



# NEWSLETTER

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON



HOMECOMING SUNDAY: CHILDRENS TIME (L), USHERS (R)

## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST –

I trust that you're enjoying the Fall Break as I am. No, not a few days off from school, but the subtle shift in the weather and in nature's energy and the colors in the marshes. The evening light almost has a crispness to it.

These past few months we have endured and been witness to horrific storms and hellish fires – and these are just the chaos from nature! Incivility, bellicose threats, and violence continue to fill the airwaves and harm the soul.

But when we gather in love and anticipation we re-discover hope. We are reminded of the constancy of God's care and that we are the foot soldiers in God's campaign of reclamation – a campaign fueled by God's love and carried forward by God's people.

Read the exciting narrative of the Spirit's working through these halls and blowing into the community.

You are a part of this work and the work will take all we can offer – but what a payback to know the joy that is in our surrender, our commitment, our obedience.

What we get to do!





WEDNESDAY SUPPER & GAME NIGHT

**WE HAD A GREAT TIME** kicking off Wednesday Night Supper at Second with Game Night last month.

Don't miss the next big event, **FALL FESTIVAL**, Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a peanut-free Trunk-or-Treat, games set up inside and on the playground, and a cakewalk!

**CANDY & PRIZES** - Please drop off candy (no peanuts) and small prize donations by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bin for donations is located in the education building by the front door. Everyone is welcome and we are extending a special invitation to our friends at the Shaw Center, so let's make sure we have plenty to go around.

JOIN US

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**FALL  
FESTIVAL**

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SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**OCTOBER 25 2017**

GAMES & TRUNK-OR-TREAT **FOOD & FUN**

342 MEETING ST CHARLESTON 29403 5:30-7:30 PM

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAYS

9:30am - **Adult Choir Rehearsal**  
9:30am - **Chapel Service\***  
10:00am - **Sunday School**  
10:30 am - **Junior Choir Rehearsal**  
11:15am - **Sanctuary Service\***

### MONDAYS

### TUESDAYS

6:00am - **Body Pump**  
5:30pm - **Spiritual Ensemble Rehearsal**  
7:00pm - **Young Professionals (Downtown)**  
7:30pm - **Young Professionals (West Ashley)**

### WEDNESDAYS

6:00 a.m. - **Kickboxing**  
5:00 p.m. - **Bell Choir Rehearsal**  
5:30 p.m. - **Supper at Second**  
6:30 p.m. - **Choir Rehearsal**

### THURSDAYS

6:00am - **Body Pump**

### FRIDAYS

### SATURDAYS

11:00am - **Sisters in Serenity Group**

\*Communion on first Sunday of each month

### WEDNESDAY AFTER SUPPER

**Young Families Small Group**—Conference Room  
**Women's Bible Study**— The Classroom Upstairs  
**Preschool- K5**—Downstairs in the Green Room  
**1st-4th Grade**—209  
**5th-8th Grades**—The Youth Room

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Preschool-K5**—Green Room  
**1st- 5th Grades**—Youth Room  
**Middle & High School Youth**—Room 209  
youth "Donuts & Devotion" two Sundays a month  
**Mixed Adults Class**—Downstairs Classroom  
all ages welcome

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> **Fall Festival**  
Trunk or Treat, Games and Cakewalk  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> **Reformation Sunday**  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> **Commitment Sunday**  
One Service at 11:15am, followed by Lunch  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> **New Members Received**  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> **Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time**  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> **Youth Donuts & Devotions**  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> **Pageant Practice**  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> **Book Club**  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> **Community Thanksgiving Service**  
Followed by Dinner  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> **Thanksgiving Day**  
Nov 26<sup>th</sup> **Youth Donuts & Devotions**  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup> **Advent Workshop**  
Sing Christmas Hymns  
Family-friendly Craft Stations  
Make a Live Advent Wreath  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> **Men's Breakfast**  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> **Decorate the Christmas Tree**  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> **First Sunday of Advent**  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> **Youth Donuts & Devotions**  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup> **Pageant Practice**  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> **Drop 'n Shop**  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> **Last 2017 Supper at Second**  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> **Pageant Practice**  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Pageant**  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> **Youth Donuts & Devotions**  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Morning Casual Service**  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> **Supper at Second Resumes**





# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

## SOCIAL JUSTICE, RACIAL EQUITY

We here at Second Presbyterian Church are Engagement Partners in the Sophia Institute's Social Justice, Racial Equity Collaborative (SJREC).



Working from the inside out, SJREC recognizes that a healthy, diverse and inclusive community grows out of an acknowledgment of our interdependence and shared humanity. Using a collaborative approach, they convene leaders and thought-partners across race, gender and generations to resolve historical and contemporary barriers to access and opportunities for people of color. By addressing the challenges that emerge from structural and institutional racism, we are transforming Charleston into a more just and equitable place to live, work and thrive.

Through collaboration with our Council and Engagement Partners, SJREC creates alignment and support to existing effective community initiatives addressing social justice and racial equity in the following areas:

1. Access to quality education for all
2. Ending discriminatory policing
3. Gun violence prevention
4. Access to affordable & adequate healthcare
5. Assure housing affordability
6. Expand Voting Rights
7. Economic justice and competitive wages

## LIVING YOUR TRUTH SERIES

On **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30pm at Burke High School Auditorium Millicent Brown, Ph.D. and Armand Derfner will engage in a dialogue focusing on civil rights and the education system in South Carolina. They will bring their wide range of life experience to this conversation, exploring where we've been, where we're going, and what needs to be done. Bring

your questions and a friend to be with us. This is a tuition free event, registration is requested for planning purposes.

*Living Your Truth* is a series of conversations with those on the front lines, who bravely and gracefully live the truth of their hearts within their formidable lives. Hosted by the *Social Justice, Racial Equity Collaborative Council*, and convened by The Sophia Institute, it is our hope their words inspire and challenge each of us to find our own truths and bring understanding, as we work together for the dignity and rights of all people.

## ILLUMINATION PROJECT COLLABORATION

The Transforming Our Criminal Justice System: Engaging Our Community conference will take place on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** at Trident Technical College Conference Center. The Episcopal Forum of SC is sponsoring this full day public conference in collaboration with Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the City of Charleston Illumination Project, of which we are a part. Please join this special conference for community members, criminal justice system leaders, students and faith-based groups to discuss, learn, and contribute to making our local criminal justice system the best one in the country. Together we can safely reduce incarceration rate in our community.

## LIVING YOUR TRUTH SERIES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

BURKE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

## THE TRANSFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

TRIDENT TECH COLLEGE CONFERENCE CENTER

## HANDS OF CHRIST

This was our third year serving as the Downtown Charleston distribution center. The mission of Hands of Christ is to bring PC(USA) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children by showing them Christ's love, helping them start the school year with uniforms and basic school supplies. Started in 2002 by Zion-Olivet and Westminster Churches, the organization has now served 52,647 school children in Charleston,

Berkley, Dorchester, Colleton, Williamsburg and Orangeburg Counties and at Thornwell.

This year, one child at a time, 5256 children were served during 11 distributions at seven sites in five counties. Thanks be to God for the hundreds of volunteers, the financial support of congregations and granting agencies, and the gentle spirits of the guests served.

Thanks especially to the many volunteers who helped serve 371 children here during the two distribution days at Second. Christ's helping hands, reaching out to support each other and the children of the Lowcountry at its finest!

### HABITAT HOME BUILD

Together with neighborhood churches, we worked on a Habitat for Humanity home build for Teshena Mitchell in the Heritage Oaks neighborhood. On just one Saturday during the multi-month endeavor representatives from St. James, Westminster, First Scots, Harbor View, Second and James Island Presbyterian churches worked together on the interior dry-wall projects. Six congregations coming together as one and as the community of faith in witness to God... how awesome! Later this fall there will be a gathering to help celebrate the completion of Teshena's home and the presentation of financial support to Sea Island Habitat. Thank you for your support and participation in this C-A Presbytery 'neighborhood' outreach mission.

My Dear Second Pres family, OCTOBER 3, 2017  
It has been a long time since I have been able to worship with you and I cannot express how much I miss you. I apologize that this is the first time I have contacted you since I've been away at Columbia Theological Seminary. I am crazy busy but as I sat in my Thessalonian Exegesis Class today and discussed the loving and supportive church community Paul describes I was reminded of my home at 2nd Pres. I cannot express my gratitude to you all for being so supportive, kind, open, and loving. In his letter to the Thessalonians Paul refers to them as family, I want you to all know I consider you my family and am thankful I get to come home to Second Pres. Please know I think of you often and miss each one of you as I worship on Sundays. I hope to come home soon.  
All my love, Margaret Zering  
P.S. Any and all Prayers would be gladly welcomed & received! ♥

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry Colin Kerr and his wife Alexis celebrate the birth of their first child, Arland Shirley Kerr. She was born at 12:40 am on October 4<sup>th</sup>.



(L) ARLAND KERR

(BELOW) HANDS OF CHRIST  
(L) DISTRIBUTION  
(C) REGISTRATION  
(R) CLEAN UP







MUSIC TIME AT SPK



MOVIE NIGHT EVENT AFTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIV CAPPELMANN

If you have ever shopped at Trader Joe's you might have noticed their quirky little publication, Fearless Flyer. In October of 2010 they were quoted as having said, "Oh how we love pumpkin season. You did know this gourd-ish squash has its own season, right? Winter, Spring, Summer, Pumpkin... We anxiously anticipate it every year." I am not one to run to Starbucks and order the sacred pumpkin spice latte, however, I do live for fall! It is my absolute favorite season and most people laugh and say, "You do know Charleston doesn't really have fall, right?" Yes, in a sense we do not have a fall. Our leaves do not typically start to change until January around here. Fall around here means back to school, a new routine, football and the humidity finally starts to subside. Fall in the church is no shortage of fun either. We are back on our normal routine of two worship services and Sunday school. Wednesday nights are back in FULL force. After a minor setback thanks to Hurricane Irma, we kicked off with a fun night at the church-wide game night. Wednesdays are a popular time at Second and on any given week there are numerous small groups meeting. If you are interested in joining a small group, or learning more, please email me or give me a call. We would absolutely love to plug you in! We are especially grateful for all the many

groups who help contribute and make dinners possible on Wednesday nights. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

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Sunday school is also back in full swing! We are grateful for the many teachers who help make Sunday school possible.

**Preschool-K5**—Green Room  
**1st- 5th Grades**—Youth Room  
**Middle & High School Youth**—join us two Sundays a month for "Donuts & Devotion" at 10am in room 209.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: TRIPP CARRINGTON, JOHN WILLIAM SMOAK, TAYSHAWN BROWN, MARY HACKETT, SASA DARWIN, HOPE STAUBES, KA'MYA MANIGAULT, CREVON BROWN, AND TENAYZIA JONES.



The Tuesday Night Young Adult Group (West Ashley) recently enjoyed a retreat together in Montreat, North Carolina. A weekend filled with rest, renewal, hiking, fellowship and worship. Both young adult small groups (West Ashley & Downtown) are now meeting on Tuesday nights.

The Presbytery Middle School Retreat is November 3rd-5th at Bethelwoods. The theme is "Come to the Table." We are excited about a weekend with friends new and old.

Be on the lookout for more information for these two events. We will need lots of volunteers and donations to make these events a success! We are excited to be inviting our neighbors at The Shaw Center to the fall festival. We are accepting candy donations and small prizes. All we ask is that you avoid candy with peanuts. We will be accepting baked goods for the cakewalk the week of the event. Things are in full swing around here at Second Pres and we hope you will join us!

**SAVE THE DATE** for two big upcoming events...

- **Fall Festival**—October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm
- **Advent Workshop**—Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm

(L) JOURNEY STUDENTS AT KUDU

(R TOP) AT ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(R BOTTOM) SINGING AT COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON



# JOURNEY

COLIN KERR

Journey, our mission to college students at the College of Charleston and Citadel, kicked off the year with their biggest BBQ party yet (cooked by Second Church's own Craig Baumer). Meetings are happening on Monday night at the Citadel and now Thursday nights at the College of Charleston. Four bible studies have begun too, along with students starting new organizations on campus to fight human trafficking, raise awareness about suicide prevent, and serve at a local non-profit laundromat. The work of the Holy Spirit is popping up everywhere!





# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN KINDERGARTEN

SUE HENDERSON

The weekday program is has begun the 2017-18 year as usual with some unplanned days off because of hurricane threats. Fortunately, our school family survived the worst of the storm. Our fifty children and staff of 10 adults were happy to return to school and get down to the business of early childhood education. Our Children's Ministry Director, Liv Cappelmann and Pastor Cress lead our Chapel time each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. We hear the great stories of The Bible and sing with a "joyful noise" that can be heard throughout the education building.

Our teachers are Sarah-Elizabeth Crow in Kindergarten, Ally Wilkins and Katherine (Townsend) Albright in pre-K, Chris Bailey and Amy Prause in preschool (3 yr. olds), Mary Brown and Sue McManus in preschool (2 year olds). Irene Rose Smith is our music/Spanish teacher. She also helps lead our Chapel Time. Erin Kerr is my assistant director.

We look forward to holding our annual Fall Festival and Food Sale November 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. We hope that the church family will participate in this event.

Please keep our school family in your prayers. This is a ministry of our church that nurtures children every day!



# MUSIC

DR. JULIA HARLOW

*We welcome our new Chapel Music Director, Tim Thompson, and Chancel Choir Director, Lee Lingle.*



Tim plays wonderful gospel piano, and chooses traditional and contemporary hymns for the early service.

Lee has been our Bass section leader since 2001 and has directed the choir on numerous occasions and collaborating on larger organ and choral works.

## CHOIRS NEWS:

**Gospel Choir** - Members of Charleston Gospel Choir will provide music for the 11:15 service on a Sunday this fall. Further information will be posted on the church website as it becomes available. **The Colour of Music Festival**, takes place this year October 18-22 in various locations around town. For more info: [www.colourofmusic.org](http://www.colourofmusic.org). Lee Pringle, of the CGC, is founder and artistic director of the festival, and CGC rehearses in our building.

**Adult Choir** rehearses 6:30-8pm Wednesdays in the Choir Room, upstairs in the sanctuary. We always appreciate new members. We sing in the service almost every Sunday; downstairs on the first Sunday of the month, when there is Communion, and also one other Sunday monthly; the other Sundays upstairs in the loft. The choir will soon begin work on our Advent offering and also appreciates short-term members, if an ongoing commitment doesn't fit your schedule.

**Handbell Choir** rehearses 5-6pm Wednesdays upstairs in the sanctuary, and plays in the 11:15 service once or twice a month.

**Junior Choir** (middle school age) rehearses from 10:30-10:45am on Sunday, upstairs in the Choir Room. They sing in the 11:15 service once a month.

For more information about musical ensembles at Second, please contact Dr. Harlow.

**PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?** - instrumentalists are welcome in both services at Second. Please contact Dr. Harlow to play in the 11:15 service, or Tim Thompson for the Chapel.

**WANT TO HELP** our Music Program at Second? Here are also some ways to help us financially:

**Sponsor a chair** - Three years ago we purchased 15 chairs for the choir loft. Many, but not all of these chairs have plaques commemorating their donation, in honor or memory of a specific individual, or given by a family. There are still three chairs without plaques and honorees. Please contact Dr. Harlow if you are interested in sponsoring a chair for the choir.

**Sponsor a hymnal** - our new hymnals, Glory to God, were purchased by the Session, but may also be given in honor or memory of a loved one, or by a family. A bookplate is placed on the inside cover of hymnals that are donated, indicating the honoree and donor. Please contact Aled Pritchard [aledpritchard@gmail.com](mailto:aledpritchard@gmail.com) for more information.

**Wylly Fund** - established initially by Kate Stanton, contributions to the Wylly fund provide honoraria for guest instrumentalists in the service. Please contact Suzann Lilienthal, administrator, [suzann.lilienthal@2ndpc.org](mailto:suzann.lilienthal@2ndpc.org) for more information.

**Sponsor an anthem** - for \$50 it is possible to purchase the sheet music for an anthem (25 copies) for our choir. If you have a favorite scripture text or composer, or wish to honor or memorialize a loved one through music, this is a great way to do that. The dedication is printed in the bulletin when the anthem is sung.

**Free hymnals** - we still have a few copies of our old hymnal, on a table in the narthex. They are free; take as many as you wish.

For more information contact Dr. Julia Harlow, Director of Music, at [jharlow@2ndpc.org](mailto:jharlow@2ndpc.org); or Tim Thompson, Director of Chapel Music, at [timplypian@gmail.com](mailto:timplypian@gmail.com).

# MISSION TEAM

The Second Presbyterian Mission Team continues in its task of sharing God's love locally and globally.

For several days in May and June, Second members joined with James Island Presbyterian, Harbor View, First, Westminster, and other churches in building a new **Habitat for Humanity** home on James Island. As always, we worked alongside the new owner-to-be of the home. Trish Milner was a great organizer for our participation. The special mission offering collected at Second in June was given to Sea Island Habitat as our added donation for the home.



HABITAT HOME BUILD

Another of the local programs we support is the work among neighborhood children and young people at the **Shaw Center** on Mary Street. Several Second church members also go there to provide after school "homework help" for about an hour. If you can give an afternoon a week to do this, you will find it not only helpful for the children but very rewarding for you. Contact the Mission Team to find out how to help.

Yet another financially supported local mission is **Water Mission**, formerly Water Mission International, which is involved in numerous projects worldwide to provide safe water sources. Several of our church families are among the thousands who participate every year in their Walk for Water here in Charleston.

The **Seconds Please Tea Room**, which supports the greatest portion of our mission giving, was held May 25-27 and June 1-3. The many members

and friends who participated in preparation and serving were not only bringing to the tables delicious food but were spreading the news about why we were doing this. Income from the tearoom this year was \$11,193. Cathy Hinson has continued for years as chair of the tearoom team. The guests and workers were also entertained by Mary Edna Fraser's band, which included percussionist David Hinson.



HANDS OF CHRIST REGISTRATION

**Hands of Christ**, a presbytery-wide organization which provides school clothing and supplies for pre-school through 8th grade children, once again used our church buildings for two of their distribution days, August 7th and 8th. Several members also volunteered at other church distributions. David Savard, a member of the Hands of Christ board, was instrumental in overseeing the amazing process of receiving the clothing and supplies, then registering the families, then the individual "shopping" by each child accompanied by a volunteer. So many young volunteers showed up the first evening that some of us older members just stood aside and enjoyed watching. There was a special offering for Hands of Christ.





HANDS OF CHRIST SET UP

We continue to hear from and pray for our mission co-worker, Leisa Wagstaff, who has been helping the **Presbyterian Church of South Sudan** strengthen its educational ministry by developing in-service teacher training programs and nurturing community participation in education. Our financial and prayer support for her keeps us involved in this young but war-torn country. Prayer cards with more about Leisa are available in the information racks in the church foyer and near the education building door. You can also go to [pcusa.org/leisa-wagstaff](http://pcusa.org/leisa-wagstaff) for more of her background and to read some of her letters.

In August, we had the privilege to learn about God's work in another African country. The Mission Team sponsored a presentation by **Sonia and Steve Dettweiler**, parents of our member Joel, as they shared with us their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Nigeria, where there are hundreds of different native languages.

We participate in medical mission work in Haiti and in the Democratic Republic of Congo through our donation to the **Medical Benevolence Foundation**. MBF offered a mission trip to Haiti for this October, and a local person plans to go. We hope to hear about it later.

We participate in the four denomination-wide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), **One Great Hour of Sharing** (Palm Sunday), **Pentecost** (Pentecost Sunday), **Peace and Global Witness** (World Communion Sunday – October 1st this year), and **Christmas Joy** (December 24th). Our giving for One Great Hour of Sharing this year was \$1,407.63. For the Pentecost Offering this

year, members gave \$570. This offering serves children and youth, including the Young Adult Volunteers. 25% of this stays with our congregation. This will be seed money for the neighborhood Bible School Liv Cappelmann is planning for next year.

There are also, within the presbyteries of South Carolina, an offering supporting **Thornwell Home for Children**, to be given November 19th, and an offering for **Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina**, to which members gave \$803 this past Mother's Day.

**"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."** - Matthew 25: 40

Mission Team: Session members Sarah Morton and Marion Mitchell, Cathy Hinson, David Savard, Patterson Smith, Kate Stanton, Kristin Wallace, and Sarah Mitchell, Chair

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Music and Worship Committee has been busy this year! We have welcomed a new Director of Chapel Music, the wonderfully talented Tim Thompson. In the short time Tim has been with Second Presbyterian, he has proven to be a blessing to our congregation. Welcome, Tim! And thank you for sharing your gifts with us.



DR. JULIA HARLOW SITTING AT THE PIANO, SURROUNDED BY RUTH CARR, ROBBIE STAUBES, HARRIET ROGERS, MARY EDNA FRASER, NANCY BROOKS, DEBRA LUHN, LEE LINGLE

We also welcomed Lee Lingle as the new Chancel Choir Director. Lee has been a dedicated member of the Second Presbyterian choir for

many years, and has on numerous occasions been guest director. The choir is excited to have him as director, and we are excited that his beautiful voice and directing skills will continue to be a blessing to our worship services. If you are a singer and would like to join Lee and our talented chancel choir, please contact the church office. They'd love to have you! And don't worry! Dr. Julia Harlow isn't going anywhere. She will continue as Director of Music and to bless us with her wonderful organ and piano playing.



Finally, we are actively recruiting greeters, ushers and liturgists for both the 9:30 and 11:15 services. It is easy and fun, and a great way to meet other members of our 2nd family. Please contact [lauraott29@gmail.com](mailto:lauraott29@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee consists of Norman Hook, Mia Maness, Dingle Howe, Cassandra Hutchens, Aled Pritchard, Laura Ott, and Debra J. Gammons. Laura Ott is also in charge of Stewardship. Peter Rupert is the outgoing Treasurer. Patterson Smith is a former member of the Finance Committee. Those in charge of budgets have been requested to submit their 2018 proposed Budgets by the end of September. The Finance Committee will review the individual proposed Budgets and submit an overall Budget to the Session for approval.

Second Presbyterian has been blessed with giving from members and friends who have been generous. 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 July 31, 2017, the balances were \$119,334.47 in the Roberson Fund; \$24,597.15 in the Allan Fund; and \$155,079.48 in the Foundation Account. As of September 2017, the balance in the Cemetery Fund was \$57,946.47; \$1500 was deducted September 2017 for tree work done in the cemetery. As of September 11, 2017, the balance in the Thiele Fund was \$494,814.68; \$3,000 was deducted August 11th, \$13,000 was deducted August 24th, and \$12,000 was deducted September 2017. These deductions were necessary to keep the church's operating account from going into the negative.

Yearly expenses for the church total \$558,056.00. 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. The Finance Committee is open to ideas with the emphasis on Jesus Christ that will increase income and decrease spending. The Finance Committee welcomes members and friends to include Second Presbyterian in their estate and planned giving. Let your legacy be one of love and hope.





# PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee, now formally encompassing Grounds as part of some reorganization efforts, continues to be a very active committee serving the purpose of Second Presbyterian Church.

During the course of the year, the common responsibilities include reviewing multiple requests for use of Church facilities and passing along those recommendations to the Session for approval as well as addressing more urgent interior and exterior repair needs in the most efficient and economical manner. The committee communicates heavily via email, with a large distribution list, allowing us to draw on many areas of expertise based on the particular challenge we are attempting to solve.

While we are all thankful for the limited impact of Hurricane Irma, inspection of the Sanctuary discovered water damage via a combination of roof leaks and broken windows. The primary area affected is located in the balcony behind the hand bell choir tables.

The longer-term planning to improve the structural integrity of the Church buildings continues to be the largest of projects, which will require the necessary capital to fully implement.



The committee continues to be appreciative of Sue Henderson sharing observations and

proactively solving many of those items. She has communicated with the Parent's Guild to fund refurbishing the 3 children's restrooms in the Kindergarten Building, focused on new faucets, cleaning the existing tiles, and painting walls and stalls.



One of the more pressing challenges our committee would like to solve is scheduling consistent work days during the calendar year, we encourage congregation members to lend a hand to maintain and beautify the wonderful structures and grounds we are blessed to call our Church home.

## DIACONATE REPORT

This Fall, the Board of Deacons, consisting of Allyson Carrington, Ruth Carr, Dolly Hamlin, Cathy Lipp, Sarah Mitchell, Erin Mellen, and Meredith Mosny, are busy carrying out some of the Church's many congregational care responsibilities, as well as ministering to any of the church family who are ill or in need.

Each of the Deacons has been charged with communicating with designated members of the congregation on a regular basis. This communication has been in various forms whether by electronic and/or written mail, telephone calls and/or visits. Also the Deacons send birthday cards to all church members. Currently members of the Diaconate are implementing a plan to provide home Communion for members who are unable to

attend Church. Know that if you are unable to get to the church for communion, we are more than willing to come to you in your home.



ALLYSON CARRINGTON AND SUSAN LOVELL

As well as participating in the Church's Stock the Kitchen project by donating frozen casseroles and desserts, various of the Deacons have prepared and delivered food to homebound members and new mothers. In addition, the Diaconate provides supper on Wednesday night on a rotating basis, with the next date set for November 15th. Deacons are also charged with providing hospitality on behalf of the Church. In that regard, they helped prepare and also served the Homecoming Lunch on August 27th. Some upcoming Sunday lunches will include Advent, Mother's Day and Fancy Hat and Seersucker Suit. Deacons also help with any other culinary/hospitality events that arise, including funerals and other special events. Many of them work tirelessly during both weekends of our Tea Room.

## FREEZER MEALS

Help us stock the church freezer with meals that we can take, as needed, to church members who have lost a loved one, had a baby, been sick, had surgery, or are otherwise in need

- Make a freezer meal to feed 6-8 people
- List the reheating instructions on the outside
- Label if it contains any items that might be allergy sensitive (i.e. nuts, gluten, shellfish, etc.)
- Drop your freezer meals off at the church and they will be taken to members as needed



We meet, usually on the first Sunday of the month after the 11:15 service, to find out if there are any concerns from the congregation that we need to address. If you have anything we can help you with please call any of us. We are here to serve.



TOP TO BOTTOM: REBECCA KETTERING, ROB & DAWN MCCREADY, CHUCK & LUCIE MEDBERRY AT TEA ROOM

FANCY HAT SUNDAY LUNCH IN THE PARK  
GREETING ONE ANOTHER AT EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP



**JOIN US**

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**FALL  
FESTIVAL**

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**SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 25 2017**  
 GAMES & TRUNK-OR-TREAT **FOOD & FUN**

**342 MEETING ST CHARLESTON 29403 5:30-7:30 PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME



**COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING**

NOVEMBER 21st, 7:00pm

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER**

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342 MEETING ST, CHARLESTON, SC 29403  
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**NOVEMBER 29TH  
5:30-7:30PM**

**ADVENT  
WORKSHOP**

Supper  
 Christmas Hymn Sing  
**WORKSHOP**  
 Advent Craft Stations  
 Live Advent Wreaths

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Oct 25<sup>th</sup> **Fall Festival**

Trunk or Treat, Games and Cakewalk

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> **Commitment Sunday**

One Service at 11:15am, followed by Lunch  
New Members Received

Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> **Pageant Practice Begins**

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> **Community Thanksgiving Service**

Followed by Dinner

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> **Advent Workshop**

Sing Christmas Hymns

Family-friendly Craft Stations

Make a Live Advent Wreath

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> **Decorate the Christmas Tree**

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> **Drop 'n Shop**

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Pageant**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Morning Casual Service**