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MESSAGE

FROM OUR PASTOR



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2018. You will find the story of a particular part of the body of Christ at the Second Presbyterian Church, a narrative that bears witness to the efforts over the past 12 months of individuals and a congregation seeking to be obedient in the particular circumstance in which they have been planted – smack dab in the middle of Charleston!

I pray that you'll be encouraged and inspired.

I pray that you'll be moved to witness meaning so that you will share in the story. If you've been engaged you will know that this past year is the platform for what will be an even better, more exciting future in service to our dynamic God!

I pray that you will see yourself, your friends and your family in the pictures and in the story of this past year. You will see the evidence of a congregation with diversity, spiritual purpose, vitality and joy – that punches above its weight in the community and beyond.

And you will see our challenges. We are not immune to the trends the larger church faces in patterns of attendance or support.

Be encouraged. The Spring/Summer Newsletter is coming soon that will preview what is coming – hold on to your seats!

May we all be moved to continuing – and greater – service this coming year as we continue to live into God's great narrative here at the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

If my comments appear to be similar to last year's, it's because the sentiment holds true. Indeed, I continue to pray that you will be encouraged and inspired by the work we get to do and I pray that you will see yourself in this chapter of Second Presbyterian Church's story.

With joy in being your pastor and in great anticipation –



GEORGIA & LOGAN IN THE PARK

WHAT WE BELIEVE

ROOTS

We affirm the central truths of historic Reformed and Biblical Christian faith, seeing ourselves in a long line of generations taking part in the endless conversation between God and people. We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the voices of many who have come before us, inspired by God to pass along their poems, stories, accounts, and letters of response and relationship with each other and the living God. To know where we are going, we have to know where we have been.

REDEMPTION

We trust that God wants to bring about a new humanity by redeeming every part of us. We embrace the salvation Jesus offers as the only hope for the healing of our relationships with God, each other, ourselves, and creation. We believe that all of life is spiritual, and that all of our fears, failures, and brokenness can be restored and made whole. We value the process of our journeys because we want to be fully integrated people—with all our mind, body, soul, emotions and experiences offered together to God.

CALLING

We have great confidence that God will restore all of creation under the authority of Christ. We believe that every church has to ask the question: "How are we called to live out that future reality today?" We want to constantly explore, question, and wrestle with new and creative ways to live out and communicate the teachings of Jesus. Since we see ourselves as much called to new living as Abraham was when he was called out of the Babylonian city of Ur, change is expected and rebirth is welcomed.

COMMUNITY

We value the image of God in all people, everywhere. We believe that we were created to live deeply with one another; carrying each other's burdens, sharing our resources, praying for and confessing our sins to each other, suffering and celebrating together. It is in these honest, loving relationships that God transforms us, and truth of Christ's promises becomes a reality. The way of Jesus cannot be lived alone.

SERVING

We believe that Jesus is God in human form, and that the church is God's ongoing presence in the world. Led by the Spirit of God, we are passionate about relieving suffering and fighting injustice by joining the God of the oppressed in living out the transforming message of the resurrected Jesus. Jesus calls his church to be a compelling force for good in the world, and we believe that the church is at its best when it serves, sacrifices and loves, caring about the things God cares about. We were created to live for something larger than ourselves.

CELEBRATING

We take great joy in partnering with God to change the world, embracing the truth that all of life is sacred, hope is real and that tomorrow can be better than today. We celebrate the divine in the daily, pursue lives of hope, reflect gratitude, and renew ourselves in worship. God invites everyone everywhere into this way of life, and we believe it is the best possible way to live.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Early Morning Kickboxing & Power Lifting
Young Professionals Fellowship Groups
Young Families Group
Women's Bible Study Group
2nd Presbyterian Men's Society
Youth Fellowship Gatherings
Annual Oyster Roast
2nd Edition Book Club
Second Presbyterian Travel Club
Seersucker & Fancy Hat Sunday
"Seconds Please" Tea Room
"Supper at Second" Wednesday Night Fellowship
Game Night
Talent Show
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Vacation Bible School
Summer at Second (summer camp)
Community Thanksgiving
Food Drives for Lowcountry Food Bank and Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation
Parents' Night Out Youth Fundraisers
Souper Bowl Sunday
Journey (Campus Ministry)
Advent Workshop
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
Christmas Pageant

PARTNERSHIPS

Charleston Bible Society
Easter Egg Hunt with First(Scots)
1st Wednesday Men's Luncheon at St. Philips
Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center
Gospel Choir & Spiritual Ensemble
Community Worship Services at Thanksgiving and on Maundy Thursday
MUSC Camp Communication
Hands of Christ
Sisters in Serenity
The Shaw Center
Charleston Illumination Project
Sophia Institute's Social Justice Racial Equity Collaborative
Boys & Girls Club (Shaw Center)
Loving America Street
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
Colin McKay Grant Home
180 Place
Florence Crittenton Home
Habitat for Humanity
Heifer International
Help for Haiti
LEAP
Medical Benevolence – Congo, Medical Missions
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Communities of SC
Presbyterian Student Association
Star Gospel Mission
Thornwell Home
Tywanza Sanders Legacy Foundation
Water Missions International



CHILDREN'S TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY

CONGREGATIONAL STATS

2018 End of Year Congregational Statistics

Membership: 267

New Members: 14

Baptisms: 3 Children

Weddings: 9

Certificate Transfer Losses: 7

Deaths: 3



NEW MEMBERS AND CHURCH LEADERS PARTY AT THE MCCREADY'S

CHURCH LEADERS



ELDERS

Class of 2019: Debra Gammons, Jerald Hucks, A.J. Manett, Aled Pritchard

Class of 2020: Dave Jackson, Sarah Stevens, Tina Smith, Nathan Walker

Class of 2021: Ken Carrington, Rob McCready, Chuck Medberry

Nominated Class of 2021: Patterson Smith **2022:** Gary Jaffe, Katie Mai, Aled Pritchard, Felicia Sanders

DEACONS

Class of 2019: Rebecca Darwin, Dolly Hamlin, Cathy Lipp, Jim Kimmett

Class of 2020: Erin Mellen

Class of 2021: Geneva Frayer, Dawn McCready, Debbie Smith, Denise Girard, Martha Lackey

Nominated Class of 2020: Rebecca Darwin, Carol Howe, Sally Caithness Walker **2022:** Sara Gouldon, Sue Henderson, Lucie Medbery, Nicole Schuerman, George Smythe

NOMINATING TEAM

2018-2019: ELDERS: Aled Pritchard, Tina Smith, DEACON: Cathy Lipp, MEMBERS AT LARGE: Peggy Hay, Peter Rupert, Patterson Smith, Nicole Schuerman, EX-OFFICIO: Cress Darwin

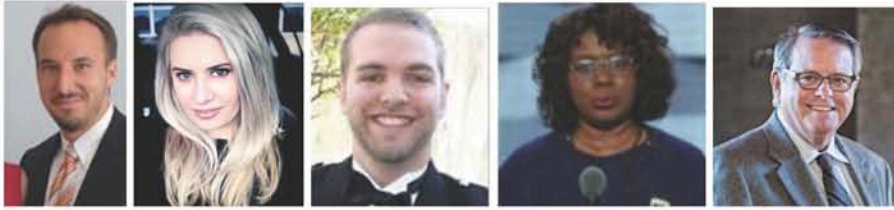
OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Spence Roddey, President

Patterson Smith, Vice President

Peggy Hay, Secretary

SLATE OF NOMINEES



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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

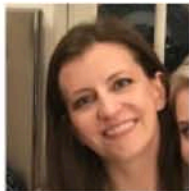
Lucie Medbery grew up in the Disciples of Christ Church (Texas). She and Chuck settled in Kansas City for more than 20 years and retired in 2015 to Charleston, Chuck's hometown. This is their "family church," where their children were baptized and where their daughter got married. She is a retired teacher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

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.

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.

NEW MEMBERS



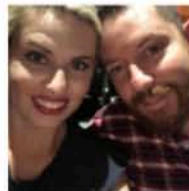
Jessica Brock



Josie Harrington



Lee Lingle



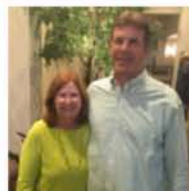
Chris Mai & Katie Mai



Clinton Medbery



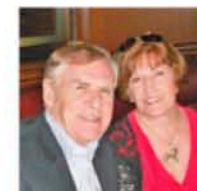
Trey Skinner



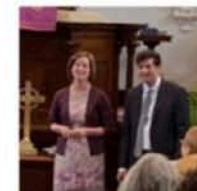
Robert Snyder & Laurie Snyder



Antionette Terry



Paul Welborn & Winkie Welborn



Lucas Willoughby & Carrie Willoughby

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ALED PRITCHARD, DOMONIQUE BROWN, EARTHA BROWN, SUE HENDERSON, ERIN MELLEN, LAURIE SNYDER

Christian Education at Second Presbyterian includes Sunday morning classes, Wednesday evening programs, other weeknight Bible Studies and special events. We also plan and implement special events like the Fall Carnival with the Kindergarten and the Kindergarten Sunday Celebration. Both of those events were wonderfully attended this year and lots of fun. Bringing our SPK and Second Church families together is always a blessing.

Throughout the year we hosted other special events too:

- **Community Vacation Bible School:** We hosted our first Community VBS June 24-28, 2018 and it was an incredible first year. We hosted an evening VBS starting with supper followed by groups rotating through music, arts, recreation, discovery and Bible time. We partnered with Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Charleston Family Promise, The Shaw Center and City of Charleston Recreation Department, Laundry Matters, East Cooper Community Development and other local organizations to extend our invitation to families on the east side of Charleston. Liv rewrote much of the curriculum specifically to meet the needs of our community and no detail went unnoticed. The week ended in celebration as families were invited to the park for fellowship and fun and there was a great turnout. These missional events take months of preparation and so many volunteers from Redeemer and Second came together to offer a really enriching experience. We certainly hope to host another VBS in the future!
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** was very well attended, and a beautiful morning of fun and fellowship hosted with our First(Scots) neighbors. The event came together with the help of a few wonderful volunteers, not the least of which were the members of the Young Professionals Group who stuffed thousands of eggs! And Eartha Brown's bunny suit creations were a festive touch this year.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks:** On August 19th we sent our young people and teachers back to school knowing God's got their back!
- **Homecoming Sunday:** August 26th was a special Sunday where we recognized our 1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th graders within the church and we had multiple representatives for each milestone year.
- **Parents Night Out, Christmas Movie Night** and **Shareholders of the Faith** all served as fundraisers for our Educational Ministries.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Children got to sport their Halloween costume early on the Wednesday before Halloween as we gathered for an evening of intergenerational fun and fellowship.
- **Advent Craft Night:** was an evening of crafts for children to begin to prepare and experience the Advent Season. Adults sang carols and made advent wreaths and it was a great way to start the season.
- **Christmas Pageant:** our children presented the Christmas story as a Sunday evening family Christmas worship service.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR / SHAREHOLDERS OF THE FAITH FUNDRAISER / CHILDREN PACKAGING FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS DURING A PARENT'S NIGHT OUT EVENT / CHILDREN PRAYING IN THE SERVICE

Last summer was a big summer for CE at Second Presbyterian! June 10th-16th Liv took 3 of our high school youth to Montreat Youth Conference. These young ladies spent the week experiencing God and growing in their faith through worship, keynote, recreation and small group studies. Liv also took a group to the Montreat Middle School Conference where Clay Brock debuted his violin skills and we have since enjoyed special musical appearances by him on Sunday mornings.

The Christian Education committee was tapped more than usual this year as Director of Children's Education, Liv, left in February. There was, thankfully, lots of good infrastructure in place, volunteers willing to step up and families happy to be involved to help cover the time of transition as we faithfully search for Second Presbyterian's next Director of Christian Education. Domonique Brown led children's discipleship activities on Wednesday nights, volunteers have been leading Sunday school each week and Jessie Borrows and Emily McDaniels, have continued childcare in the nursery on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The **Mixed Adults Sunday School class**, led by Dingle Howe, continues to meet at 10 a.m. and they have invited church leaders to join them in recent months as they work through *The Purpose Driven Church*. In light of the new worship schedule at 11:15 only, children's Sunday school was moved to after Children's Time. This has worked out well and ensured that more children are getting a dedicated time of discipleship each week. Children's Sunday School lessons are taught from curriculum by



Illustrated Children's Ministry titled *An Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God*.

Midweek Christian Education offerings included small group bible studies as well as "Supper at Second." Wednesday Night Suppers were dotted with special nights and this year we enjoyed a lot of "second annual" events, like our second annual Intergenerational Game Night to kick off Wednesday night programming. Suppers were, again, served by different church groups each week at 5:30 and study groups began around 6:15. The children enjoyed working through *An Illustrated Invitation: Joining God at Work in the World*, a creative, interactive curriculum that helps children walk through stories of the faith. The Young Families group discussed *Historical Jesus* and the Women's Bible Study most recently studied together through Revelation.

The first semester of Wednesday night programming culminated in the pageant practices and coming together with many others from our church family on December 16th for the Christmas Pageant. The Pageant was a huge success enjoyed by our entire church family and many guests and we ended the evening together with a pizza supper in the fellowship hall made especially festive with Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

The spring Wednesday Night programming was ultimately met with busy schedules for young families and no one able to lead the Young Families Bible Study and overall attendance dwindled as a result. However, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a festive night of fellowship and the those that attended enjoyed the Lenten Sermon Discussion Series. The spring semester also included the formation of a Children's Choir. Clarissa Rider, Second Presbyterian soprano section leader, led rehearsals right after supper and the children have really enjoyed working on learning music basics and an anthem to perform. Children's Choir practice is now held on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The children will perform an anthem in the Mother's Day service Sunday, May 12th.

Liv's direction left us with a vibrant ministry that God is blessing in so many ways. We look forward to adapting and growing our programming to meet people at their point of need going forward with Second Presbyterian's next Director of Christian Education.

- Jordyn Pritchard



SCENES FROM
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (TOP, LEFT)
AND FALL FESTIVAL (BELOW, RIGHT)



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN KINDERGARTEN

SCHOOL STAFF

SUE HENDERSON
DIRECTOR

ERIN KERR
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

IRENE ROSE SMITH
MUSIC AND SPANISH

SARAH ELIZABETH CRAW
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

SUSAN LAU
KINDERGARTEN VOLUNTEER

ALLIE WILKINS & AMY PRAUSE
PRE-K (4) TEACHERS

CHRIS BAILEY & RACHEL HORNE
PRESCHOOL (3) TEACHERS

SUE M^CMANUS & MARY BROWN
PRESCHOOL (2) TEACHERS

SCHALL RAGSDALE & ELIZA SCHULTZ
PRESCHOOL (2) TEACHER ASSISTANTS



1) "MISS SUE" READING TO THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS
2) SPK CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
3) SPK FALL FESTIVAL
4) PLAYING TOGETHER ON THE CHURCH PLAYGROUND

Second Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten has nearly completed our 41st year of offering young children in the Charleston Area a safe & happy learning environment. We welcome children ages 18 months through Kindergarten to participate in the program. Our teachers provide positive discipline and teaching skills. They take pride in making the classrooms inviting. The Weekday Program serves 64 children. The school is a Christ centered program and the Christian atmosphere is most visible on Wednesday mornings when we gather to worship in the Chapel. Parents often join us at this joyful time to praise God through the Word, music, prayers and stories.

This year the Parents' Guild raised money to replace the aging area rugs in the rooms, replaced the bridge of the wooden play structure, benches, & clubhouse as well as bought new swings. We are currently in the plans of adding more sunshades to the playground, a new wooden fence on the John Street side as well as interior hallway improvements and painting.

- The Parents' Guild purchases much needed extras for teachers such as easels, audio equipment, books and curriculum manipulatives. Parents' Guild funds also pay for safe and effective mosquito and gnat control on our school campus and playground.
- SPK held their 5th Annual Holiday Carnival and Fall Fest open to school and church families. This carnival served supper and entertained over 200 friends on a beautiful fall evening in November. We even sold over 100 prepared meals!
- SPK sold 250 wreaths locally to raise money for on-going school improvements and helped decorate the Chapel and Fellowship Hall with them for Advent season.
- SPK organized the annual Kindergarten Sunday Event with special music lead by our music teacher, Mrs. Irene Rose Smith. Over 240 church members and kindergarten families were present for this celebration in February. The school provided lunch following the service that also served as the month's "Second Sunday Lunch."
- Our annual Father's Day celebration brought in 70 Fathers, Grandfathers & special friends to school one March morning for breakfast and morning Chapel.
- In May, the school will hold their annual Spring Fling and Auction at Albemarle Supper Club. Money raised will go directly to much needed interior improvements such as classroom painting and hallway rug replacement.
- Our closing program and picnic is May 17th.
- 3 summer camps will once again be offered: one in May, June, and July. The camps have become so popular; we even filled all of our spots in less than 1 week of opening registration!
- Enrollment is growing and we are thrilled to welcome back all teachers in the fall as well as add another classroom assistant.

- Erin Kerr & Sue Henderson



FUN IN THE TWO'S ROOM / ON THE PLAYGROUND / STORYTIME



MUSIC

DR. JULIA HARLOW & LEE LINGLE

We have had a very busy musical year here at Second Presbyterian. The choir of First (Scots) joined us in February 2018, to present two anthems together in a service. We again joined with several area churches to present combined worship for Maundy Thursday and at Thanksgiving. We hosted the Youth Music Festival for one day of Piccolo Spoleto again in May. Our bell choir has rehearsed and played in the service several times and continues to be an inspiring and close-knit group. At Easter, 2018 we revived an old tradition of inviting all interested to join our choir upstairs to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus for the postlude and continued that again this Easter.

In January 2019, we hosted the choir from Davidson College (NC), in concert and in our service. Their magnificent sounds were uplifting and enhanced worship. Also, in January and February 2019, several young instrumentalists played in our services. Tripp Carrington and Clay Brock from our congregation helped to lead us in worship musically. Lee Lingle's report outlines the many highlights of our choir year. The Charleston Gospel Choir sang twice in our services in 2018 and will again in May 2019. In May we will host several concerts for Piccolo Spoleto: the Youth Music Festival on one Sunday; several concerts for the Spotlight Series, and the College of Charleston Choir on June 1.

Our music program welcomes persons who wish to sing, play bells, or contribute their other musical talents. Please contact me at jharlow@2ndpc.org if you would like to be involved in any of our choirs or to play an instrument in the service. I would encourage all also to visit the Music page on the church website to hear again some of our anthems, the Davidson Choir, or the Christmas Pageant.

- *Dr. Julia Harlow*

THE DAVIDSON COLLEGE CHOIR
CHARLESTON GOSPEL CHOIR SINGING DURING THE SERVICE SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 23RD
CHOIR DOWNSTAIRS IN AUGUST



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

The choir is continuing to do great things at Second Presbyterian Church to praise God and share his message with the church and community. The highlights of our year have been the terrific performance of Vivaldi's Gloria during Advent, followed by a truly spiritually moving service of lessons and carols on Christmas Eve. We are looking forward to performing Handel's Coronation Anthem number 4, Let Thy Hand be Strengthened, for Easter. The choir has been working really hard and it is shaping up to be an amazing gift of music to the congregation.

I am pleased to report that the choir is growing! We have welcomed Amina Hussain from the College of Charleston as our alto section leader. Courtney Koronkowski joined us during last year, and since then we have been blessed by the additions of Crevon Brown, Joshua Hall, and SaSa Darwin. We are always looking to add more members to our choir family.

It is such a special opportunity to come together to create something greater than we can on our own to glorify God. We have a lot of fun while working hard at this and welcome anyone of any ability to join us. All that is required is a love of music and a desire to sing. Please send me a message leeling3@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

I am also pleased to share that Clarissa Rider, our soprano section leader, has started working with our children for a children's choir. She is doing incredible work and the kids seem to be having a lot of fun while learning valuable music skills. I look forward to hearing them in worship soon. If your child is interested in singing please email me as well. Working with such wonderful musicians here at Second Presbyterian is an honor and privilege.

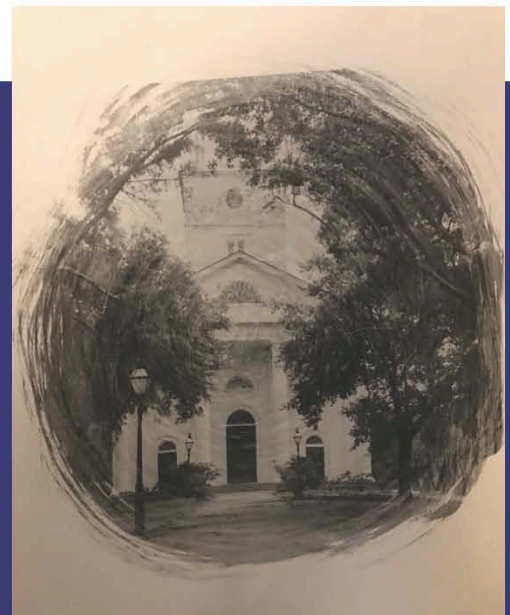
- Lee Lingle, Chancel Choir Director

STEERING COMMITTEE

REBECCA DARWIN, DINGLE HOWE & DAVID SAVARD

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 is 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. Areas identified this far include creating a “wish list” for donations to help reduce expenses, a challenge to “give an extra \$10 per week,” establishing a culture of stewardship to support financial needs, and creating a process for developing stronger relationships with potential and new members.

- David Savard



CLOCKWISE: SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE BRIDGE

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INCORPORATED IN THE ARTWORK OF DONTRE MAJOR ON DISPLAY DURING THE PRINTS IN CLAY: A VISUAL EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT THE GAILLARD



FELLOWSHIP ON THE PORTICO AFTER EASTER MORNING SERVICE



TOP: OYSTER ROAST
LEFT 1: GEORGE HOWE BAPTISM
LEFT 2: SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
RIGHT: FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



ANNUAL EASTER
EGG HUNT



MISSION TEAM

SARAH MITCHELL, MARION MITCHELL, CATHY HINSON, DAVID SAVARD, PATTERSON SMITH, KATE STANTON & SARAH STEVENS

The Second Presbyterian Mission Team looks for its purpose to 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." There are several local missions in which members of Second can participate in a "hands-on" way:

- The team "Second to None" made the three-mile trek in the **Walk for Water** on March 30th, carrying buckets of water as a reminder of what many around the world must do. They raised money for Water Mission to help provide safe water for millions around the world. Further support was given in a designated congregational offering. More info at watermission.org

- We have worked with **Habitat for Humanity** in recent years and are expecting to participate in another project later this year with members of First (Scots) and other churches.

Several members spend an afternoon a week at the **Shaw Center** a few blocks away, helping children with their homework in an after-school program.

- **Hands of Christ** provides school uniforms and some school supplies for children of families in need. One of the distribution locations is our church, and many hands are needed to help the process run smoothly. 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 at handsofchrist.net
- The **"Seconds, Please" Tea Room** is held every year to raise money for these and other missions we support. There are many and varied opportunities in which our church members may participate to make this the great success it has always been! This year's dates are May 24th, 25th, 26th, with prep day on the 23rd. Volunteer sign-up is available now in the front hall of the Education Building or online at our website.

Two South Carolina-wide special offerings are given.

- On Mother's Day, this year May 12th, we remember the **Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina**. There are six communities throughout the state, serving retired seniors of all faiths. The nearest to us is The Village at Summerville. Our gifts help those who have outlived their retirement savings. More info at prescommunities.org
- On November 24th we have a special offering to support Thornwell. What used to be called **Thornwell Home for Children**, which took in orphans and other children whose families were unable to care for them, is now a major provider in state-wide service to families in crisis, offering counseling and parenting training, as well as their residential and foster programs. More information at thornwell.org

As Presbyterians, we know what it means to come together. We make it a habit to unite in worship, prayer, and service. Of all the ways we come together as the PC(U.S.A.), the Special Offerings represent the single, largest collective effort of Presbyterians to create positive impact and share God's grace and love. There are four denomination-wide special offerings. More information at presbyterianmission.org

- In the **One Great Hour of Sharing**, given this year on Easter, we join in an ecumenical effort to provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. 32% of the offering goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 36% to reducing hunger and combatting food insecurity (Presbyterian Hunger Program), and 32% to Self-Development of People (SDOP). SDOP provides resources and education to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

"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



PART OF THE "SECOND TO NONE" GROUP AT THE 2019 WALK FOR WATER

- The **Pentecost offering**, given this year on June 9th, supports young people 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.
- The **Peace and Global Witness offering** supports ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict. It will be given on October 6th, World Communion Sunday. 25% is retained by the congregation to invest in local responses to injustice and violence. A congregation in New Jersey used their portion of the offering in hosting a peace camp for elementary-aged children with help from local Jewish and Muslim congregations.
- The **Christmas Joy offering** on December 22nd celebrates the gift of church leaders, past, present, and future. Half of the offering goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, giving critical financial assistance for current and retired Presbyterian ministers, missionaries, and other church workers in their time of need. The other half goes to leadership development programs in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

There are other ministries supported by Second with Tea Room funds, some which distance keeps us from experiencing close at hand, and some local.

- The **Medical Benevolence Foundation** is a support ministry for clinics, hospitals and nursing schools in Haiti, Malawi, DR Congo and other African countries. These facilities were begun or served by Presbyterian medical missionaries, but now are staffed by local medical personnel, with some support from mission co-workers. Second Presbyterian has a long history of support for the Good Shepherd Hospital in DR Congo. More information at mbfoundation.org
- Second Presbyterian sends partial support to **Leisa Wagstaff, a mission co-worker in South Sudan**, serving in education and trauma-healing. She was invited by the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan to work alongside them in their schools and in the refugee populations and camps in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda. See presbyterianmission.org/leisawagstaff for a video of her and to read her letters.
- **Sea Island Hunger Awareness** at fightislandhunger.org. This foundation serves primarily those residents of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands who struggle with food insecurity and lack of a clean water source.
- The **Star Gospel Mission** has been serving the homeless and needy in Charleston since 1904. They provide transitional housing for homeless men and respond to the temporary needs of the poor throughout the tri-county region. They offer assistance with rent, utility bills, food needs, emergency medical and transportation expenses. They would love for folks to come and serve as volunteers.
- **Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy** at coastalcrisischaplain.org. Their chaplaincy is a diverse team of first responder chaplains providing comfort in crisis and a continuum of care to first responders and survivors.
- Our church's donation to the **Montreat** Conference Center allows us to participate in their ministry to the thousands who go to that beautiful valley to be spiritually blessed. So it is fitting that this is included in the mission report. Our members have been going there for over a hundred years, and the conferences our young people have attended recently have truly been a blessing.



HANDS OF CHRIST

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

TEA ROOM

CATHY HINSON, ERIN BEAM, DOLLY HAMLIN, SARAH MITCHELL, RUTH CARR, REBECCA KETTERING, KURT TAYLOR, SUE HENDERSON, MIA MANESS & MEREDITH MOSNY

The Seconds Please Tea Room was a great success in 2018, with a slight change of operation. The Tea Room operated for the Memorial Day weekend of May 25-27, 3 days, instead of 2 weekends. This proved to be less stressful for our volunteers. Our proceeds were not much less than staging two weekends, around \$7,500.00.

Once again, we served the vendors of the Crafts Fair, visitors to the City, as well as many customers that visit us each year. The Tea Room Committee is faithful in their efforts to make this event a truly memorable one each year. The Tea Room relies on the team work of the committee as well as the countless dedicated volunteers who make the event so wonderful.

- Cathy Hinson



DIACONATE REPORT

The deacons have had a busy year. With an active membership we have cared for the congregation and set up many opportunities for the members to get to know each other through fellowship and fun.

As a whole we have provided refreshment after church each Sunday as well as receptions for the families and friends of our members who have passed away.

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 in need with whatever 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 Hospitality Committee of the Deacons, co-chaired by Rebecca Darwin and Denise Girard, has had an active Fall and Winter. Starting off the year with a very successful Homecoming Second Sunday Lunch in September, the committee has had creative themes for each of the monthly gatherings and sought to involve many members of the church with helping to provide the food, thus making the luncheons self-sustaining. From Christmas and Easter receptions to a Souper Bowl (bring your favorite soup) Sunday in February and a St. Patrick's Potluck of the Irish lunch in March, the fellowship hall has been filled on these Second Sundays with church members and friends mingling, eating, and having a good time. On the horizon for the Spring is the annual Seersucker Suit and Fancy Hat Sunday picnic in the park on Mother's Day.

- Rebecca Darwin, Hospitality Committee Chair



**CHURCH OYSTER ROAST
SEERSUCKER SUIT AND FANCY HAT SUNDAY LUNCH
SECOND SUNDAY CHRISTMAS RECEPTION / JACK TAYLOR BAPTISM**

In addition, the Hospitality Committee has helped with several Wednesday night dinners, spearheaded the annual Oyster Roast, and hosted receptions for the families of church members who have recently lost their loved ones. Thanks to all the Second family who have provided food and attended all of these gatherings.

- Erin Mellen

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

JULIA HARLOW, GRETA HOWE, LEE LINGLE, SARAH STEVENS, KEN CARRINGTON,
LAURA OTT & TINA SMITH

The Music and Worship committee is responsible for all parts of the worship service including music selections by the Director of Music and the Pastor, assuring that the services are appropriately staffed by volunteer liturgists, ushers and greeters and generally ensuring that the worship service is offered in a meaningful approach consistent with Christ's biblical instruction.



KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY

This year, the biggest change to our worship offerings was a return to one Sunday morning service. This decision was made after much deliberation by staff and Session and also followed an extensive survey of Congregational members. Overwhelmingly, the results pointed to a desire to join the two services into one service and regularly reunite in worship.

Second has received many new members into our congregation this past year and also had the opportunity and privilege to baptize others into our faith. Many of these new members have already jumped into worship roles including liturgy, ushering and choir. In addition, youth continue to be active serving as liturgists and ushers during the year.

Throughout the year, Second had the privilege of hosting several special worship services: Ash Wednesday with renewal of Baptism, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Kindergarten Sunday, Community Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Candlelight, and Christmas Day services. Several area churches joined us for the Community Thanksgiving and Maundy Thursday services.

The committee has also tackled some of the issues involved with wedding services held at Second—exploring the feasibility of expanding this service with the understanding that weddings are worship services.

As always, Dr. Harlow has graced us with her wonderful talents on the organ and piano. Music and hymnal selections have included a diverse array of traditional, contemporary, spiritual and other varieties of music. The choir continues under the leadership of Lee Lingle and has enjoyed the addition of new voices to its roster, some with additional instrumental talents. Special choral offerings have included Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah". Congregational participation also enhanced an already beautiful rendition and will be repeated in the coming year as well! The Fellowship Hall continues to be utilized by the Charleston Spiritual Ensemble for rehearsal.

Our online website is also available to catch up on events happening, provide easy ways to volunteer your services and talents, access to the current worship service bulletin and also sermon podcasts. Becoming an active participant in worship strengthens our church as a whole and furthers our progress and individual journeys as Christians. If you haven't been asked or want to become more engaged in the worship service, feel free to approach the Music and Worship Committee for questions!

- Tina Smith



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1. SANCTUARY AT CHRISTMAS
 2. CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S TIME
 3. SECOND SUNDAY CHRISTMAS RECEPTION
 4. ADVENT WREATH-MAKING & CAROLING
 5. ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP
 6. CREVON, ANIYAH, KA'MYA & SASA SINGING IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 7. GENEVA AND TINA USHERING THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 8. VOLUNTEERS AT DECORATION DAY
 9. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



FINANCE COMMITTEE

DEBRA GAMMONS, MIA MANESS, MELODY TAYLOR, CASSANDRA HUTCHENS, LAURA OTT, ALED PRITCHARD, TREY SKINNER & PATTERSON SMITH

Second Presbyterian has been blessed with giving from members and friends. 2018 income was \$493,513.02. Income included \$299,617.62 in contributions. Contributions included \$229,997 in pledged offerings and \$66,493.49 in unpledged offerings. 2018 expenses totaled \$524,362.14. Mission Giving totaled \$14,414.47. The deductible for hurricane insurance is \$500,000.00.

Giving from the heart and giving a little more is necessary for the ongoing operation of the church. Second Presbyterian is continuing to move forward in decreasing expenses by having more members **volunteer** to help with the church. Beautify the Yard has allowed members and friends to exercise, breathe in fresh air, laugh, and take care of our church home. We are stewards. We are caretakers of Second Presbyterian. Second Sunday Lunch prepared by our

Deacons bringing in delicious dishes allows for fellowship. Other ways to build financial strength are to **add \$10 a week** to what you are already giving and add Second Presbyterian to **your will or trust**. Estate planning and leaving a financial legacy of love and hope will help Second Presbyterian navigate these financial waters. A Second Presbyterian **"Wish List"** is now posted in the narthex! You get to choose specifically how you will be a blessing to our church. Help from everyone is needed and appreciated.

Second Presbyterian has been blessed with five investment funds. These five funds are currently being handled by Millennium Private Wealth. These funds are the Roberson Fund, Thiele Fund, Allan Fund, Foundation Account, and Cemetery Fund. As of March 31, 2019, the balances were \$423,774.54 in the Thiele Fund; \$152,728.25 in the Foundation Account, \$61,864.91 in the Cemetery Fund, and \$23,545.74 in the Allan Fund. The Thiele Fund includes \$28,625.00 that has been collected for the Steeple Fund.

- Debra J. Gammons



BEAUTIFY THE YARD DAYS

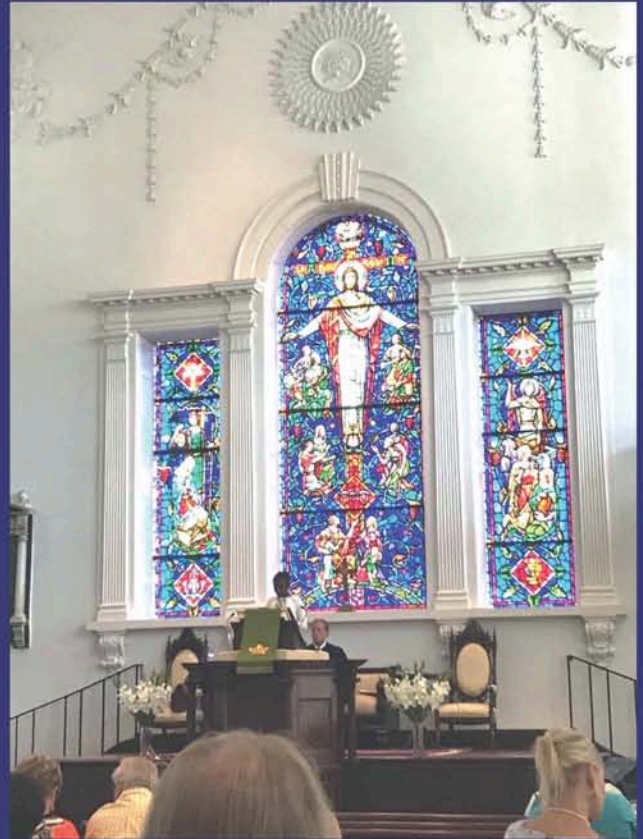
STEWARDSHIP

DAVE JACKSON, ALED PRITCHARD,
DEBRA J. GAMMONS, LAURA OTT, DAVID SAVARD,
REBECCA DARWIN & PATTERSON SMITH

Stewardship for 2018 began in late September and culminated in Stewardship Sunday in November. Throughout the "Our Home" campaign, members of the Church present their experiences on how Second Presbyterian is so valuable to their life and community.

As of this report, the total pledge amount is \$252,420 (as of April 14, 2019) which is short of the budgeted \$270,000. The Stewardship committee will be meeting this spring to look for new ways to reach out to members and how to prepare for next year's drive.

- *Dave Jackson*



ANIYAH SERVING AS LITURGIST

"OUR HOME" COLLECTION BOXES
FOR CHILDREN TO BRING ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ROB MCCREADY, CHUCK MEDBERRY, BRAD MILNER, JERALD HUCKS, SPENCE RODDEY, RANDY COOK, RUSSELL SMITH, PATTERSON SMITH, EDMUND MOST, PETER RUPERT, MARION MITCHELL, PAT MELLEN, BOB HOFFMAN & JIM KIMMETT



The Property Committee, like many of its peer committees, has focuses on the health, safety and comfort of our congregation. Ongoing efforts to maintain the integrity of the main Church and the Education Building have consumed a majority of our budget. Maintenance of the building and property have included repairs to water and plumbing lines. For increased security, the committee oversaw the upgrade to exterior lighting and the installation of multiple additional security cameras. Members took on tasks, such as digging trenches, to facilitate such installation.

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.

