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Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

By the time you read this, our family will have gathered with friends in Montreat to celebrate my parents' 100th birthday. We celebrated a week early for Eade and a year early for my mom—but the timing hardly mattered. What we celebrated most were not just long lives, but lives well lived.

They may also be living examples of what Susan Pinker describes in a 2017 TED Talk on longevity. Pinker reports on research from so-called "Blue Zones"—places like Sardinia, Okinawa, and Ikaria—where a remarkable number of people live well into their 90s. Surprisingly, the usual suspects we associate with long life—healthy diets, regular exercise, even advanced healthcare—do not top the list (https://www.ted.com/talks/susan_pinker_the_secret_to_living_longer_may_be_your_social_life).

What does?

Multi-generational living. Frequent, face-to-face social interaction. Shared rituals and a strong sense of belonging.

Pinker notes that while social media connection is better than nothing, what matters most is embodied relationship—eye contact, touch, tone of voice, shared laughter and memory. These kinds of connections reduce stress,



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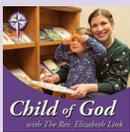
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strengthen immune systems, support brain health, and help people recover more quickly from illness. The takeaway is simple: longevity is less about self-discipline and more about social connection. We are wired to thrive through belonging.

My parents have always been deeply embedded in community, especially in the life of the church. They have shown up—for family and friends, for service and projects, for worship and its rhythms. They have also been intentional about relationships across generations, so even as they have outlived siblings, classmates, and longtime friends, they continue to find joy, purpose, and connection.

Pinker's research—and my parents' example—make a compelling case for active participation in a healthy congregation. Intergenerational community, embodied worship, mutual care, and shared life are not only spiritually formative; they are physically life-sustaining.

So if you're considering a New Year's resolution, this pastor offers one simple suggestion: lean more fully into the life and witness of the church.

Your faith—and perhaps even your health—may thank you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation of worship services or events will be communicated through the following channels:



1. *The homepage of our website*
2. *Our official church social media accounts*
3. *The list of local closings on WDBJ-7 and WSLs-10*

We encourage all members to monitor these sources for updates to ensure safety during adverse weather conditions.

— LEST WE NOT FORGET OUR HERITAGE AND OUR HISTORY —

As we welcome in the hope and promise of a new year, we're lifted up by our steadfast faith in a loving and gracious God. While looking to the future, we remember the past and the blessing that is Second Presbyterian Church—a blessing inherited from those who came before; a blessing entrusted to us for those who come after; a blessing that sustains our past, present, and future.



When was the last time you paused to look at the artifacts and memorabilia displayed in Heritage Hall pictured above? Easily overlooked and often taken for granted, Heritage Hall was established in 2017 **“to preserve and tell the story of the history of the church.”** It leaves one filled with wonder and gratitude.

This year is also the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Twelve of the 56 signers were Presbyterians. And John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister, theologian, and president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), was the only ordained clergyman to sign the document. Its most famous passage, **“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”**, implies **“We the People”** are all God’s children.

Presbyterians played a significant role in the ideological push for independence. Covenantal government: The idea that rulers are accountable to the people and to God; Resistance to tyranny: Rooted in Reformation-era teachings, especially from John Knox; and Moral agency: Individuals were seen as responsible for upholding justice and resisting oppression. These principles aligned closely with revolutionary ideals of self-governance and natural rights.¹

As people of faith, we cherish the gifts entrusted to us—our church, our shared civic life, and the planet we call home. Just as we preserve the story of Second Presbyterian for those who will come after us, and just as generations have tended our constitutional ideals so they might endure, we are also called to care for God’s creation with the same sense of responsibility and hope. The choices we make today—large and small—become an inheritance for future generations. May we continue to honor that sacred trust through faithful stewardship of our church, our country, and the earth.



GREEN TEAM

Grounded by Scripture, Informed by Science.

¹ Paragraph paraphrased from research using ChatGPT.

SUNDAY MORNING DETAILS

January 4: 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 11:00 a.m. service.

January 11: Sunday school for all ages will resume at 9:45 a.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST JAN. 4

Say “Thanks!” to a Sunday School Teacher and “Welcome!” to 2025’s New Members

On Sunday, January 4, 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 2025 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 4. Sunday school will resume on January 11.



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 2025-2026 Sunday school year!

THEOLOGY ON TAP | JAN. 6 @ STARR HILL

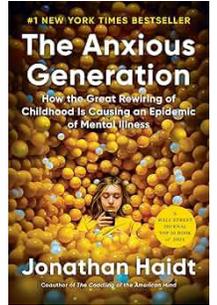
BREWING, 6-7 P.M.

Men of the church are invited to join us for another great night of Theology on Tap on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Starr Hill Brewing from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES: THE ANXIOUS GENERATION (8-WEEK STUDY) | BEGINS JAN. 18

Join Ben Brannan and Elizabeth Link for an 8-week parenting class based on Jonathan Haidt’s acclaimed book *The Anxious Generation*, exploring how faith can guide us in raising resilient, grounded children in today’s digital world. Together we’ll share wisdom, encouragement, and practical tools for nurturing courage and connection in our families. The series will begin on January 18, 2026 during the Sunday School hour. We will meet downstairs in the Klein Classroom.

**Please purchase a copy of the book from your favorite bookseller.*



SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS’ FELLOWSHIP | RESUMES

JAN. 25

(4-year-olds through 5th grade | 5:00–6:30 p.m.)

Kids’ Fellowship will begin again on January 25 @ 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 music and art or recreation. 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 (March 29) and on a Sunday this May.

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone recreation and provide dinner. Contact Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Alison Conte (contefam@cox.net) if you are interested in helping one Sunday soon.

KAIROS: LENT 2026

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:

- **Feb. 18 | 7:30–9:30 a.m.:** “Ashes and Prayer To-Go” in the parking lot
- **Feb. 18 | 6:00 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall
- **Feb. 25 – April 1:** Weekly Kairos Reflections via YouTube and Facebook
- **April 2 | 6:00 p.m.:** Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

— SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER 2026 —

We know you're already planning your summer vacation, so be sure to plan ahead and make room in your calendar for what's happening at Second Pres. You won't want to miss these summer opportunities for education and fellowship!

EVENING VBS | June 7–10 (Sun.–Wed.) | “PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD IN DAILY LIFE”

- We're excited to kick off the summer with our Evening Vacation Bible School, beginning **Sunday evening, June 7**, with a shared dinner and opening program. Adults are invited to join a special study led by mission co-worker **Dr. John McCall**, who will guide us in diving deeper into Scripture and growing together in faith.
- Meanwhile, children (Pre-K through 5th grade) will enjoy a **theatre-themed VBS experience**, full of creativity, storytelling, and faith-filled fun! Childcare will also be available for our youngest participants. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a church family, side by side across generations.
- **Adult Evening Study Theme: *Paying Attention to God in Daily Life***
- Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of growing in His love. As we learn to love God and our neighbor, the pace and pressures of daily life can easily distract us from spiritual growth. Yet God continually invites us to notice His presence. During our evenings together, we'll explore practical and meaningful ways to cultivate an attentive, God-centered life in the midst of everyday routines.
- **Scripture & Session Themes:**
 - *Sunday Evening: Paying Attention to God Through Prayer — Matthew 6:5–13*
 - *Monday Evening: Paying Attention to God Through the Bible — Revelation 10:9–10*
 - *Tuesday Evening: Paying Attention to God in Community — Acts 2:42–47; John 13:34–35*
 - *Wednesday Evening: Paying Attention to God as We Serve — Matthew 20:25–28*



About Our Speaker: Dr. John McCall has served as a mission co-worker in Taiwan for 29 years, teaching Preaching, Spiritual Theology, and Pastoral Ministry at the three Presbyterian seminaries in Taiwan and in China. He has also pastored three churches in the United States. John's ministry, both in Asia and in the US, focuses on helping people cultivate a vibrant, world-blessing faith.



MORNING VBS: JOSEPH'S JOURNEY | July 20–23 (Mon.–Th.), 8:30 a.m.–12 noon

- This year's Morning Vacation Bible School (Pre-K–5th grade) will explore the inspiring story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. Together, children will discover how God was always with Joseph (like God is always with us) through challenges, change, and moments of great need. Registration for Morning VBS will open this spring on the church website. Our VBS programs thrive thanks to the energy and commitment of our youth and adult volunteers! If you're interested in helping with crafts, games, storytelling, or snacks, we'd love to have you join the team. To volunteer, please contact Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org).
- **VBS After Care Camps*, July 20-23 (M-Th), 12 noon–4:00 p.m.**

We're pleased to again offer VBS After Care Camps for families seeking extended care during VBS week! In partnership with local sports and arts organizations, children will enjoy fun, enriching afternoon “mini camps” held right here at the church. This opportunity allows families to take full advantage of the free Morning VBS while adding engaging afternoon activities. Please note that space will be limited and a fee will apply for the aftercare portion. Additional details and registration links will be available when VBS registration opens in the spring.

**Note: After Care Camps are open to Kindergarten–5th grade children. Preschoolers (Pre-K) are encouraged to join our church preschool's summer day camps for afternoon care.*

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT | August 21-23, 2026

- Save the date for our Churchwide Retreat at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA—a weekend of worship, fellowship, recreation, and renewal in a beautiful mountain setting. Guest speaker Dr. Rachel Thompson Orfield will guide us in reflection and spiritual growth as we explore faithful, joyful community. More details and registration coming soon—we look forward to sharing this special time together!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: A TESTIMONY

The Men's Bible Study at Second Presbyterian has become a place where faith grows through honest conversation. Men at every stage of life speak openly about family, struggles, and the teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As we share truth together, it becomes clearer, helping me carry Christ-likeness into daily life. In a world that pulls us in many directions, this time together has been grounding and life-giving.

One of the greatest blessings of this group is its mix of generations. Older men offer wisdom shaped by years of walking with Christ and listening to the Holy Spirit, while younger men bring fresh questions born from today's challenges. As we study the Gospel of Luke, we learn not only from Scripture but also from one another's lived experiences, helping each other recognize temptation, avoid mistakes, and better understand Jesus' teachings. This Thursday morning study has become a spiritual midpoint in my week, strengthening me for the days ahead and carrying me toward Sunday. While each of us must seek the gospel daily on our own, these gatherings strengthen the body when we come together, trusting Christ's promise that where two or more are gathered in His name, He is present.

This study has also deepened my appreciation for fellowship beyond the church walls. Conversations about Jesus, the truth of the gospel, and the places in our lives that need refining now happen more naturally in everyday moments. We trust that Christ is in control, yet we sincerely desire more men to join us—bringing both seasoned wisdom and youthful insight. In a time of isolation, this study restores true brotherhood, encouraging us to stand together and build one another up. Your presence, voice, and life experiences matter. With Christ leading us, we can continue to grow into the men He calls us to be and pass that Christ-likeness on to future generations.

– Aaron Copeland

Church member and Men's Bible Study participant

The Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the Reading Room and by Zoom. Contact Dave Speno to learn more (davidspeno@gmail.com).

– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers | **Nov 16** - Given by Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt in memory of her mother, Mary Hawks Steinhardt..... **Nov 23** - Given by Cayce Myers in memory of Margaret Webb..... **Nov 30** - Given by Jim and Nancy Pickens in honor of Nancy's brother, Dr. David Schwenker, celebrating his 80th birthday..... **Dec 7** - Given in loving memory of Judge Beverly T. and Helen Fitzpatrick by Beverly and Shirley Fitzpatrick, Eric Fitzpatrick, and Broaddus and Luann Fitzpatrick. **Open Flower Dates 2026:** The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 22; Mar. 15; Apr. 26; May 3, 10, 17, 31. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

Sympathy | Our sympathies extend to Ellarie and Sam Pendleton on the death of Ellarie's father, Malcolm Douglas, on Saturday, November 8. Our prayers are also with their children, Kylie and Brooks Pendleton..... Sympathy is extended to Kitty Lou Ward and family on the passing of her brother, William R. "Bill" Tinnell of Goodyear, AZ, on Monday, November 17. We also hold in prayer Kitty Lou's children, Rett Ward and Kim Ward, and grandchildren, Everett and Jane Ward and Eli and Jon Marco Sanchez..... Sympathy is extended to Barry and Ann Green on the death of Barry's brother, Glenn Thomas Green, on Thursday, November 20..... Our sympathies extend to Lewis Nelson on the death of his son, John Nelson, on Saturday, November 22. Our prayers are also with Gwyn and John Johnson, John's sister and brother-in-law, and their family.

Concerns | Susan Carter, Hayden Hollingsworth, CW Houghton, John Nelson, Bill Stevens.

New Arrivals | Congratulations to Mandi and Hatcher Cox on the arrival of their son, Reid Keller Cox, born on Monday, November 24. Proud big brother is Charlie; grandparents are Sarah and Ray Cox..... Congratulations to Joe and Connie Vaughn on the arrival of their grandson, Henry Vaughn Duckworth, born on Sunday, October 26 to parents Virginia and Tyler Duckworth. Proud big siblings are Tyler, Jr. and Mary Kent..... Congratulations to Sarah and Hans Musil on the birth of their son, Hans Eril Musil, on Tuesday, December 2. Proud grandparents are Lee Stanley and John and Shea Jessee.

Baptism | During the 11 o'clock worship service on November 30, 2025, Miles Owen Joy received the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are Jessica and Matt Joy. Ken Lyons served as the presiding elder.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool enrollment is just around the corner! Applications windows for the 2026–2027 school year are:

- Jan 5–Jan 16: Preschool families register currently enrolled children and apply for siblings, where space allows.
- Jan 20–Jan 23: Church members apply, where space allows.
- Jan 26: New families apply, where space allows.

Information on applying to the preschool can be found on the website at sprespreschool.com under the Program → Enrollment menu. Those interested may reach out to Alice Light at 540-342-6405 ext. 1 and alight@spres.org.

SECOND WELCOMES THE BROWNS

Join us in welcoming Bill and Sandra Brown, who joined by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, VA on October 12, 2025. Since arriving in the Roanoke Valley, they have embraced this new season with enthusiasm and a desire to connect with both church and community.

Bill grew up between Pittsburgh and Somerville, New Jersey, studied business at Lafayette College, and earned his MBA from Webster University. After retiring from the U.S. Army with 24 years of service, he continues supporting military and veteran students as Executive Director of Military and Veterans Education at ECPI University. Bill works virtually from Roanoke while occasionally spending time at the Virginia Beach campus. He enjoys history, travel, tour guiding with Tour Roanoke, and golfing (aspirationally). Bill and Sandra were married in Winston-Salem, and are proud grandparents of two.

Sandra grew up in Martinsville, Virginia, and earned her business administration degree from Averett University. She retired from a career in human resources, specializing in management, career coaching, and learning and development. Since moving to Roanoke, Sandra has enjoyed learning Mahjong, afternoon tea, the arts, walking and hiking, entertaining, and travel. Together, Sandra and Bill are active with local groups including Hunting Hills and Mill Mountain Garden Clubs, Newcomers Roanoke Valley, and the Taubman Museum.

We are grateful they have chosen to make this church their home and invite you to join us in welcoming them warmly as they continue to get settled!

New member articles submitted by Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator.



VAN UPDATE

Wrapped and ready to roll! We're excited to share an update on the first accomplishment of the Frank and Martha Clay Martin Fund for Youth. The 12-passenger van purchased at the end of summer—already serving our youth and church members on trips, retreats, and service projects—now features a brand-new Second Presbyterian-branded wrap! The design artfully blends our church's tradition with a modern, eye-catching look that will represent Second Presbyterian throughout the community. We're grateful to the Martin Fund for making both the purchase and this upgrade possible, and to Invoke Design of Roanoke for their excellent work!



2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Our next Habitat for Humanity home build, in partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church, will be for the Moss family at 711 Bullitt Ave. SE! The timeline is still vague due to delays in the city's permitting process and the construction schedule. We are in regular conversation with Habitat; stay tuned for more details and ways to get involved as we help the Moss family build their new home.



— MORE THAN AN OFFERING: THE RELATIONSHIP THAT SHAPES OUR JANUARY OUTREACH —

Solid Rock International (SRI) is the Christian mission organization, with its USA location in Fort Wayne, IN, that supports the Christian Clinic of Integrated Health in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic (DR). The Christian Clinic was established in 1989 and has served the poorest of the poor in this western DR town. Multiple Christian-based organizations/churches throughout the US send groups to service this mission. Second Presbyterian Church, with the initiative of Dr. John Mann, started sponsoring a group, surgical (orthopedics, gynecology and general surgery) and Barrio (neighborhood, family medicine) in 2003. The Youth Group also has been participating in “Bibles & Bricks” annually, each summer, where participants share and express their faith through service.

Around 2014, the DR government established new standards for public health insurance and new regulations. The original medical clinic did not reach these standards so it was decided by SRI to build a new clinic. Second Presbyterian member, Ken Potter decided to serve and lead this building project. He moved to San Juan de la Maguana in October 2014 and stayed there for over 3 years getting the project well under way and left the project in the capable hands of Frank Baltre, the DR building supervisor to finish it, while he acted as a consultant and frequent visitor. This new clinic building with space for an ER, an OB/GYN ward, a Blood bank, an ICU, 3 OR’s and abundant clinic exam rooms was finally completed, being dedicated in March 2023 and opened to patients in November 2023.

As illustrated above, the “DR” has been an important mission outreach for Second Presbyterian for over 20 years. We are not currently sending medical groups to serve (last trip was in February 2023) because of big changes in their need for our services in that the Clinic has hired their own orthopedic surgeons, OB-GYN physicians and general surgeons, and the Barrio visits have decreased as well because many of the patients are now traveling into the Clinic, where follow-up care is more consistent and on a regular basis. We are still sending our youth to serve in the summer “Bible & Bricks” program, though. Monetarily, Second Pres donated \$500,000.00 toward the \$6.2 million SRI “Revolution” campaign, which raised funds needed to build the clinic. SRI has initiated a new campaign called “From Seed to Service”, with hopes of raising \$1.2 million over the next 2 years (campaign started 10/1/25). These funds will cover essential operational needs, support ongoing maintenance and provide for future diagnostic purchases for this new clinic, now operational for 2 years.

The CCSI (Clinica Cristiana de Salud Integral) is serving the San Juan de la Maguana patients well and is dedicated to impacting lives in extraordinary ways, nurturing the mind, body and souls of its people. Unfortunately, there have been several challenges in collecting insurance funds to keep the clinic solvent. The DR government regulations are difficult to navigate, especially in this new clinical setting. Diagnostic services are a key factor necessary for collecting these insurance funds. The clinic obtained an Ultrasound machine in June 2025 and is just now getting a new CT Scanner, worth \$250,000.00 which was donated by a cardiologist from the southwest US. Obtaining these diagnostic equipment items will be instrumental in aiding the clinic to becoming monetarily self-sufficient and sustainable for the future. The CCSI is currently 80% self-sufficient, ever so close to running efficiently and independently. In the meantime, SRI started this new campaign, “From Seed to Service” to assist with paying past due bills as a bridge to self-reliance and keep the clinic running its services.

Second Presbyterian Church is budgeting money, with the Service & Outreach Committee recommendations, to donate to this campaign, and the January 2026 Outreach Offering collection will be also given to this cause. Please find it in your hearts



to help the SRI organization keep this phenomenal new clinic sustainable during some insurance funding difficulties in the first two years of its operation. The clinic is 80% to its goal of independence—let’s help SRI “bridge this gap”! This has been quite the journey—just a few more steps to finalize the goal. Please contact me for any questions. Thanks for giving!

*Submitted by CJ Swanson.
(mcswan@cox.net / 540-819-8730)*

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS JANUARY 11TH

The Confirmation Class of 2026 has been hard at work throughout the fall semester. They have learned about the history of the church and of Second Presbyterian; they have explored the various religions of the world, even joining our Jewish siblings for their *Kristallnacht* service; they have made their own religions, complete with rules and regulations for membership; they engaged in deep conversation and began discerning how they might serve the greater church, even volunteering at the Alexa House one evening; and they presented their "Creative Faith Projects" before the Session for examination. It has been a wonderful year! We are pleased to present them for full adult membership at the 11:00 worship service on January 11th:

The Confirmation Class of 2026:

Wiley Beamer, Lilly Bishop, Milo Joy, Ann Colston Light, Retzler Mangus, Rebecca Stakor, Sidney Yardley

We are also grateful for our Confirmation teachers—Ken Lyons and Lauren Ellerman—who create an open and honest space for our young people to ask questions and explore ideas without the fear of judgment or shame. We are also thankful for our confirmation mentors and hope these relationships will continue far beyond this class experience. Please join us in welcoming the Confirmation Class of 2026 on January 11th! God is at work!

MIDWEEK MANNA & MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI MANNA

We are so grateful to the fall hosts for Manna for high school girls and Mini Manna for middle school girls. These gatherings provide a space for connection and conversation, fun and fellowship, and each night is so important and meaningful for our youth. If you would like to host a Manna or Mini Manna or sponsor a night out for either group, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org) for the schedule and to sign up.

YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATIONS

Youth Sunday is February 8th, so that means January is a month of planning and preparation! We will have three Youth Sunday Prep Nights. If you plan to participate in Youth Sunday, you must be present at two of these prep nights: January 18, January 25, and February 1 (Full Rehearsal).

YOUTH SUMMER 2026

If you ask anyone who has gone on a mission trip or to Montreat if the trip was worth it, perhaps even having to move or miss a beach vacation, you will hear a resounding **ABSOLUTELY!!!** And the costs of these experiences are minimal and made possible through the generosity of the Martin Fund.

At-Home Mission Week: June 15–17

- *Open to all youth*
- *Cost is Free*

Bibles & Bricks DR Mission Trip: June 27–July 4

- *Open to rising 10th graders through graduated Seniors*
- *Cost is \$485*
- [Register on Realm](#)

Montreat Youth Conference: July 26–Aug 1

- *Open to rising 9th graders through graduated Seniors*
- *Cost is \$295*
- [Register on Realm](#)

UPCOMING YOUTH DATES

- *January 11: all youth deliver Hunger Buster food to PCC & tour their new facility*
- *January 18: Youth Sunday Prep Night*
- *January 25: Youth Sunday Prep Night*
- *February 1: Youth Sunday Rehearsal (5–7 p.m.)*

YOUNG ADULTS

Join this group of 20–30-somethings for a night of axe throwing on Thurs., January 15 at Blue Ridge Axe Throwing. We will join the young adults group from Raleigh Court, which may mean some friendly competition! For more information, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org). If you would like to host a Young Adult night, please let Ben know, as we are always looking for different ways to gather.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NOVEMBER 2025

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In memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Rosebro** by
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Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or admin@spres.org. This list includes donations received between November 1-30, 2025.

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



— LEGACY CORNER —

Last fall, Second Presbyterian was honored to have Dr. Andrew Root as our Edmunds lecturer. I teach adult Sunday School classes, and I am amazed by the number of times previous Edmunds lecturers are quoted in our study materials and on occasions, we have used their books as study guides. This year, Second Presbyterian was able to extend our outreach to the work of the PC(USA) denomination as a whole by inviting twenty-one ministers to a seminar led by Dr. Root during the two days of the lectures. It was believed that several of the invitees would not attend and more ministers would have to be invited to fill the class. The quality of this year’s lecturer is reflected in the fact that all twenty-one of the invitees accepted the invitation and attended.

The Edmunds Lectures are funded by the Edmunds Fund and this year by the Richter Fund. A church our size with our annual budget could not provide an event such as the Edmunds Lectures without our legacy funds. Although it takes a gift of \$50,000.00 to set up a new fund, the phenomenal growth of the funds has come from small gifts and bequests by church members. They are what their name says, legacies to continue in the future. We can look forward to Edmunds Lectures for years to come thanks to legacy funds.



If you are interested in contributing to or providing for a fund in your estate plan please contact the business office to be put in touch with a member of the Legacy Committee.

Submitted by Al McLean, Legacy Committee.

CALENDAR - JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed for Holiday	2	3
4 8:45am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary 9:30am Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 11:00am Worship Service with Communion and baptism of Margot Welchman, Sanctuary/Live Stream	5 6:30pm AI Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	6 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Theology on Tap at Starr Hill Brewing	7 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	8 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room	9 11:00am Memorial Service for Virginia Blain, Sanctuary with Reception in Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room	10
11 Confirmation Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service with Confirmation Class of 2025 to be Confirmed, Sanctuary/Live Stream 12:00pm Youth Group, PCC Delivery and Tour 4:00pm Elder Training (All Things Financial), Session Room	12 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm AI Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	13 9:30am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 5:15pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Trent Room	14 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Second Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room	15 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room Young Adults Axe Throwing	16	17
18 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Youth Group	19 Preschool and Office Closed for Holiday	20 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Executive Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	21 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 4:30pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room	22 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room	23	24
25 Two Cents a Meal 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 4:00pm Elder Training (Leadership), Session Room 5:00pm Kid's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm - 6:30pm Parenting Group, Reading Room 5:00pm Youth Group	26 6:30pm AI Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	27 9:30am Staff Meeting	28 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	29 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room	30	31 Calendar Info as of Dec 9, 2025

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: Food items for the month of January are beef stews, “chunky” soups. Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
9:45 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

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

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