

THE SECOND SHEET

Monthly Newsletter of Second Presbyterian Church

JOY EVEN ON YOUR WORST DAYS

EVENING VBS FOR ALL AGES

JUNE 9-12, 2024
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Guest Speaker

MEG GRIFFITH
Children's Theatre Camp Leader

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Finding direction by following Jesus.

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PASTOR'S NOTES - DR. GEORGE C. ANDERSON

GROWING STRONG TOGETHER

Second Presbyterian Church came out of the pandemic stronger in many ways. The congregation rallied not only in support of the church but also in increasing our outreach in the world. Still, we recognize that a priority for the church is to build those strong personal connections within our church community. We grow strong together.

The summer is a wonderful opportunity to do this. While many weekly activities are put on hold during the summer, the season offers special opportunities for people to spend time with each other outside of formal worship. These opportunities are more relaxed, which creates potential for folks to get to know each other in a fresh way. Please be a part of this "strengthening." Both for your own sake and for the sake of building church community, please look over the following and put as many as possible on your calendar.

SUMMER OFFERINGS

Summer offers Bible schools. During Evening Bible School for all ages (June 9-12), we will have the opportunity to spend time with the Rev. Tom Are, Jr. He's a wonderful teacher with a great sense of humor and gift for storytelling. Morning Bible School (July 22-25) will spoil our children in the best



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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!*
www.spres.org/connect/podcasts/



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way as a large community of adults and youth create an experience where children will grow in their faith and in their love for one another.

Summer offers retreats. Our youth will explore their faith at a Montreat Youth Conference (July 14-20) and express their faith through the Bibles & Bricks Mission Trip in the Dominican Republic (June 15-22). The entire church will enjoy the Trent Getaway Retreat at Eagle Eyrie (August 16-18) where we will sing, swim, play and share time with the remarkable Rev. Anna George Traynham.

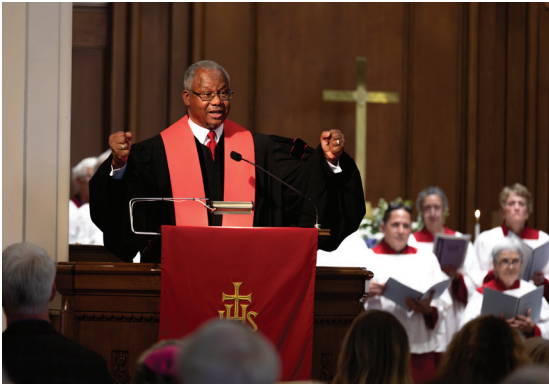
Summer offers special outings. I'll mention just one, the Men's Night Out at a Salem Red Sox baseball game (July 25).

We will tie the summer with a bow at our Rally Day Picnic at Braeloch on Sunday, August 25 with outdoor worship (under a pavilion), picnic, and children at play.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE — WORSHIP @ 10:00 A.M.

Beginning Sunday, June 2 and lasting through Labor Day weekend, we move to our summer worship schedule! Join us for worship on site or online Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (no Sunday school)!

MOMENTS FROM ALEXA HOUSE DEDICATION SERVICE



EVENING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 9-12 (SUN-WED)

June 9-12 (Sun-Wed) | “Joy Even On Your Worst Days” | Register Online at www.spres.org by Friday, May 31. All 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.

Guest Speaker, Rev. 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. Online registration is open at www.spres.org or by scanning the QR code. Register by Friday, May 31.

Dinner Menu: (Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids)

Adults: Vinegar based pulled pork and chicken w/ variety sauces, buns, slaw, baked beans, house salad. Kids: Hot dogs and potato chips. Dessert: Ice cream and cookies.



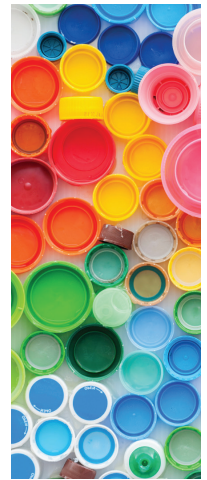
Evening VBS Schedule:

Sunday, June 9:
6-8 p.m. with dinner

Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12*
6:30-7:45 p.m. with refreshments

**Any interested families are invited to join in a kid-friendly meal before the evening programs begin. Details to come once registration is complete.*





MORNING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | July 22-25 (Mon-Th) | “Stories Jesus Told” | Register Online

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 VBS participants AND volunteers may be found on our website at www.spres.org or by scanning the QR code. Share the good news—the more the merrier!

Plastic Bottle Cap & Lid Collection: We are collecting used plastic lids for an art project with our 4th & 5th graders at VBS. If you have any plastic lids that are unable to be recycled (please go ahead and recycle your #1's and #2's!), we'd love to have them for our project. We'll be collecting clean plastic lids in a Kirk Hall closet donation box through July 15.

Questions? Contact Meredith Koliba (meredith@spres.org), Maria Blackshaw (maria@spres.org) or Elizabeth Link (elizabeth@spres.org).

Trent Getaway
— AT EAGLE EYRIE —

August 16-18, 2024



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE TRENT GETAWAY RETREAT

Join us August 16-18 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg for our annual church-wide retreat! Programs are available for all ages, including child care for our youngest attendees. The program runs from dinner time on Friday through mid-morning on Sunday. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another more and to spend some time in spiritual growth before the start of a busy fall. Our guest speaker for the Trent Getaway this year will be the Rev. Anna George Traynham, pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA.

Registration is now open! Visit www.spres.org or scan the QR code. More info can be found in the Trent Getaway Brochure online. You won't want to miss this intergenerational opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.

Retreat Theme: “I Love to Tell the Story.” Stories carry incredible power in our lives. Stories from our families tell us where we came from. Stories from our scriptures show us who God is. The stories we tell about ourselves shape who we are today. In our time together, we will explore stories of identity, faith, challenge, and wonder, as we seek to learn more about ourselves, each other, and God. We will listen to stories from scripture, books, and pop culture, and we will have a chance to tell stories of our own.



— CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS —



"Meditation" by Jane Winders Frank, Watercolor

CONGRATULATIONS, JANE WINDERS FRANK

Congratulations to Jane Frank on winning 5th Place and the Robert Carter Memorial Award in the Virginia Watercolor Society Art show in Lynchburg, Virginia (artwork pictured above).

**WELCOME SUMMER PASTORAL INTERN,
ELIZABETH MOORE**

It is with great joy we announce that Elizabeth Moore, child of the church, has agreed to become our Summer Pastoral Intern for 2024! Elizabeth was a leader in our youth program throughout her middle and high school years, and has continued to bring her enthusiasm and love of children by volunteering at summer Morning Vacation Bible School! Elizabeth is a rising third-year student at the University of Virginia, and she is pursuing a double major in biology and behavioral neuroscience with a minor in dance. Beyond her academic endeavors, she holds leadership roles as the Vice President of the Virginia Dance Committee and the Public Relations Vice President of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She also enjoys

running, especially with her twin sister Caroline. During her internship this summer, she aims to deepen her faith and is excited to serve the church she grew up in, working with the youth program that played a pivotal role in shaping her faith. Help us welcome Elizabeth this summer!



CALL FOR GRADUATES' NEWS

We are collecting information on our church's graduates (high school, college, graduate school, technical training, etc.) which will be announced in the July issue of the Second Sheet. Please send your graduation information and future plans along with a senior photo (optional) to andrea@spres.org by Wednesday, June 12. Students may submit their own information if desired.

WELCOME MONTY SALYER TO SECOND

We are delighted to introduce Monty Salyer to Second. Monty became a member of the church on April 7, 2024 by letter of transfer from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Saint Paul, VA. You may already be familiar with Monty as he has been actively involved as a Sunday morning greeter and in the Reformed and Always Reforming Sunday School class.

Originally from Coeburn, VA, Monty obtained his BA from the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, KY. He retired as the Executive Director of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Monty's interests include pottery, gardening, and being a granddad. He mentioned that Second Presbyterian was the fifth church he attend in Roanoke and, in his own words, "IT FIT!!"

Having been a long-time visitor, we are thankful that Monty has decided to *officially* join our community. Welcome, Monty!



SHELBY RULEY CORRECTION

Last month we published a welcome article on new member Shelby Ruley! Correction to her education: Shelby holds degrees in Science and Health from The Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley College of Health Sciences, Jacksonville State University, and Liberty University.

New member articles submitted by Connie Polly, Engagement Coordinator.

INVITATION TO SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Sing with the Chancel Choir on Sunday, June 9! Join our Chancel Choir for a reading of Mozart's beloved "Laudate Dominum" from his Solemn Vespers.

When: June 9, 9:15 a.m. rehearsal; 10:00 a.m. service.

Where: Choir Room.

Who: All who are interested...no experience necessary!

We'll learn the Mozart AND sing a favorite Benediction Response: GO NOW, IN PEACE!

Become familiar with the Mozart:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WL2H162wRCo>.

There are other great recordings online, too!

Hope to see you!

SAVE THE DATE

RALLY DAY PICNIC | AUGUST 25 | 10:00 A.M. @

BRAELOCH

Mark your calendars and plan to join your church family for our end of summer Rally Day Picnic at Braeloch (the farm of Nancy and Al Hammond) at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 25! We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship outdoors with a picnic buffet-style meal. Plans are underway for a bounce house, balloon art, face painting, and other fun activities for the whole family! Signups will also be available for fall educational classes and 2PC Clubs. More info and RSVP details will be published in the July edition of *The Second Sheet*.



– NEWS & NOTES –

Flowers

April 14 - Given by Rebekah and Daniel Gunn in honor of their son, Wallace Calder Gunn, on the occasion of his baptism.....

April 21 - Given in loving memory of Barbara and Wilson Watts by Mark and Debbie Watts.....

April 28 - Given by Kandy Elliott in honor and celebration of her dear friend Ginny Jarrett's birthday.....

May 5 - Given in loving memory of Gale Gillock Hancock and Wesley D. Gillock by their daughter, Diane Turner.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extend to Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt on the passing of her sister-in-law, Judy Gallagher Neilsen, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024..... Sympathy is extend to Helen Burnett on the passing of her brother, Charles Edward Burnett of Greentown, PA, on Saturday, April 6, 2024..... Our sympathies extend to Cynthia and Richard Reilly on the death of their son, Kevin Leon Reilly, on Thursday, April 25, 2024..... Sympathy is extended to Jeff and Robin Hobbs on the death of Jeff's brother, Kenneth Sylvester Hobbs of Lake Mill, WI, who passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We also hold in prayer Christina and Jeff Croteau and family..... Sympathy is extended to Doug and Karen Hankins on the death of Doug's mother, Mary Edith Hankins, who passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Concerns

Anne Macfarlane.

Baptism

During the 11 o'clock worship service on April 14, Rebekah and Daniel Gunn presented their son, Wallace Calder Gunn, for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Margaret Ashburn and Mark Lawrence served as presiding elders.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Nancy Henry on the arrival of her great-grandson, Miles Callum Evans, born on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 to parents Rachel and Calvin Evans in Fort Worth, Texas..... Congratulations to Don and Julie Mugford on the arrival of their grandson, Walker Patrick Early, born on Sunday, April 14, 2024 to parents Jenna and Eric Early. Proud big sister is Natalie.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

YOUTH

It cannot be stated just how much growth and fun we had this past program year! Our theme was “Fan the Flame” and we certainly fanned the flames of Friendship, Love, Acceptance, Mindfulness, and Evangelism throughout the entire year. The depth of conversation our young people are willing to have, the breadth of their perspectives and understandings, and the height of their potential are amazing! Thank you to our Youth Advisors—*Jim Baynton, Chris and April Lewis, and Sarah Bishop*—and thanks to our Youth Council members—*Trevor Waters, Ellen Mikkelson, Cara Wardell, Henry Smith, Sebastien Croteau, Kit Polly, Hannah Mizuba, Kylie Young, Ryan l’Anson, Madelyn Lyons, and Max Mizuba*. And, a big thank you goes to Chrissy Underwood for being our meal coordinator. What a fantastic year! Thank you!!

The youth are embarking on three wonderful summer opportunities: High School Bibles & Bricks Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, At-Home Mission Week, and Montreat Youth Conference. Our high school mission team will partner with Solid Rock International from June 15th to June 22nd to provide a “ministry of presence” as we help with Vacation Bible School at 2 different churches in and around San Juan. If you would like to donate Guest House Supplies or SRI Wish List, please contact Ben or click the links that follow: [SRI Guest House Needs](#) & [SRI Amazon Wish List](#).

A few weeks later, our youth will participate in mission right here in Roanoke! Knowing there is great need in our own backyard, our youth will partner with various organizations July 8th, 9th, and 10th to serve, learn, and grow! Registration is still OPEN! So, bring your friends and let’s “find direction by following Jesus” as we join together to serve our community!

And finally, from July 14th to July 20th, a group of high school youth and adults will join other groups from around the country for the Montreat Youth Conference, which is a highlight for our senior high youth. Registration is still OPEN for all rising 9th graders through graduating seniors. Contact Ben for registration information. The conference is always fun (for the youth and the adults) and provides opportunities to connect with other youth and adults, explore questions of faith, and grow in our relationship with God. *If you would like to donate a meal for the conference, please reach out to Ben for the meal sign up (benb@spres.org).*



Left to right: Bibles & Bricks Mission Trip 2022, At-Home-Mission Week 2023, Montreat 2023, Montreat Conference 2023

YOUNG ADULTS

Our young adults continue to meet regularly in homes or out and about. We are working on getting our summer schedule finalized with various outings. Stay tuned! But mark down **June 29th** for a Salem Red Sox game... and its Bark in the Park so your pets can join, too!

To join our email list, please reach out to Ben (benb@spres.org).

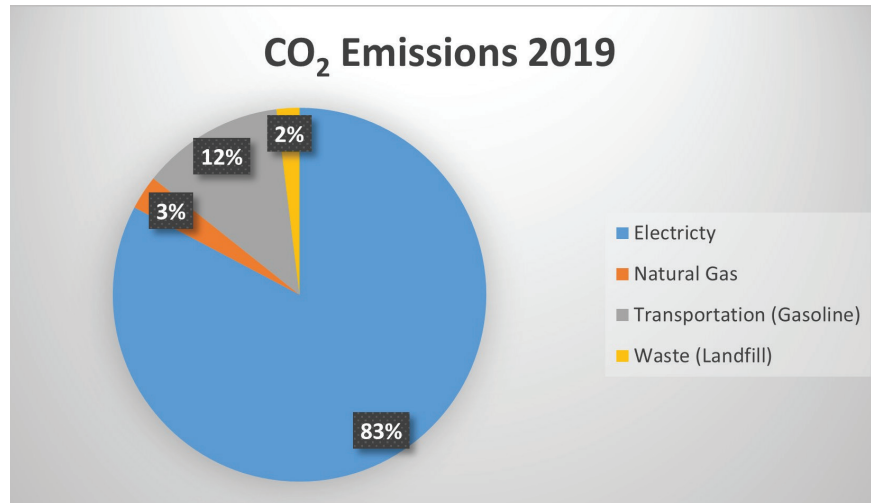
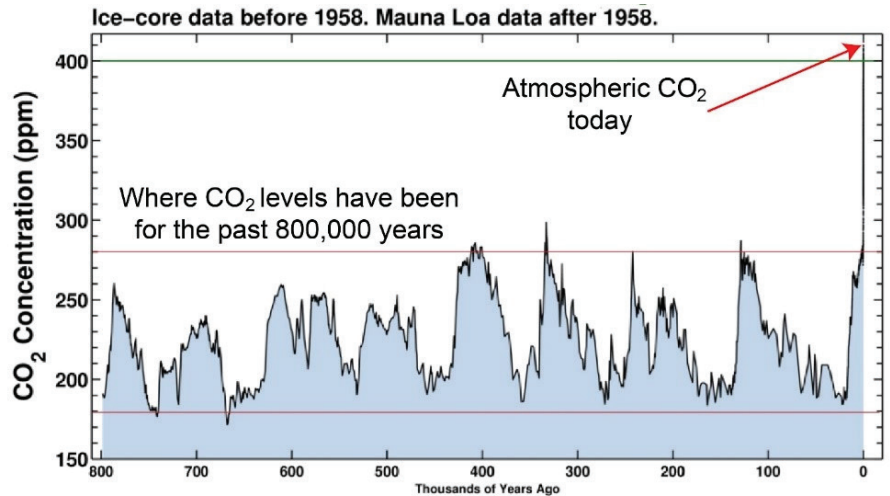
Sign up for Young Adult text alerts by texting “@2PCYA” to the number 81010. Be on the lookout as these get scheduled!

BENCHMARKING SECOND'S CO₂ EMISSIONS

One of the primary goals of the Green Team is benchmarking the church's annual CO₂ emissions. Why? Because, "You can't manage what you can't measure..."¹ and decreasing the church's carbon emissions is what it's all about when it comes to maintaining a stable climate—a climate that supports the life-sustaining ecosystems we rely on for clean air, clean water, abundant food, and life on Earth as we know it. The graph below illustrates atmospheric CO₂ levels consistent over the past 800,000 years.

Beginning in the 1950's, levels of CO₂ began rising above 280 ppm to more than 420 ppm today. The last time CO₂ matched today's human-caused levels was 14 million years ago, according to a new study published in the journal *Science*.² As a greenhouse gas, CO₂ traps the Sun's heat in the Earth's atmosphere and oceans causing the planet to heat up. Such levels are unprecedented in human history.

As illustrated in the pie chart, the majority of church CO₂ emissions for 2019 resulted from the church's use of electricity. The Green Team and Property Committee are focusing on making the church more energy efficient, thereby reducing its electrical use. Last month's *Spotlight* featured replacing fluorescent lights with LED's, as one way this is being accomplished. In 2019, the church's emissions due to electricity use were equivalent to 477 tons of CO₂.³ Calculating subsequent years' emissions will use 2019 as the benchmark. Look for more on this topic and the difference these efforts are making in future *Spotlights*.



GREEN TEAM

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¹ The quote "you can't manage what you can't measure" is often attributed to management thinker Peter Drucker. It emphasizes the importance of quantifiable metrics in managing and improving any organizational function. The essence of this saying is that without clear metrics or measurements, it's challenging to understand and improve any process or outcome.

² **SCIENCE**: 8 Dec. 2023, Vol. 382, Issue 6675 DOI: [10.1126/science.adi5177](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.adi5177)

³ Excluding Alexa House and Intersection. Examples of one ton of CO₂ church equivalents: Amount of electricity used by the church every 1.3 days; one month of church waste going to the landfill. 477 tons of CO₂ annual equivalents: burning 476,898 pounds of coal; using 48,693 gallons of gasoline; driving 103 gasoline-powered cars; providing electricity to 86 homes. [Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator | US](#).

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Mountain Avenue Fund

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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. This list includes donations received between April 1-30, 2024.

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

PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY HABITAT HOME



HABITAT HOME FINAL TOUCHES AND FUTURE DEDICATION

We have been blown away by the support and volunteers throughout the winter and spring seasons for our Partners in Prosperity Habitat Build! The church has logged nearly 1,000 volunteer hours... AMAZING! Although our group volunteer days are over, Habitat can still use individual help. If you would like to continue to help Habitat (with this house and others), please contact Gina Dunnivant (gina@habitat-roanoke.org) to get signed up!

We hope to plan a dedication service for this house in late July or August. Stay tuned for updates!

CALENDAR - JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House	3 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library	4 9:30am Staff Meeting	5 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Personnel Committee, Zoom and Session Room	6 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 5:15pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, Hybrid	7	8
9 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 6:00pm Evening VBS Dinner, Fellowship Hall	10 5:30pm Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Zoom and Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library 6:30pm Evening VBS	11 9:30am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom 5:15pm Trent Fund Subcommittee, Zoom 6:30pm Evening VBS	12 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 6:30pm Evening VBS	13 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom	14 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting, Zoom and Session Room	15 Bibles and Bricks DR Mission Trip
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23 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream 5:30pm Welcome Families to the Alexa House	24 5:00pm Accessibility Task Force, Session Room 6:30pm Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library	25 9:30am Staff Meeting	26 12:00pm Bulletin Article Deadline 5:15pm Session Meeting, Session Room/Zoom	27 7:15am Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom 12:15pm PCC Board Meeting, Session Room	28	29
30 Two Cents A Meal 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary/Live Stream				Calendar info as of May 8.		

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The food items for the month of June are **canned fruits, tuna, chicken, and salmon**. A donation bin is in the coat closet (please check the expiration date before donating).

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