

# THE SECOND SHEET

Monthly Newsletter of Second Presbyterian Church



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*Finding direction by following Jesus.*

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## PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

### THOUGHTS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We have offerings of Lenten worship and education that is as full as any year I can remember. From a sermon series called "Following," to online devotionals called "Home Videos," to mid-week classes like "Faith Without Formulas" and "The Bible in Black and White," we have an abundance of opportunities to reflect on our life with Christ. I wrote about them in the February *Second Sheet*, so I won't go over them again.

I will say that the theme of home and homelessness is a focus not only of our online devotions but also of our church. This is the year we join with St. John's Episcopal Church to build a Habitat house and we dedicate *Alexa House* for its primary use of hosting families in housing crisis.

Our timing is good because the Roanoke region has a growing affordable housing problem. Part of the problem is national. The pandemic pulled people into their homes. Housing prices went up as well as the cost of new construction and renovation. Some properties are kept off the market for short term rentals (Airbnb and VRBO for instance). This new phenomenon in middle to upper income neighborhoods is joined with properties kept off the market in low-income neighborhoods by landlords who won't keep them up while collecting rent from those who can't find another place to



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## CONNECT WITH US

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!*  
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live.

Another reason for the growing problem is local. According to the Roanoke Regional Partnership, our region has had the highest job growth rate in 30 years which, of course, leads to fewer available properties and higher prices. Have you peeked recently at the Zillow estimate for housing in your neighborhood?

Affordable housing is hard to define. A common rule of thumb is that housing costs, to be affordable, should be within 30% of one's income. This measure is far from perfect because 30% of a high income can be easily affordable, and 30% of a low income can be unrealistic when health care coverage can cost, on average, 33.9% of that person's income<sup>[1]</sup> No one can reasonably think that a third of an income for housing is realistic for a low income family that already has to pay over a third of its income for health care. Nevertheless, using that measure, the difficulty of purchasing or renting a place to live and staying within 30% of one's income is becoming difficult for an increasingly higher percentage of the population.

I am glad to say that there are people in public, business and private sectors in the Roanoke region who recognize affordable housing as an issue that needs to be addressed proactively. As the city continues to prosper economically, they know that ways need to be found to "bake in" affordable housing so that those with lower incomes can afford housing within an acceptable distance of where they work. We, who live in this region, should encourage efforts to help make sure that Roanoke isn't only for the high-income community.

As a Christ-centered community of faith, Second Presbyterian Church is called to do its part to help by focusing on efforts to improve affordable housing for the poor. Our support for organizations like the *Rescue Mission*, *Habitat for Humanity*, and *Family Promise* is strong. Because of the generosity of our members this past stewardship season, our Service and Outreach Committee is exploring other ways our church can make a greater difference as early as this next fiscal year.

## SPEAKING OF WHICH...

You may have read that the congregation of *Trinity United Methodist Church* has merged with *Greene Memorial United Methodist Church*. The buildings that housed the Trinity congregation will be renovated by the nonprofit organization, *Restoration Housing* ([www.restorationhousing.org](http://www.restorationhousing.org)), to become affordable housing for elderly residents. *Restoration Housing* will not only do the work of renovation but will provide ongoing maintenance. This is the sort of innovative solution to affordable housing that is needed.

<sup>[1]</sup> Low income here is defined by the research organization, RAND, as those in the bottom fifth of income.

THE KITTIE SUSAN TRENT  
**SYMPOSIUM**  
FOR NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTERS



## TRENT SYMPOSIUM APRIL 5-10

The Kittye Susan Trent Symposium for Newly Ordained Ministers is a congregation based continuing education event for newly ordained ministers. In April we will welcome eight ministers from across the country to Roanoke to participate in this program. On April 7, the participants will join us in worship and attend our Sunday school classes. While they are with us, please join us in welcoming them into our vibrant congregation as we worship and learn together.

The participating ministers this year are:

- John Daniel DeBevoise, *First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC*
- Rachel Fitch, *First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC*
- Esther Hethcox, *First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC*
- Jonathan Moelker, *Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA*
- Alexandra Pappas, *First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA*
- Gracie Payne, *Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN*
- Ally Pexa, *First Presbyterian Church, Greer, SC*
- Natalie Raygor, *First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC*

## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER APRIL 9 @ 6:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m., we will have our annual Trent Symposium Dinner. During this time, we will enjoy a meal together followed by a program offered by the Rev. Dr. Ernie Thompson titled, “The Power of the Bible’s Story and How It Can Solve Our Polarization.”

Lib & Amy Catering is cooking up something special for this event!

- **Menu:** Chicken Veronique—mushrooms, grapes, & wine sauce; Orzo; Green Beans; Salad with Balsamic and Ranch Dressings; Buttered Rolls, and assorted desserts.
- **Cost:** \$12 per person.
- **RSVP:** If you would like to join us, please RSVP at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org) by Tuesday, April 2 at noon.

### **About the Program: “The Power of the Bible’s Story and How It Can Solve Our Polarization”**

We often focus on the individual stories of the Bible. There is also a larger story that the Bible tells which begins with Genesis and runs through Revelation. Ernie will share how his understanding and appreciation for the Bible’s larger story has grown throughout his ministry and how the Bible’s story can help us transcend the polarization that divides us.

### **About the Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Ernie Thompson**

Ernie Thompson serves as the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. He has also served other churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. After 36 years of pastoral ministry, he plans to retire in June so that he and his wife Elaine can move to Raleigh and be closer to family, especially their three grandchildren.





## KAIROS: LENT 2024

Our weekly Kairos devotional videos, called “Home Videos,” continue through March 27. Visit our church YouTube channel for a collection of these and all our Kairos videos since 2021. And join us on March 28 for a special Maundy Thursday service with communion at 6:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall. God’s time, really, can be anytime. We pray that this Lenten practice may be welcome time of quiet, reflection, and connection to the Holy in the midst of this changing season.

- Feb. 21-March 20: “Home Videos” Weekly Kairos Reflections via YouTube and Facebook
- March 24: Palm Sunday Worship, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
- March 28, 6:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall
- March 24: Easter Worship, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Mar 3: Climate Change: What’s Christianity Got to Do with It? A Christian Climate Scientist Explains**  
Second’s own Green Team will host our March Pop-Up class on the topic of creation care. The class will illustrate how Christianity and Climate Change share common faith-based values and how, as people of faith, we are called to care for creation.
- **April 7: Join us on April 7 when we will hear from Union Presbyterian Seminary’s new president, Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley, about the state of and future plans for the seminary.**  
Dr. Lapsley is the first woman to lead the Seminary in its 212-year history. She was the first woman to serve as Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Princeton Theological Seminary. A noted Old Testament scholar who has authored or co-edited a number of works, including *A Women’s Bible Commentary*, Lapsley earned her Ph.D. from Emory University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, an M.A. from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her A.B. from Smith College.

## 3RD-5TH GRADE COMMUNICANTS’ CLASS: MARCH 10 (NOON–1:30 P.M., LUNCH PROVIDED) Parents & Children Invited to Attend Together

Children and parents are invited to explore the meaning of the sacrament of communion together. As baptized members of Christ’s Church, children are always welcome at the Lord’s Table. This learning opportunity is offered to help children understand more fully what happens when we celebrate communion and why.

We will meet on Sunday March 10 in Fellowship Hall, following the 11 o’clock worship service. Please contact Meredith Koliba to RSVP by March 4 so we may have an accurate count for lunch, and indicate whether you will need childcare for any younger children ([meredith@spres.org](mailto:meredith@spres.org)).



Picture (on left) of Dr. Jacqueline E. Lapsley.  
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## SUMMER 2024 HAPPENINGS . . . SAVE THE DATES!

### **EVENING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

#### **June 9-12 (Sun-Wed) – “Joy Even On Your Worst Days”**

- Adults are invited to join us for Evening VBS, kicking off the week with a dinner and program on June 9. Our guest speaker will help us dive deeper in scripture and faith together. Children (Pre-k – 5th grade) will enjoy a special parallel theatre camp, and childcare will be available for any younger children attending. Registration details will be out soon.

#### **Guest Speaker, Dr. Tom Are, Jr., Interim Pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL.**

- The world the apostle Paul inhabited was dramatically different from our time. He knew nothing of capitalism, or physics, or Zoom, and more significantly, Paul was a regular in Caesar’s prison. For us, “Caesar” is a salad. But a constant in the human story is that every life faces suffering. Paul’s life was no different. And yet, on Paul’s worst days, he still exhibited a spirit of joy. In this spirit of joy, Paul offers us some inspiration. Joy is not a common reality in modern life. We are more acquainted with anxiety and fear, and on good days we can settle for happiness; but joy is less common. The worst days come to all of us. At some point the dreams die, the body fails, the spirit is crushed. Those days leave their mark on us. But an imprisoned apostle passed down 104 verses to an ancient congregation in Philippi, and they have passed it down to us. It is their testimony that when the worst days come—and they will—they do not have to be the end of joy. Indeed, they might be the beginning.



#### **For 4 Year-Olds-Middle School: Children’s Theatre Camp**

- This summer, we are thrilled to welcome back Meghan Griffith as the leader for our Evening VBS Children’s Theatre Camp! Children are welcome to bring friends. Registration details will be out soon.

#### **Evening VBS Schedule:**

##### **Sunday, June 9:**

- 6-8 p.m. with dinner

##### **Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12**

- 6:30-7:45 p.m. with refreshments



### **MORNING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

#### **July 22-25 (Mon-Th) – “Stories Jesus Told”**

- Members and friends (Pre-k – 5th grade) are invited to join us for Morning Vacation Bible School July 22-25, as we explore the parables of Jesus. Youth and adult volunteers are a great part of what makes VBS so special. Please consider volunteering and joining the fun!
- Registration for Morning Vacation Bible School begins later this month. Keep an eye out for registration details in the weekly pastor’s email and on our website.

### **TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT**

#### **August 16-18 (Fri-Sun)**

- Join us August 16-18 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! Registration begins early this spring—you won’t want to miss this inter-generational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.
- Our guest speaker for the Trent Getaway this year will be the Rev. Anna George Traynham, pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA.



## – NEWS & NOTES –

### Flowers

**Jan. 14** - Given in loving memory of Dr. Leigh Hamilton Stockstill by the Stockstill family..... **Jan. 21** - Given in memory of Laura Pickard Richards, David Edwin Pickard, Richard Carey Pickard, and Dick Richards by Patti and Charlie Palmer..... **Jan. 28** - Given in loving memory of Robert and Helen Lineweaver by Anna and Al McLean..... **Feb. 4** - Given in honor of the ministers and their families by Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt..... **Feb. 11** - Given by the Lyons Family in support of Rev. Ben Brannan and his impact on the youth of Second Presbyterian Church.

**Open Flower Dates:** The following dates are available for anyone who would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary: April 7, 14 & 28; May 19. Please contact Denise Revercomb to see if the dates are still open (588-5111; revercomb@cox.net).

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lucy Beistel who died on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Our prayers are with her children, Scott Beistel, Brookes Beistel and Tana Suter, and their families. Lucy was an active member of the church since 1977, and a member of the choir for over 15 years..... Sympathy is extended to Laurie and John Saunders on the death of Laurie's uncle, Jim Bewley, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024..... Sympathy is extended to Andrew and Dawn Thacker on the death of Andrew's father, Alvin M. "Pete" Thacker of Daleville, on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Our prayers are also with their daughters, Catherine and Emily..... Sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones of Betty Joyce Fitzgerald "BJ" Preas, who died on Sunday, January 21, 2024..... Our sympathies extend to Shelby and Jason Bingham on the death of Shelby's mother, Cathren "Cathy" Duckett Lawson, on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Our prayers are also with their children, Alex, Bailey, and Sara Catherine..... Sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones of Deborah Josselyn Robinson, who died on Friday, February 2, 2024..... Sympathy is extended to Brooke and Emily Mallory on the passing of Brooke's sister, Frances Mallory Meyers of Novelty, OH, on Thursday, February 1, 2024..... Sympathy is extended to Jenny Lee on the passing of her brother, Gordon Condon "Gordy" Lee, on Friday, February 2, 2024..... Our sympathies extend to the family and loved ones of John Randolph Francis, Jr. who died on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Our prayers are with his wife Rosemary, his son Neil and his wife, Lauren, and his grandson Joseph Beckett..... Our sympathies extend to Ann and Barry Green on the death of Ann's brother, Don McGee, on Monday, February 5, 2024..... Sympathy is extended to Patsy Chaney, on the passing of her brother, Jack Innis Merryman of Nashville, TN, on Monday, February 5, 2024..... Our sympathies extend to Mike Smeltzer and family on the death of his wife, Catherine Brownlee Smeltzer, on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Our prayers are also with their children, Sandra Worthy, Ann Fulton, and Kirby Smeltzer, and their grandchildren.

### Concerns

Anne Macfarlane, Fuller Robinson, Tom Strong, Jo Ann Talbott.

## "PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY" HABITAT BUILD CONTINUES

The Mussa family homeowners were joined by members of St. John's Episcopal and Second Presbyterian as the February 17th wall raising event officially kicked off the build (see photos on p. 12)! Included in the wall are nearly a dozen boards decorated with words of encouragement and love by children and adults of both congregations. More volunteer build and lunch days are coming—sign up to volunteer via the SignUp-Genius available at [www.spres.org](http://www.spres.org). Come lend a hand as we build this new home together!

## WELCOME LINDY FRANZEN

Please help us welcome new member Malinda "Lindy" Franzen! Lindy joined the congregation of Second Presbyterian on January 21, 2024 by letter of transfer from Lakeview UMC of Berlin Heights, OH.

Born and raised in Roanoke, Lindy lived in Salem before moving to Ohio for 33 years on the shores of Lake Erie. She earned an Associates degree from Caldwell College in Lenoir, NC prior to studying Business Administration at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH. She worked in the secretarial and administrative field for 30 years at Valley Metro, Caldwell College, and Marathon Oil, and now enjoys retirement—spending much of her time sewing, quilting, and reading.

Lindy was married to her husband Carl, now deceased, for 44 years. In her words, "He was—and is—the love of my life."

With interests in congregational life and community outreach, we are grateful to welcome

Lindy to our church and look forward to her joining in fellowship and ministry. Welcome, Lindy!



Submitted by Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator.

### CREATE, CHOOSE PEACE, FIND JOY, DEEPEN FAITH: GALS' GATHERING REFLECTION

*Winter Garden* was the theme of our Gals' Gathering women's retreat this year. It seems a bit of an oxymoron to think of the snow we have on the ground as a stark contrast to the fresh, vibrant green and beautiful flowers of a garden. Our focus, however, was on the roots that might be hidden and quiet. Roots that are gathering strength in that darkness for the growth that is to come.

As we were asked to consider why we had joined in retreat, the answers were clear and unanimous—connection, friendship, to be refreshed, filled up, renewed. Next, we were asked who we are—mom, sister, grandmother, gardener, mediator, dog lover, scheduler. The Rev. Rachel Vogado, our fantastic speaker, guided us through listening and conversing about the quiet times in our lives, strengthening our roots, defining our roots, and the importance of ordinary time in our church calendar.

The scripture for our day together was Colossians 2:6-7. Paul is writing to the Colossians at a time in their church when they were tying themselves in knots to be perfect Christians. Here is The Message translation:

*"My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master: now live in him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out: quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving."*

Upon contemplation at our tables and during a walking meditation of looking for the verbs in the scripture, we were asked, "What stands out as a message to you?" The messages came—receiving/as a newborn in a receiving blanket, abounding/spilling over with thanksgiving, roots/taught/history/fortified foundation, we have all that we need. Rachel reminded us that our muscles get stronger when challenged and stretched. So, too, must our faith be in action, our roots deepened in study/contemplation. If we are filled with thankfulness, not running on empty, then the overflowing abundance of that joy is how we serve and listen to others. In sharing that gratitude, we nurture intimacy with others and invite deeper connections.

Fellowship, crafting, and food are the traditions of our time together as women of the church here at Second Presbyterian, and this year did not disappoint. The traditional food such as cinnamon rolls, cookies, and whiskey sticks were joined with healthier gluten free options to balance out our New Year's resolutions. The spaces in our church were lovingly transformed with beautiful decorations to make our time more special and celebratory. Crafts abounded as well as a Pilates session from Ashley Beamer to stretch our bodies. There was truly something for everyone to connect and enjoy fellowship together.

To close our day, we again came together for worship and communion. Rachel again spoke on Colossians, this time using 3:12-17 NIV:

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the piece of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

The message to us is to create, choose the peace of Christ over anxiety, find joy in the midst of sorrow and deepen our faith rather than giving in to fear. Rachel encouraged us to strengthen our roots to prepare for the coming growing season with rest, prayer, contemplation of scripture and abundant thanksgiving that might overflow to all around us and open more connection. We as Christians are given HOPE through Christ which leads to a life of faith in that hope. This is a hope that cannot be contained and leads to living in overflowing thanksgiving. Christians live in abundance, not scarcity. Hallelujah!

Many thanks to all who worked to prepare our retreat; your love and care were felt and appreciated by all. If you missed our retreat this year, I invite you to join in this special time next year. For me, it is a treasured time for renewal that is not to be missed.

*Written by Christina Croteau. Read this article and others like it on the church blog at <https://www.spres.org/connect/blog/>.*



## COMPOSTING

**A VIRGINIAN’S DREAM TO MINIMIZE WASTE AND EMISSIONS BECAME A REALITY IN JANUARY WITH THE OPENING OF STAR CITY COMPOST, ROANOKE’S FIRST COMPOSTING FACILITY.**

You probably already engage in some form of recycling through participation in taxpayer supported municipal services when it comes to paper, metal, glass, and some types of plastic. However, have you ever thought about recycling (composting) your organic food waste—waste that winds up in the landfill and releases huge amounts of methane gas—a *potent greenhouse gas that is 28-36 times more effective than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere over a 100-year period?*<sup>[1]</sup>

What is composting you ask? The U.S. Environmental Protections Agency (EPA) defines composting as, *“The process of converting organic materials into nutrient-rich, biologically stable soil or mulch through the natural process of decomposition.”*

Currently, the City of Roanoke does not offer any curbside organics collection. But let’s be honest. How many of us want to compost in our own backyards. It’s messy, requires maintenance, potentially attracts unwanted critters, and generates an unpleasant odor. Fortunately, there is an alternative. It’s called Star City Compost.



Photo of Davey Stewards and Craig Coker.



“We’re giving people a real tangible option to reduce their waste and lower their carbon footprint—that goes for residents and commercial entities in the area,” Stewards said. “You can make an impact on climate change for the same cost of a Netflix subscription—it’s possible for us to achieve as a society, we just have to want to do it.”

– Davey Stewards, Founder, Star City Compost; from “Blue Ridge Outdoors” January 12, 2024 issue.

“A big part of why Davey and I started Star City Compost is to build awareness of composting and its benefits, not just for the climate but also to improve local soils.”

– Craig Coker, Partner and Facility Manager, Star City Compost

The company is currently offering curbside pick-up services for \$25 a month or drop-off options for \$10 a month. For more information visit

<https://www.starcitycompost.com>.

Check out <https://www.blueridgeoutdoors.com/news/the-story-behind-roanokes-first-composting-facility/> and <https://www.biocycle.net/food-scraps-southwest-virginia/> for more about the company’s history.

<sup>[1]</sup> U.S. EPA. Understanding Global Warming Potentials. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/understanding-globalwarming-potentials>.



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# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

## YOUTH

I cannot tell you how many wonderful things were said of our youth on Youth Sunday! I have received many thanks and many words of gratitude for the work and Christian witness of our young people in worship on Youth Sunday! Each year the youth amaze everyone with their beautiful liturgy, music, and sermons. All glory to God!

As we move into Lent our youth time will be re-focusing on our theme “Fan the Flame” as we move to consider the “A” and “M”—acceptance and mindfulness. Through intentional time in self-reflection—internally and externally—as individuals and as a community, our youth will seek to understand more fully the beauty of embracing differences and celebrating how each person is unique. Come join us Sunday nights from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. at the Intersection as we grow together in body, mind, and soul!

– Pastor Ben



## UPCOMING YOUTH DATES

- March 3 – Youth Group: *Embracing Differences*
- March 10 – Youth Group: *Radical Acceptance*
- March 13 – *Midweek Manna*
- March 14 – *Middle School Mini Manna*
- March 17 – Youth Group: *The Flame Within*
- March 24 – *Palm Sunday Luau*



*Youth Sunday photograph by Lawrence l'Anson.*

## YOUNG ADULTS

If you are interested in joining this group, please reach out to Ben ([benb@spres.org](mailto:benb@spres.org)) or sign up for text alerts (text “@2PCYA” to 81010). If you are interested in hosting our Young Adult group at your home, contact Ben.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2024**

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

**LEGACY CORNER**

“Legacy.” According to Merriam-Webster:

1. A gift by will of money or other personal property.
2. Something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.

Second Presbyterian is so blessed to have had many legacy gifts from many ancestors and from the past. As we now look at a 133 year history of *finding direction by following Jesus*, I hope you will consider [Planned Giving – Second Presbyterian Church \(plannedgivingnavigator.com\)](https://plannedgivingnavigator.com). Legacy giving enables you to provide for those who come next, whom you may never know. Reach out to church administrator, Nathan Anderson for information on available funds or ways to establish your own. As amazing as our past is, the future is limitless when we fund our endowment.

– Mark Wigginton, The Legacy Committee

# CALENDAR - MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Habitat Build Day
3 8:45am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary 9:45am POP-UP Sunday School, Fellowship Hall 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship 5:00pm Youth Group	4 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	5 Election Polls in Fellowship Hall 9:30am Staff Meeting	6 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Faith Without Formulas, Fellowship Hall 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	7 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 4:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid	8 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room	9
10 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Ordination/Installation Elder Class of 2026 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 12:00pm - 1:30pm Communicants' Class, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship 5:00pm Parenting Class, Hospitality Room 5:00pm Youth Group	11 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	12 9:30am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 5:15pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom	13 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Faith Without Formulas, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Second Sheet Article Deadline 5:00pm Green Team, Zoom/Trent Classroom 5:15pm Worship & Music Committee, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Midweek Manna	14 Habitat Build Day 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:00pm Property Committee, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Middle School Mini Manna	15	16 Habitat Build Day
17 Annual Meeting 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Kids' Fellowship 5:00pm Youth Group	18 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	19 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Executive Committee Meeting, Hybrid	20 8:05am Preschool Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Finance Committee, Zoom and Session Room	21 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 10:30am Women's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:00pm Youth Group	25 Preschool Closed: Spring Break 5:00pm Accessibility Task Force, Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Cub Scouts, Cafe 6:45pm Scouts	26 Preschool Closed: Spring Break 9:30am Staff Meeting	27 Preschool Closed: Spring Break 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 12:00pm Faith Without Formulas, Fellowship Hall 5:15pm Session Meeting, Hybrid	28 Habitat Build Day Preschool Closed: Spring Break 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 6:00pm Maundy Thursday, Kirk Hall	29 Preschool Closed: Spring Break	30
31 Easter Sunday Two Cents a Meal 8:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream				Calendar Info as of Feb. 14		

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC:** The food items for month of March are **soup, stews, chili, and dry beans.** A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).



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