The food item of the month will be listed in the Pastor's email and bulletin each week. As you do your grocery shopping, consider purchasing some of these extra items for the PCC then drop them off at church in the coat closet.

Additionally, a common need no matter the month, is food packaged in easy open containers. The Presbyterian Community Center is seeing an increase in homeless individuals visiting the food pantry. Without a home to prepare meals, these individuals need easy open, ready to eat foods such as containers with pop top lids or Pop Tarts.

The Youth will still run their yearly Hunger Busters campaign in November, but these monthly collections will help to keep the PCC stocked throughout the year.

The food item for the month of January is canned meats. Donations can be left in the coat closet.

#### **FAMILY PROMISE**

The 2023 Family Promise Schedule has been set. Second Presbyterian (along with our friends at Beth Israel) will be hosting the following dates:

Jan 22 – 29 May 14 – 21 July 23 – 30 Sept 3 – 10 October 1 – 8

Typically we are responsible for dinner (in the current model) and groceries on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sundays. Until the Alexa House is finished, we will be taking meals either to FP day shelter in Salem, or the family's duplex off Orange Avenue. Stay tuned – as COVID continues to impact us all, the way we serve may continue to change throughout the year.

Thank you for your time and care, Lucinda and Lauren

# - News & Notes -

#### **Flowers**

November 13 - Given to the glory of God by John and Lisa Stanley in loving memory of Jack Stanley and Pat and George Vaughan........... November 20 - Given to the glory of God by Robert and Carol White in loving memory of their parents and Robert's brother, William B. (Billy) White............ November 27 - Given to the glory of God by Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt in honor of the centennial of Mary Hawks Steinhardt's birth on November 26, 1922............ December 4 - Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Judge Beverly T. Fitzpatrick by Helen Fitzpatrick............. December 11 - Given to the glory of God by Mia Copeland in memory of her parents, Ann Atway Brockenbrough and Mahmud Atway, and parents-in-law, Maxine and Eugene Copeland.

Open Flower Dates: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: January 29, February 5 and 12, April 16 and 30, May 7, 14, and 21. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

# Sympathy

Sympathy is extend to Marilyn Arbogast on the death of her husband, John Kent Arbogast, on Monday, November 7, 2022. Our prayers are also with their sons and families, Brian, Nicole and Maria Arbogast, and Scott, Erin and Elijah Arbogast...... Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Gene Royal Richter who passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2022...... Sympathy is extended to Bill and Becky Russell on the death of Bill's brother, Robert A. Russell of Bethesda, MD, on Saturday, November 26, 2022. Our prayers are also with Mary Evelyn Russell, Robert's niece...... Our prayers and sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Samuel "Sam" Gordon Bickford, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2022...... Our prayers and sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of Joann Manley, of Richmond, VA, who passed away on Saturday, December 11, 2022...... Sympathy is extended to Ron and Jodi Ayers, on the death of his sister Carolyn Victorine, who passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2022.

#### Concerns

Boo Miller, Bob Widmeyer, and Roger Tims (Stuart Tims' father).

Congregational Care Congregational Care

#### SECOND WELCOMES THE GREEN FAMILY



Please join me in extending a belated, but no less jubilant, welcome to Barry and Ann Green!

Barry and Ann come to us from Bonsack Baptist Church, and visited with us for quite some time before joining on September 11, 2022. You have probably seen them participating in a variety of ministries and events

already – from The River and choir to flower delivery and classes, the Greens have jumped right into the life of our church.

Barry was born and raised in North Carolina (Fuquay Varina, Garner, and Hickory). He earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Gardner Webb University and his Master of Church Music from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He then began a 40-year church music career that took him from North Carolina to the Philippines and then to Louisiana and Kentucky before finally landing in Virginia and then settling in at Bonsack Baptist, where he served as the Minister of Music for 21 years.

In his retirement, Barry has abundant hobbies and interests! He enjoys directing choirs, singing, and playing the guitar (shocking!), as well as reading, cooking, working in the yard, and cultivating relationships with the critters that mosey up onto his deck in the mornings. For those of you keeping tabs, Barry is a Tarheels basketball fan.

Ann is a native Delawarian who attended University of Virginia, where she earned her Bachelor's in Economics followed by her Juris Doctor. Ann is an attorney practicing elder law, estate planning, and special needs planning.

She loves to travel and read, and she is currently taking up pickleball. She does not mention allegiance to any particular sports teams. Barry and Ann have been married for 33 years and have two children, Josh (30), who lives in San Francisco, and Meredith (28), who lives in Raleigh.

The Greens have expressed much appreciation for the Second Presbyterian community and gratitude for finding a home with us.

Barry and Ann, we are grateful for you, too.

#### **SECOND WELCOMES KYLE GLOSSICK**

Please join me in welcoming Kyle Glossick, who joined our church by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Florida, on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

I have to tell you that I swooped in on Kyle and her adorable granddaughter, Jazzy, after worship the Sunday before Vacation Bible School, and insisted they sign up on the spot. They had moved to Virginia within the week, and this was their very first visit to our church, so thankfully, they were good sports!

Kyle grew up in the Midwest—specifically Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, and Wisconsin—before heading south to Louisiana and then Florida, where she lived for 29 years. After Kyle's husband passed away, she, her daughter, and grandchildren relocated to Roanoke.

She has retired from a career in law enforcement, during which time she served as a Supervised Release Officer and then, in retirement, as a School Crossing-Guard Coordinator.

In her spare time, Kyle enjoys walking, spending time

with her grandchildren, and reading.

Welcome to Second Presbyterian, Kyle and Jazzy!

Submitted by Christal Pearson.



#### **GALS GATHERING 2022**

Refreshed, renewed, rejuvenated - all words that were used by attendees of our recent GALS gathering to describe their mindset as we packed up to depart the beautiful setting of Eagle Eyrie. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, it was clear that the opportunity for fellowship and faith was long overdue. Amidst a weekend of crafts, table side Communion and a beautiful candlelight service, 32 GALS enjoyed lots of laughter, a few tears, and the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and enjoy new ones.



The Rev. Jen Brothers led us in an informative and compelling program focused on the midwives Shiprah and Puah, with the goal of showing

how God works through us and with us for deliverance, and to converse about the work God might be calling us to today. During her presentation, Jen challenged us to "figure out what we hope for", determine what gets in our way, and work through those stumbling blocks so that we might better learn to "shine" and "live in the light". She even gave us the opportunity to get a little salty!

Special thanks to Chasity Fitzpatrick for coordinating the 19th Annual GALS Gathering and Robin Hobbs for working her hospitality magic to set the perfect stage. Thanks to several volunteers who assisted with music, snacks, crafts, registration, and logistics. If you'd like to be a part of the 2023 GALS planning team, contact Chasity Fitzpatrick at iamblessed3@cox.net or (540) 525-6569.

## **LEGACY CORNER**

As the new year is upon us, we remember that the income from Second Presbyterian's various endowments will be used to fund numerous projects for the benefit of our church and our community.

There is a story behind each of the church's endowments. One of those stories is the story of Lil Brown. She was a long-time member of the church and was concerned about mental health issues in the community, especially when they intersect with poverty. She was aware of the problems faced by victims of mental health issues and the harm it can cause their families and the community. She was also aware of the lack of facilities to deal with these problems.

As a part of her estate plan, she designated funds from her IRA account to pass to the church at her death. The funds established the Lil Brown Benevolence Fund, which is managed by the Second Fund. Each year the Service and Outreach Committee previews grant applications and makes recommendations for awards with final approval by the Session. The church's endowments do not hoard their funds and each year income from the Lil Brown Benevolence Fund is used to address community mental health and poverty issues.

In 2022, funds were used to help with projects at the Bradley Free Clinic, Highland Park Elementary School, Family Service of Roanoke Valley, and Total Action for Progress (TAP). Over the years, the Bradley Free Clinic has been a major recipient of funds from the endowment and the counseling room at the clinic is named in her honor.

By giving funds from her IRA, Lil saved her heirs income taxes. Generally, retirement funds that are inherited by someone other than the deceased person's spouse are subject to income taxes no matter the size of the deceased person's estate. This does not apply to funds given to a charity. By giving a gift from a tax-exempt retirement account, the donor reduces the amount of assets received by the heirs that are subject to income taxes. Of course, such funds must be monitored to make sure mandatory distributions from the account do not take the account lower than the amount of the desired gift. Lil Brown had a sincere Christian compassion for those less fortunate. Through her gift, those in need will be aided for years to come.

- Article submitted by the Legacy Work Group.

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## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST - JANUARY 8**

Say "Thanks!" to a Sunday School Teacher and "Welcome!" to 2022's New Members

On Sunday, January 8, members and visitors of all ages are invited to attend a special pancake breakfast during the Sunday school hour in Fellowship Hall. This breakfast is sponsored in partnership by the Christian Education Committee and the Congregational Life Committee. Let us take time to share a meal together, get to know recent members and confirmands from the 2022 year, and give thanks to those Sunday school teachers who work tirelessly all year long. Regularly scheduled Sunday school classes will not meet on Jan 8.

There will be plenty of hot pancakes, bacon, and other breakfast goodies. Make this Sunday an opportunity to join in fellowship and to recommit to the 2022-2023 Sunday school year!

# POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 5



Join adult child of the church, Jennifer Hollingsworth Austin, in Fellowship Hall for a meaningful Pop-Up Sunday school presentation on her work of compassion in the field of education for inmates in our prison system. Jennifer is a Roanoke native who attended Hollins University for both undergraduate

and graduate work. She taught at the Community School Middle School for twenty years before leaving to work at Roanoke City Detention Center. While at Community School she specialized in history and English but taught a variety of other subjects including Latin, Spanish, forensics, ethics, wilderness survival and martial arts. She is the daughter of Julianne and Hayden Hollingsworth, and has a marvelous husband of 31 years and two sons in college.

#### KAIROS: LENT 2023

There is an ancient Greek word for finding or making space in our lives. It is a word that means "the right or opportune moment." This word, kairos, has been used over the centuries to describe time for spiritual reflection, and even, to put it simply, "God's time." We will offer several Kairos opportunities for prayer and worship this Lenten season. We hope this time may be a space for you to pause and connect to something deeper.

We will hold Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services in person at the church, and midweek Kairos video reflections via our church YouTube channel and Facebook page in the weeks between:

**February 22, 7:30-9:30 a.m.:** "Ashes and Prayer To-Go" in the parking lot

**February 22, 6 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall

March 1-29: Weekly Kairos Reflections via YouTube and Facebook

April 6, 6 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

# SUNDAY MORNINGS IN LENT: THEOLOGY OF TOLKIEN

Come learn what hobbits, elves, wizards, and rings from Tolkien's great stories can teach us about the season of Lent. Back by popular demand, Carter Brothers on Sunday mornings will lead a six-part, multi-media class on the Christian truths embedded in the soil of Middle-earth (now updated with Rings of Power references for those watching on Prime). Whether you are new to Tolkien or consider yourself an old friend, add your voice to our discussion of why Lent is a great time to talk Tolkien. Here's a hint: If you don't know eucatastrophe (one of the many words Tolkien created), our journey through Lent (like Frodo's to Mount Doom) ends in a eucatastrophe! You cannot pass...up this opportunity!

#### SAVE-THE-DATE: TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT

Join us August 18-20 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! Registration begins early this spring — you won't want to miss this opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS FELLOWSHIP

Kids' Fellowship (**4-year-olds through 5th grade**) will begin again on January 22 @ 5 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 spring semester, the music experience will focus on FUN using voices, instruments and movement.

There will be opportunities for the children to share their gifts in worship, singing on Palm Sunday (Apr 2), and on a Sunday this May.

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone recreation and provide dinner. Contact Elizabeth Link (elizabeth@spres.org) if you are interested in helping one Sunday soon.







# **SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JANUARY**

**Jan 1** Though early worship and Sunday school will not take place on New Year's Day, the nursery will still be available for infants through 3 year olds, and CWW will meet for children 4 years old through first grade during the 11am service.

**Jan 8** The nursery will be available during its regular Sunday morning hours (8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.), and CWW will meet during the 11 a.m. service.

Jan 15 Sunday school for all ages will resume at 9:45 a.m.

## **New Children's Ministry Coordinator:**



We are delighted to share the news that church member and long-time children's Sunday school volunteer, Maria Blackshaw, has accepted the role of Children's Ministry Coordinator. She will work in partnership with Elizabeth Link and the Christian Education Committee to continue to provide a biblically grounded, theologically rich and creative children's ministry program.

Maria is a mother of four, Lily, Gemma, Isabel, and Elinor. She is an elder and currently serves in volunteer roles as the North Cross School Parents' Association President and Second's River Sunday School Coordinator. She holds degrees from Emory University, UNC Chapel Hill, and the University of Texas.

Her background is in library science and art history, and her gifts for creative work and volunteer coordination abound. Maria's role will be part-time, and she plans to begin in mid-January. We are excited to have her on the church staff and hope you will join us in welcoming her to this new role.

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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS JANUARY 8, 2023

Throughout the Fall Semester, our Confirmation class has been hard at work learning, growing, discussing, and on December 14, the Confirmands presented their Creative Faith Projects to the Session for examination. • Jan. 21 That night we heard and saw creative expressions of faith as the confirmands related their faith to many different experiences inside and outside of the church. It was a powerful and faith-filled night! We are pleased to present them to you during the 11:00 worship service on Confirmation Sunday, which is January 8. We encourage you to be present as we welcome them into full adult church membership! Your Confirmation Class of 2023: Vincent Croteau, Lucy Paige Ellett, Lawson Fralin, Kathryn Hancock, Luke King, Max Mizuba, Gracie Munro, Brownie Polly, Meghan Prillaman, Drew Underwood, Nathan Wainwright, Carson Waters, Kylie Young, Maggie Young. We are also grateful for this year's teachers— Ken Lyons, Lauren Ellerman, John Johnson—and we are thankful for our confirmation mentors as well. Please join us in welcoming the Confirmation Class of 2023 on January 8!

#### MIDWEEK MAN-NIGHT & MANNA

We are so grateful to the Fall hosts for Man-Night and Manna. These gatherings provide a space for connection and conversation, fun and fellowship, and each night is so important and meaningful for our young men and women. If you would like to host a Man-Night (second Tuesday of the month) or Manna (every other Wednesday), or sponsor a night out, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org) for the schedule and signup.



#### **IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES:**

Jan. 8 Confirmation Sunday

• Jan. 15 Youth Group and Youth Sunday

Prep Begins

**Jan. 21** Youth Ski Trip (No Youth

Group)

• Jan. 28 Youth Sunday Rehearsal

• Feb. 5 Youth Sunday

• Feb. 10 & 11 High School Faith and Human

Sexuality Retreat

# 2PC YOUTH SKI TRIP TO WINTERPLACE RESORT

On January 21, our youth will head to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia for a one-day ski trip! Registration is still open! You can find the form at the bottom of our Youth Page (or click here). Registration and payment are due by January 11. Please reach to Ben (benb@spres.org) with any questions.

# HIGH SCHOOL FAITH & HUMAN SEXUALITY RETREAT

Parents/guardians, educators and religious communities all face the challenge of creating environments that support and nurture sexual health. Young people need human sexuality education programs that model and teach caring, compassion, respect, and justice. Such programs should be holistic, moving beyond the intellect to address attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world. With this in mind, we are excited to join with Raleigh Court PC to offer this overnight retreat for all 10th, 11th, and 12th students. Led by a trained facilitator, this retreat has the proactive goal of helping youth become sexually healthy people who feel good about themselves and their bodies, remain healthy, and build positive, equitable loving relationships. Registration is open and the cost is free. Please reach to Ben (benb@spres.org) with any questions.

# YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults had a great fall of gatherings, devotions, and night-outs! We have had great laughs, great food, and the best time getting to know each other on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining this group, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org) or sign up for text alerts (text "@2PCYA" to 81010). If you are interested in hosting our Young Adult group at your home, please contact Ben.

#### SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

#### **2PC Green Team Marks One Year**

The 2PC Green Team marks one year since its inaugural meeting in January 2022. We have accomplished a great deal in the past year as we begin to implement the church sustainability plan adopted in May 2021.

Accomplishments include but are not limited to...

- Introducing ourselves to the congregation and extending an invitation to join the Green Team in the December 2021 Second Sheet and follow up Minute for Mission at Sunday morning worship;
- Meeting monthly to ponder, pray, and plan...and record meeting minutes;
- Writing the Sustainability Spotlight column each month in the Second Sheet;
- Meeting with solar contractors at church to assess the feasibility of installing rooftop solar;
- Preparing a recycling study assessing the current situation and offering recommendations;
- Undertaking an energy audit of the main church building;
- Attending the Presbytery of the Peaks first ever Earth Care Summit;
- Joining the Presbytery of the Peaks Earth Care Workgroup;
- Exploring certification as an Earth Care Congregation through the PC USA;
- Calculating the church's carbon emissions for 2019-2021 and taking step so reduce future emissions;
- Establishing an official Sustainability Committee Charter as required by the Session;
- Partnering with the Youth Group for lunch, fellowship, and church-neighborhood Earth Day cleanup;

# .....AND WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED!

Our signature "Grounded by Scripture, Informed by Science" reflects our deep and abiding belief in caring for God's creation: the earth, its plants and animals, and each other. Consider joining us in 2023 as we continue "Finding direction by following Jesus." Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) in the church office if interested.



2PC Green Team"Grounded in Scripture, Informed by Science."

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

-from Genesis 1:1 and 1:31

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2022 -

Mountain Avenue Fund
In memory of John Arbogast by
George and Millie Anderson
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In memory of Treva Richter by
Emily and Brooke Mallory

## Worship and Music Fund

In memory of **John Arbogast** by
Jeff and Marianne Sandborg
In memory of **Marshall Mundy** by
Jeff and Marianne Sandborg



Solid Rock International Fund
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Open Door Sunday School Class

Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or <a href="mailto:admin@spres.org">admin@spres.org</a>. This list includes donations received between November 1-30, 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.

#### **AMAZONSMILE REWARDS**

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. Thanks to all those taking advantage of this program! Registering is easy: learn how at www.spres.org/give/amazonsmile/.

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#### **COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES**

In alignment with Second Presbyterian Church's Sustainability Plan adopted by the Session in 2021, the church would like to know your preferred channel of communication. We will continue to send members certain documents through email and/or print, but there are optional ways by which to receive regular communication on the events, activities, and day-to-day life of the church. If you prefer to access your announcements digitally, please let us know and we will cease mailing hard copies when suitable. If you find it easier to receive a hard copy of announcements and enjoy communication via mail, we would be happy to continue sending paper copies. Our faith urges us to be good stewards of God's creation and to use our resources responsibly.

If you have not updated your preferences, please complete the brief survey found at https://www.spres.org/communication-preferences/.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Years 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream		3 9:30am Staff Meeting	4 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Hybrid	5 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:15pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid	6	7
8 Confirmation Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am CE Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream	and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom	Meeting 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting,	Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee,		13 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room	14
15 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Youth Group	Holiday	Meeting 5:15pm Executive	18 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Session Room and Zoom 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Finance Committee, Hybrid	19 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	20	21 6:30am-6:30pm Youth Ski Trip
22 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream	23 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:45pm Scouts, Fellowship Hall	STEAM Night	25 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Session Meeting, Hybrid	26 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	27 28  We would like to thank the following children who collected the <b>Two Cents-a-Meal</b> offering on Sunday, Nov. 27. Early service: Lucy Paige and Katherine	
29 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Youth Group	6:30pm Al Anon &	31 9:30am Staff Meeting	Calendar Information as of Dec. 13, 2022.		Ellett (parent	es Russ and tate service: parents Chris . If you would tith Two Cents se email Stacy

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Sunday, January 8 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Enjoy this time of fellowship and food as we celebrate our recent members and confirmands and give thanks for our amazing church school volunteers!



