

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
June 2020

Our Vision

*As members of Second Presbyterian Church,
We gather in worship;
We grow in God's Word;
We serve in Jesus' name.*

Session:

Moderator

Rev. Arch Wallace

Clerk of Session

Bettie Guthrie

Class of 2020

Susan Crew

Bettie Guthrie

Carl Guthrie

Gloria Rose

Class of 2021

Karen Graham

Lindsay Gray

Diana Hollars

Dorothy Riggan

Class of 2022

Patricia Bonham

Joseph Chamberlain

Dennis Harrison

Alice Martin

Committees:

Congregational Care

Dorothy Riggan

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Education

Gloria Rose

Finance

Karen Graham

Office & Personnel

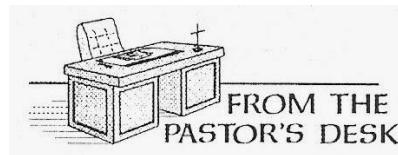
Patricia Bonham

Witness & Service

Worship & Celebration

Alice Martin

Stewardship



Phase One of the
Coronavirus Crisis is
ending and soon we will
be able to come together

again for worship and fellowship. It is not known if this
phase will last indefinitely or if there are other phases
ahead. As we emerge into what's next, there are steps we
must take as we move forward.

1. We must assess the damage and address where we need to
act first and second and third. We have lost continuity, we
have lost income, we have lost our ability to meet in large
groups, we have to assure our space and programs are safe,
we have to assure all are protected as best we can.
2. Next, we must define the new normal that we will work.
We have succeeded in our early efforts at cyber
communications, but we need to improve. We have
developed mechanisms to stay in touch, but they must be
improved to include all. We have shown we can reach
beyond our walls with our message and our outreach; we
must add to this and keep it going. We have learned to be
realistic about what we can do; we need to further define
that ability and build upon it.
3. We must stay grounded in our faith; to that end we need to
assess the way we do church and consider are there better
ways, more effective ways to be Christ's Church. The
break of 10-12 weeks has put the "way we always did it"
on pause and gives us a great opportunity to seek new
dynamics as we follow Christ and walk in His way. The
Futures Committee needs to get back to work and to
grapple with the possibilities, suggesting to the Session
what our future can be.
4. We must be better prepared for the new paradigm that is
coming. This means we must engage in studying and
building ourselves up in the areas of technology, technique
and testimony about our knowledge of God and His perfect
model – our Christ.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - CONTINUED

What lies ahead will not be easy, but this break offers an opportunity to re-imagine who we are and whose we are and what we could be for Christ. After all, our mission is not to be a great organization with a great structure; our mission is to tell and live the good news of the Gospel that others might know of the God who loves us and has sent us to be his priests to the world. Let us look at this time-out as an opportunity, an opportunity to grow and change, an opportunity to become better at the job we have been given, an opportunity to become closer to our Lord. My first mentor, Rev. Bill Wilson always ended every encounter with these words: "God loves you and so do I." It is never so obvious as it is in times of crisis.

THE PREACHER'S CORNER

The schedule for Worship for the month follows. You are encouraged to read the scripture before coming to Worship and to meditate upon their meaning as you consider the title of the sermon. The Reading with the asterisk will be the one emphasized in the sermon. (N.B. The pastor advises there can be changes in the scheduling, as circumstances require.)

June 7, Trinity Sunday

Scriptures: John 1:1-5, 14; Genesis 1:1 to 2:3*

Sermon: In The Beginning

June 14

Scriptures: Genesis 2:4-25*; Revelation 22:1-5

Sermon: Two Trees, Only One Forbidden

June 21, Father's Day

Scriptures: Genesis 3:1-14, 21-24*; Romans 5:12-19

Sermon: Judgment to Justification

June 28

Scriptures: Matthew 5:21-26; Genesis 4:1-16*

Sermon: Who Is Your Brother?

WHO AM I?

This column is a new feature of "What's First" and each month will ask you to identify the person, place or Book of the Bible being described in the clues. The first in this series asks you to identify a person.

- ❖ This person was the wisest of all persons described in the Bible.
- ❖ This person has two chapters in the Bible devoted to her.
- ❖ This person was present at the creation and helped in the creation. (I was there when He (God) set the heavens in place.)
- ❖ The person is a personification.
- ❖ This person was most highly esteemed by one of Israel's greatest Kings.
- ❖ This person was mentioned by John in his Gospel but not by name. (John 1:1-5)

Who am I?

Rev. Arch Wallace

Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering JUNE 21, 2020

The Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering supports the Sunnyside Communities Fellowship Fund and provides financial and personal resources for residents who can no longer fully pay their way. In many cases these residents have no other means of support and often no family. This Presbyterian Ministry serves more than 800 older adults in our three retirement communities: Sunnyside in Harrisonburg, Summit Square in Waynesboro and King's Grant in Martinsville. Please make your checks payable to Second Church and on the memo line write Mother's/Father's Day Offering.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Alice Martin, Moderator

*PW at SECOND IS ON A MISSION--
Help Where We Can With COVID-19*



Two of our super sewers, Dee Hargrave and Gloria Summers went to work making masks for those in our congregation that needed them! Carl and Bettie Guthrie delivered them to all that needed this important protection. Pictured is Bettie Guthrie and Dee Hargrave with some of their masks.

Next, our PW Mission Coordinator, Gloria Summers and our Service Coordinator, Susan Lobaugh found out that the local Hope Center was in need of food. Dianne Hack arranged for delivery time, and more than 20 boxes and large bags of food were delivered. Lots of smiles at the Hope Center thanks to you, our generous congregation, who had brought so many non-perishable items to church in the months before we closed.



Then, we heard that Comfort Zone Camp was planning a special camp for children who had suffered the loss of a parent, grandparent or close family member by Covid-19. It will be a virtual camp held on May 30. Our PWCT voted immediately to send a check to CZC to help with expenses for this camp that will help these children through a rough time in their lives.

We are still on the lookout for other ways we can help in these challenging times. Please let us know if you have a suggestion, and I thank all of you, our wonderful Second Church family for making our mission projects possible. It takes us all to get the job done, and together we can do it!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers

June - July Tri-Cities Workcamp: PW 2020 Workcamp has been cancelled.

Who Am I? The answer is "Lady Wisdom" of Proverbs 8 and 9.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: Dorothy Riggan

Please continue to remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers or with a card, call or visit.

SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Eleanor Garrison upon the death of her brother, John Lake, on May 2 and to the family of David Peebles upon the death of his mother, Evelyn Peebles.

IN MEMORIAM

EVELYN CROWDER PEEBLES

JULY 25, 1930 - MAY 13, 2020

OFFICE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Patricia Bonham

Fair Winds and Following Seas to the Snavelys

Keith and Kay Snavely have announced that they will be moving to North Carolina the first week in June to take up residence at Salemtowne, a continuing care retirement community in Winston-Salem, NC where they will be near family. As long-time active members of our community here at Second Church they will be sorely missed. Keith has had a hand in just about all of the projects undertaken by the men of the church over the years and has helped keep the church in good repair and running smoothly, often behind the scenes. Kay has served as an elder, clerk of session, member of several session committees, circle teacher, and technology advisor for our church computer systems. We send them off with a collective hug and air kisses, knowing that with the aid of modern technology they will never be far away.

Address: 5050 Salemtowne Drive, Apt. 273
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Email: snavelykatharine@gmail.com

CLERK OF SESSION UPDATE: Bettie Guthrie

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue to determine the best procedures to open our church for worship services. Carl has spoken to Guide One Insurance Company to collect information about our reopening as well as Presbytery. In consultation with Arch this morning we will follow Executive Order 55, to continue with remote worship until after June 10. IF we do open our doors in June you will need to follow CDC guidelines by wearing face masks, maintain 6' social distancing, and wear gloves before entering the church and during your time inside of the church. Thank you again for your patience and please continue to pray for our church families and the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE INFORMATION

If your child or you will graduate from College, Technical School, Graduate School or any other school, please call the church office and let Becky know what school your child or you will graduate from and what degree you will receive. Thank you for your help!



BIRTHDAYS – June 2020

1	Wayne Tucker	11	Michael Wright	26	Pat Shaffner
3	W. Dale Nichols		Harry D. Baird, IV	27	Walter Dance
4	Lindsay Gray	15	Derek Groux	29	Jay Peterson
5	Emily Martin	16	Katharine Snavely		
		25	Bill Ellis		

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

	DONATIONS	EXPENDITURES	GAIN
APRIL	\$29,835.05*	\$ 9,595.76	\$20,339.29
YEAR TO DATE	\$64,345.57*	\$45,083.19	\$19,262.38

*Please note that the income totals include the \$15,500 loan/grant received from the SBA Paycheck Protection Plan.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Keith Snavely for the years of supporting Second Presbyterian Church, the Building and Grounds Committee and especially the Men's Group. Keith did an outstanding job serving as Secretary/Treasurer and Mentor for many, many years. He could always be counted on when new projects or challenges emerged such as building handicap ramps or putting ceiling tiles in place in McIlwaine Hall and numerous other projects. We are extremely thankful to have had Keith by our side during many emergencies that seem to arise at the Church.

Keith and Kay, you will be missed, as they are moving to Winston-Salem NC. We will miss you both dearly and we wish you the very best in your new home. Thanks again for steadfast support to Second.

Carl C. Guthrie, Moderator, Men's Group

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday Worship: See web page https://secondprespetersburg.org/	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship: See web page https://secondprespetersburg.org/	15	16 Presbytery of the James Meeting <i>Online</i>	17 12 noon “ <i>What’s First</i> ” Articles for July/August due.	18	19	20
21 Father’s Day Worship: See web page https://secondprespetersburg.org/	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship: See web page https://secondprespetersburg.org/	29	30				

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

A father is neither an anchor to hold us
back, nor a sail to take us there, but a
guiding light whose love shows us the way.

June 21, 2020

