

Second Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018



GROWNUPS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS WEDNESDAY, October 10

From 5:45 to 6:30, join us for an excellent dinner (\$5 per person, kids 6 & under FREE), and then for presentations from our members)

Join Will Sawyer, serving as MC, and the youth and children of our congregation as they interview some of the senior members of Second Presbyterian who have been at the church for decades, including Betty Cheek, Phyllis Layne, Vivian Young, and other

surprise guests! Find out how their childhoods might differ from those of our youth today, and learn about meaningful moments in their lives. Join us for a fun and memorable evening.

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

WEDNESDAY, October 24, with Tex and Freeda Badkins

From 5:45 to 6:30, join us for an excellent dinner (\$5 per person, kids 6 & under FREE), and then for presentations from two of our members.

In "God's Story, Our Story" members of the Second family offer personal stories on their faith and life. Sometimes these reflections come with photos from the past, or with music, or with video clips. They always come with stories about our past, about what has shaped us and our understanding of God and faith, and about who we have been and who we are. These talks create meaningful opportunities for greater understanding and connection, and they encourage each of us to think about what has shaped us and given our own life meaning.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES



It's that time of year again! Students are settled into their first semester, they've bought their supplies so funds may be running low, and tests are getting more stressful as more material has been covered in class. What a great time for Second Pres to let our college students know we are thinking of them and we are here to support them!

Wednesday Oct. 24, at the start of R and R, we will be assembling care packages for our college students! These include 8 members who are away at school and 10 from our ODU ministry.

Please bring small school supplies such as post-its, highlighters, pens, pencils, paperclips, emergency snacks (such as packets of cocoa mix, soup mix, granola bars, and small candies), or comfort items, (such as cough drops, Chap-stick, small containers of hand lotion, and pocket-sized tissue packs), with you to the R and R, or drop them off before the 24th. We'll have cards of encouragement for you to sign, and we will fill the mailing boxes/gift bags before our delicious dinner.

See you then!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AT SECOND

Our annual Special Offering for hunger and homeless ministries will be collected on *Sunday, October 14*. These donations support several of our Mission Partners: For Kids, Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST), and Saint Columba Ecumenical Ministries.

Every Friday night, ODU Global Friendship provides dinner for international students. You are welcome to attend, and the dinners are at 6 pm at Crossroads Church, 1127 Surrey Crescent, 23508, in Larchmont. If you have any questions, you may contact our partner liaison, John Klein, at 757-857-7133.

Our Sentara Singers will be providing scripture verses and hymns for local nursing home residents *every couple of months*. Check the bulletin and newsletter announcement for specific dates. All singers are welcome! Come join this rewarding outreach by meeting at the church at 8:30. The outing will be over about 11:30. The singers will share their music at Sentara Virginia Beach Village, 3751 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, off Rosemont Road, just south of I-264 Exit 18. You may contact Joe Morgan @ 757-962-1028 if you have any questions.

Park Place Child Life Center (PPCLC) is now based at SPC for their Saturday Arts Camp. *You can drop by any Saturday between 10 and 3 if you would like to help a child with a project or visit*. If you have any questions, you may contact our partner liaison, Bill Armstrong, at 757-625-0148.

Red Cross Blood Drive: SPC will be hosting our annual blood drive on *Sunday, November 11*. We will be offering the blood drive to members and neighbors jointly with Temple Israel. Signups to donate blood will be made available this month, but you do not need to sign up in advance to donate. Please contact Alice Allen-Grimes (757-535-0934) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help manage the drive on that day.

St. Columba: We will be painting the exterior of the building on *Friday Oct 5 & Saturday, Oct 6*. This work requires no skill or prior experience, and you can see the immediate results of your labors! Come for a 2-3 hour shift or more. Contributions are welcome to cover the cost of the paint and may be placed in the collection plate. Please write on the memo line "St. Columba Paint." You may contact Joe Morgan at @ 757-419-9852 voice or text with any questions.

Be on the lookout for a new bulletin board in the hallway that provides information on volunteer opportunities, including the opportunity to help YOURS move into its new home at Lafayette Presbyterian Church.





FINDING A MEANINGFUL LIFE WHEN THE WORLD FEELS MEANINGLESS / ECCLESIASTES

What matters in life? Where can we find meaning? What happens when it seems like nothing makes sense? The author of Ecclesiastes sounds surprisingly modern as he confronts meaninglessness head-on, expressing the anxieties and questions that arise when we realize that life is not turning out as we had planned, and when we wonder what our next steps might be.

- Oct. 7 "Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" (Eccl. 1:1-18)
- Oct. 14 "Hating Pleasure and Life: The Allure of Cynicism" (Eccl. 2:1-26)
- Oct. 21 "Understanding the Timing of God" (Eccl. 3:1-15)
- Oct. 28 "The End of the Matter: Fear God and Keep His Commandments" (Eccl. 12:9-14)

AN UPDATE ON ASIA ROGERS



Asia Rogers began attending Park Place Child Life Center when she was in fourth grade and was truly an asset to the program. During her senior year, Asia volunteered every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at homework club. Her kindness and patience with the children was always evident. In the photo to the left, Asia is holding the Explosion Book she made at PPCLC. It is a mixed media book symbolizing unity, and made with origami paper folding.

We are so proud of all Asia has accomplished! She graduated a year early with honors and received a full scholarship to Mary Baldwin University.

Many thanks to all who generously donated time, money, and supplies to help her achieve her goals.

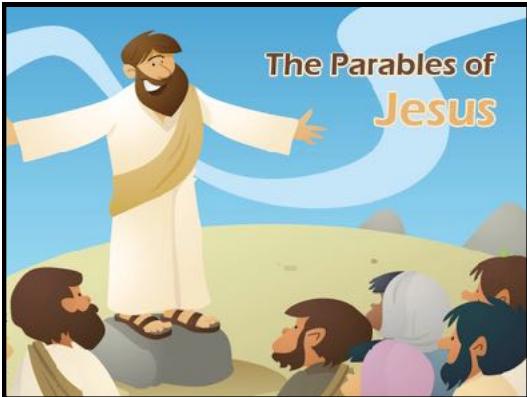
ADULT BOOK CLUB: ECCLESIASTES AND THE SEARCH FOR MEANING 9:45 -10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Oct. 7-28 (A 4-WEEK SERIES)

The October sermon series focuses on passages in the book of Ecclesiastes. It is an odd, sometimes even somewhat depressing book. Said to have been written by Solomon in his older years, it looks meaninglessness squarely in the eye. Why is it important for us today?

Join Marie Finch and Catherine Hart Monroe as they lead a discussion of scripture passages from the book of Ecclesiastes beyond those being discussed in worship.



**PARABLES, PRAYERS, AND PICK-ME-UPS
5 YEAR OLDS THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL
(Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 a.m.)**



Each Sunday this fall join Pastor Craig and important helpers (including our youth) as we study and encounter the parables (the stories that Jesus told), have a snack, play games, learn a new prayer each week, and discover unusual ways in which people pray and understand God in their lives.

Join us in the large upstairs Sunday School room at 9:45 a.m. for some of the amazing stories told by Jesus—often told to catch us off-guard so we would listen more carefully.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

It has been a blessing to be received so warmly into this ministry in the past month, and it has been joy to work with others to coordinate meaningful events and projects! Below you will find an action-packed month focused on events to engage our youth and families in mission, fellowship, and worship here at Second.



Events are color coordinated as follows:

- Elementary - Purple,
- Middle/High Youth - Green,
- and Intergenerational/Families - Blue

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Katie White, at kkerr12@spcnorfolk.org or 757-615-8728.

Blessings,
Katie

Elementary:

- **Worship: Acolyte Training Day in the Sanctuary - Sunday, Oct. 14 (12:30PM)**
- **Mission: Make a Meal & Take it to a Person in Need - Saturday, Oct. 27 (2:30PM-5:00PM)**

Middle/High Youth:

- **Mission: Take a Painting Shift at St. Columba & Eat Donuts - Saturday, Oct. 6 (9:00AM-12:00PM)**
- **Worship: Acolyte Training Day in the Sanctuary - Sunday, Oct. 14 (12:30PM)**
- **Worship: Usher & Participate in Worship - Sunday, Oct. 21 (11:00AM)**
- **Fellowship: Bowling at AMF on Little Creek - Sunday, Oct. 28 (12:30-3:00PM)**

Families/Intergenerational:

- **Fellowship: "Grownups Say the Darndest Things" with Will Sawyer as MC - Wednesday, October 10 (5:45PM)**
- **Fellowship: The Movie "Up"/Pizza Night in the Sanctuary - Friday, Oct. 12 (6:30PM)**
- **Mission: College Care Package Assembly in the Fellowship Hall - Wednesday, October 24 (5:45PM)**
- **Fellowship: "Pixar 13 Minute Film Festival" in the Sanctuary - Sunday, Oct. 28 (12:30PM)**

HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS AT SECOND



Thank you to everyone who participated in our hurricane relief efforts! On Sunday, September 23rd, we collected \$1400.00 in donations toward hurricane relief. We are partnering with St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (SACPC) in Wilmington, NC, and we will be delivering “hurricane buckets” of cleaning supplies, as well as diapers and wipes, to SACPC on October 1st. These items then will be distributed to families in need in the Wilmington area. Stay tuned for more ways to support those affected by Hurricane Florence! Please contact Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe at 757.287.9897 or revcat@spcnorfolk.org for more details.

FALL CHURCH WORK DAY SATURDAY, October 20

We need your help on Saturday morning, October 20, at 9:00 a.m. The Annual Fall Cleanup is a wonderful opportunity for folks of all ages and skill sets to get to know their church family in a very meaningful way and—at the same time—to clean the church and to make it look great. We’ll have hot coffee, OJ, and donuts ready for you. Thank you for helping!



OCTOBER 28: A PIXAR 13-MINUTE TRIPLE FEATURE FILM FESTIVAL (with popcorn and M&Ms)



October 28 is International Animation Day. After worship feel free to get some popcorn and M&Ms in the Fellowship Hall, and then return to the sanctuary at 12:15 for a 13-minute, triple feature film festival, featuring “The Present” (4:19), “For the Birds” (3:25), and “Boundin” (4:42). Three fun films with serious and meaningful themes. Great for adults! Great for kids!

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

All women are invited to join together at 6PM to relax, dine, and share in conversation and prayer concerns. **Monday, October 22: No Frill Grill**



MEN’S FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Come on out at 6PM to share a meal, conversation, and an opportunity to grow. **Monday, October 15: La Bella**



SOFTBALL. . .

Please come out on Friday evenings and cheer (or play!). **Everyone** is welcome and strongly encouraged to cheer for our wonderful team.

Friday, October 5: 6:30/7:30PM [Northside]

Friday, October 12: 6:30/7:30PM [Tarrallton]

Friday, October 19: 8:30/9:30PM [Northside]



THE MOVIE "UP" WITH PIZZA: AN INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT FRIDAY, October 12 6:30PM

The animated film "UP" is a film all ages can enjoy. It tells the story of Carl, a balloon salesman who ends up going on the trip of his dreams, yet finds a couple of surprises along the way. The surprises make him realize sometimes life's adventures are not the ones you anticipated. The themes in this movie fit in well with the Ecclesiastes sermon series Pastor Craig is preaching on in October. Everyone in the church is invited to bring a pillow, a sleeping bag, or just come and sit in the pews in the sanctuary and enjoy some pizza while watching a movie together! If you have any questions, please see Katie White.



There is definitely a place for YOU at Second Presbyterian!

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Monday, October 1

Ava Libbey's Birthday

Al-Anon - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, October 2

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, October 3

Elisabeth Sawyer's Birthday

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

SAA - 7:00PM [Library]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, October 4

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Bible Study - 2:00PM [Library]

Handbell Practice - 7:00PM [Upstairs Classroom]

Friday, October 5

Scott White's Birthday

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

St. Columba Painting - 12:00PM [St. Columba]

Softball Games - 6:30/7:30PM [Northside]

Saturday, October 6

Anna Ndahi & Tex Badkins' Birthday

St. Columba Painting - 9:00AM [St. Columba]

Middle/High Youth Painting & Donuts - 9:00AM [St. Columba]

Sunday, October 7

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, October 8

Al-Anon - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, October 9

Triple S Circle - 10:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, October 10

Jasmin Seidl's Birthday

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

"Grownups Say the Darndest Things" - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, October 11

Ben Ndahi's Birthday

Handbell Practice - 7:00PM [Upstairs Classroom]

Friday, October 12

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Sandwich Making - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

The Movie "Up" with Pizza - 6:30PM

[Sanctuary]

Softball Games - 6:30/7:30PM [Tarrallton]

Saturday, October 13

Second Saturday - 9:00AM [PPCLC, SPC, & PPMC]

Sunday, October 14

Anne Jenkins & Sam Grimes' Birthday

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship with Dr. Kosnik - 11:00AM

[Sanctuary]

Hunger & Homeless Mission Offering - 11:30PM [Sanctuary]

Acolyte Training - 12:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, October 15

Bayleigh White & Carlisle Wroton's Birthday

Men's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [La Bella]

Al-Anon - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, October 16

Tami Ndahi, & Bill Horner Birthday

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Session Meeting - 6:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, October 17

David Sawyer's Birthday

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, October 18

Tara Franklin & Jamie Stearns' Birthday

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Bible Study - 2:00PM [Library]

Handbell Practice - 7:00PM [Upstairs Classroom]

Friday, October 19

Janey Wagner's Birthday

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Softball Games - 8:30/9:30PM [Northside]

Saturday, October 20

Fall Church Work Day - 9:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, October 21

Brandon Crouch's Birthday

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

"Count Your Buttons Day" - 12:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, October 22

Al-Anon - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Women's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [No Frill Grill]

Tuesday, October 23

Lynn Ruehlmann's Birthday

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, October 24

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

College Care Package Assembly - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]

"God's Story, Our Story" with the Badkins - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, October 25

Jeff Tinkham's Birthday

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Handbell Practice - 7:00PM [Upstairs Classroom]

Friday, October 26

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM [d'Egg]

Saturday, October 27

Elementary Youth "Make a Meal & Take to a Person in Need" - 2:30PM [SPC]

Sunday, October 28

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

"A 13 Minute Pixar Film Festival" - 12:30PM [Sanctuary]

Middle/High Youth Bowling - 12:30PM [AMF Little Creek Rd.]

SAA - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Monday, October 29

Al-Anon - 7:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, October 30

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, October 31

Men's Bible Study - 6:30AM [Fellowship Hall]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

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