




Second Presbyterian
CHURCH OF CHARLESTON

Dear Friends in Christ-

What was up with Easter this year? I mean, I know the precise date varies from year to year, but this year it seemed like it was soooo late. (Sure, I know it was right on time!) But now I, and I know many of you are startled that its Tea Room time, the preschoolers have graduated. Things that must be accomplished before Memorial Day and then in June are looming. I know, as well, that's a foreboding term- *loooming!*

I have to remind myself what I tell others - when overwhelmed, take one whelm at a time! Yep.

You just received the Annual Report- beautifully designed and produced. It reported a year of transition, of accomplishment, of faithfulness and challenge. Sounds like church to me. This newsletter points to the future. The painting of the Tower, the engagement of our new DCE, the arrival of the Charleston Academy of Music who is taking residence in space available in the Education Building, a strong and dynamic Kindergarten, the Piccolo Spotlight Series, we have already welcomed as many new members as we received all of last year and there is a new class in progress, multiple baptisms - with more to come in June. Why and how is all this possible? Through love and through obedience. Love of Jesus. Love for Jesus. Love for the new comer and for each other.

We will meet our challenges as long as we stay focused on Jesus, reaching those beyond the walls and sharing the grace that has been freely given to us.

In anticipation and with great joy in being your pastor-



TEA ROOM

May 24th - 26th

PICCOLO SPOLETO

Youth Music Festival

May 26th

Spotlight Series

May 28th - June 6th

VBS with First(Scots)

June 17th - 21st

www.2ndpc.org/vbs

HANDS OF CHRIST

August 12th - 13th

+\$10 PLEDGE CHALLENGE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Water Wellness Mission
Charleston Gospel Choir
Charleston Academy of Music

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Advent Workshop
Brunch Bunch
Christmas Pageant
Early Morning Power Lifting
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
Financial Peace University →
Food Drives
Game Night
Oyster Roast
Parents' Night Out Youth Fundraisers
Second Edition Book Club
Second Presbyterian Men's Society
"Seconds Please" Tea Room
Seersucker & Fancy Hat Sunday
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Super Bowl Sunday
Summer Camps at Second
"Supper at Second" Wednesday Night Fellowship
Travel Club
Vacation Bible School
Women's Bible Study Group
Young Families Group
Young Professionals Fellowship Group
Youth Fellowship Gatherings



there are a range of ages, incomes, and situations. Nobody is too old, too young, too rich, or too poor to learn about handling money better!

Anybody interested in learning more should purchase the book Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey, and or listen to his podcast.

PARTNERSHIPS

180 Place
1st Wednesday Men's Luncheon at St. Philips
Charleston Academy of Music →
Charleston Gospel Choir →
Charleston Illumination Project
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
Colin McKay Grant Home
Community Worship Service on Maundy Thursday
Easter Egg Hunt with First(Scots)
Florence Crittenton Home
Habitat for Humanity
Hands of Christ
Heifer International
Help for Haiti
Journey (Campus Ministry)
LEAP
Loving America Street
Lowcountry Food Bank
Medical Benevolence Foundation
MUSC Camp Communication
Piccolo Spoleto Spotlight Series →
Piccolo Spoleto Youth Concerts →
Presbyterian Communities of SC
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Student Association
Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation
Sea Islands Water Wellness Mission →
Shaw Center
Sisters in Serenity
Sophia Institute's Social Justice Racial Equity Collaborative
Star Gospel Mission
Thanksgiving Community Worship Service
Thornwell Home
Tywanza Sanders Legacy Foundation
Vacation Bible School with First(Scots)
Water Missions International

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is a program that teaches 7 baby steps to handling money, getting out of debt, and building financial peace. Dave Ramsey, who designed the program and has a radio program, refers to it as "God's and Grandmas way of handling money". The program is based on biblical principles, such as debt being bad, and putting money aside for a rainy day being good.

We decided to lead the 9-week class ourselves starting May 1st as we wanted to attend, and the soonest class in the area didn't start until August. It has been a great source of fellowship thus far as

- Chris & Katie Mai

SEA ISLANDS WATER WELLNESS MISSION

For most of us, household water is so readily available that we barely think about it. We take for granted our access to potable water and modern sanitation. We simply assume that everyone in our community has access to these basic necessities. Sadly, this is not the case in some homes on Johns and Wadmalaw Island. The lack of potable water and modern sanitation is especially problematic for the elderly, pregnant women, infants, and young children.



Sea Islands WATER WELLNESS MISSION

The Need: In our coastal environment, there are many issues that contribute to a lack of safe and clean water:

- Failing old wells with rusty pipes
- Salt water intrusion.
- High Iron/Sulphur content

These cause health concerns for families and are especially problematic for the elderly, pregnant women, infants, and young children. And some of these families simply cannot afford to get their wells fixed.

Our Goal: To provide clean, safe water to those in need by providing for the repair or replacement of affected wells, connecting a source of running water, and or installing a filtration system.

How it Works: A licensed water/well contractor and a member of the Foundation will visit the family, assess the need and provide a plan to the Foundation to improve the water service. The Foundation will pay the contractor directly. No funds will go to the recipient and they will not be asked to pay for any portion of the approved work. The Foundation will assist as many residents as funds allow. There is already a waiting list of families who need help!

To learn how you may become a part of this vital local project or other initiatives through Fight Island Hunger please contact Peter Rupert.

fightislandhunger.org/water-wellness-mission

We welcomed members of the **CHARLESTON GOSPEL CHOIR**, to join lead us in worship Sunday, May 19th. All of the arrangements sung were done by Aretha Franklin (1942-2018). They were performed at Charleston Gospel Choir's recent sold out concert: "Queen of Soul and Gospel: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin". From her time growing up as the daughter of a prominent African-American preacher to her death this past August, Franklin was immersed and involved in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights. Her songs "Respect" and "Natural Woman" in particular became anthems of these movements for social change. CGC makes its home here at Second and sings twice yearly in our services.



The Charleston Gospel Choir is on break during the summer, they return late August to prepare for a repeat of their sold-out performance debuted this spring honoring the legacy of Aretha Franklin's Amazing Grace gospel album from 1972. The choir will repeat the performance September 28th.

Patterson Smith and his son, Russell Smith, were presented THE ROBERT N.S. AND PATTI FOOS WHITELAW FOUNDERS AWARD on Tuesday, April 30th. The award is given by the Historic Charleston Foundation and is presented for the long-term protection and preservation of important buildings and places. The Smiths preserved and renovated 134 Cannon Street, which was a former church saved from demolition and given new life as a community-based arts center, now known as the Cannon Street Art Center.



CHARLESTON ACADEMY OF MUSIC is a non-profit organization, committed to making the well-documented benefits of quality music education accessible to students of all backgrounds. As a part of this commitment, each year, the Academy awards scholarships to deserving students based on financial need and musical merit. We also conduct Kidzsymphony orchestra program offering music learning to the students in Title I schools, and run concert series called Rush Hour Concerts that are free and open for everyone to attend. Most recently the Academy opened a branch in Mount Pleasant. We are excited to join Second Presbyterian family and looking forward to collaboration opportunities!



Established in 2003, Charleston Academy of Music prides itself on being one of the leading music education institutions in the Lowcountry. Our mission is to provide access to exceptional music education, performance and community outreach to all, regardless of age, skill, gender, ethnicity or income. Instrumental in achieving our mission is the superior musical instruction provided by our established and world-renowned faculty. Hailing from cities as diverse as Quebec, Singapore, and Charleston, among others, in addition to teaching, our faculty members are active performers. Our students enjoy many opportunities for performance and additional musical experiences such as masterclasses and workshops. As a result, the students achieve great success in national competitions and for the past 12 years were invited to perform in Piccolo Spoleto Festival. In addition to private music lessons in variety of instruments such as piano, organ, violin, viola, cello, guitar, voice, flute, clarinet, trumpet, and harp, the Academy offers theory and ear training classes, composition, chamber music, Eyrhythmics, Early Childhood Music, performance classes, string ensemble CAMerata, and guitar ensemble. □

Second Presbyterian is hosting several concerts for PICCOLO SPOLETO:

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL (Free)
Sunday, May 26th:

- 1 p.m.**- Charleston Children's Chorus
- 2 p.m.**- Girls' Choir of Wilmington
- 3 p.m.**- Harmonia Children's Choir
- 4 p.m.**- Goose Creek H.S. Chamber Choir

SPOTLIGHT SERIES Concerts at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

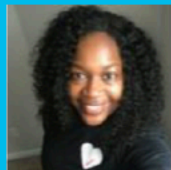
- May 28th** - Fantasma: Piano Trio
- May 29th** - The In Between: Jazz & poetry
- May 30th** - CSO Strings Rejoice
- May 31st** - Chamber Music Charleston
- June 1st** - C of C Concert Choir at 12 p.m.
CSO Brass and Organ at 5 p.m.
- June 3rd** - Hello Saxophone!
- June 4th** - Carol Gimbel, viola
- June 5th** - Leah Edwards & Dimitri Pittas
- June 6th** - Charleston Piano Trio

Concert and ticket information at www.2ndpc.org/music

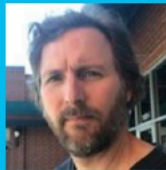
2019 NEW MEMBERS



Kathy Murray & Steve Berry



Domonique Brown



Clif Driggers



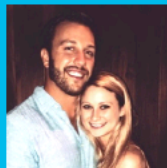
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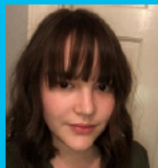
Katherine King



Cynthia LaRoche



Grace & Justin Pratt



Clarissa Rider



Hunter Tate



Daniel & Peyton Tenpas

GET TO KNOW OUR
CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

Ken Carrington was born in Grovetown, GA, has two sons, Tripp and Beckett. He is



the River Dogs announcer and a musician. He plays the flute, bagpipes, and Irish whistle and loves sound design, being a DJ, and teaching the Children's sermon.

Dave Jackson was born in Midland, Michigan, went to college at Michigan State, and graduate school at the University of Florida. He currently works at Boeing as an Authorized Qualification Representative. He has been a member of Second Presbyterian since 2014.

Gary Jaffe and his wife, Cassie, first stepped foot into Second Presbyterian Church in 2004 when they were dating in college. Second has since become a beacon of hope and love in their lives. They officially joined the church in 2007, were married in the sanctuary later that year and both of their children have been baptized here. Gary is a resting Elder and he has been actively involved in the church for many years. He is excited to once again contribute as a Session member and looks forward to being a steward of God's grace through this calling.

Katie Mai moved to Mt. Pleasant from Connecticut in 2017 with her husband Chris and their dogs, cat and bird. Katie graduated from Syracuse with a BFA and continued on to become an award-winning branding and packaging designer. After discovering a greater passion through volunteer work, Katie has shifted gears and plans to begin her Masters of Social Work this fall at USC.

Rob McCready and his wife Dawn joined Second Pres in 2017 after moving to Charleston two years ago from Connecticut. Rob is a retired electrician and serves as a member of the Property Committee. He and Dawn are responsible for the re-illuminated bell tower and stained glass in the sanctuary.

Chuck Medbery grew up at Second Presbyterian and is a retired physician. Chuck and his wife Lucie moved from Kansas back to Charleston and joined Second Pres in 2015. They have two grown children who were baptized here. Both Chuck and Lucie volunteer at the Tea Room. →

& BAPTISMS



Alice Willoughby



George Howe



Ford Faw & Buist Smythe

Aled Pritchard

was born and raised in Scotland and grew up Presbyterian in the Church of



Scotland. He met his wife, Jordyn, while traveling in 2007 and immigrated when they married in 2008. They moved to Charleston in 2010 and found a home at Second Presbyterian in 2014. Aled enjoys traveling, rugby, and watching Everton and UGA football. Aled and Jordyn live in West Ashley with their three young children.

Felicia Sanders is a native of Charleston, is married, and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Felicia enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and caring for others. She is a faithful member of Second Presbyterian and gets great comfort from attending Bible study and working in the church. On June 17, 2015, Felicia was at Bible study along with 11 others, including her son Tywanza, aunt Susie, and granddaughter. Tragically her son, aunt, and 7 others died. Since that fateful day, Felicia has been healing, caring for her granddaughter, and attending to speaking engagements related to the shooting at Emanuel.

Patterson Smith has been a member of Second Church for over 30 years. During that time, he has served as a Deacon, an Elder, and Chair of several committees. Currently, he co-chairs the Property Committee. Patterson and his wife, Debbie, are both active in church activities.

Tina Smith was born in Pittsburgh, PA, graduated from Georgetown with a BS in nursing, and eventually settled with her husband, Ralph, in Bethesda, MD where she lived for 30 years. She is now retired from the Medical University Hospital Authority and resides in West Ashley near her two daughters. Born and raised in the Presbyterian Church, she has been a member at Second Presbyterian since 2009.

Sarah Stevens was born and raised in South Carolina. A graduate of Presbyterian College and USC, she is now a co-owner and speech language pathologist at Chatterbox Kids, Inc. She has been a member of Second Presbyterian since 2009 and has been involved with Chapel leadership, the downtown Bible Study group, and has served as a deacon as well as on the Stewardship and Music and Worship Committees.

Nathan Walker is from Little Rock, Arkansas and Tennessee. He and Sally have been married for eleven years and have two children. He is the Professor of Architectural History at College of Charleston and has been in Charleston for three and a half years.

DEACONS



Geneva Frayer Canty was born in Evanston, Illinois. She is the mother of two children. She was baptized in Mother Emanuel as a small child and returned as an adult and ended up transferring her membership from Emanuel. She found her home at Second Presbyterian by way of our Women's Bible Study. She enjoys gardening, fishing, Salsa and traveling. She has traveled to Ghana, West Africa with the CSO Gospel Choir.

Rebecca Wesson Darwin grew up in Columbia and attended University of North Carolina. She went on to have a successful career in publishing in New York City before she and Cress moved back south. She launched *Garden & Gun* in 2007 where she continues to serve as CEO. Rebecca serves on the church's Steering Committee and has previously served as an elder and as a deacon of the church.

Denise Girard is from Pennsylvania and graduated from Edinboro University of PA. She and her husband, Charlie, moved to Charleston in early 2016 and joined Second Presbyterian soon thereafter. She has three grown children and works for Sanders Brothers Construction. She has formerly served as a Sunday School teacher, elder, and deacon in Pennsylvania.

Sara Gouldon has previously served as a deacon at Second, as a Sunday School teacher, on the Mission Committee and faithfully works the Tea Room. She has volunteered with Parks Conservancy

projects and on the GCC Gateway Walk committee. Sara is retired from MUSC and currently serves as the After-School Program Supervisor at Charleston Day School.

Joshua Hall was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio and it is his military service to the United States Air Force in Air Transportation and Logistics that brings him to Charleston and Second Presbyterian Church. Being a triplet and coming from a family of eleven siblings, he knows nothing short of the importance of family, community, and togetherness. In his free time, he enjoys "soaring the skies" as a private pilot, going fishing, tending to his small farm of chickens, ducks, goats, and greenhouses, and playing the piano or trumpet, and he is also a member of the Second Presbyterian Choir.

Sue Henderson Sue Henderson has been Director of the Second Presbyterian Kindergarten since 1977. She has served as an elder and as a deacon at Second and on the Christian Education Committee. She has been on the Boards of The Charleston Museum and Life Management. Sue is a graduate of The College of Charleston and has taught kindergarten for 35 years.

Carol Howe has been a member of Second since 1983. She previously served as an elder, a Sunday School teacher, Circle leader and Moderator of Presbyterian Women. Carol's love of Second Presbyterian has been nurtured by the many long-term friendships and relationships established in worship and activities with other members. She and Jimmy adore their six-month-old grandson, George. Carol loves a good book, attempts at cooking, and other creative experiences.

Martha Lackey is a long-time member of Second Presbyterian. She is an Operating Room nurse at Roper and she and Edward have two sons.



Dawn McCready and her husband, Rob, joined Second Presbyterian in 2017. They moved to Charleston two years ago from Old Greenwich, Connecticut. She has been a very involved member and she and Rob are responsible for the re-illuminated bell tower and stained glass in the sanctuary.

Lucie Medbery grew up in the Disciples of Christ Church (Texas). She and Chuck settled in Kansas City for more than 20 years and retired in 2015 to Charleston, Chuck's hometown. This is their "family church," where their children were baptized and where their daughter got married. She is a retired teacher and has been involved in an outreach program with the Gibbes Museum of Art.

Erin Mellen is a longstanding member of Second Presbyterian and currently serves as the Children's Sunday School teacher. Erin loves history and travel and after graduating from Columbia Colleges she lived in South Korea and Germany before she and Pat settled in Charleston after his retirement from the army in 1972.

Nicole Schuerman moved to Charleston in 2016, joined Second in 2017 and has since frequently served as our greeter on Sunday mornings. She grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Illinois and loves to travel and read.

Debbie Smith is a native of Charleston and is retired from MUSC. She has been a member of Second Presbyterian Church since 1985 and has served and volunteered in various ways throughout the years. She is an avid gardener, enjoys word games, playing in the bell choir, travel and spending time with family and friends. Debbie has also volunteered her time in the community tutoring young children in reading. She lives on James Island with her husband of 46 years, Patterson and their two Chihuahuas. She has two grown children.

George Smythe was born and raised in Charleston as a lifelong member of Second Presbyterian Church. Prior service includes two terms on the Diaconate and three terms on the Session. He works in the mortgage division of South State Bank and is married to Therese. They have five grown children, two dogs and a cat. My hobbies are hunting, fishing and spending as much time as possible with his family.

Sally Caithness Walker was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland and was raised in both Scotland and England. After studying for her MA in History at Edinburgh University, she decided to go back to school to study Graphic Design, traveling to Nashville, TN to learn. It was there that she met Nathaniel. They have been married for 13 years and have two children, Lily and Eliot. They have lived in some lovely places including Savannah, Charlottesville and Providence before coming to the even lovelier city of Charleston. □



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First and foremost, let me say that I feel so blessed to have this opportunity to minister among you here at Second Presbyterian. As we begin this new journey, I am anxiously awaiting to hear from the Lord just what he has in store for the church.

I have had many wise mentors throughout my years of ministry. A dear friend, who was one of my biggest supporters, was a wise man named Fr. Charlie. His vision of ministry was "Listen, listen, love, love." He taught me that ministry was about listening to those who were hurting and those who could help you on your way and, above all, to love.

Love those who are serving beside you, love those who you are serving and always find a way to reach out in love. As we enter this new year of ministry his words keep reverberating in my heart. In this new season I feel called to spend a lot of time listening for God and His direction, listening to those who are around me in this ministry and above all loving all those on this path with me.

As God directs and leads us forward in Christian Education, I look forward to seeing what direction the Lord will lead us in children's ministry, youth ministry, family ministry and adult education. No, I don't know what everything is going to look like yet, but I do know that at the top of the list will be lots of opportunities to grow together and to reach out together.

Please feel to reach out with any questions along the way.

*Blessings,
Sarah Craven*



We're excited to kick off summer this year with Vacation Bible School alongside First(Scots). Register your kids today for VBS with us at First(Scots) Presbyterian June 17th - 21st via www.2ndpc.org/vbs.



OYSTER ROAST 1,2,3 / CALEIGH FLOWERING THE CROSS / FRIENDS AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT
JIM & LOGAN ON FANCY HAT SUNDAY / CHILDREN'S TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY / GRACE, SAM, ALEXANDER & AVA AFTER THE EGG HUNT

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN KINDERGARTEN

Second Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten has flourished this Spring! Our team of volunteers in the Parents' Guild has provided support to our school that cannot be measured! We are blessed to have parents who love and support this program and give tirelessly of their time and resources to improve the school. The Guild showered our teachers with gifts and affirmation during Teacher Appreciation Week in April. The Parents' Guild leadership team is headed by Kate Adams & Athena Crofts, Co-Presidents, and Kim Moore, Treasurer.

In March we celebrated our Dads with doughnuts and breakfast. Our chapel that day was filled with strong male voices and smiling faces of proud boys and girls. In April we hit the ground running after Spring Break with field trips for the Kindergarten and Pre-K Class to The Charleston Museum and the Kindergarten class attended the "Rainbow Fish" play at the Gaillard. May 8th we celebrated our mothers with a brunch for our Kindergarten Class Moms. We cooked quiches and made salad and served our Moms a delicious meal, complete with flower pots of fresh basil as gifts. All of the classes have been busy making Mothers' Day Surprises.

Our parents enjoyed a great Fiesta Themed Event on May 3rd at Albemarle Supper Club. We auctioned donated items and raised money to make improvements to the school and playground. Among the prizes were four benches built by Barney Henderson, painted and decorated by the children in each class. Needless to say, these were the hottest items on the auction block. We enjoyed the music of one of the school dad's, Jimmy Moore and a beautiful Lowcountry Setting on Ellis Creek. We are blessed to have a committed group of parents and grandparents who always come through for SPK!

We enjoyed the closing exercises on Friday, May 17th with a picnic on the playground following the program. School starts back August 26th.

This Spring Erin Kerr and Sue Henderson, the directors of the Kindergarten, have been busy with tours for prospective parents and our enrollment for next year is very solid. We have 62 children in the program for the 2019-2020 school year. Our awesome staff will be back in August to prepare to welcome our children back. They are: Sarah Elizabeth Crow, Allie Wilkins, Amy Prause, Chris Bailey, Rachel Horne, Mary Brown, Schall Ragsdale and Sue McManus and Erin Kerr and Sue Henderson, directors.

- Erin Kerr & Sue Henderson



MUSIC

PICCOLO SPOLETO CONCERTS We have several performances in the sanctuary at Second Presbyterian this year:

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL Sunday, May 26th, 1:00-5:00 p.m. - Four area youth choirs give 45-minute concerts: Charleston Children's Chorus, Wilmington Girls' Choir (North Carolina), Harmonia (Mt. Pleasant) and Goose Creek High School Chamber Choir.

In addition, we are hosting several concerts in the **SPOTLIGHT SERIES**. Tickets available at the door or from the website, www.piccolospoleto.com. Concerts at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted: **May 28th**- Fantasma:

Piano Trio; **May 29th**- The In Between: Jazz and poetry; **May 30th**- CSO Strings Rejoice; **May 31st**- Chamber Music Charleston; **June 1st**- CSO Brass and Organ at 5:00 p.m.; **June 3rd**- Hello Saxophone!; **June 4th**- Carol Gimbel, viola; **June 5th**- Leah Edwards and Dimitri Pittas, vocals; **June 6th**- Charleston Piano Trio.

We are also hosting one concert from the **C OF C YOUNG ARTISTS SERIES: Saturday, June 1st** at 12:00 noon. - C of C Concert Choir.

Our Music staff, Clarissa Rider, Lee Lingle and Julia Harlow, are also involved in several concerts. More music information can be found on the church website at www.2ndpc.org/music.



CHARLESTON GOSPEL CHOIR



JOSHUA HALL, TRUMPET, ALONGSIDE THE CHOIR, HANDBELL CHOIR AND GUEST STRING MUSICIANS DURING THE EASTER SERVICE

CHOIR NEWS Choir and Bell Choir have finished their Wednesday night rehearsals for the summer and Bell Choir will be taking the summer off after presenting two pieces in the service on June 2nd. Choir will continue through the summer, just meeting a little earlier (10:30) on Sunday mornings. This is a good time to "try out" the choir as our music will be simpler and there is a minimum time commitment. Both Choir and Bell Choir will resume rehearsals in later August. Our Children's Choir is also on vacation for the summer.

- Dr. Julia Harlow

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35 – 36

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Session approved the formation of a Steering Committee as a result of a congregational meeting to discuss ways to capitalize on the ideas and resources of Church members. The team, Rebecca Darwin, Dingle Howe, David Savard, will be working with standing committees and the adult Sunday School Class to capture needs among members and to drive opportunities for engagement within the various ministries of the Church. Two areas identified this far have been kicked off: A "wish list" for donations to help reduce expenses and "Brother's Challenge" to give an extra \$10 per week. Working with Church membership, the team's goal is to establish an even stronger culture of stewardship to support financial needs while creating a process for developing deeper relationships with potential and new members.

- David Savard



KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY

MISSION TEAM

As the Second Presbyterian Mission Team looks forward through the spring to the summer, we continue to be led by Matthew 25: 35 - 36, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and

you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Members of the congregation gave generously on April 21st to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** to provide food for the hungry, disaster assistance, and help for people who are developing projects to improve their own lives. They gave again on May 12th to the **Mother's Day Offering**, which supports needy residents of the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

The upcoming **Tea Room**, May 24-26th, is significantly important to the mission ministries of Second Presbyterian because its proceeds go toward our mission giving. Please give it your support!

The **Pentecost Offering** will be given on June 9th. This offering supports young people of the church by nurturing their faith, ideas, and unique gifts which they then share with the church and the world. 40% of the offering remains with our congregation to use for children and youth programs. Last year those funds were used for Vacation Bible School. 25% is used for the Young Adult Volunteers program. These young volunteers, who raise most of their own support, serve in communities in the U.S. and around the world. 35% goes to youth and child ministries, such as the youth conferences in Montreat.

We are also looking forward to participating in the **Hands of Christ** ministry this summer. This ministry provides school uniforms and some school supplies for children of local families in need. One of the distribution locations is our church, and many hands are needed to help the process run smoothly. Watch for more information on how you can be involved. This will be on August 12th and 13th this year. Our congregational offering to support the ministry will be given on June 30th. More information is at handsofchrist.net.

The **new Mission Ministries bulletin board** was installed in the hall of the Education Building with the help of Suzann Lilienthal, Russell Smith, and Sue Henderson; so many thanks to them! On the board you can find letters from our supported mission co-worker, thank-you notes from organizations we have given to, and information about upcoming offerings and mission opportunities.

The current members of the Mission Team of Second Presbyterian are Cathy Hinson, Marion Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell, chair, Sarah Stevens, serving elder and liaison with Session, David Savard, Patterson Smith, and Kate Stanton. We would welcome new members who have a heart for Matthew 25 mission!

- Sarah Mitchell



DIACONATE

The goal of the Care Team is to strengthen the bonds, love, and support for members of our Church family. We realize that the needs of the congregation are constantly changing and we try our best to reach out to those with whatever needs may come their way. Sometimes we help when times are difficult and at other times we help celebrate the many joys along the way. Our team may assist in transportation, provide a meal, visit shut-ins or just visit with a friend. We send encouraging notes and cards and reach out with telephone calls, an email or even a text. We hope to develop new ways to increase the care and interactions of our church family this next year. We invite everyone in our church to participate in our Care Team activities.

- *Debra Smith, Congregational Care Team Chair*

The Deacons ended the "school year" on a high note with a very successful picnic in the Fellowship Hall (thanks to possible rain in the park) to celebrate Seersucker Suit and Fancy Hat Second Sunday on May 12th. We enjoyed delicious fried chicken and yummy pulled pork, courtesy of Jim Kimmitt, lots of fabulous sides and desserts contributed by the congregation, and good company with new and old friends. The prior month, we celebrated Second Sunday on Palm Sunday with a festive reception and on Easter Sunday enjoyed a beautiful day with cakes and cookies. A big thanks to all the Deacons and many others who made our hospitality program and Second Sundays so successful this year. Next up... Homecoming Sunday on September 8th.

- *Rebecca Darwin, Hospitality Committee Chair*

TEA ROOM

The "Seconds Please" Tea Room will open its doors once again on Friday, May 24th for a 3-day weekend only, May 24-26th. We are so hoping that our members will join us on Sunday for lunch after church to support the missions programs of Second Church, and Friday and Saturday as well. Service on Friday and Saturday runs from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sunday service will begin at 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The success of our Tea Room, the money we generate for Missions, depends solely on our volunteers. We need participation in every regard, so we are looking to all of you to find a small way to contribute to the success of our Mission outreach efforts. This is the most inclusive, fun event that our church stages and we promise that you will be blessed by participating. WE NEED ALL OF YOU for one short weekend of FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

We look forward to seeing you there!

- *Cathy Hinson*



SEERSUCKER SUIT AND FANCY HAT SUNDAY LUNCH 1&2
REBECCA & CATHY PREPARING FOR TEA ROOM 2019
HOMEMADE DESSERTS FROM LAST TEA ROOM

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Okay, so most of us don't live together, but Sunday mornings find us "together in unity" under one large, historic roof as we return to one service. Worship is the common denominator for all of us. Worship and fellowship are the ties that bind and strengthen our faith. We sometimes think we can go it alone, but we need the fellowship and support of our Christian family.



EASTER SUNDAY / FELLOWSHIP ON THE PORTICO
AFTER EASTER MORNING SERVICE / CHILDREN'S
CHOIR SINGING "ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND
BEAUTIFUL" ON FANCY HAT SUNDAY

*"How good
and pleasant
it is when
God's people
live together
in unity!"*

Psalm 133:1

Spring ushered in the season of Lent, immediately preceded by "Fat Tuesday" and an indulgent pancake dinner enjoyed by many folks. Ash Wednesday offered an early morning service with imposition of ashes, followed by an evening service with a renewal of Baptism.

During Lent, Rev. Cress preached the "I Am" series focusing on the Gospel of John and who Jesus is. Lent concluded with Holy Week when we gathered for a Maundy Thursday evening worship service with Communion, Good Friday evening worship service and finally celebrating His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our pews were full and our hearts were filled with gratitude, hope, faith, and love!

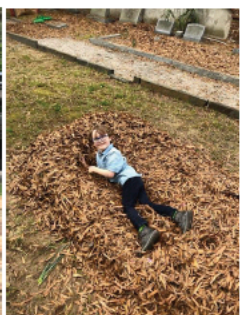
We welcomed thirteen new members this spring and several have already jumped into service- participating in the choir, joining mid-week small groups and Sunday lunches. Second also had the privilege of bringing three young children into the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. Our beautiful sanctuary was the site of five weddings this spring and the opportunity for brides to enjoy the gorgeous bridal suite.

As we celebrate the good times, we must also remember to pray for those that are undergoing challenges - health, job, relationships, finances, etc. Keep these folks in your prayers. The weekly bulletins are available at the Second Presbyterian website for the most up to date information.

Going forward, we will continue to worship throughout the summer in the Sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. With multiple changes being made to the worship recently, Session voted to keep the service time the same for consistency and stability.

Opportunities are always available to serve before, during and after the worship service including choir, liturgy, ushering, greeting, communion preparation and cleanup and various other duties. We hope to make our worship time together meaningful to each of us and pleasing to our Savior! Getting involved is a reward in itself and a benefit to all. Feel free to contact the church office for more information or check out the website for service opportunities and the latest news.

- Tina Smith



FINANCE COMMITTEE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. . . . Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." - Matthew 22:37 - 40

Jesus has declared to us what we need to do. When we do what Jesus has commanded us to do, we will be fulfilled, and Second Presbyterian Church will be sustained. Looking to Jesus and acting like Jesus will enable Second Presbyterian to overcome our challenges and see opportunities. We are continuing to cut expenses by working in **Beautiful the Yard Day**. Now, Second Presbyterian **Wish List** gives everyone the opportunity to give directly to help with expenses. The Committee needs you to help increase giving and income and decrease spending.

The Finance Committee members are Mia Maness, Cassandra Hutchens, Melody Booker Taylor, Aled Pritchard, Laura Ott, Patterson Smith, Raymond Skinner, George Smythe, and Debra J. Gammons, chair. Members are welcome to join the Finance Committee. The balances as of April 30, 2019 for the investment accounts are:

Thiele Fund: \$425,467.14 (less \$11,000 withdrawn in May to cover payroll and repair work); Roberson Fund: \$129,328.43; Allan Fund: \$23,371.06; Foundation Account: \$155,141.40; Cemetery Fund: \$62,841.74. We have budgeted expenses of \$497,368.00 and income of \$433,910.00; that leaves a deficit of \$63,458.00.

The Finance Committee's focus is on the teachings of Jesus Christ and being responsible stewards of God's money and property. The Committee's responsibility mirrors that of the Church; that responsibility includes honesty, clarity, and forthrightness. Second Presbyterian does not belong to us; it is God's Church. Get involved!

- Debra J. Gammons

8 EIGHT WAYS YOU CAN STRENGTHEN FELLOWSHIP, WORK IN FAITH, AND REDUCE COSTS

1. Give \$1 a day more from what God has given you
2. Give \$10 more each Sunday than you have given in the past
3. Make a new pledge
4. In your Last Will and Testament, name Second Presbyterian as a beneficiary
5. Take out the garbage and the recycling bins
6. Volunteer in the Nursery
7. Speak to visitors & current members
8. Speak to people about the love and power of Jesus Christ and invite them to join you in worship

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The news from Property is that maintenance and planning aren't seasonal. In fact, the Property Committee is always on call. The committee, and especially a dedicated few, respond to myriad issues that need to be addressed—anything from sewer issues in the kindergarten to painting windows on the education building, changing ballasts and light bulbs to overseeing the installation of a new AC in the choir loft.

Rob McCready and Chuck Medbery are currently preparing for our new residents, the Charleston Academy of Music, who will be moving in right after Tea Room. Extra consideration is being paid to the Meeting Street side of the Education Building. Updates are underway for additional safety and security as we prepare to welcome the Charleston Academy of Music to the Second Presbyterian family.



STEEPLE FUND

Last year the Property Committee oversaw extensive studies of the materials that make up our buildings. This is done to keep the committee aware of future repair needs as well as provide the Session with projected costs for a full future renovation. The studies concluded that the structure is sound and a fund has since been founded to paint the steeple. Excitement was palpable after the Mixed Adults Sunday School class pledged significant contributions on the spot toward the project. Patterson Smith has led the effort to continue officially raising funds for the Steeple Fund. \$67,750 has been committed toward the \$100,000 goal. Construction estimates are being submitted and work is expected to begin soon.

We are entertaining more bids for the painting and refurbishing of the Tower to be confident the work is the best possible, accomplished safely and with the least disruption of our worship.



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