

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
September 2024

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

William C. Seay, Jr.

Clerk of Session

Bettie H. Guthrie

Class of 2024

Bettie H. Guthrie
Garland W. Harrison

Class of 2025

Alice S. Martin
Kathleen R. Mueller
Robert B. Mueller

Class of 2026

Beverley A. Coleman
Carl C. Guthrie

Committees:

Building & Grounds

Carl C. Guthrie

Finance/Stewardship

Beverley A. Coleman

Office & Personnel

Garland W. Harrison

Outreach

Elizabeth J. Schoeb
Carole B. Ellis
Kimberly A. Jones

Worship/Education

Alice S. Martin

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Alice Martin, Moderator



The Presbyterian Women have been busy planning for another year of Bible Study, Mission work, and good fellowship. The Morning Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 3 at 10:30 in the church parlor.** The Bible Study this year will be **“Let Justice Roll Down, God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”** Anna Moore will be teaching our lessons this year.

September is here and Christmas is not far away. That means it is time for our traditional mission project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We hope you will continue your enthusiasm for this most worthwhile project.

Please see the list of items listed next page.

**If you have not been coming to the PW Circle
PLEASE DO JOIN US--
you'll be glad you did!**

MORNING CIRCLE

What a lovely way to start our PW New Year!! Thank you, Carole and Stephanie for the delicious luncheon.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN -CONTINUED

PW SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



PW has joined the Witness and Service Committee for several years now working together on this project. We are hoping to fill 10 boxes this year. Listed below are items we need.

Children's toothbrushes nail clippers band aids sunglasses hair ties
combs, brushes, washcloths, jump ropes, balls, little cars, small games: card games,
dominoes, checkers, school supplies: crayons, pens, pencils, scissors, rulers, markers,
glue sticks, paint boxes.

Please place items in the marked basket in the back hallway. These special boxes bring so much joy at Christmas time to children in need, so we are so grateful for your help again making this project a success.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Alice Kropp

Our Congregation's membership has decreased in numbers and increased in age.

The Nominating Committee has given careful consideration and prayer about the committee's recommendation to Session for the following;

- Reduce the congregational quorum from 20% to 10%.
- Reduce the number of Elders from nine to six beginning with the Class of 2025.

The Congregation quorum reduction and Elder reduction requires a called Congregational Meeting which will be October 6, 2024. Two church bulletins September 22 and September 29 will advertise the Congregational Meeting. If the congregation approves the recommendations, the request will require the approval of Presbytery under the provisions of the Book of Order.

Please give careful consideration to the recommendations and please feel free to contact anyone on the Nominating Committee.

Members of the Nominating Committee who met on July 21, 2024 are Bettie Guthrie, Moderator, Wayne Tucker, Carole Ellis, Carl Guthrie, Jeanne Johnson, Alice Kropp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 a.m.
MCILWAINE HALL**

SESSION: Bettie Guthrie, Clerk of Session
 Stated Session Meeting June 23, 2024

Stated Session Meeting:

- ❖ Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting May 26, 2024.
- ❖ Received the May Treasurer’s report.
- ❖ Approved the recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee to allow Ark of Refuge Church, Dewitt, VA to use McIlwaine Hall, July 28, 2024 for the Pastor’s Anniversary Dinner.
- ❖ Affirmed the vacation dates for the church Administrative Assistant.
- ❖ Approved the Nominating Committee members:
 - ❖ Wayne Tucker – Choir
 - ❖ Alice Kropp – Congregation
 - ❖ Carole Ellis – Congregational Care
 - ❖ Jeanne Johnson – Presbyterian Women
 - ❖ Miles Kropp – Youth
 - ❖ Bettie Guthrie - Moderator.

JUNE/JULY FINANCE REPORT

Beverley Coleman: Chair.

	June	Year to Date
Donations	\$13,153.00	\$82,007.39.
Expenditures	\$ 9,451.82	\$94,249.54
Gain/Loss	\$ 3,701.18	\$12,242.15
	July	Year to Date
Donations	\$ 6,130.00	\$ 88,137.39
Expenditures	\$12,201.04	\$106,450.58
Loss	\$ 6,071.04	\$ 18,313.19



September 4, 2024



WORSHIP & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Alice Martin, Chair.

Venable Johnson Bible Class
will start again on
Monday, Sept. 16 at 4:00 p.m.
We will continue our study of "Matthew".

Come join us on Sept. 16!!

Just to give you a smile. 😊..

How did we know Saint Peter was wealthy?
By seeing his "net income". 😊 😊

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Vicky Barras
Rudy Rowland
5 Susan Lobaugh
6 Marlon Dance
10 Brandon C. Martin
17 Sarah Smith
Robert Fitts
Carl Guthrie, Sr.



18 Dennis W. Hathaway
19 Robert Kropp
25 Samuel Mattocks
26 Ryan L. Fitts
29 Edward Iselin
30 Pattie Bonham
Theresa Moore

OUTREACH

Elizabeth Schoeb, Carole Ellis, Kimberly Jones

- ❖ **Sick and Shut-ins** – Please remember them with cards and calls.
- ❖ **The Food Offering** will be received on each Sunday of the month. The recipient is Downtown Churches United Hope Center

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 Worship Monthly Food Offering	2 Church Office Closed Labor Day Holiday	3 10:30 Morning Circle	4	5	6	7
8 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 Worship Monthly Food Offering Received	9 10:30 Worship/ Education Committee	10	11	12	13	14
15 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 Worship	16	17	18 12 noon "What's First" Deadline for <u>October</u>	19	20	21
22 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 Worship 12:45 Session	23 10:30 a.m. PWCT Meeting	24 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	25	26	27	28
29 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 Worship	30					

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“School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your best
Each hour of the day,
Making new friends,
Being good as you can
Exciting discoveries,
Readng books with a friend.”
- Boni Fulgham

