

# What's First

at  
Second Presbyterian Church  
October 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 Guthrie

#### Class of 2024

Bettie Guthrie  
Garland Harrison

#### Class of 2025

Alice Martin  
Kathleen Muller  
Robert Muller

#### Class of 2026

Beverley Coleman  
Carl Guthrie

### Committees

#### Building & Grounds

Carl Guthrie

#### Finance/Stewardship

Beverley Coleman

#### Office & Personnel

Garland Harrison

#### Outreach

Elizabeth Schoeb  
Carole Ellis  
Kimberly Jones

#### Worship/Education

Alice Martin



Sir James M. Barrie was the Scottish author of "Peter Pan" or "The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up"(1904). It told of a free-spirited boy who could fly and had adventures in "Neverland." Most know of Peter Pan from the Walt Disney cartoon.

Sir James once said:

"Be Always Kinder Than Necessary. Everyone We Meet is Fighting Some Kind of Battle."

We must. It's God's Will. We all Struggle. We all need Love. And God is always Kinder with Us through His Grace. God indeed confirmed this by giving Jesus Christ, His Only Son as Ransom for our Sins. God and Savior thus gave the most Extra Kindness than necessary to an Unkind World. It was by Jesus suffering on The Cross for Us. There is thus no reason we cannot do the same and certainly at lesser cost.

"Be Kind and Compassionate To One Another; Forgiving Each Other As God Through Christ Forgives You."(Ephesians 4:32).

William C. Seay, Jr.  
Commissioned Ruling Elder

## FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK LUNCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

There will be a Fellowship Pot-Luck Lunch, sponsored by the Presbyterian Men on Sunday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m. in McIwaine Hall. The meat, bread, dessert, and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a dish for sharing. All are Welcome!  
Carl Guthrie, Presbyterian Men, Moderator

## **OUTREACH**

**Elizabeth Schoeb, Carole Ellis, Kimberly Jones**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pray for:

Church family and friends- Eva, great niece of Becky Lancaster, Garland Harrison, Bill and Mona Ellis, Dick and Ethel Peterson, Whitney Palmore, Dorothy Riggan, Thelma and Sam Kirkland, Eleanor Garrison, Liz Schoeb and Robert Fitts.

Our world community- An end to wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, victims and loved ones impacted by violence. The Apalachee High School, families, faculty and students affected by the recent shooting. Those impacted by Hurricane Francine.

### **FOOD OFFERING**

Items for the recipient of our food offering, Downtown Churches United Hope Center will be received each Sunday. Please remember those that suffer from hunger.

## **2024 Peacemaking Offering**

**World Communion Sunday - October 6, 2024**

*"Sowing the seeds of peace."*

*Zechariah 8:12*



On World Communion Sunday we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith – a witness to what it means to us to be the Church, together.

The Peacemaking Offering supports a variety of peacemaking efforts: 25% is retained by congregations, 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions., and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please be generous in your support of the Peacemaking Offering to be received on World Communion **Sunday, October 6** and pledge to work with your congregation for peace in your community.



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Gloria Summers

### **PW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT 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.

Nail clippers, cakes of soap, wash cloths, band aids, combs, brushes, hair ties, sun glasses, jump ropes, small cars, yoyo's, small games: card games, dominoes, checkers, school supplies: crayons, pens, regular pencils, rulers, markers, 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.

### **CHEMO CADDIES**



Thanks to everyone who donated items for our chemo caddies. Because of your generosity, we were able to fill ten bags for the SRMC Cancer Center.

### **October Birthday**

- 2 Susan Andrews
- 3 Joseph Chamberlain  
Cheryl Smith
- 6 Denise Hargrave  
Matthew Pittman
- 10 Thelma Kirkland
- 11 Cynthia Smith
- 12 Martha Epes Johnson



- 17 Becky Lancaster
- 18 Keith Snavely
- 25 Robert Muller
- 27 Anne Webb Fenessy
- 29 Dale Pittman
- 30 Miles Gregory Kropp
- 31 Gena Wallace

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Beverley Coleman, Chair.

**AUGUST 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**

	August	Year to Date
Income	\$ 8,575.00	\$ 96,712.39
Expenditures	\$13,361.83	\$119,812.41
Losses	-\$ 4,786.83	-\$ 23,100.02



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
will be celebrated on  
World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024

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**NOVEMBER 3, 2024 Daylight Savings Time Ends!!!**

Set your clocks back one-hour Saturday night, Nov. 2  
before you go to bed.

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

**Stated Session Meeting August 25, 2024, Electronic Vote August 28, 2024, Congregational Meeting September 8, 2024**

### **Stated Session Meeting:**

Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting June 23, 2024; ratified the Electronic Vote of July 2, 2024 and July 10, 2024.

Received the June and July Treasurer's report.

Approved the recommendation from Building and Grounds Committee to cancel the current contract with Jarratt Heating and Air Conditioning.

Approved the recommendation from Building and Committee for Mechanical Destination Company to repair the Sanctuary Air Conditioner.

Approved the recommendation from Building and Ground Committee for Cockade City Garden Club to use McIlwaine Hall and kitchen for the 2025 Historic Garden Day in Petersburg, on Tuesday, April 20, 2025.

Approved the Nominating Committee recommendation to reduce the congregational quorum from 20% to 10%.

Approved the Nominating Committee recommendation to reduce the number of Elders from 9 to 6 beginning with the Class of 2025.

Approved the Nominating Committee recommendation to write article for What's First newsletter explaining the reasoning for reducing the Elders and to approve a Congregational Meeting for October 6, 2024 following worship.

### **Electronic Vote – August 28, 2024:**

Approved Clerk of Session Bettie Guthrie to call an Electronic Vote on behalf of the Trustees for the purpose of selling three vacant lots for \$35,000 located at 406, 408, 410 Hinton Street, Petersburg, VA 23803; the Trustee's request for a Called Congregational Meeting on September 8, 2024; the Trustee's request to ratify the sale of Boy Scout property located at 23005 River Road, North Dinwiddie, VA 23803. The ratification is retroactive to July, 2009; Trustee's request to ratify the sale of 350 sq. feet of Boy Scout property to VDOT sold for a round-about. The ratification is retroactive to July, 2024.

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUED**

### **Congregational Meeting – September 8, 2024:**

**Motion 1** -Approved sale of church property located at 406, 408, 410 Hinton Street, Petersburg, VA 23805 for \$35,000 to Project Homes. (The lots are currently vacant)

**Motion 2** – Approved to ratify the sale of a section of the Boy Scout Hut property located at 23005 River Road, North Dinwiddie, VA 23803. The ratification is retroactive to July, 2009 for the sale of ½ acre of land to VDOT for the purpose of a retention pond.

**Motion 3** – Approved to ratify the sale of a section of the Boy Scout Hut property located at 23005 River Road, North Dinwiddie, VA 23803. The ratification is retroactive to July, 2024 for the sale of 350 square feet of land sold to VDOT for the purpose of a “round about”.

## **WORSHIP/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Alice Martin, Chair.**

### **WORSHIP NEWS - Upcoming dates for Autumn:**

OCTOBER 6 – World Wide Communion Sunday, the day that congregations around the world celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

NOVEMBER 3 – Remembrance Sunday – This year we will remember those in our church family that went to be with our Lord in the past year.

NOVEMBER 24 – Joint Thanksgiving service with First Baptist Church. This will be our fourth year worshipping with our friends next door. The service will be held at First Baptist. Our PW group will provide light refreshments for all. Please plan to be with us on each of these special occasions.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for all the get-well cards and prayers.  
Garland Harrison & Family

Dear Second Church Friends,  
Thank you for the very nice book.  
Love, Eva  
(6-year-old great-niece of Becky Lancaster)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="text-align: center; color: orange;">October 2024</h1>		<b>1</b> 10:30 Morning Circle	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 11:30 a.m. World Communion Sunday and Peacemaking Sunday Peacemaking Offering Rec. 12:30 Congregational Mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30 Chancel Choir  11:30 a.m. Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12 noon “What’s First” Deadline for Nov.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  9:00 a.m. POJ
<b>20</b> 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Pot-Luck Lunch	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:30 a.m. Worship 12:45 p.m. Session	<b>28</b>  11:00 PWCT Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  		

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