



Barry Green leads VBS participants in morning music. See more on page 6.

Pastor's Notes - George C. Anderson

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**TOGETHER IN WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Andrea Boone and her talented crew of "technicians" Miranda Moore, Darin Pearson and Doug Settles, do an outstanding job providing a quality online experience of Sunday worship. While on vacation, I enjoyed attending Second Presbyterian Church from the beach and from the mountains, hearing Ben and Elizabeth deliver good sermons. I remain grateful that we have this online capability not only for worship but also for some meetings and educational opportunities.

That said, now that we are past the mid-point of summer and moving toward Rally Day and a new program year, I would like to raise the unique value of being together, particularly in-person worship and Sunday school.

**1. A sense of community.**

Sunday school and worship experiences create a vital community. When we gather, personal connections deepen. We catch up on each other's lives and families. Joys, concerns and sorrows are shared. We develop friendships with people we would not ordinarily see, and we gain perspectives we would not otherwise have gained. As we learn together and are inspired together, we gain a sense of a





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The church occasionally uses photos of people and groups on the website and in publications. Those objecting to the use of their photos (or photos of their minor children) should so inform the church.

Enjoy listening to podcasts? Listen to our sermons on *Second on the Mount*, and our podcast for children and families, *Child of God with The Rev. Elizabeth Link!* [www.spres.org/connect/podcasts/](http://www.spres.org/connect/podcasts/)



shared vision and common cause. We develop a stake, not only in each other's lives, but also in our shared life together.

**2. Overcoming isolation and loneliness.**

The fellowship of Sunday school and worship provide a powerful antidote to isolation and loneliness, both of which were intensified during the pandemic. By coming together with others who share beliefs and values, we find solace and a sense of belonging. Also, by addressing our attention on faith, we gain a greater awareness of God's presence in our lives. We grow to trust the truth of what we read in scripture that we are never alone but always in God's presence.

**3. We are a needed body of Christ in our country and world.**

Many cultural observers are pointing out that there is a great need in our world today for inter-generational communities of people with diverse views where devotion is shared and common ground discovered. As the country grows polarized, a healthy community of faith such as Second Presbyterian becomes itself a witness. We show the world that it is possible for people who think differently to care about each other, enjoy being with each other, and find common ground to offer remarkable ministries that positively affect people's lives and the well-being of the community.

**4. Keeping baptismal vows really does bless lives.**

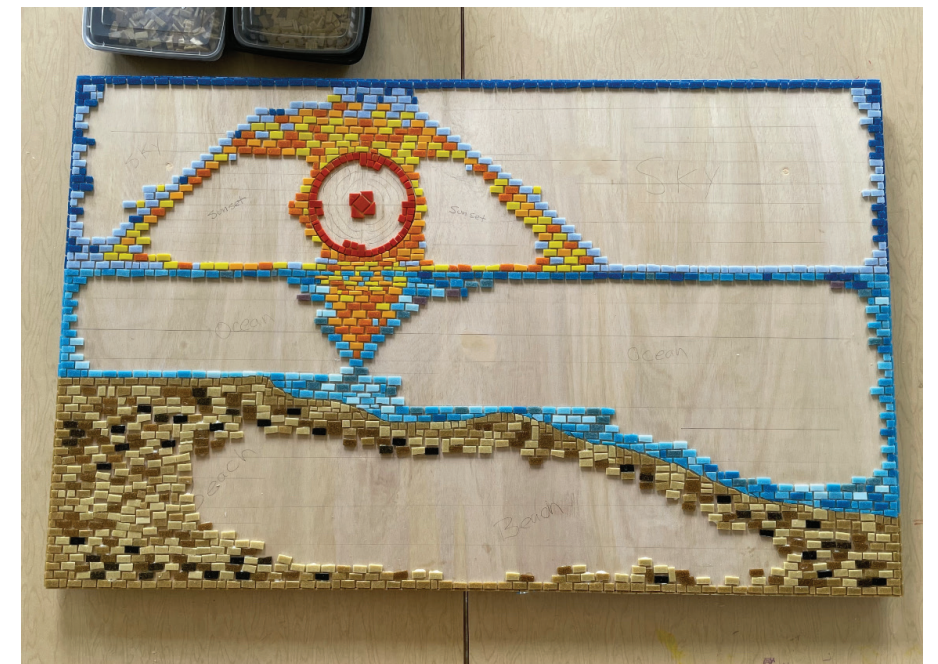
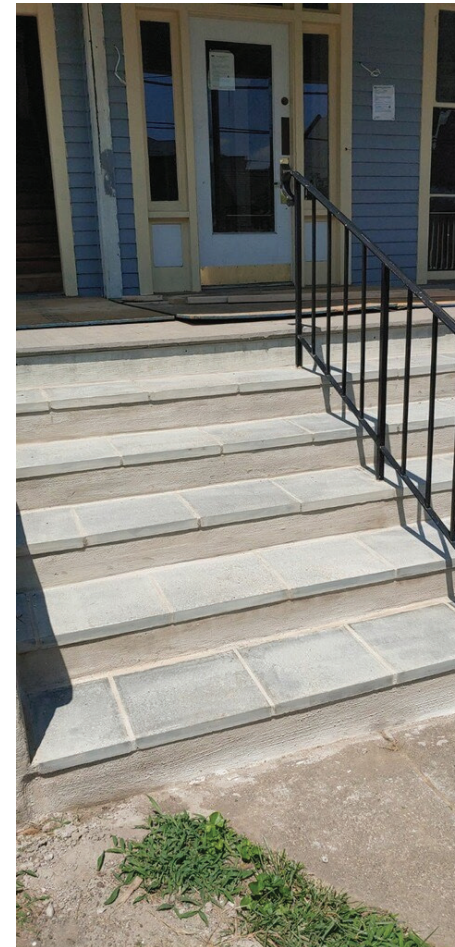
At baptism, we promise to be faithful to each other and to nurture each other in the faith. For children, this can make all the difference in the world. Unlike school and activities that focus on performance, church becomes a place of unconditional acceptance. Children begin to assume that adults beyond their parents care for them and that they have a community interested in them and wanting them to be safe and to flourish. They learn they have a church home where they are always welcome. Children especially don't learn this by being told. They learn this by being present and experiencing it.

There are more reasons than this to make the effort to be present to each other in Christian community. I offer them with conviction because so much of what I believe, value and treasure has been gained by being a part of a Christian community of faith.

Again, I am grateful we have the opportunity for people to study and worship online. But I hope to see many of you in church... and often.

**PROGRESS IS MADE ON ALEXA HOUSE**

**PORCH STEPS, NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM. MOSAIC BEACH SUNSET PREPARED BY FENTON CHILDERS AND CREATED DURING MORNING VBS TO BE HUNG IN ALEXA HOUSE.**







Photos from the youth at-home mission week.

## YOUTH

What a summer it has been! And the fun continues through August!

### Montreat Youth Conference

We have eight youth and two adults attending the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina for a fun and faith-filled week exploring what “joy” is! We will join over 300 youth and adults from other churches from around the region, nation, and globe in small groups, keynote, worship, and recreation. This is always a transformative week!

### Youth Day Out

On Sunday, August 13, the youth will head to the Salem Ballpark to cheer on the Redsox for a fun day out! To secure your ticket, please reach out to Philip Smith ([psmithyank@gmail.com](mailto:psmithyank@gmail.com)). The first pitch is at 3:05 p.m. Pick up and drop off will be at the ballpark. See you there!

## YOUNG ADULTS

We are beginning to plan out our program year. If you would like to host a Young Adult gathering at your house, please reach out to Ben ([benb@spres.org](mailto:benb@spres.org)). Also, if you are interested in joining our mailing list and receiving text message updates and reminders, please contact Ben via email. More to come!

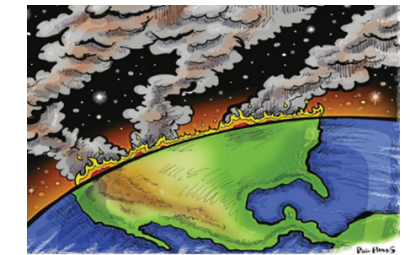
## SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

### CHRISTIANITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE A FILM SERIES CLASS & CONVERSATION BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

## Global heat mark set, then broken

Earth setting daily heat records this week as climate change ramps up

– From *The Roanoke Times*, June and July 2023.



## Wildfire fallout

Climate crisis can no longer be dismissed | A smoky US may not change its politics

Rarely does a day go by that we don't read a headline related to climate change. What then are we to say about these things? Does Christianity have anything to say about climate change? Do you want to take a closer look at the climate crisis and how one Christian believes we are called to respond? Come and be a part of the conversation. The most important thing we can do is talk about it and how it effects all of us.

**Christianity and Climate Change\*** is a nine-part film series featuring Katharine Hayhoe, the internationally renowned Christian climate scientist. In each episode, she responds to climate questions from key church leaders and members from across Scotland. Following each video, we will ask the questions: What then are we to say about these things? And equally important, what then are we to think about these things and do about these things... to protect creation and help prepare for a changing climate?

Dr. Hayhoe captures the essence of the class in the following quote, **“For Christians, doing something about climate change is about living out our faith...caring for those who need help and taking responsibility for this planet that God created and entrusted to us. My faith tells me that God does want people to understand climate change and do something about it.”**

Our own Presbytery of the Peaks states, **“As a faith community, we can be a model to the larger community and a witness to the faith we profess by taking visible concrete actions that express what we believe about creation and our role in caring for it.”**

And from the General Assembly PCUSA, **“We recognize and accept that restoring creation is a central concern of the church, to be incorporated into its life and mission at every level, with major implications for infusion into theological work, evangelism, education, justice and peacemaking, worship and liturgy, public witness, global mission and congregational service, and action at the community level.”**

\*See the *Christian Education (CE) Booklet on Rally Day Picnic Sunday, August 27, 2023* for additional details.

– 2PC Green Team  
*Grounded by Scripture, Informed by Science.*





**MORNING VBS: JULY 24-27**  
**“COME TO THE TABLE: JOURNEY FROM THE FIRST PASSOVER MEAL TO THE LAST SUPPER”**

**Thank you, VBS Volunteers!** We are so grateful for all of the volunteers, parents, and children who made Vacation Bible School such a wonderful week! None of this would have been possible without the energy, creativity, and flexibility of this congregation. Thank you, Second Pres.!

**Monday:** Israelites Celebrate Passover – Exodus 13:3-10  
*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27:14)*

**Tuesday:** Festival Celebrations of the Israelites – Leviticus 23  
*Don't forget to do good and to share what you have, because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices. (Hebrews 13:16)*

**Wednesday:** Jesus Celebrates the Festival of Booths – John 7:36-44  
*Believe in God, believe also in me. (John 14:1b)*

**Thursday:** Jesus Celebrates Passover – Luke 22:8-20  
*Do this in remembrance of me. (Luke 22:19b)*

**VBS Mission Project:**  
 This year, we collected protein rich food items (tuna and peanut butter) and financial donations to help support Roanoke's Kids Soar program. Kids Soar is a faith-based organization whose focus is on empowering children and families in the Roanoke Valley to end the cycle of poverty in their families through literacy education.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRENT GETAWAY @ EAGLE EYRIE, AUGUST 18-20**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman  
 Theme: “Curious Matters: What physical things from Scripture can teach us”

**RALLY DAY PICNIC & FALL KICKOFF – SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 10:00 A.M.**  
**RSVP ONLINE BY AUG. 13 | “BUILD IT TOGETHER”**

Join us for worship and a picnic celebration at Braeloch Pavilion in Vinton, VA on Sunday, August 27 (2353 Hammond Dr., Vinton, VA 24179). On Rally Day, we gather to celebrate the gift of being and learning together. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Following lunch, you're invited to stick around, learn about and sign up for CE programs for the fall, enjoy fellowship, fishing at the pond (bring your own fishing poles and bait), as well as bounce houses, face painting, and balloon art! We want this special day to be a great kickoff to the fall at Second. Come and explore ways that you can grow more in your faith during the 2023-2024 church school year!

Our menu from Three Li'l Pigs Barbeque includes:  
*(Options will be available for dietary restrictions—i.e. gluten free, vegan.)*

- Vinegar pulled pork, chicken (sauces on the side)
- Potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, watermelon
- Green salad with vegan dressing
- Ice cream bar (toppings on the side)
- Tea, lemonade, and water

**Please RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 13** by completing the form found online at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org), scanning the QR code, or calling the church office (540)343-3659.



Interested to help volunteer? Sign up via our SignUpGenius at <https://urlzs.com/CGmCg>.

**Starting September 10:**  
 Sunday morning and evening educational programs for all ages will begin on September 10. We will return to our 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship hours, Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Children, Worship, and Wonder during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour, and Youth Group and Kids' Fellowship at 5:00 p.m.

Christian education is a gift, and it is our prayer that this year may be the opportunity you've been searching for to grow deeper in faith and build connection within the Body of Christ.





**GALS GATHERING PLANNING**

The Congregational Life Committee is looking for help to plan the November 2023 Gals Gathering! If you are able to join the planning committee, please contact Maria Hammond ([mlphammond@gmail.com](mailto:mlphammond@gmail.com)) or Chasity Fitzpatrick ([iamblessed3@cox.net](mailto:iamblessed3@cox.net)) by Monday, August 14! It is a fun event, and we need help with what meals to have, crafts to make, tables to decorate, and the best ways to enjoy our time together. Please reach out today!



**WELCOME THE THOMAS FAMILY**



Please join me in welcoming the Thomas family, who joined our church at commission on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

John and Mary Emily both grew up in Lexington, KY and attended the same church, Second Presbyterian. They were married there in

December 2011, and both sets of parents are still members!

John is a 2006 graduate of Rhodes College where he majored in History. He went on to study law at University of Kentucky and graduated with his JD in 2010. He worked as a county prosecutor and as a police officer with the Metro Nashville Police Department before taking a position with the Social Security Administration – Office of the Inspector General (OIG) as a Special Agent investigating fraud.

Mary Emily studied Nursing at Samford University and earned her BSN in 2006. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 13 years and was a member of the Neonatal Emergency Transport Team before leaving to stay home with their two children, Virginia, 6 and Catherine, almost 2.

The desire to be closer to family and a new position with the Department of Labor for John brought the Thomas’s to Roanoke, and we are so glad to have them!

In their free time, the Thomas’s enjoy being outdoors and in the water. John particularly enjoys hunting and fishing. Emily is also an avid knitter... ask her about her Blue Ribbon from the Tennessee State Fair!

Welcome to Second Presbyterian, Thomas Family!

**SAY HELLO TO THE MILLARS**

Please join me in welcoming Moe and B.J. Millar, who joined our church at commission on Sunday, June 25 by letter of transfer from New Dublin Presbyterian Church.

Moe grew up in Front Royal, VA and studied accounting at Virginia Tech. He worked as an accounting and payroll supervisor for the Volvo truck plant in Dublin, VA. In his spare time, Moe enjoys lap swimming, dog walking, watercolor painting, and gardening.

B.J. grew up in Independence, VA and also studied accounting at Virginia Tech. B.J. stayed home with their three daughters before working as an accountant in a CPA firm. She enjoys reading murder mysteries and doing crossword puzzles.



Also joining us is Moe and B.J.’s daughter, Jean.

Jean grew up in Dublin, VA and earned a degree in early childhood education from New River Community College. She attended Peace Presbyterian in High Point, North Carolina before coming to Second. Jean currently works as the

aquatics specialist over the Learn to Swim Program at Green Ridge Recreation Center.

We are so glad to have you with us Moe, B.J., and Jean. Welcome!

*New member articles submitted by Christal Pearson, Engagement Coordinator.*

**2PC CLUBS  
FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE  
SIGN UP ONLINE BY SEPT. 17**

We are *expanding* our club options for the Second Presbyterian Church family in 2023! Please check out the clubs available and, beginning in mid-August, sign up online via the church website at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org), or call the church office (see bulletins and church emails for the online form release date). Please sign up by Sunday, September 17; you are welcome to sign up for more than one club! In the days following September 17, club coordinators will contact members by phone or email. The first club meetings will be in October. Questions? Contact Maria Hammond ([mlphammond@gmail.com](mailto:mlphammond@gmail.com)).

- **Supper Club** – church members gather once a month at rotating homes for supper.
- **Lunch Bunch** – church members gather once a month at a local restaurant for lunch.
- **Walking Club** – church members meet to walk once a week or every other week to walk on the Greenway or local walkways. This is open to morning or early evening walks. Please let us know your preferences.
- **Movie Club** – church members meet once a month at a local movie theater.
- **Restaurant Club** – church members meet at local restaurants each month; each month would be a different location.
- **Coffee Club** – church members meet at local coffee shops each month; each month would be a different location.
- **Book Club** – church members would select and read a new book each month and gather to discuss.
- **Roots and Wings** – church members of college age students would gather once a month for a meal, rotating locations each month.
- **Parenting Group** – church members of preschool and elementary students would meet once a month on a Sunday evening during Kids Fellowship to gather and share. Childcare will be offered; please let us know if you need childcare and we will make arrangements.
- **Pickleball Group** – church members that want to learn and play pickleball would gather at a local pickleball court once every two weeks. The first few meetings will offer lessons by a certified pickleball instructor.

– NEWS & NOTES –

*Flowers*

**June 18** - In celebration of Agnes Reid Jenny’s 100th birthday, her loved ones and friends joyfully presented this gift, dedicated to the glory of God, as a token of their deep affection and appreciation for her remarkable life.....

**June 25** - Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dick and Jean Smith by the family.....

**July 2** - Given to the glory of God in loving memory of William and Jane Battle by the family.....

**July 9** - Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jack Stanley, Larry and Stu Stanley and Dot Stanley Hart by Lee, Tommy, Laura, Kirby, Sarah, and Tricia.

*Sympathy*

Sympathy is extended to Joe Miller on the death of his wife, Betty “Boo” Johnston Miller, who passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Our prayers are also with their daughters, Meg, Anne Garst, and Katie..... Sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones of Carl Lawrence Barber, who passed away on Sunday, June 18..... Sympathy is extended to April and Greg Zachmann on the death of their nephew, Michael John Gourley, on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Our prayers are also with their sons, Evan and Andrew.

*Concerns*

Virge Blain, Susan Blaylock (wife of Bill Blaylock), Cheryl Crowell, Johnny Johnson (father of John Johnson).

*New Arrival*

Congratulations to Marilyn Arbogast on the arrival of her granddaughter, Olivia Grace Arbogast, born to parents Scott and Erin Arbogast on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Proud big brother is Elijah.



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In memory of **Carl Barber** by  
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Other funds are available for your contributions. Please contact Nathan Anderson, Church Administrator, at 540-343-3659 or [admin@spres.org](mailto:admin@spres.org). This list includes donations received between June 1-30, 2023.

*\*We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in this list. Please contact the Church Administrator, 540-343-3659, to help us get it corrected.*



We would like to thank the following children who collected the **Two Cents-a-Meal** offering on Sunday, June 25: Crosby and Bauer Horn (parents, Whitney and Jason). *If you would like to help with Two Cents collection, please email Stacy Moore ([stacy@spres.org](mailto:stacy@spres.org)).*



**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC:** The food item for the month of August is **canned beans** (ready-to-eat/pop-top containers preferred). Donations can be left in the coat closet (please check expiration dates before donating).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Montreat Youth Conference 9:30am Staff Meeting	2 Montreat Youth Conference 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	3 Montreat Youth Conference 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:15pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid	4 Montreat Youth Conference	5 Montreat Youth Conference
6 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream	7 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library	8 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 5:15pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom	9 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Second Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/ Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room	10 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:00pm Property Committee, Zoom and Session Room	11 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room	12
13 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 11:15am - 1:30pm CWW Volunteer Training & Lunch, Fellowship Hall & CWW Room	14 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library	15 9:30am Staff Meeting	16 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Hybrid 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room	17 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	18 Preschool Last Day of Summer Programming  Trent Getaway Retreat	19 Trent Getaway Retreat
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27 Rally Day Two Cents a Meal 10:00am Worship Service and Kick-Off Picnic at Braeloch	28 Preschool Closed: Scheduled Classroom Meetings 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library	29 Preschool Closed: Scheduled Classroom Meetings 9:30am Staff Meeting	30 First Day of Preschool 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline	31 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	Calendar Info as of July 11.	



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at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org).

