

**What's First
at
Second Presbyterian Church
February 2022**

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 2022

Patricia Bonham

Joseph Chamberlain

Dennis Harrison

Alice Martin

Class of 2023

Carl Guthrie

Mark Stevens

Wendy Stevens

Class of 2024

Bettie H. Guthrie

Garland W. Harrison

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Committees

Congregational Care

Elizabeth Schoeb

Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

Finance/Stewardship

Karen Graham

(Interim)

Office & Personnel

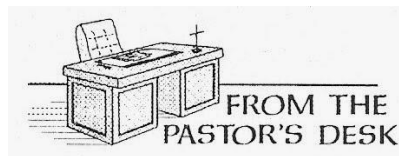
Patricia Bonham

Witness & Service

Joseph Chamberlain

Worship/Education

Alice Martin



Recently, we lost one of our elders after a long illness. She was special, as all of you are, and she was one of God's children, as we all are.

As she was failing, several of you discussed your sense of loss and the grief that was building related to her illness. Loss and grief are normal reactions of our systems when we experience a loss. Elizabeth Kubler Ross wrote her seminal work, *On Death & Dying*, in 1969 listing 5 Stages of Grief/Loss. Others have tweaked her work from then until now, and have left us with 7 Stages of Grief/Loss generally listed as:

1. Shock and Denial – I can't believe it/it isn't really happening
2. Guilt and Pain –If only I hadn't done...; it is all my own fault...
3. Anger and Bargaining –God, if you will take this away, I will ...; or God, I am so angry, why do good people have to suffer so.
4. Depression and Loneliness—giving up, self-pitying, separation and aloneness
5. The Upward Turn—a positive step here, then there
6. Reconstruction and Working Thru—Starting again, returning to a new “normal”
7. Acceptance and Hope—you are back up and going again

There are no time limits for each stage; some move through them faster than others. Sometimes, we move back and forth from one to another. It's OK! The body will defend and protect the psyche of the individual as needed, until the psyche can re-group and begin a return to normal functioning. It is OK to grieve; our systems are programmed for it. And crying is good! But the best thing is to move through the stages and in time return to that new normal that awaits. If we get stuck in a phase and can't keep moving through them, it is OK to seek professional help.

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER - CONTINUED

So, when grief comes, what can we do? Here are some tips that can help:

1. Spend time with others and spend time talking with God. Isolation and withdrawal into a shell will only magnify the loss and lengthen the time for the grief.
2. Be open to talk about your feelings; others will listen, so will God. And be frank! It's OK to say it hurts. It wouldn't be normal if it didn't.
3. Take care of yourself; be sure to eat and sleep. Don't skip.
4. Set a routine for each day/each week-- Getting up, eating, dressing, going, sleeping.
5. Don't turn to things that can harm you --like alcohol, drugs, too much food. Try God instead!
6. Don't be afraid to seek professional help. It's OK and there are so many ready to help.

And no matter what, know this, God uses illness and death to get our attention, to get us to ask where we are spiritually, to consider what lies ahead? God does this to be sure our relationship with God is alive and well. And there is a last reminder....you are not alone in your loss; God is there, every day, every minute, and God loves you dearly.

Rev. Arch Wallace

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Alice Martin, Moderator



Susan Lobaugh and Gloria Summers delivered 32 bags of food and health items to the DCU Hope Center. What a generous congregation we have! This donation will help so many in our community during this cold winter season. Thank you so much!

**Morning Circle will meet
Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 10:30
in the church parlor**

**Ruth Circle will meet
Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 5:30
at church**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION PROJECT: Gloria Summers, Chair.

February 14 – We Love Our First Responders, Cookie Day!

This PW project has become a big hit with our congregation and with our first responders.

Please add a few bags of cookies to your shopping list for these deserving workers to help show them we care and appreciate their good work. It will surely brighten their day!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

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.

Hunger Corner - The Monthly Food Offering will be received on Sunday, February 6. The recipient for this month is Downtown Churches United Hope Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 6.

Boy Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 6.

NEW ADDRESS **Gloria Rose**
 430 Crescent Drive
 South Boston, VA 24952

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SOUPE BOWL SUNDAY - February 13, 2022



The Youth of our Church will once again with youth all across our country collect soup or donations to feed the hungry. This tradition began in a Presbyterian Church in Texas in 1990. Since that time, caring kids have collected more than \$163 million.



All the donations remain local and are distributed to organizations of the youth's choosing.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Fred Baker
6 Robert T. Fitts (Robbie)
9 Frankie Groux
14 Nell Smith



16 Ethel Peterson
John Michael Jones
23 Abby Schoeb Binter

SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Sarah Diana Hollars upon her death.

IN MEMORIAM
SARAH DIANA HOLLARS
AUGUST 18, 1954 – JANUARY 17, 2022

THANK YOU

To Our Church Family,
We thank you for your calls, cards and most importantly your prayers during and following Jerry's recent hospitalization. Our church family is always a comfort to us.
God Bless, Carole & Jerry Ellis

Thank you messages for the special Christmas remembrances sent to our home-bound members have come from: Gloria Dance, Ethel and Dick Peterson, Nell and Cynthia Smith, and Anne Wright.

Dear Friends at Second,
I would like to thank the Session, Office/Personnel Committee, Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men and members of the congregation for their cards, delicious goodies, and generous Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. I hope you and your families have a very healthy and Happy New Year!
Becky Lancaster

Dear Friends at Second,
Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and delicious Christmas treats.
William Spencer, Sexton

WHO AM I?

My father was Jared. I was the 7th Generation of a famous family. And my 7th generation son was well known throughout the world. God's hand on him was obvious from all the water around him. There is little written of me in Scripture, except one line that sums up my life: "He walked faithfully with God." Who Am I?

Rev. Arch Wallace

BOY SCOUT TROOP 175 UPDATE

In spite of the "very" challenging year I am glad to say that troop 175 had a very good year under the present conditions. Our successes were largely possible due to the efforts of some very supportive parents and troop family who stepped up when needed, which includes Tyus my son who shouldered much of my load.



While our outings were limited, we were able to have more than most units. Particular highlights included: the trip to Historic Williamsburg and the American Heritage merit badge. Our Troop (Sysonby) summer camp at Bear Creek Lake, and being visited and supported by Troop 175 Eagle Scout Phil Scarborough. And our tremendous success at the Tidewater Council ZOMBOREE, overall champs.

We had three Scouts complete their EAGLE during the year, and a lot of troop advancement during the year.

We did not have our usual big Christmas party, but we did have a Scout gathering with refreshments. As is our tradition presents and items were collected for the CARES Shelter, in lieu of exchanging presents. On Monday Dec. 13 we were able to deliver our items to Cares, along with items collected by the KARAKONA chapter of the Order of the Arrow. Andrew Harville, Chapter Chief, Tyus Harville, Advisor.

Troop 175 represented themselves, and our heritage very well.

Yours in Scouting,
Allen Harville, Proud SM Troop 175

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Bettie Guthrie, Clerk of Session



Stated Session Meeting December 19, 2021

- ❖ Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting November 28, 2021.
- ❖ Received the November Treasurer's report.
- ❖ Approved to ratify the Elder Reduction at the next Congregational Meeting.
- ❖ Approved Venable Johnson to be Commissioner at the Called POJ meeting on January 25, 2022 and the Stated POJ meeting on February 19, 2022. Both meetings will be virtual.
- ❖ Approved the date of January 17, 2022 for the Ordination and Installation of Elders of the Class of 2022.
- ❖ Approved AA to use McIlwaine Hall on January 31, 2022, 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for their 44th Anniversary Breakfast.
- ❖ Approved the 2022 Office and Personnel Committee members.
- ❖ Approved the Worship Committee request to not serve Communion during the Christmas Eve Service because of the COVID variant.

WHO AM I?

Answer: Genesis 5:21

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Karen Graham, Chair.


December 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT



	December	Year to Date
Income	\$24,291.00	\$173,250.09
Expenditures	\$10,848.29	\$150,137.92
Gain	\$13,442.71	\$ 23,112.17

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Turn to WTVR Channel 6 to hear if Second Church will be closed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 Morning Circle	2 4:30 Voices in Bronze	3	4	5
6 11:00 Communion Sunday Boy Scout Sunday Monthly Food Offering Rec.	7	8	9 4:30 Voices in Bronze 5:30 Ruth Circle	10	11	12
13 11:00 Worship Souper Bowl Sunday	14 	15	16 12 noon Deadline for March "What's First" 4:30 Voices in Bronze	17	18	19 9:00 Presbytery of the James Meeting
20 11:00 Worship	21	22	23 4:30 Voices in Bronze	24	25	26
27 11:00 Worship 12:15 Session	28 11:00 PWCT Meeting	FEBRUARY 2022				

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