

# What's First

at  
Second Presbyterian Church  
June 2023

## 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

#### Clerk of Session

Bettie Guthrie

#### Class of 2023

Carl Guthrie, Sr.  
Mark Stevens  
Wendy Stevens

#### Class of 2024

Bettie Guthrie  
Garland Harrison  
Venable Johnson, Jr.

#### Class of 2025

Alice Martin  
Kathleen Muller  
Robert Muller

#### Committees:

#### Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

#### Finance/Stewardship

Mark Stevens

#### Office & Personnel

Garland Harrison

#### Outreach

Elizabeth Schoeb  
Wendy Stevens

#### Worship/Education

Alice Martin  
Venable Johnson, Jr.

## CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES



### Congratulations to:

Cameron Lee Crew graduated with honors from Colonial Heights High School on June 15. He will attend North Carolina Wesleyan University in Rocky Mount, NC. Cameron is the son of Susan Crew.

Madison Dale Gill graduated with honors from Cosby High School on May 23. She will attend James Madison University pursuing her Nursing degree. Madison is the daughter of Jason and Heather Gill, granddaughter of Dale and Diane Nichols and great-granddaughter of Dorothy Riggan.

Caleb Joseph Hammond graduated from James Madison University on May 11 with a degree in Communications and History. Caleb is the son of Stephanie and Joey Hammond and the grandson of Jerry and Carole Ellis.

Nathan Moore will be receiving a Master's degree in Education from the College of William and Mary on May 20. In the fall he will begin teaching history and sociology at Warhill High School in Williamsburg, Virginia. Nathan is the grandson of Gloria Summers.

Katie Moore will graduate with honors from Thomas Dale High School on May 22. In the fall she will attend Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana where she will major in theatre and minor in biology. Katie is the granddaughter of Gloria Summers.

**Alice Martin & Venable Johnson**  
**Worship/Education Committee**

## COVENANT PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

As we begin the summer season the search for a covenant pastor continues. Since there is currently a shortage of pastors willing to serve in a covenant position within our presbytery it is to be expected that we may experience some delay in finding a candidate suitable for our needs. In the meantime, you can expect to see a rotation of outstanding guest ministers who will be conducting our worship services through the summer and into the fall. Some of the guest ministers will be familiar while others will be new to our pulpit. But we can be certain that no matter who they are, our church family will extend a warm and attentive welcome.

Rest assured that while your search committee is hard at work considering prospective candidates and exploring any alternatives as the times may demand, there are a number of ways that *you* can help. Please do feel free to give us your suggestions and feedback as we go along as they will not only be welcomed but very much appreciated. And, importantly, maintain your own optimism and confidence that God *is* at work even though it may not be visibly apparent to us mortals. That confidence should manifest itself in regular attendance at worship services, especially during the summer months when attendance can lag. If we are to attract the kind of pastor we hope for then we must constantly demonstrate that desire and continue to maintain the momentum that Arch Wallace so carefully nurtured and built up during his ten years with us. And, as always, *pray* for our church and the search committee as we continue this vital work. Your prayers are crucial to our success and will carry us through this endeavor to its ultimate conclusion.

Pattie Bonham  
Moderator, Covenant Pastor Search Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 4.**

### JUNE LITURGISTS

**June 4    Karen Graham**  
**June 11   Wayne Tucker**

**June 18   Alice Martin**  
**June 25   Venable Johnson**

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Alice Martin, Moderator**



Our PW Birthday was a great success with over 50 ladies from the Area V churches attending. Many thanks to Gloria Summers for making lovely cross-stitch bookmarks for our party favors! Kathy Muller topped off the dinner with her delicious cupcakes. Both were a hit! Cindy Correll our mission worker for Haiti gave us a good update about the conditions in that country. She asked everyone to keep this country in prayer. Our circle will take the summer off, and we will start again Sept. 5.

Our April project “**Chemo Caddies**” was a great success and we hope these items will put a smile on the faces of the cancer patients. Thank you all for all your donations.

The May project – “**Nickels for Nets**” – is a long-time favorite project and your continued good response is heartwarming indeed.

We are waiting to hear more news about **Tri-Cities Workcamp** for this summer. We will let you know when we have the dates for this summer’s mission project.

As always, I am so grateful for all you do to make our PW projects a success.

## **OUTREACH: Elizabeth Schoeb & Wendy Stevens**

- ❖ Please continue to remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers or with a card or call. They look forward to these things. Let them know we care.
- ❖ The Monthly Food Offering will be received each Sunday in June. The recipient for this month is Downtown Churches Hope Center Food Pantry.

## **APRIL FINANCE REPORT: Mark Stevens, Chair.**

	<b>April</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$12,297.00</b>	<b>\$46,683.01</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,867.42</b>	<b>\$55,942.20</b>
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 570.42</b>	<b>\$ 9,259.19</b>



## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: Bettie Guthrie, Clerk of Session**

### **Stated Session Meeting March 26, 2023**

Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting March 26, 2023; and Stated Session Meeting February 26, 2023

#### **Stated Session Meeting, March 26, 2023.**

- ❖ Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of February 26, 2023.
- ❖ Received the February Treasurer's Report.
- ❖ Approved Building and Grounds request from Scout Troop 175 Eagle Scout project to build a small box library.
- ❖ Approved Building and Grounds request to purchase a portable Bose sound system, with an approximate cost of \$1,900.
- ❖ Approved Outreach Committee request to add Joe Chamberlain to their committee.
- ❖ Approved Elder Mark Stevens to represent Second Church as Commissioner for the June 20, 2023 POJ meeting.

#### **March 27, 2023 Electronic Vote**

- ❖ Approved Building and Grounds request to approve an additional \$477 for two hand held micro phones in addition to the portable Bose sound system (funds approved \$1,900 03.26.2023 session meeting) total \$2,377.

#### **April 6, 2023, Electronic Vote**

- ❖ Approved Elder Bettie Guthrie to represent Second Church as Commissioner for the Called POJ meeting, April 20, 2023.

#### **Stated Session Meeting, April 30, 2023**

- ❖ Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of March 26, 2023 and ratify the Electronic Vote from March 27, 2023 and Electronic Vote April 6, 2023.
- ❖ Received the March Treasurer's Report.



### **BIRTHDAYS – June 2023**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2023</h1>				1 5:00 Voices in Bronze 6:00 Chancel Choir	2	3
4 Communion Sunday 11:00 Worship: Monthly Food Off. Rec.	5	6	7	8 5:00 Voices in Bronze 6:00 Chancel Choir	9	10
11  11:00 Worship	12	13	14	15 5:00 Voices in Bronze 6:00 Chancel Choir	16	17
18 Father's Day  11:00 Worship	19	20  Presbytery of the James Meeting	21 12 noon "What's First" Articles for July/ August Due	23  5:00 Voices in Bronze 6:00 Chancel Choir	23	24
25 11:00 Worship 12:15 Session	26	27	28	29 5:00 Voices in Bronze 6:00 Chancel Choir	30	

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
419 W. WASHINGTON STREET  
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA 23803**

**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 18, 2023

