

THE SECOND SHEET

Monthly Newsletter of Second Presbyterian Church



Church family photo from the 2026 Churchwide Retreat at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA. See more on the back cover.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

THE LONGER REACH OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I have returned from my sabbatical with a clearer sense of some of the gaps emerging in our world and in the church—and of the ways Second Presbyterian Church is uniquely equipped and gifted to respond to them. The title of the report I will present to Session is *The Longer Reach of Second Presbyterian Church*.

I have set aside three Wednesday evenings this fall to share some of what I learned and discerned during my three months of study. These will be guided conversations, with some brief presentations along the way, and each will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and conclude by 8:00 p.m. *There will be no nursery offered for these conversations.*

I will not attempt to cover everything that is important to Second Presbyterian Church. Instead, I will focus on a few areas to which I gave particular attention during my sabbatical because I have become convinced that our congregation can make a significant difference.

Wednesday Evening Schedule:



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September 23 — The Changing Landscape

We will look at some of the changes taking place in our culture, the larger church, and with several of our longstanding ministry partners. These changes have created gaps and new opportunities for ministry. I will also do a little historical storytelling to help us understand how we arrived where we are today.

September 30 — The Changing PC(USA)

We will look more closely at changes within our denomination—from presbyteries and the General Assembly to seminaries and other institutions that have traditionally supported the church. Some important ministries will require new approaches and new partnerships if they are to continue. I will talk about two areas where I believe Second Presbyterian is particularly well positioned to help: **international mission and the equipping and support of ministers**. There are some exciting possibilities before us.

October 7 — The Changing Ways to Witness

Our culture has changed and so have the ways people encounter the church and hear about the grace of God. More and more people are not specifically looking for a church or even thinking about God. We therefore need to move beyond some of our traditional ways of getting the word out. But some things have not changed: people are still looking for the things that can be found in a healthy church and in a relationship with God. We will explore what that means for the way we invite people into the life of Second Presbyterian Church.

I hope you will join me for one or all of these conversations. I look forward to sharing what I discovered during my sabbatical—and, even more, to hearing your thoughts about what God might have in store for the longer reach of Second Presbyterian Church.

WE ARE NEEDED: THE REACH WE SHARE

Last month, we introduced this year's Stewardship theme: **We Are Needed**. Those words grow from a conviction that God has given Second Presbyterian Church particular gifts for this particular moment: thoughtful faith, meaningful worship, compassionate service, strong relationships, generous hearts, and a deep commitment to loving our neighbors. But those gifts do not end at our doors.

One of the ideas emerging from George Anderson's recent sabbatical reflection is the "longer reach" of Second Presbyterian Church...the many ways the life of this congregation extends far beyond what we see on a Sunday morning. That reach can be found in children learning the stories of faith and in adults discovering new depth in their own. It is present when someone receives pastoral care during a difficult season, when music and worship open our hearts to God, and when friendships formed here sustain us through life.

And from that strong congregational life, the reach grows longer. It reaches into our community through partnerships addressing hunger, housing, health, education, poverty, and human need. It reaches across the church as Second helps nurture and encourage pastors and other Christian leaders. It reaches around the world through relationships and mission partnerships developed over decades.

None of those things stands alone. The worship, learning, care, fellowship, staff leadership, facilities, generosity, and participation that sustain the daily life of Second Presbyterian form the strong center from which this broader ministry grows.

That is why stewardship is about much more than funding a church budget. It is about participating in a shared ministry whose reach extends farther than any one of us could accomplish alone.

Over the coming weeks, as we consider what stewardship means for each of us, perhaps the first question is not simply, "What should I give?" Perhaps it is: "Where do I see God at work through this congregation...and how am I being invited to take my place in that work?"

We are needed. And together, our reach is longer.

— Your Stewardship Committee

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building a stronger community!



— THIS IS OUR STORY: START OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR —

We had a wonderful time at the Rally Day Picnic and Fall Kick-Off on August 30. Thank you to all who made that special event possible! We worshiped, enjoyed a meal, learned about opportunities for education and fellowship, and we lingered to play and have fun with one another. If you would like to learn more about educational opportunities or to sign up for a 2PC Club, see the church website and Christian Education booklet for more details.

On Sunday, September 13, we return to our fall worship and educational schedule. There are opportunities for all ages, and we hope you join us for one of our many adult classes, bring your children and grandchildren for Sunday morning and evening programs, and sign up for a 2PC Club or two.

Fall Sunday Schedule (Beginning Sept. 13):

8:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary/Live Stream; Children, Worship, & Wonder
5–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group, Intersection
	Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall & Children's Music Suite

SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS' FELLOWSHIP

Ages 4 (by Sept. 1)—5th grade, 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Kids' Fellowship is an engaging program for children on Sunday evenings at the church. Families sign up to provide dinner, and children enjoy music and opportunities for art, recreation, and other fun activities. Parents are an important part of this program, and are invited to join us for dinner during our first meeting this month.

Kids' Fellowship will begin on **Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Parents are encouraged to join us for dinner. After dinner, children will enjoy music and recreation (or nursery care for our youngest participants), while parents are invited to stay with Elizabeth for a special conversation about faith development in children and how we can nurture faith at home and at church.

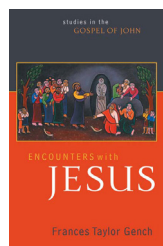
We look forward to sharing Sunday evenings with your family and creating a fun, welcoming space where children can grow, play, learn, and build lasting friendships! For more information, contact Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Alison Conte (contefam@cox.net).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

(Beginning September 17, Thursdays @ 7:15 a.m., Reading Room, Hybrid)

Facilitators: Bill Blaylock, Aaron Copeland, Jeff Hobbs, Dave Speno

The Men's Bible Study at Second meets weekly to read, pray, and be guided by the Holy Spirit as we faithfully interpret Scripture together for our day and time—right here in Roanoke. This fall, we will begin a study of the Gospel of John using a study guide entitled *Encounters with Jesus* by Frances Taylor Gench.



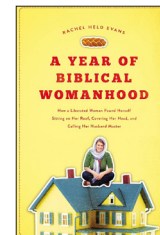
The Men's Bible Study is committed to a careful, faithful reading of the text. Our approach is exegetical, letting the text speak to us rather than our manipulating the Word to our satisfaction. This practice has deepened our faith, strengthened our community, and most importantly, grounded us more firmly in the Word.

Come participate and enjoy what Christ is saying to us through Scripture today. If interested, please reach out to Dave Speno (davidspeno@gmail.com) for information and to be added to the group email list.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

(Beginning September 10, Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m., Session Room) *Facilitator: Rev. Elizabeth Link*

What is “biblical womanhood” . . . really? Join Elizabeth Link this fall for an engaging Bible study and discussion based on Rachel Held Evans' 2012 book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. In this thoughtful and often humorous memoir, Evans chronicles her yearlong experiment of taking many of the Bible's instructions for women as literally as possible—from covering her head and making her own clothes to calling her husband “master” and even spending part of each month outside. Along the way, her unusual journey becomes a springboard for deeper questions about Scripture, tradition, culture, and faith.



Over ten weeks, we'll read the book alongside Scripture as we wrestle with challenging passages and explore what faithful biblical interpretation looks like today. Together, we'll approach the Bible with both reverence and curiosity, honoring its historical and cultural context while seeking the liberating, life-giving heart of the gospel. Whether you're a longtime Rachel Held Evans fan or reading her work for the first time, you're invited to bring your questions, your experiences, and your whole self.

A limited number of copies are available for purchase in Elizabeth's office. We hope most participants will be able to purchase books online. Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org) to register.

THE BIBLE IN BLACK & WHITE

(Wednesdays in October @ Noon, Fellowship Hall)

Facilitators: Dr. George Anderson, Dr. Bill Lee, and ministers from other participating churches

The Bible in Black & White class is a community of people representing different races, churches and communities who have committed to study and fellowship for greater understanding. The study takes place every fall and spring in the Fellowship Hall of Second Presbyterian Church.

Fall Class: “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

The class will consider Martin Luther King Jr.'s “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” dated April 16, 1963. We will look at the historical context of the letter, its content, its biblical basis, and the impact it made on the nation during the tumultuous Civil Rights era. Together, we will ask what we modern readers need to gain from its reading to continue the pursuit of justice and understanding today.

YOUTH

KICK-OFF COOKOUT AND PARENT'S MEETING | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 (5:00–7:00)

Youth, parents, and families are invited to join us as we kick-off the new program year with a cookout at the Intersection! There will be food, games, and a brief informational meeting for parents (it may be helpful to bring your calendar as we will share important dates). Come join in on the fun!

YOUTH GROUP BEGINS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 (5:00–6:30)

Youth are invited to join us at the Intersection for our first regular youth group of the year! Youth Group is a time when youth 6th grade to 12th grade gather at the Intersection (the youth house located across 3rd Street from the sanctuary) for a night of food and fellowship. Each night is different: some nights we learn, other nights we play games, and other nights are a mixture of both... and still other nights we go out on special adventures!

This year's youth theme is **Rise & Shine!** This theme is an invitation to wake up to God's presence, rise into the person God created you to be, and shine Christ's light in a world that desperately needs hope. Youth will be reminded that faith isn't simply believing the right things—it's living as people who reflect the light of Jesus every day: in classrooms and cafeterias, on sports fields and stages, online and offline, in moments of joy and moments of struggle. So, come join us this year as we *Rise & Shine*: wake up to our identity, rise up as we grow, shine bright as a witness, and light the world through mission together.

ALL-YOUTH RETREAT | OCTOBER 3–4

The All-Youth Retreat is October 3–4 and will be held at Camp Tuk-A-Way! There will be games, team building, adventure activities, 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! Friends are welcome to join. Registration is available on Realm and linked at the bottom of the Youth Page of our website.

Check out more about what is in store this year in the Christian Education Booklet!

YOUNG ADULTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR FALL GATHERINGS

The young adults at Second Pres are a fun-loving group of those in their 20s and 30s, who love to connect, talk, and learn. Go ahead and pencil in dinner and trivia at Wasena Tap Room on September 28, Sinkland Farms Pumpkin Festival on October 17, and stay tuned for details on a Friendsgiving being planned sometime in November. Please reach out to Ben if interested and join the email list (benb@spres.org)!

FROM OUR SUMMER PASTORAL INTERN

Dear Church Family,

As I look back on this summer, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all the ways God has been at work and for the opportunity to share this season with all of you. From traveling to the Dominican Republic, to serving alongside our children during Mini Mission Week and Vacation Bible School, each experience reminded me in a different way what it means to live out our faith. Whether I was meeting brothers and sisters in Christ across the world or watching our own children serve, learn, and grow right here at home, I was continually reminded that God's love reaches far beyond any one place and that ministry is often found in the simple, everyday moments. Some of my favorite memories from this summer weren't the big events, but the conversations, the laughter, the questions, and the relationships that were formed along the way. Those moments reminded me that God is always at work, often in ways we don't immediately notice, shaping our hearts as we seek to love and serve others. This summer has strengthened my faith, challenged me to see the world with greater compassion, and reminded me that every opportunity to serve, whether across the world or in our own community, is an invitation to experience God's presence in a new way.

Thank you for welcoming me into your lives, encouraging me, and allowing me to grow alongside this congregation. It has been a joy and a blessing to serve with you this summer, and I am excited to see how God continues to work through this church in the days ahead.

Grace and peace,
Kylie Young, Summer Pastoral Intern 2026

MOSAIC FOR NEIGHBORS AT RESTORATION HOUSING'S TRINITY COMMONS

Thanks to the talents and generosity of church member Fenton Childers, creating mosaics has become a beloved tradition at Second Presbyterian Church events. Some examples include the beach sunset mosaic created for Alexa House, the Good Samaritan Hospice logo gifted to the ministry, Second's compass logo hanging in the elevator stairwell, the PCUSA cross upstairs, and the Last Supper mosaic table in the Children's Worship Center, among many others.

During this year's Morning Vacation Bible School, "Joseph's Journey," children and volunteers helped assemble a special mosaic to be gifted to our neighbors at Trinity Commons. The design, inspired by the sanctuary of Trinity, was created by our own Andrea Boone, Media and Communications Specialist and member of the former Trinity United Methodist Church.

We are so thankful for the many hands and hearts that poured love into this special gift! We hope it brings beauty to the halls of Trinity Commons and blesses all who call it home with a sense of welcome, warmth, community, and the love of God.

The 6x3 ft mosaic will be displayed briefly in Kirk Hall prior to delivery at Trinity Commons. We invite you to stop by to see it!

About the design:

The mosaic design is inspired by the architecture and spirit of Trinity's sanctuary. The white background with soft gray dividers represents the clerestory ceiling at the heart of the space, with its eight arches and detailed molding. The four quatrefoils mirror the clerestory windows, with vibrant color pairings reflecting the hues of the surrounding stained-glass windows.

At the center of the design is a deep green form inspired by the sanctuary's organ pipes and their ornate, wooden base. Within this shape, I subtly incorporated Restoration Housing's logo to honor both the relationship between the congregation of Trinity and Restoration Housing and the transition of stewardship of the building. As the design evolved to better suit the mosaic medium, the organ pipe structure was simplified into the shape of a home, embodying Trinity Commons' renewed role as a place of belonging for its residents. The dark gray roof tiles are authentic pieces of Trinity's slate roof, thoughtfully incorporated into the mosaic as a tangible part of Trinity's story. The light gold heart at the center references both the gold accents on the organ pipes and the phrase, "The church with the warm heart," memorialized on the historical wall in the hyphen area. A cross is subtly incorporated into the center of the heart, formed by the only rectangular tiles within the shape.

The lighter green panels on each side symbolize the circular wings of the transept and seating area, with the color recalling the sanctuary's light green carpet. The brown arches framing the design represent the curved chancel apse, the wooden communion rail, and the curved pews, capturing the warmth and character of the sanctuary's interior.

Andrea Boone

Designer and member of the former Trinity United Methodist Church



Made with love by Fenton Childers and the children of Second Presbyterian Church during Vacation Bible School in the summer of 2026.

— NEWS & NOTES —

Flowers | July 12 – Given in loving memory of Stu Stanley, Larry Stanley and Jack and Sue Stanley by Lee, Laura, Sarah and Tricia..... July 19 – Given in loving memory of Alexa Cannon by her family.....

July 26 – Given by Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt in honor of her brother Ralph and his wonderful family.....

Aug. 2 – Given by Kandy Elliott in memory of and in honor of her family..... Aug. 9 – Given by Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Houghton in loving memory of Charles R. Holcomb.

Open Flower Dates: The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 18; Nov. 29; Dec. 27. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (540-588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

Sympathy | Our sympathies extend to Lawrence and Sally I'Anson on the death of Lawrence's mother, Ann I'Anson of Portsmouth, VA, on Sunday, July 12. Our prayers are also with their son, Ryan..... Sympathy is extended to Joe Miller and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Lee Flora Miller, on Thursday, July 16.

Concerns | BJ Millar, Campbell Tims.

New Arrival | Congratulations to Charlotte and Cameron Bennett on the birth of their son, Miles Crenshaw Bennett, on June 5. Proud grandfather is Frank Boxley, Jr.; great-grandmother is Betty Boxley.

MS DINNER OF CHAMPIONS TO HONOR GEORGE CARTLEDGE III

On September 16 from 6–9 p.m. at Hotel Roanoke, the Roanoke Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will host their annual Dinner of Champions black-tie gala. This year's honoree is church member George Cartledge III, President of Grand Home Furnishings, who will receive the Hope Award, the Society's most prestigious chapter-level volunteer honor. The event celebrates community leadership while raising significant funds for MS research, treatment, and the search for a cure.

2PC CLUBS FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

2026–27

Sign Up Online by September 13, 2026

Looking for a small group where you can build friendships and enjoy your favorite hobbies? 2PC Clubs are the perfect place to connect! Check out the clubs available below and sign up by Sunday, September 13 at www.spres.org, via the QR code, or by calling the church office. You may sign up for more than one club. If you are already involved in a club, please sign up again so we have an accurate count of participants. Club coordinators will contact members by phone or email; the first meetings will be in October. Clubs include: *Book, Coffee, Knitting, Lunch, Morning Walking, Movie, Pickleball, Restaurant, and Roots & Wings*. Descriptions of each club are available on the signup form.

Questions about Second's clubs? Contact Beth Vaught Jenkins at Clubs.second.2026.27@gmail.com. **Scan the QR code to sign up for a club!**



PHOTO DAYS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sundays mornings September 13 & 20

Our congregation has been asking for an updated printed directory, and we hope to fulfill this ask before the end of 2026. On Sundays, September 13 and 20, photo stations will be set up in the passageway outside the sanctuary for those who wish to use a church image for their individual or family directory photo (you may also upload your own photo through your Realm profile or send in a photo for us to upload for you). This will be the last opportunity for pictures to be taken in the church before the directory is printed.

If you have any questions about using your own photo or want to submit a recent family photo, please reach out to Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org, 540-343-3659). If you had a photo taken during a previous Photo Day or uploaded your own picture to Realm, we will use the photo we already have on file if you choose not to take a new one. *Please sign in to Realm and verify your contact information is up to date.*

ADVENT WORKSHOP SAVE THE DATE | NOV. 22 @ 5:00 P.M.

All ages are invited to join us for the annual Advent Potluck Dinner and Workshop on Sunday, Nov 22. Households will have the opportunity to make a live Advent wreath. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for RSVP details to come.

MEN'S RETREAT @ EAGLE EYRIE | OCTOBER 23–24 (FRI.–SAT.)

Register today by scanning the QR code!

This year's Men's Retreat, October 23–24 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA will explore the theme, *Virtuesmaxxing: Either the Next Big Thing or What We Were Supposed to Be Doing All Along*, with guest speaker Carter Brothers.



Today's culture seems to be all about maxxng. Social influencers tell us to be all about "looksmaxxing." Our politicians seem to be more and more interested in "vicemaxxing." All the while, the rest of us just experience more and more "sadmaxxing" as loneliness increases and happiness decreases. This fall, the men of 2PC will gather to confront these challenges by "virtuesmaxxing" at Eagle Eyrie on October 23 and 24. Carter Brothers will lead the charge while looking at the Christian virtues highlighted in Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* and how his story about wizards, hobbits, and elves (oh my!) can teach us how to be more fully human in the 21st Century. We will worship together, feast together, laugh together and, of course, fellowship together!

Music will be led by Chris Vogado, Pastor of Salem Pres, and we're glad to extend an invitation to the men of Salem Pres this year, too! We hope you'll join us!

Register by Wed., October 14.



VIRTUESMAXXING
Either the Next Big Thing or What We Were Supposed to Be Doing All Along

MEN'S RETREAT 2026
October 23–24 (Fri.–Sat.) | Eagle Eyrie
Ft. Guest Speaker Carter Brothers

REGISTRATION:
Cost: \$75
Register by Wed, Oct. 14.

GALS' GATHERING @ ALTA MONS | NOVEMBER 20–21 (FRI.–SAT.)

Registration today by scanning the QR code!

We hope you'll join us for this year's overnight Gals' Gathering, *Advent Waiting*, at Alta Mons. We will welcome guest speaker Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian Church.



Many of us feel like we are wandering through a kind of wilderness. Yet even in these challenging places, we can prepare the way for the Lord to come to us. Together, we can identify the obstacles that stand in our way and discern how to address them so that the themes of Advent may be more fully seen, experienced, and lived out in our community. Along the way, we will journey through each Gospel, exploring hope through Matthew's perspective, peace through Mark's, joy through Luke's, and love through John's.

A brochure is available online with more information. **Register by Wed., November 11.**



Advent Waiting

GALS' GATHERING 2026
November 20–21 (Fri.–Sat.) | Alta Mons
Ft. Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt,
Pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian Church



REGISTRATION:
Cost: \$100
Register by Wed, Nov. 11.

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Mary Ann Waskey

In memory of **William Tinnell** by
Mary Ann Waskey



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 July 1–31, 2026.

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

LEGACY CORNER

We at Second Presbyterian have been blessed by those who came before us and established our endowment of legacy funds. The income from these funds contributes to the well being of the church and its mission.

One of these funds is the Second Fund, which was established at the urging of our former minister, Dr. William Klein, in 1984. When the fund began, there was only one other legacy fund, the Trustees' Johnson Fund for the education of seminary students. The Second Fund has seen phenomenal growth. Although some of this growth was due to wise investments and generous bequests, most of the growth has come from church members' small gifts and bequests. It is the church's largest legacy fund. Prior to the Second Fund, the church's finances were limited to the amount of annual pledges and the hope that there would be no unexpected expenses in that year. It was Dr. Klein's thought that the Second Fund would provide a backstop for a sudden unexpected expense and add to the maintenance and expansion of the church's physical plant. It was also the hope that after the fund reached a certain size it could begin making charitable gifts to our community and beyond.

The Second Fund has not met all these goals. It has made significant contributions to all the church's capital campaigns for physical improvements, and it paid for the purchase of the Intersection House which is used for our youth ministry.

Several years ago, the Second Fund grew to the point to allow it to begin charitable giving. The Lil Brown portion of the fund makes annual contributions to mental health services in Roanoke. The Presbyterian Community Center assists the underprivileged of Roanoke's Southeast neighborhood. A few years ago, the center began a construction project to remodel and expand its building allowing the Center to increase its mission. During this time construction costs skyrocketed, and the center was caught in a financial trap. Our Second Fund made a large contribution that allowed the completion of the project. Today, the Presbyterian Community Center can continue its greatly expanded service to the underprivileged families of Southeast Roanoke thanks in large part to the Second Fund.

Funds such as the Second Fund allow our church to expand its outreach to far beyond what would be possible with only the congregation's annual giving, and this work of the funds will continue far into the future. If you are considering making a gift or bequest to a legacy fund, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with a minister or a member of the Legacy Committee.

CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Theology on Tap, Big Lick Brewing	2 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom	3 10:00am - 11:00am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom 7:00pm - 8:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room	4 Preschool Closed	5
6 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Live Stream 11:00am - 11:45am Handbell Opportunity, Handbell Room	7 Office and Preschool Closed for Holiday	8 9:30am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 4:00pm Financial Governance Meeting, Reading Room 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	9 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	10 9:30am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Session Room 7:00pm - 8:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room	11 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Reading Room	12
13 Pictorial Directory Photos Taken Rally Day 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service with child baptism of James Revercomb, Sanctuary & Live Stream 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Nurturing Faith & Spirit, Fellowship Hall with Dinner 5:00pm Youth Group Kickoff Cookout & Parenting Meeting, Intersection	14 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	15 9:30am Staff Meeting	16 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 4:30pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room	17 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Reading Room/Zoom 9:30am Knitting Group, Hospitality Room 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Session Room 6:00pm College of Elder Dinner, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm - 8:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room	18	19
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27 Two Cents a Meal 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Believing & Belonging, Hospitality Room 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service with Baptism of Tucker McGhee, Sanctuary & Live Stream 5:00pm - 6:30pm Elder Training 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall	28 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	29 9:30am Staff Meeting	30 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 7:00pm - 8:00pm The Longer Reach of 2PC with George Anderson, Chapel	Calendar Info as of Aug 24		SCAN TO VIEW THE DIGITAL CALENDAR 

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: Food items for the month of September are **canned chili and beef stew**. Pull top cans preferred. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the Church Retreat such a special weekend for our church family.
It was a wonderful time of learning, playing, and relaxing together!
