# Second Life

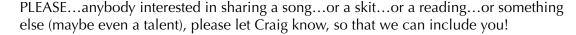
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

#### FELLOWSHIP AT SECOND

### R&R: NO-DATE VALENTINES VARIETY SHOW / NOT-SO NEWLYWED GAME WEDNESDAY, February 13, 5:45-7:15PM

Join us for an engaging evening as we eat together at 5:45, and then as we enjoy some intergenerational fun, including a variety show and the "Not-So Newlywed Game," in which three couples in our church answer questions in a competition that results in no particular prize, but maybe a certificate if we remember to print one off. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening!





#### **BRING THE HEAT: CHILI COOK OFF (February 17)**

SPC's Sixth Chili Cook Off will be a celebration worth remembering. Immediately after worship on February 17, come to the Fellowship Hall and sample some chili, have fun, and vote on your favorite.

Each person who wishes to enter the contest should bring in a crockpot full of their favorite homemade chili. We'll all be able to sample everyone's recipe and vote on a winner. If you have questions, just contact Katie White or Helen Pribesh.



#### **SANCTUARY MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 6:30PM**

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! The movie will be "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe" based on the novel written by C.S. Lewis. There will be pizza, salad, drinks, & popcorn! Please see Katie White with any questions.

## GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY (a program—with dinner and stories) WEDNESDAY, February 27, PIZZA AND PRIBESH

From 5:45 to 6:30, join us for dinner (\$5 per person, kids 6 & under FREE), and then for reflections from Helen Pribesh.

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, encouraging each of us to think about what has shaped us and given our own life meaning.



#### FROM THE PASTOR: GLIMPSES FROM THE PAST

This last week I received in the mail a packet of papers from Carol Stokes, Anne Ray's daughter from Richmond. The packet consists of odd and ends over the years from the life of our church family.

There were photos of what the sanctuary looked like 30 years ago (a darker cross, darker patterned material behind the cross, and a lot of wood, including a large pulpit and a modesty barrier in front of the choir). There were articles about pastors coming and going, including articles about one pastor in the early 1960s who left Second to become pastor of the first "Negro" church in the area, and another article about Dick Ruggles first becoming pastor here some 50 years ago.



There was also a sad and beautiful pamphlet from 1954, "A Philosophy for Adversity," by the wife of the church's pastor at that time. Mrs. Royce McDonald's first name is not mentioned in the pamphlet, and that of course stood out to me, but her words were extremely powerful, as she wrote of what it meant to be near the end of her life at age 38. She asked for specific prayers: "Pray for healing, but above all else, pray that we have the courage and strength to endure. I also want your prayers most especially for my children that their very young faith will be sufficient for all their needs." If you would like to read this pamphlet in its entirety, please let me know. It is a touching testimonial from one who faces imminent death.

Of all of the papers Carol sent me, however, what stood out most was Anne Ray's certificate of church membership, from when she joined the church on December 5, 1948.

What I most appreciated about this certificate was that it emphasized the challenges Anne (and any church member) face. This was the faith statement that members had to accept: "Of one thing I can be certain: If I identify myself with Jesus Christ, I cannot expect to be at ease or content. The fearless following of God's will for me will mean conflict. Fellowship with Jesus Christ is a fellowship of joy and of deep inner peace, but it is also a fellowship of suffering."

After accepting that statement, new members then affirmed what was called "My Declaration of Purpose." They said, "Desiring above all else that I may live constantly in closest fellowship with Jesus Christ, and that God may become visible to others in my life, I will seek to discover through actual experience what it means to live dangerously, as Jesus himself lived; and I will make Christ-like living the purpose and passion of my life."

That statement is from 71 years ago. It is so relevant today. Our current sermon series focuses on how worship on Sunday should shape us to be different from society, by our being—for instance—more forgiving, more grateful, and more focused on community. If that isn't "living dangerously" or if it does not involve "conflict" (at least with who society calls us to be), then probably we're doing something wrong.

With gratitude for Anne Ray and the saints who preceded us at Second, Pastor Craig

#### **FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES**

#### SHAPED BY SUNDAY: HOW WORSHIP SHOULD CHANGE YOUR DAILY LIFE

When we gather together on Sunday mornings, through prayer, music, images, words, the Bible, and liturgy, part of what we are doing is trying to put our lives in perspective. Join us as we reflect on how our worship together should prepare us for daily life. This series pays particular attention to the apostle Paul's two very practical letters to those Christians who lived in the city of Corinth.

- **Feb. 3** "Beyond the Present: Embracing the Past in Claiming the Future" *Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Luke 4:1-13; 1 Cor. 11:21-32*
- **Feb. 10** "Beyond Our Self-Preoccupations: Helping Others in Meaningful Ways" *Isaiah 1:10-17; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*
- **Feb. 17** "Beyond Superficial Meaning: Using Christian Symbols to Shape Life" *John 3:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31* (**Dr. Kosnik will be with us in worship**)
- **Feb. 24** "Beyond this Life: Preparing for What We Can Only Imagine" *Psalm 23, Revelation 7:14-17, 21:4; 1 Corinthians 13:12; 16:51-57; 2 Cor. 5:1-5*

#### **MISSION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**



**LINKS OF LOVE OFFERING:** The Links of Love special offering will be held in February by the Presbyterian Women's Triple S Circle. This offering will benefit the Sunnyside retirement community.

**MISSION PARTNER LIAISON MEETING:** Mission Partner Liaisons will meet Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to update activities and share opportunities for collaboration.

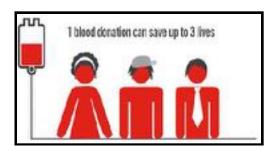




**SENTARA SINGERS:** Join the Sentara Singers on Wednesday, February 13 starting at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall to bring song and scriptures of "love" to the Virginia Beach Sentara Village residents.

**VALENTINE'S BINGO NIGHT:** Our mission partner Faith Inclusion Network (FIN) and SPC will be hosting a "Valentine's Bingo Night" on Friday, February 17 at 6:30PM in the fellowship hall. FIN is a vital organization that works "to connect people with disabilities and their families to faith communities that are welcoming and genuinely want to include everyone." Volunteers are needed to help decorate the fellowship hall and to play bingo with the families. If you are interested in volunteering please see Katie White.





**FAITHFUL NEIGHBORS BLOOD DRIVE:** Temple Israel is hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday Feb. 17 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. SPC is cosponsoring the drive and our members are encouraged to donate. Temple Israel is located at 7255 Granby Street, Norfolk 23505. Donors can go to redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code: TIsrael. They can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS with the date and location details and schedule that way. You may contact Alice Allen-Grimes (622-0372) of SPC with any questions.

**NORFOLK EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM (NEST):** NEST will be March 13 to 20 at Royster Memorial. Sign ups for NEST will begin in February. Please see Carolyn Clark to volunteer and to donate gift cards.



**A NEW MISSION BULLETIN BOARD:** Check out the new first floor hall bulletin board for outreach volunteer opportunities.

## **NEST** 2019

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team: Uniting to Provide Shelter to the Homeless One Week at a Time March 13th · March 20th

Second Presbyterian is partnering with Rayster Memorial Presbyterian to host NEST again this year. Our shift begins on Thursday, March 14 at 6:45

PM and continues through Sunday, March 17th at 7:30 AM.

Sign Up Sheets Available NOW!

Location: Royster Memorial 6901 Newport Ave Norfolk, VA 23505



Supplies Requested:
Oranges
McDonald's \$5 Gift Cards
Hard boiled eggs
Paperback books
Magazines
Puzzle books
Games, cards, etc
Adult Coloring Books
Colored pencils

#### FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN, & YOUTH

#### **Intergenerational Fellowship Opportunities:**

There are many different fellowship activities planned for February at the church to engage with our Second family!

Details for the chili cook-off, a variety show & "not-so newlywed" game, a movie night, and an R&R with Helen Pribesh are shared in the articles above. We hope you can take the time to join us as one way we grow in Christ is through each other!



#### PWSIC Mission Project: FIN Bingo Night - Friday, February 15 at 5:00PM:

Second Presbyterian and Faith Inclusion Network will be hosting a "Valentine's Bingo Night" and all are invited to help with this mission project! On this night we will be welcoming and celebrating those with disABILITIES by playing a fun game with them and their families. We will need volunteers to decorate the fellowship hall starting at 5:00PM, and then we will need players for bingo starting at 6:30PM. Please let Katie White know if your family or child would like to volunteer.

#### Assist with Worship - Sunday, February 17 during worship:

Every third Sunday of the month PWSJC needs 4 volunteers to usher, and 1 volunteer to serve as liturgist for worship! Please see Katie White if your child or youth would like to participate in worship in these meaningful ways.

#### **Confirmation Class - February 17 through March 31:**

SPC has 6 youth who will be starting a confirmation class in February. Confirmation is a time for youth to explore their faith by thinking about God, the Bible, worship, and the church in community with one another. Please pray this will be a meaningful experience for our confirmands!

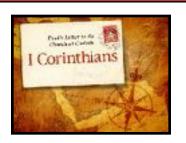


#### DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

#### PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH

Sunday mornings, 9:45 -10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Feb. 3 - Feb. 24

The January and February sermon series focuses on how Sunday worship should shape us. The passages that will shape our understanding of worship and our lives come from the apostle Paul's letters to the Corinthians. In these very practical letters, Paul highlights how aspects of worship shape everyday life. Join Marie Finch and Catherine Hart Monroe as they lead a study and discussion of specific scripture passages from 1 and 2 Corinthians.



## PSALM 23 AND EVERYDAY LIFE: YOUNG DISCIPLES' SUNDAY SCHOOL (5 YEAR OLDS THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Upstairs Classroom, Feb. 3 – Feb. 24

Each Sunday in January and February, join Pastor Craig and important helpers (including our youth), as we study and experience Psalm 23, have a snack, play games, learn a new song 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 starting January 13 at 9:45 a.m.!



#### **AT VIRGINIA WESLEYAN**

Thursday, February 14, 7-8 PM Blocker Hall Auditorium How People Use Fake News in Social Media to Fuel Divisiveness (and What We Can Do to Stop It) Dr. Leslie Caughell, Associate Professor of Political Science, VWU

Thursday, February 21, 11-11:50 AM Blocker Hall Auditorium Jerusalem as a Case Study for Challenges of Mediating Religious Conflict Dr. Jonathan Schanzer, Senior Vice President of Research, Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Thursday, February 28, 7-9:15 PM Blocker Hall Auditorium

The Journey from Rage to Radical Empathy and Realistic Hope
Paul K. Chappell, Peace Leadership Director, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

All events are free and open to the public.





#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Come on out at 6PM to share a meal, conversation, and an opportunity to grow.

Monday, February 18, 6PM at The Public House at 1112 Colley Ave.

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

All women are invited to join together at 6PM to relax, dine, and share in conversation and prayer concerns.

Monday, February 25, 6PM at The Public House at 1112 Colley Ave.

There is definitely a place for <u>YOU</u> at Second Presbyterian!

#### **FEBRUARY 2019**

<u>Friday, February 1</u>

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

Saturday, February 2

PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, February 3

Marty Terry's Birthday

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir

Room]

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

Monday, February 4

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

<u>Tuesday, February 5</u>

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, February 6

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

Hall]]

Mission Liaison Meeting - 6:00PM

[Fellowship Hall]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

<u>Thursday, February 7</u>

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM

[Fellowship Hall]

Friday, February 8

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

Sandwich Making - 12:00PM [Fellowship

Hall]

<u>Saturday, February 9</u>

Sam Stearns' & Peggy McPhillips'

**Birthday** 

Second Saturday - 9:00AM [PPCLC, SPC,

**& St, Mary's]** PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, February 10

Alice Allen-Grimes' & Sean Franklin's

**Birthday** 

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC] Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir

Rooml

Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

Monday, February 11

Linda West's & Mildred Berryman's

Birthday

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

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Tuesday, February 12

Triple S Circle - 10:30AM [Fellowship

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, February 13

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

Sentara Singers - 8:30AM [SPC, Sentara

VB Village]

Variety Show & "Not So Newlyweds" Game - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

Thursday, February 14 VALENTINE'S DAY

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

VWU Lecture - 7:00PM [Blocker Hall]

Friday, February 15

Anne Baylor & Michael Finch's Birthday

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

FIN Valentine's Bingo Night - 6:30PM

[Fellowship Hall]

Saturday, February 16

Ben Foster's Birthday

PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, February 17

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC]
Faithful Neighbor's Blood Drive -

9:00AM [Temple Israel]

Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir

Room1

Worship with Dr. Kosnik - 11:00AM

[Sanctuary]

Chili Cook-Off - 12:15PM [Fellowship

Hall1

Confirmation Class - 12:30PM [SPC]

Monday, February 18

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Men's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM [The

Public House

Tuesday, February 19

Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe's & Phil

Lingamfelter's Birthday

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Session Meeting - 6:00PM [Fellowship

Hall]

Wednesday, February 20

Hall]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

<u>Thursday, February 21</u>

Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM

[Fellowship Hall]

VWU Lecture - 7:00PM [Blocker Hall]

Friday, February 22

Men's Breakfast - 7:00AM

Sanctuary Movie Night - 6:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday, February 23

PPCLC - 10:00AM [SPC]

Sunday, February 24

Bill Wooldridge's Birthday

Discipleship Classes - 9:45AM [SPC] Choir Rehearsal - 10:30AM [Choir

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Worship - 11:00AM [Sanctuary]

Confirmation Class - 12:30PM [SPC]

Monday, February 25

Women's Evening Fellowship - 6:00PM

[The Public House]

Al-Anon - 7:30PM [Fellowship Hall]

Tuesday, February 26

SAA - 12:00PM [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday, February 27

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

Hall1

God's Story, Our Story with Helen

Pribesh - 5:45PM [Fellowship Hall] Choir Rehearsal - 7:30PM [Sanctuary]

SAA- 7:30PM [Library]

Thursday, February 28

Lisa Drago & John Cabeen's Birthday Essentrics Exercise Class - 1:00PM

[Fellowship Hall]

VWU Lecture - 7:00PM [Blocker Hall]

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

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