



NEWSLETTER

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON



LEFT: ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS RIGHT: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

The evenings are cooler. The afternoon sun is wan. Methodist churches have opened their pumpkin patches. (When did they corner the market?) It's official – it's Autumn!

What has felt different this year? Well, let's start with two major storms that posed serious threat to Charleston. The constant commentary— a seeming competition from one news outlet to the next to see who could whip up the most hysteria. At the end of the day a non-event here, but tragic destruction of roads, hospitals, homes, dreams, and futures above and below us.

There are fewer folks each day who lived through Hugo, its devastation, who mustered the strength and determination to rebuild and re-cast Charleston. One can deny or embrace causes for the rising of the tides; the ferocity and frequency of the storms, but our task is to endure as people of and in the Way of Jesus. *What does that mean?* We're responsible and we need to be involved:

- **Marion Mitchell is leading a study, 'Higher Ground' that discusses CO2 reduction, spirituality and Environmental Stewardship**
- **Trish Milner & Geneva Canty are spearheading our participation in the building of two more Habitat houses**
- **We take seriously not just who/whose we are but *where* we are, adjacent to the east side. We work with Redeemer PCA and the Shaw Center for tutoring, coaching, discipleship, VBS**
- **We seek to reduce the costs of maintenance and increase the chances for face time by structured "Beautify the Yard Days." (Next one coming October 27th)**
- **Wednesday Night/Church Night offers simple meals, two women's and one men's Bible/Book studies as the children study and grow in faith and in familiarity**

Folks, these activities are just a snapshot of what you'll read about as you explore this newsletter. Take your time. Savor what it looks like and reads like to be a member of a body that is vibrant, diverse, growing and becoming known as a place that welcomes everyone to encounter and follow Jesus.

You'll be made aware of our need as well. Dying churches don't need volunteers or money. Please participate in the joy of Second life and fund Christ's top-tier plans of reclamation through God's church here.

May our home be Christ's home —



community
TRUNK-or-TREAT
of Second Presbyterian Church

Halloween costumes encouraged!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
SUPPER AT 5:30 P.M.
GAMES & FUN UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 7pm
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
5:30-7:30PM

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Supper & Fellowship
Sing Christmas Hymns
Family-friendly Craft Stations
Make a Live Advent Wreath
WREATHS \$10 - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

FREE EVENT
ALL ARE WELCOME

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

- 9:00 a.m. - Chapel Service*
- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary*

*Communion on first Sunday of each month

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

- 6:00 a.m. - Body Pump
- 5:30 p.m. - Spiritual Ensemble Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - Young Professionals (Downtown)
- 7:30 p.m. - 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

- 6:00 a.m. - Body Pump

FRIDAYS

SATURDAYS

- 11:00 a.m. - Sisters in Serenity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 24th Trunk-or-Treat
- Oct 28th Reformation Sunday
- Nov 4th Registration opens for **Montreat Youth Conferences**
- Nov 4th **Daylight Savings Time ends** - fall back!
- Nov 7th **Pageant practice**
- Nov 9-11th **Bethelwoods Middle School Retreat**
- Nov 11th **Commitment Sunday**
- Nov 11th **Second Sunday Lunch**
- Nov 11th **SPK Fall Festival**
- Nov 14th **Pageant practice**
- Nov 20th **Community Thanksgiving Service & Supper**
- Nov 22nd **Thanksgiving Day**
- Nov 28th **Advent Workshop**
- Dec 1st **Decoration Day**
- Dec 2nd **First Sunday in Advent**
- Dec 5th **Pageant practice**
- Dec 8th **Drop-n-Shop Fundraiser**
- Dec 9th **Second Sunday Lunch**
- Dec 9th **Second Sunday in Advent**
- Dec 12th **Last 2018 Supper at Second**
- Dec 12th **Pageant practice**
- Dec 16th **Third Sunday in Advent**
- Dec 16th **Christmas Pageant**
- Dec 23rd **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
- Dec 24th **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- Dec 25th **Christmas Morning Casual Service**



1: VBS GRAFFITI WALL 2: FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS ON THE PORTICO AFTER WORSHIP IN JULY 3: JOINT SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE
QUOTE: FROM THE HYMN WRITTEN AT THE TOP OF OUR VBS GRAFFITI WALL

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're going, we have to know where we've been.

*All things bright
and beautiful
All creatures
great and small
All things wise
and wonderful
The Lord God
made them all.*

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

by Jordyn Pritchard

Summer at Second was a time of community. In the last few months we hosted our Tea Room, Vacation Bible School, an Interfaith Iftar, Hands of Christ, Blessing of the Backpacks, Tywanza's birthday celebration, summer camps, tv shows, concerts, weddings, a baptism, and the funeral of a stalwart fixture of our church. We came together, week after week, in celebration and in service.

We sought opportunities to serve and love our neighbors by hosting a Free Laundry Night at Laundry Matters, joining forces for VBS, and advocating for the formal apology for Charleston's involvement with slavery. Our church home was also used as a conduit for the strength and forgiveness of the survivors of the church shooting next door on the Today Show. And we were the grateful recipients of volunteered service time from Cress' undergraduate alma mater.

We have opened our doors to our church family, to our neighborhood, our wider community and to out-of-town guests. I think we would all agree that it is our joy and privilege to extend "our home" at Second in any



TODAY.COM
Charleston shooting survivors open up about the power of forgiveness

TOP: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

1: VOLUNTEERS FROM TCU

2: LAUNDRY MATTERS

3: HODA KOTB IN CONVERSATION WITH FELICIA SANDERS, POLLY SHEPPARD, AND JENNIFER PINCKNEY ABOUT THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

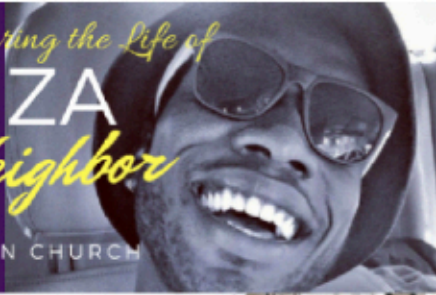


way we can and the stewardship committee's "Our Home" theme has me thinking of the callings we might generally think of in relation to home **Is hospitality your calling?** Well, welcome more people into your home here. May we intentionally invite friends and neighbors to our home at Second. Help host one of our gatherings- there are opportunities ranging from refreshments on the portico to the supper at Community Thanksgiving. Or sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. **Feel called to get more involved in the neighborhood?** Ask about mentoring or volunteering at the Shaw Center. Invite a friend to volunteer with you! Get your bible study group together to "adopt" a date to host a Free Laundry Night. Fellowship alongside community service, *that is the work we get to do.* **Do you feel especially busy these days?** Know that you are welcome just as you are, even- especially- if you just need the hour of respite in the pew on Sunday but can't find time for much more. And if it's time you're short on, consider *financially* hosting a Second Sunday Lunch and become a "Shareholder of the Faith." Or make sure that your kids are signed up for the "Drop 'n Shop" fundraiser in December. And know that you can contribute to the Special Offerings online even if you can't make it to church on the designated Sunday. **Are you in a phase in life that home is very much your refuge?** Then come on Sunday mornings. Just show up! And Wednesday Night Church Night too. Let the people that fill these walls be your comfort and know that you are loved here even if you don't have much to give of yourself in this season. The joys of home are knowing that it is a place to come in comfort for both the joys and sorrows. Let's celebrate and grieve with one another. May Second Presbyterian Church be a home you cherish and care for and come to for respite and refuge.

Cress so often calls us to "the work we get to do" and we are fortunate to be a part of a Christian community actively seeking to do the work. Let's do the work together- at home and out in the neighborhood.

Celebrating and Honoring the Life of
TYWANZA
Love Thy Neighbor

JULY 21ST AT 4 PM
 SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 CHARLESTON, SC



TOP: INVITATION FOR THE 30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF TYWANZA SANDERS
 LEFT: SUZANN LILIENTHAL, ANNIE RAVENEL, SUE HENDERSON & ERIN KERR
 RIGHT: HOMECOMING SUNDAY
 BOTTOM: BAPTISM OF JAMES ALTON KUNKLE IV
 NOTES FROM THE FUNERAL OF DEWITT KING, JR.



Dear Gress,

I would like to express the appreciation of our family to you, and the staff and congregation of Second Presbyterian Church for your caring efforts and for the love we felt as we remembered and celebrated the life of our father, DeWitt W. King, Jr., yesterday.

This funeral service was beautiful and thoughtful, the music was well-chosen and wonderfully played, your invocation and prayers were fortifying, and the homily delivered by The Reverend Morey Denil was a brilliant illustration of our father's character and of the relationships he had with his family and friends. The reception offered by the ladies of the church gave us comfort in the company of our loved ones.

My father would have been gratified for the love and respect accorded to him. We know that he is at peace as he rests near the sanctuary.

DeWitt III, Jane, Robert, Andrew and I are most grateful to you and to the church that nurtured him and that he loved so much.

Warm regards,

Sue
 Joseph J. King

Dear Deacons & Friends,

Your amazing attention to detail at the reception for DeWitt King was so very appreciated. The food was delicious, the arrangements were perfect, but your hospitality was the best!

Thank you for making a difficult day more bearable.

*Sincerely,
 Robert King and the family
 of DeWitt King, Jr.*

VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
2018





LEFT: MONTREAT SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCES RIGHT & ACROSS: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Liv Looney

I think I can honestly say that this past summer was the busiest, most fun, most rewarding summer to date. Things certainly did not slow down here at Second. We took youth to both the high school and middle school Montreat youth conferences. We hosted our first community Vacation Bible School in partnership with Redeemer Presbyterian Church. However, school is back and it is time to focus on this upcoming program year. We are taking all the energy from this summer and continuing it into the fall.

We have got lots of exciting new programs happening within the life of the church. There is a new men's study on Wednesday nights, taught by our very own Pastor Cress. Mr. Marion Mitchell is leading a new, exciting study on the Wednesday evenings during the month of October. This study is called "Higher Ground" and focuses on environmental stewardship and spirituality. Second Sunday Lunches are BACK! The deacons will be hosting these luncheons each month. Please join us for a time of intergenerational fellowship.

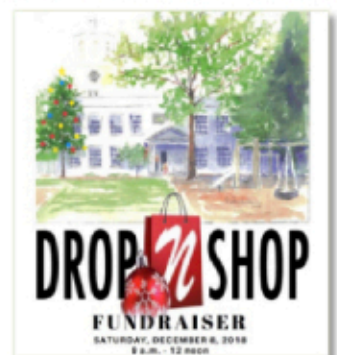
Homecoming Sunday was a special day in the life of the church. This year we celebrated children and youth in all the "milestone" grades—1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th. The week before that, August 19th, we blessed the backpacks and sent children and educators back to school knowing that God has "got their back!" These two events reminded us of the blessing that it is to have so many young people amongst us. Starting in late August we started the "Shareholders of the Faith" fundraiser and invited our church family to consider taking an envelope with a designated dollar amount on it. This money will go to offset the cost of youth trips and retreats. Speaking of, did you know we sign up for Montreat Youth Conference the first Sunday in November? It is crazy to think about summer 2019 when we just finished up the summer of 2018.

We kicked off the Wednesday evenings with the 2nd Annual Game Night! It is so exciting to see a new year of study and play underway. We have small groups for all ages and walks of life. Consider joining us for those on Wednesday evenings. Not interested in a small group? Be sure to pop in for dinner starting at 5:30 on Wednesdays. A BIG thank you to all the many groups, and helping hands, who put these suppers together.

A few dates to keep in mind...

- **October 24th**—Community Trunk-or-Treat at Second
- **November 4th**—Registration opens for Montreat
- **November 9th-11th**—Middle School Retreat at Bethelwoods
- **November 28th**—Advent Craft Family Workshop
- **December 8th**—Drop 'n Shop Fundraiser

Be on the lookout for Advent devotional and Christmas pageant information coming soon. Did I mention we were taking all that energy from summer into fall? It is going to be a wild, but fun, ride this fall and winter at Second!





SPK

by Sue Henderson & Erin Kerr

After a happy summer with three sessions of Summer at Second Day Camp, the staff jumped right into planning for the 2018-2019 School Year. The classrooms received the creative touches of our enthusiastic teachers and the rooms have never looked more inviting.

Erin Kerr used her artistic talent to paint the sidewalks in the play yard with bright primary colored letters, numbers and shapes. You should see the children jumping from letter to letter and number to number. This is a great way to foster literacy through play.

With the physical space shining and ready, we greeted 58 children on August 24th. Fifty families are represented. Our children are from ages 18 months through Kindergarten. We welcomed two new teachers to our staff- in the Preschool (2) class Mrs. Rachel Home and Schall Ragsdale. Returning staff: Sue Henderson and Erin Kerr, co-directors, Irene Rose Yereb, Music and Spanish, Sue McManus, Preschool (2), Chris Bailey and Katherine Albright, Preschool (3), Allie Wilkins and Amy Prause, Pre-K (4), Sarah-Elizabeth Craw, 5K and our faithful volunteer, Susan Lau, 5K.



We will be holding our annual Fall Festival and Food Sale on November 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. on the playground and serving supper in the Fellowship Hall. Also, you will be hearing about the annual Wreath Sale in October. Last year the beautiful live wreaths that decorated the sanctuary were donated by The SPK Parents' Guild. They are really lovely wreaths that are not available otherwise, locally. Be sure to order yours. The funds raised are used to make improvements to the facility like the new rugs in all the classrooms provided by the Guild last year.



MISSIONS

by Sarah Mitchell

Propelled by its Biblical directive, the Second Presbyterian Mission Team worked through the spring and summer.

The "Seconds, Please" Tea Room was held with many helping hands on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before Memorial Day. Funds were raised for these missions:



- Mission Co-Worker South Sudan \$500
- MBF medical missions \$1100
- Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy \$1000
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \$500
- Shaw Center \$1000
- Future Emergency Reserve \$1347

For the most part, these amounts fill in shortages in the donations given earlier in the year.

Vacation Bible School was a great success, involving children from the nearby neighborhood as well as from our congregation and that of Redeemer Presbyterian. It was partly supported by the *Pentecost* special offering and with a number of mission team members working as helpers. Many other members of the congregation donated supplies.



At Hands of Christ, Second Church served 208 children on Monday and 164 on Tuesday, for a total of 372 children—one more than last year! Only Aimwell in Walterboro and Second have met last year's

levels. Some feedback is that more people are employed this year, so a family's priorities are different. If Westminster served its typical 1000 children, we would have still hit only 78% of our expected 5600 this year, with 4400 children served. Each child, accompanied by a volunteer helper, "shops" for two school uniforms, underwear, and school supplies. Volunteers continue to be a major challenge at Second, with relatively few members of the church participating. The last-minute cancellation of the

Presbytery youth group for Monday left us severely hampered that day; however, no children were turned away and all visitors were served by exhausted volunteers. We had a great turnout of volunteers on Tuesday including more members from Second, their friends and families.





Finances were a challenge this year for the first time in the 16-year history of Hands of Christ. We entered the distribution planning period \$30,000 short of our funding needs; but thanks to generous churches (including Second), individuals and corporations, we made up the shortfall.
 - David Savard

Our **missionary** co-worker, Leisa Wagstaff, was in the U.S. for the summer on interpretation assignment and is now returning to South Sudan. To watch a video

of her explaining her work there go to PCUSA.org, click on *I'm looking for...*, then *Mission Co-Workers*, then *W* and *Leisa Wagstaff*. You can also read her recent letters there.

The **Peace & Global Witness special offering** was collected on October 7th, World Communion Sunday. A gift to this offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. Congregations keep 25% to engage in peacemaking and build ministries of reconciliation in their own context or around the world. Some examples of how funds have been used:

- Send participants on mission trips, overseas work projects, and global conferences
- Donate to programs working toward the elimination of human trafficking
- Support the work of a mission co-worker
- Organize a program that teaches children how to resolve conflict and handle angry and sad feelings

The theme of this *Season of Peace* is "Now may the Lord of peace... give you peace at all times in all ways."
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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At Thanksgiving we will have the opportunity to support our ministry **Thornwell**, the only ministry of its kind in the synod of South Atlantic serving children and families. The mission of Thornwell involves a complete continuum of care throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. They focus to provide:

- Homes that are safe and loving through family-style residential care cottages and foster care families
- Hope for a brighter future through academic and community based programs
- Healing through the nurturing love of Jesus and professional counseling and therapy

During the Christmas season we will collect the **Christmas Joy special offering**. Our gifts will support leaders in our Church - past, present and future.

Prayerfully consider giving and giving more during our special offerings throughout the year to fund the sharing of God's love both locally and globally.

Any member of our congregation who has a heart for God's mission in the world is welcome to join Cathy Hinson, Marion Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell (chair), Sarah Morton (session representative), David Savard, Patterson Smith, and Kate Stanton on the Mission Team.

CHRISTMAS JOY
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS
 OUT OF GRATITUDE,
WE GIVE
 "There is no better (or more) adorable gift."
 -1 Corinthians 13:3



TOP ROW: OPENING NIGHT OF WORSHIP AT THE CITADEL
BOTTOM ROW: COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ & OPENING NIGHT OF WORSHIP

JOURNEY

by Colin Kerr

Campus Ministry Kicks Off, Sets New Record

Our Presbytery's mission to college students at the College of Charleston and the Citadel began simultaneously in August.

Director of Campus Ministry, Colin Kerr, reports that there are more freshmen "knobs" than usual participating this year. He credits the 40 knobs that came out on opening night to writing to the families of Presbyterian cadets over the summer.

Meanwhile the College of Charleston ministry had the largest opening night of worship since moving out of a local bar and onto the College of Charleston campus in 2016. Around 200 students turned out for the back to school barbecue, and over 75 students attended their liturgical worship service.

MUSIC

Join the Church Choir!!

Do you love or even like to sing? We would love to have you join us in the choir! Summer is over and we are now settling back into our normal schedule, so now is a great time for any and all to join us! We are a fun, easygoing group that loves fellowship by participating in the crafting of beautiful music to praise God. We welcome you to stop by a rehearsal and see what we are about! I love that our choir is comprised of people of all ages and musical abilities so please don't let lack of experience keep you away! Rehearsals are Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 and Sunday mornings at 10:45. We do keep the church locked during rehearsal so send me a heads up email at leeling3@gmail.com if you plan on coming or if you have any other questions!

- Lee Lingle
Chancel Choir Director

Bell Choir is fun, too!

We play settings of familiar hymns and pieces written especially for bell choir. It is not necessary to be able to read music, or to have played in a bell choir already. We can teach you. Bell Choir rehearses from 5-6 p.m. on Wednesdays in the sanctuary. As Lee indicated above, the doors are locked during rehearsal, so if you're interested in joining or just observing, please drop me a line at jharlow@2ndpc.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Junior Choir

Open to 4th-8th graders, Junior Choir rehearses in the choir room 10:30-10:45 Sunday mornings and sings in the service once a month. In addition, we sing for the Christmas Pageant in December. Learn about music and sing fun church songs. Contact Julia Harlow for more information - jharlow@2ndpc.org

Instrumentalists - are always welcome in the service. Please contact Dr. Harlow to schedule when you would like to play.

Organ lessons - interested in learning to play the organ? Challenging but fun, age 11 and up.

- Dr. Julia Harlow
Director of Music, organist and Bell Choir director



FINANCE

by Debra J. Gammons

Second Presbyterian continues to face both challenges and opportunities. Expenses continue to be greater than income. The Finance Committee is working diligently to increase income and decrease spending. First, a new accountant, Fay Johnson, has been hired. She is a third-year Law Student who is conscientious, kind, and knowledgeable. Second, the Committee is seeking grants for historic properties. Third, the Committee is working with the Property Committee and has reduced landscaping costs by organizing the Second Family Beautify the Yard Days. Members have volunteered their time by working on our property. The September Beautify the Yard Day was cancelled because of the Storm. The next Beautify the Yard Day is October 27, 2018. Help is needed from all – members, family, and friends. The Committee needs you to help. Second Presbyterian is grateful for those giving their time, money, or energy to serve Jesus Christ. More is still needed.

Seven Ways You Can Strengthen Fellowship, Work in Faith, and Reduce Costs

1. Give \$1 a day more from what God has given you
2. Remember Second Presbyterian in your Will
3. Take out the garbage and the recycling bins
4. Serve in the Nursery
5. Sponsor a lunch during Second Sunday Lunch
6. Come out on October 27th to "Beautify the Yard"
7. Invite people to church and encourage them to join

Financial Snapshot as of September 20, 2018

\$178,945.45 Contributions received	\$319,231.74 Income received (includes Contributions)
\$251,249.99 Contributions budgeted to have received	\$355,487.19 Income budgeted to have been received
-\$72,304.54 Amount we are short	-\$36,255.45 Amount we are short
\$365,374.41 Expenses paid	
\$83,796.89 Amount withdrawn from Investment Funds to cover expenses - These funds are crucial	
\$524,452.00 Total 2018 Expenses (budgeted)	



You can give your tithe and offering ONLINE. You can also support Second when you SHOP on Amazon. Use link: bit.ly/2ndpcsmile and Amazon automatically donates to Second with each purchase you make.



LEFT: CHURCH BUILDING PHOTO COLLAGE BY DAVID SAVARD FROM OUR BELL TOWER. WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE FINGERPRINTS OF SLAVES WHO BUILT THE BRICKS WITHIN OUR CHURCH WALLS AS PART OF A GREATER CONVERSATION SPARKED BY THE LOCAL PRINTS IN CLAY TOUR AND PHOTO EXHIBIT IN SEPTEMBER.

RIGHT: VOLUNTEERS SERVING THROUGHOUT 2018 TO BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH YARD

DEACONS

by Erin Mellen & Cathy Lipp

The Deacons had their first meeting in July and addressed goals for the upcoming year. It was decided to split the eleven Deacons onto one of two Committees: The Hospitality Committee and The Care Team Committee. The Hospitality Committee will continue to initiate and set up social functions (such as Second Sunday lunches) and the Care Team Committee will help continue reaching out to members of our church who are in need of support. Both Committees will have overlapping responsibilities, but it was decided that building more clarified roles within the Diaconate was a priority to ensure the most successful communication within the church community. Please do not hesitate to contact one of our Deacons should you need a vessel of outreach.

We are so excited about this vibrant and energetic group of Deacons this year. They are working hard to ensure no page is left unturned with regards to hospitality and member care. In addition to making phone calls to members, if you, or someone you know, is in need of a meal after having surgery or a new baby, maybe the loss of a loved one or someone is sick, please do not hesitate to call the church office to let us know. The Deacons are ready to provide a delicious, homemade meal to anyone in our church family who may be of need. Have transportation needs? Need a ride to church? Call the church office to let us know so that the deacons might share in that transportation ministry also.



**SECOND
SUNDAY
LUNCH**

**REFRESHMENTS
AFTER WORSHIP
ON THE PORTICO
ON "BLESSING OF
THE BACKPACKS"
SUNDAY**

**SEERSUCKER SUIT
AND FANCY HAT
SUNDAY LUNCH**

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

Pledge your 2019 tithe in support of our home in Christ here at Second Presbyterian Church. Your tithe will help the church develop and grow in continued service to both God and one another.

STEWARDSHIP

by Dave Jackson

At the end of September we kicked off the Stewardship Season for the upcoming year. The Stewardship Committee agreed on the theme of "Our Home." We hope this theme and the presentations calls to each of you. For newer members, this is an invitation to join us in our service as you make a home here. For those of you who have been here for years, this is reminder of what you already know and love. For all, this is a call to give more and serve more.

The church, as "Our Home," requires all of us to pitch in to support it. In the weeks leading up to Commitment Sunday, the church leadership will be presenting on all the ways you can support the

church and why these are so important for the church's future. We'll talk about our history, the work we do around the property during the "Beautiful the Yard" activities, and all of the ways you can pledge and give to the church. Our goal is to call the whole congregation to pledge our money and time to help the church develop and grow to serve God and to better serve one another.