



NEWSLETTER

Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston



Dear Friends in Christ,

Everywhere you look these days, whether in magazines, newspapers, or blogs, it seems you are faced with the demise of the church and perhaps even civilization as we know it! I have shared statistics and trends that detail the secularization of our culture and now Yuval Harari, a tenured professor at Hebrew University, comes along. In an article in *Wired Magazine*, "The God Complex, How Big Data Will Fuel a New Religion," by Olivia Solon, Harari suggests that the algorithm – a self-contained sequence of actions to be performed - has become our higher authority. Where 1000 years ago if you had a problem with life, you would turn to the church as the highest authority, now one is more likely to turn to an algorithm to provide answers for what to eat, whom to date, where to live, how to find happiness.

"Take Google Maps... On one hand they amplify human ability, you're able to reach your destination faster and more easily. But at the same time you are shifting the authority to the algorithm and losing your ability to find your own way."

As we wind down the school and church program year, it's perhaps more important than ever that we read what has been written on our hearts, that we stay close to each other to remind each other of the only authority worthy of our trust and fidelity. The only authority that is crash proof and hack-resistant.

Over the next few weeks, kindergartners will graduate, as will older sons and daughters, all wonderfully equipped for release to pen the next chapter of their narrative and ours.

- Don't miss the Tea Room – tell your friends and colleagues.
- New confirmands are received May 21.
- We join with other churches to build a Habitat House in May.
- Savor the Spoleto offerings around town and in our Sanctuary.

Week by week I pray that you'll take the time you need for re-creation, but remember your part - particular and assigned to only you - in building God's kingdom!

With great joy in being your pastor –

Rev. Cress Darwin

Life of the Church

Unveiling of the Mother Emanuel AME Tribute and Art Exhibit

In April Charleston International Airport unveiled a new addition to its facility honoring the lives of the victims and survivors of the Mother Emanuel AME Church Shooting in 2015.



Cress with Felicia Sanders, Clarissa Whaley, Department of Justice, Victims and Witness coordinator, and other members of the Sanders family attending the unveiling of the tribute at Charleston International Airport honoring the lives of the victims and survivors of the Mother Emanuel AME Church Shooting in 2015.

“Margaret Seidler is the Chair of the Charleston County Aviation Authority Tribute Committee who spearheaded the project. "We want them to remember what happened here as well as to be inspired," Seidler said. "Our intent was to show to the rest of the world and not to forget how this community responded to one of the most horrific crimes in our nation." The memorial will be one of the first things people see when they get off the plane and exit the gate area.

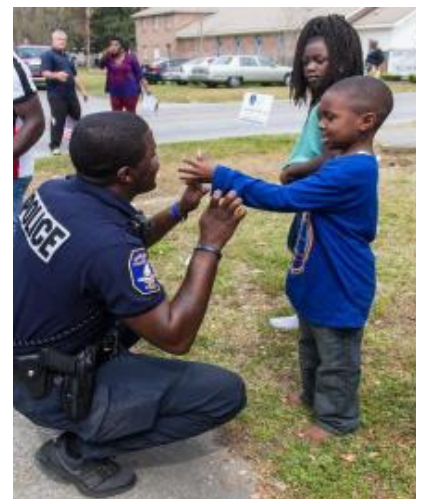
Illumination Project

Second Presbyterian continues to be involved with the Illustration Project Prayer Gatherings. The faith community's mission is to plan and implement an ongoing community-wide effort wherein people of various races, cultures and faith traditions regularly pray together for the success of the Illumination Project, and deepen their own understanding across groups so they are more able to collaborate in community-wide good works.

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Prayer Gathering at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church on Nassau Street



Community Unity Event

Events



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

- 9:30am Chapel Worship Service*
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:15am Worship*
(Communion on first Sunday)

*Combined Summer Service at 10:00am from June 4th-August 27th

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- 5:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal
- 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner & Fellowship (through May 17)
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study Group
- 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

- 6:00am Body Pump
- 7:00pm Young Professionals (Downtown)

SATURDAYS

- 11:00am Sisters in Serenity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7th SPK Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- May 13th Habitat for Humanity home build on James Island
- May 14th Fancy Hat and Seersucker Suit Sunday
One service at 11:15 followed by Lunch in the Park
- May 17th Talent Show
Dinner at 5:30pm and the show starts at 6:30pm
- May 20th Habitat for Humanity home build on James Island
- May 21st Confirmation Sunday
- May 21st The Charleston Gospel Choir Singers will sing during the 11:15 service
- May 25th Tea Room prep day
- May 26th & 27th Seconds, Please! Tea Room
- May 27th Piccolo Spoleto: Our sanctuary will host Charleston Gospel Choir and Spiritual Ensemble 5:00pm
- May 28th Piccolo Spoleto: Our sanctuary will host the Youth Music Series 1:30-5:30pm
- June 1st Tea Room prep day
- June 2nd & 3rd Seconds, Please! Tea Room
- June 3rd Habitat for Humanity home build on James Island
- June 4th First Combined Summer Service at 10:00am
- June 10th Habitat for Humanity home build on James Island
- June 17th Habitat for Humanity home build on James Island
- June 19-23rd VBS hosted at First(Scots) 9:00-noon
- August 27th Homecoming Sunday
Last Combined Summer Service at 10:00am

Summer Birthdays

MAY

1st Ann Hackett
Liz McNulty
2nd Marion Mitchell
3rd Elizabeth O'Quinn
Zach Wright
4th Karen Freeman
5th Susanne McLaughlin
Dawn Mears
Mark Saunders
6th Donald Accardo
Jordan Peeler
9th Walt Jeter
Ben Street
10th Trip Carrington
14th William McLean
16th Walter Lackey
21st Isabelle Burroughs
22nd Allyson Hiers
23rd Cody Baumer
Patrick McNulty
24th Soloman Hay
Cassie Jaffe
25th Carter Fox
28th Ivey Jeter
31st Katherine Albright
Caitlin Bomar
Matthew Richert

JUNE

1st Jeanne McBride
3rd Ann Gustafson
Greg Ricker
6th Reid McElwaine
7th Claire Curran
Debra Luhn
Helen Smythe
10th Dolores King
12th Dingle Howe
13th Lynn Lind
14th Melinda Accardo
15th Peggy Hay
Courtney King
18th Barnaby Henderson
Sue Henderson
Patterson Smith
19th Susan Sanders
20th Phyllis McGillivray
Blair Pritchard
Penelope Pritchard
21st Sherri Jacobs
22nd Samuel Almeida
23rd Sarah Girard
Cynthia Marterre
Sarah McDuffie
24th Norman Hook
Craig Ramsdell
26th David McClure
Benjamin Taylor
30th Erin Mellen
Debbie Smith

JULY

1st Hyliah Burroughs
4th Ken Carrington
Greta Howe
5th Rebecca Darwin
Charles Hucks
Sallie Schuh
Ora Singletary
8th Brittany-Lee Baumer
Georgie Smythe
9th Daniel Schmidt
10th Majorie Hamlin
12th Ruth Carr
Kay McGaha
13th Meredith Bird
15th Sharon Hoffman
Nathan Senn
18th James Lipp
19th Gary Jaffe
Gene McMurray
21st Meredith Mosny
22nd Isabelle Smythe
24th Shateara Hall
Zac Magnell
25th Katherine King
26th Alexander McNulty
27th Cathy Hinson
28th Charlotte Craw
Stockton Jacobs

AUGUST

1st Bill Luhn
3rd Beverly Bonner
Lucie Medbery
Buckley Milner
Keaton Smith
5th Stewart McKnight
6th Ava Ott
7th Maria Fitzharris
Charles James
Elliott Lipp
8th Sara Elizabeth Craw
Windsor Dombrow
9th Erin Beam
Lucas Beam
Lilian Walker
11th Mark McKnight
Megan Reynolds
12th Ashley Chandler
14th Carrie Luhn
Jeff Plotner
15th Joey Mosny
17th Carol Howe
21st Joel Dettweiler
Edward Howe
22nd James Lichty
23rd SaSa Darwin
Gus Smythe
24th Ralph Smith
25th Walt Bonner
David Savard
26th Lily Darwin
Leslie Hucks
28th Diane Balister
Laura Tucker
30th Alison Schmidt
31st Sue Barnett





There are lots of things happening within the life of the church and I hope you take time to explore which ones God might be calling you to be a part of.

Christian Education

LIV CAPPELMANN, SUE HENDERSON, ERIN KERR, ERIN MELLEN, LAURA OTT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow! What a gift it is that God has called me to such a loving, dynamic, energetic congregation. By the time you read this I will have been a part of Second Presbyterian for a little over three months, but it really feels like I have been here my whole life. I am so grateful to be able to serve alongside so many of you through Christian Education, hospitality ministries and community outreach. I am continuously energized by the work we get to do in this place.

There are lots of things happening within the life of the church and I hope you take time to explore which ones God might be calling you to be a part of. On Sunday, May 21st we will welcome an amazing group of young people as they join the church. Our Confirmands have studied the Reformed tradition faithfully and bring energy, joy and so much imagination to our church. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall that morning for breakfast compliments of Chef Pat Mellen. Be on the lookout in the hallway between the Fellowship Hall and Chapel for a picture and bio of each of our Confirmands. Please be in prayer for these young people as they make this big step, the first of many on this lifelong journey of faith. You are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 17th for the "First Annual Second Presbyterian Talent Show." We are looking for acts of all ages. Do you sing, dance, tell jokes, or play an instrument? Then we need YOU! Those things aren't for you, you say? No problem, join us for dinner and an evening of intergenerational fellowship with your church family! Dinner starts at 5:30 and the show begins at 6:30. For more information or to sign up, please email Liv at olivia.cappelmann@2ndpc.org.

As we look ahead into the summer be sure to save the date for Vacation Bible School. VBS will happen at First Scots Monday through Friday from 9 in the morning until noon. You can sign up on our church's website. We are in need of volunteers to help shepherd children from activity to activity. If you would like to volunteer you can also register on the church's website. I am more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you all for such a warm welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. Words could never adequately express my gratitude for this place and its people. I look forward to all the things to come.

Joyfully,
Liv Cappelmann



SPK - Kindergarten

The Kindergarten and Preschool is gearing up for a busy spring. Our kindergarten children are preparing to enter first grade. The teachers and staff are growing sad just thinking of saying “good-bye” to these 7 precious students: John Swinton Bailey, Teddy Batten, Stella Beam, Bryant Gilchrist, Sam Kerr, Maxwell Moore, and Anders Turner. The teacher is Sarah-Elizabeth Crow.

The school children have participated in several service projects: Operation Christmas Child, Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research, and Low Country Food Bank Food Drive.

The children demonstrate a sincere desire to help others. They can usually be found being helpful to each other and to their teachers.

The Parents’ Guild has provided some wonderful new materials for our classrooms and playground. We are pleased to have a fabulous group of parents who contribute their time, talent and financial support to make our school the inviting place that it is for children to learn and play. This year the Guild focused on revitalizing our entrance in the back and our playground area.

Please help promote our school to potential families. We are enrolling students for the 2017-18 school year now and if you know of a child 2-5 years old who might be interested in coming to Second Presbyterian Kindergarten and Preschool have them contact us at 843 57757534. My email is sueatsecond@gmail.com.

Thank you to our church for supporting the weekday program by providing this superior space for the education of young children.

Blessings,
Sue Henderson, Director





Presbyterian Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Journey: A validated ministry of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, PC(USA); and an initiative of the 1001 New Worshiping Communities
www.CharlestonJourney.org

Journey

This has been a year of great and challenging changes at Journey: A Worshiping Community for College Students. We've been incredibly blessed to host our first ministry resident, Bo Barrington, serving as our Associate Director of Discipleship. We have also continued our part-time Director of Women's Ministry position, employing licensed Christian counselor Kate Eldean. Additionally, in order to be more accessible to freshmen, we have moved out of the King Street bar and onto the College of Charleston campus for Wednesday night large groups. However, we lost our meeting space for the Spring semester and we have been worshipping in the fellowship hall of Second

Presbyterian decreased significantly from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery churches, but successful grant applications have improved slightly. A "Journey Partner" initiative is being created to improve and expand donor relations. Journey traveled to Cuba for their 2017 Spring Break Mission Trip.

College of Charleston

The Presbyterian campus ministry at the College of Charleston is one of the largest and most publicly visible campus ministries at the college. This year we are teaching "Apologetics" in the Fall Semester and "Christianity, Politics, and Culture" in the Spring semester. This is the third year of our three-year scope and sequence for spiritual formation.

Total students this year: 80+ (75+ last year)
Average attendance this year: 45-80 (30-70 last year)
Public decisions this year to follow Jesus: 1 (1 last year)
Seniors graduated this year: NA (9 last year)
Small groups this year: 5 (5 last year)
Mentors this year: 16 (8 last year)

Top 5 of 9 aspects students say they love most about Journey this year:

#1 Messages #2 The other people there #3 Worship #4 Retreats #5 Table discussion time

When asked, "When it comes to God changing lives in Journey, have you seen that happen?" 38% of students said they directly know someone in Journey who has had their life significantly changed by God and 18% said they indirectly know of someone who has had their life significantly changed by God. 25% said that in one semester, God had significantly changed his or her own life!

Other encouraging statistics:

48% of students have "close" or "best" friends in Journey. 54% of students have successfully invited friends with them. At the beginning of the academic year 18% of students surveyed said they did not identify as Christian, but by the second semester only 8% did not identify as Christian. We have at least 14 denominations represented.

The Citadel

After three successive Associate Directors serving as the primary leader at the Citadel, Journey Director Colin Kerr has returned to the Citadel for Monday large groups alongside the Associate Director Bo Barrington, as we return to tracking with the three-year scope and sequence. This has created some additional pastoral stability.

Total students this year: 40 (35 last year) **Average attendance this year: 20-40** (15-35 last year)

Music & Worship

DR. JULIA HARLOW, HOLLY SLICE

We welcome our new soprano section leader, Harriet Rogers. Harriet is a psychology major at the College of Charleston, and sang for many years as a chorister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia. Those beautiful high notes you may hear in hymn descants and anthems are probably Harriet!

We have a busy time coming up!

GOSPEL CHOIR - Members of Charleston

Gospel Choir will provide music for the 11:15 service on Sunday, May 21st. Come and hear this fine group!

PICCOLO SPOLETO

Our sanctuary will host two musical events as part of the 2017 Piccolo Spoleto Festival:

Saturday, May 27th, 5:00pm, **Charleston Gospel Choir and Spiritual Ensemble** will perform.

Sunday, May 28th, 1:30-5:30pm, **The Youth Music Festival** will present several concerts by area middle and high school ensembles. Please come and hear these fine young people perform!

CHOIRS NEWS

Adult Choir rehearses 6:30-8:00pm 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.



We will continue Wednesday evening rehearsals through May 31, then suspend rehearsals until mid-August. We will continue to sing in the Sunday services, meeting at 9:15am beginning Sunday, June 4th, when the summer schedule begins: one combined service, at 10:00am.

Handbell Choir rehearses 5:00-6:00pm Wednesdays upstairs in the sanctuary, and will through May 31st. Their Wednesday rehearsals will also resume in mid-August.

Junior Choir (middle-school age) rehearses from 10:30-10:45am Sunday mornings, upstairs in the Choir Room. They will continue to do so through Sunday, May 28th and then break for the summer.

Children's Choir meets with Holly Slice in the Chapel on Sundays 10:30-11:00 through Memorial Day weekend. Please contact her for more information.

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? - instrumentalists are welcome in both services at Second. Please contact Dr. Harlow to play in the 11:15 service, or Holly Slice 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 several chairs without plaques and honorees. Please contact Dr. Harlow if you are interested in sponsoring a chair for the choir.

Memorialize 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> 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, 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.

For more information contact Dr. Julia Harlow, Director of Music, at jharlow@2ndpc.org or Holly Slice, Director of Chapel Music, at lowcountrypianist@gmail.com

WANT TO HELP?

Sponsor a Chair

Memorialize a Hymnal

Wylly Fund

Sponsor an Anthem

DR. HARLOW'S CONCERTS AT PICCOLO SPOLETO

On the Spotlight Series:

Monday, May 29, 4:00 pm. - at Mepkin Abbey church, playing organ and harpsichord with orchestra and singers.

Tuesday, May 30, 6:00 pm - at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Anson Street: playing harpsichord with Yuriy Bekker, violin, and instrumental ensemble.

On the L'Organo Organ Recital series, playing the historic Erben organ in a program with Dr. William Gudger and Jason Pedeaux:

Tuesday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. at the French Huguenot Church on Church Street.

On the Early Music Series, all at 3:00 pm at St. Phillip's Church on Church Street:
Monday, June 5 and Friday, June 9 - playing harpsichord for Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"
Tuesday, June 6 and Thursday, June 8 - playing harpsichord for a "Mostly Mozart" concert with Yuriy Bekker.
(This program will also be performed Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 at St. Jude church in Walterboro). For more information on the Piccolo concerts, please see www.piccolospoleto.com. The website should be up by early May.

Not related to Spoleto, but also coming up in late June: I'll be playing harpsichord with Charleston-based vocal ensemble "The King's Counterpoint" in a program entitled "Handel in Italy" - A Selection of Works Composed During Handel's Italian Years (1706-1710). Saturday, June 24, 7:30 pm at Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul on Coming Street; and Sunday, June 25, 3:00 pm at Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Highway 61. More info: <http://www.thekingscounterpoint.com/>



Music & Worship Committee

PAT MELLEN, ERIN MELLEN, BILL READ, PEGGY HAY, JULIA HARLOW, VIRGINIA STREET,
GRESS DARWIN, TINA SMITH, COLIN KERR

The Music and Worship Committee often says that they touch upon everyone's life that worships, visits, has business connections and participates in the weekly calendar of our life. Be it small group studies, meals, exercise and prayer or our choir and bell musicians. It seems that the work and play of this beautiful Church and its members never ends and night and day bears witness to our beliefs in God, in the sense of Trinity, and our care for the many people that make up Charleston.

This year we have seen the two worship services strengthen and bond together and evidence of growth both in numbers and in faith. Our music has reached new levels of performance and style. Be it the Anthems of classical nature to the joy of modern music for worship often complemented with the voices of young children. The committee has catalogued the many duties of our service and prepared a calendar system for future members to easily follow. All facets of daily life of our church are reviewed and followed by the committee members to seek adherence to the Book Of Order and the glory of God.

- Pat Mellen

Stewardship Committee

LAURA O'NEILL OTT, PETER RUPERT, AJ MANNETT, DEBRA GAMMONS

“*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.*”
2 Thessalonians 1:3

What a blessing it is to be part of Second Presbyterian Church! Our congregation is an active and growing family that is doing God's work throughout our church and our community! Because of the generous gifts made during our 2016 Stewardship Campaign, and other generous contributions from members and visitors alike, we are able to do more, to serve more and to shine God's light brighter than ever before!

Through your generosity, we nearly met our ambitious 2016 stewardship goal of \$325,000. You pledged a total of \$276,000 and that money is now being put to good use to continue God's work through our dedicated staff, our community outreach, maintenance of our historic church and in finding new ways to carry on the work that Jesus Christ began over 2000 years ago.

When I walk through the halls of the education building, sit in the chapel or sanctuary on Sunday morning, I feel an excitement – an energy - that comes from being a part of God's work! We are working together to fulfill God's plan for Second Presbyterian Church! What greater job is there?

As the Stewardship Committee chairperson for the last two years, I am so grateful for this congregation's generosity, and I am continuously moved by the dedication and devotion of our staff and our Second Family.

Thank you for your gifts and for participating in what we get to do here at Second Presbyterian Church!

Laura O'Neill Ott
Elder and Chairperson of Stewardship Committee

P.S. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late! Check out the church website to give.

Men's Society

The Men's Society of Second Presbyterian Church would like to thank David McClure for his service to the church and leadership of our group. His passion and tireless energy for our church will be missed. We wish David well in all of his future endeavors.

Spring is in full swing and the Men's Society is lending a hand to various projects serving our church and community. With the Tea Room right around the corner, the sign-up sheet still has slots available for various duties to support the effort. We will also be knocking out a to-do list of repairs that need to be made to the church property. Lastly, we will also be getting involved with the Habitat build going on in May and June.

It's baseball season and the Riverdogs need our support so we are in the process of planning another night at the park. Look for more information to come on a date. We had a great time last year and want to do it again! If you are not on the email list and want to be, have questions or have ideas for projects that you would like for us to take on, please email Brad Milner at milnerbrad@hotmail.com or call if you like, 843-343-9724. Get involved!

-Brad Milner

*The Second
Presbyterian
Mission Team
continues in
its goal to
share God's
love locally
and globally,
to give food to
the hungry,
drink to the
thirsty,
welcome to
the stranger,
clothing to the
naked, and
care to the
sick*

Missions Committee

SARAH MITCHELL, SARAH HARTMAN, DAVID SAVARD, CATHY HINSON, PATTERSON SMITH, KATE WYLLY STANTON, KRISTIN WALLACE, MARION MITCHELL

We at Second have many opportunities to give of ourselves in the next few months:

- The Seconds Please Tea Room, which supports the greatest portion of our mission giving is coming up May 25-27 and June 1-3. Please sign up on the board posted in the Education Building or online.
- We have been invited by James Island Presbyterian Church to help in the building of a Habitat for Humanity home on James Island. The first Saturdays of the build will be May 13, 20 and June 3, 10 and 17. Please call Trish Milner, 843-297-9946, or Sarah Mitchell, 843-559-4663, with questions and your interest in working.
- Hands of Christ will be distributing school clothing and supplies in July and August. The dates we will be working at Second are Monday and Tuesday, August 7 and 8. Please watch for the opportunity to sign up.

The Second Presbyterian Mission Team continues in its goal to share God's love locally and globally, to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothing to the naked, and care to the sick (Matthew 25:35-36). Last year we gave \$776 to One Great Hour of Sharing, one of our denominations special offerings, and \$1000 to Sea Island Hunger Awareness. We gave \$2000 to Water Mission, and several congregation members participated in and gave to the Walk for Water in March. We gave \$1000 to Star Gospel Mission and

the same amount to The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. Hands of Christ distributed clothing to school children from our Education Building for two days last August and will do that again this year, supported by our gift of \$1000 and many hands to load supplies in and out and to lead each child in their "shopping". We gave \$2000 to the Medical Benevolence Foundation for use in hospitals in Haiti and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Other mission disbursements for last year were \$2000 to support our mission co-worker Leisa Wagstaff, training educators in South Sudan, \$1000 to nearby Shaw Center, where school children are involved in many after-school activities, \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for flood relief in South Carolina, and \$500 to the Colin McKay Grant Home. The congregation also gave to the three other denomination-wide offerings in 2016: Christmas Joy, \$754, Pentecost, which includes support for our own youth programs, \$317.70, and Peace and Global Witness, \$227.27. We also have special offerings for Thornwell Home for Children and Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

All these gifts of our money and our hands are given in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, pointing to Him and His Kingdom.

- Sarah Mitchell, Mission Team Chair

Tea Room Committee

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

It's time to think of volunteering for Tea Room! Please prayerfully consider your gift of time to our Tea Room, whether it be your talent for baking, or your gift of hospitality in serving on the Tea Room staff. Our Tea Room is the largest contributor to the Missions programs of Second Church and we need all of YOU to make it a success. Consider our donation to the Missions program last year, \$8,000, and choose the place where you can serve best.

Sign up here to help prep (May 25 & June 1), serve (May 26, 27 and June 2, 3) or bring a dessert. you'll be able to find a Sign-up Poster in the Education Building until Sunday, May 7. Thank you for being the wonderful Second Family that you are.

Blessings,
The Tea Room Committee



Seconds Please *tea room*



Finance Committee

PETER RUPERT, PATTERSON SMITH, MIA MANESS, DINGLE HOWE, NORMAN HOOK, DEBRA GAMMONS

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the finances of the Church, preparing an annual Budget and monitoring the Church's investments. The 2017 Budget was submitted to the Session and approved in January. This year's Budget is \$558,850. The Treasurer submits a weekly report to all members of Session as well as Committee members that shows the income to the Church. In addition, the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper prepare a monthly report that shows all income and expenses that is also distributed. The Church employs a part-time bookkeeper, Christy Hulsey. The Church's investments are managed by Wells Fargo Advisors (Millenium Private Wealth) and as of March 31, the portfolio value was \$905,233. In addition, the Church does have some other restricted funds with the Presbyterian Foundation and the Coastal Community Foundation that total \$68,521.

Giving as of March 31, is slightly below budget and due to unexpected income during the last quarter of 2016, the investment draw to date has been less than budgeted.

Any member of the Church who would like more information should feel free to contact Peter Rupert, the Church Treasurer.



Property Committee

PAT MELLEN, JERALD HUCKS, PATTERSON SMITH, PETER RUPERT, BOB HOFFMAN, JIM KIMMET, SPENCE RODDEY, RANDY COOK

The Property Committee of our Church literally does not sleep. We are on call 24/7 and spend both our time and our money frugally. This has been a busy year that has required many meetings both by our Patent applied for multiple format communications between members and our occasional face to face encounters.

A review of our efforts includes:

- The unit per unit replacement of aging fluorescent ballasts and tubes with a more modern LED format has been undertaken in a manner that improves the quality of lighting and relieves the load upon the existent wiring of our Education building and will eventually encompass the entire property system.
- Coordination of the recent use of our property by the film entertainment company. The Session's approval of this undertaking has greatly benefited both the church and its congregation.
- Improved the security system utilized by the Church in both the physical security of the property and the fire warning apparatus.
- Planned workdays that spruce up the fabric of the physical property and by incorporation of a congregational workforce improved friendships of new and older members.
- Started a detailed examination of the physical plant so that we can begin an organized plan to raise the capital necessary to guarantee the structural integrity of our beautiful and historic Church and the congregation's safety and utilization of our assets
- Delegated Jerald Hucks as our representative to the Session, a job he has attended to in a grand and helpful manner.

The committee wishes to point out two undertakings that improve our daily life and the beauty of our property. First and foremost Sue Henderson's efforts and success in installing a new brightly painted fence and gate to the back of the cemetery and the outside entrance to our Kindergarten. This replaced the old and worn Chain link fence. A parent of one of our Kindergarten children enabled this. Also the City through the Parks Conservatory is installing an underground sprinkler system for Wragg Square in the front of our Church.

- Pat Mellen



Capital Campaign Plans

For over 200 years the strong, stately walls of Second Presbyterian Church have provided a safe place to gather, to worship God, to celebrate the sacraments, to marry, to welcome new members, to mourn the loss and celebrate the lives of loved ones, but most importantly to point to Jesus Christ! These walls have provided refuge for the hurt and lost, the needy and the worn out as well as a place for celebrations and new beginnings. Our sanctuary has survived hurricanes, fires, an earthquake and a civil war, and it still stands as a symbol of the strength and endurance of God's Holy Kingdom.

Did you know that no major renovations or preservation efforts have been undertaken since 1989 when Hurricane Hugo badly damaged both the sanctuary and education building? As stewards of this church, it is our responsibility to ensure the structural integrity and safety of the church buildings as well as to make updates to ensure that the buildings fulfill the needs of the congregation in its efforts to do God's work within the church and throughout the community.

Therefore, in the very near future, we will be undertaking a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds to refurbish, modernize and preserve the church as needed. God has provided for this church and its congregation for generations, and we are certain God will continue to bless us through this effort.

This is an exciting opportunity for Second Presbyterian Church! As we work through the early stages of this project and assess what work must be done, we pray that our actions honor those that have come before us and bless those who are to come. Most importantly, however, we pray that our actions follow God's plan for us as we seek to do God's work here in Charleston and beyond.

- Laura O'Neill Ott



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