

second chronicles



Summer 2023

Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Summer Guest Preachers— Don't Miss a Sunday

JUNE 4

JULY 2

AUGUST 6



Jim Richards— Former pastor, Cape May (NJ) Presbyterian Church

JUNE 25



Marcellus Taylor— Director of Health Equity (Partnership for Better Health), founder of Vertex Church (Harrisburg)

JULY 9

David Bowerman — Former pastor in National Capital Presbytery (Va.)

JULY 23

Ann Myers— Former Carlisle Presbytery staffer and friend of many local congregations.

JULY 30

Jeanette Mater — Former pastor, Dickinson Presbyterian Church

AUGUST

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Dave Wright — Former pastor, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

Sarah Hostetter, our director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will preach on June 11, July 19, and September 4. Sarah is preparing for ordination in the PC (USA).

Helping Older Members Get to Worship

Have you been looking for a way to serve the church, but don't have a lot of time to give? Are you available for a half hour before and after Worship on Sunday mornings? Here's one way to serve. The Deacons are currently providing transportation to two of our members who have requested our help in getting them to Worship on Sunday mornings. If this sounds like a serve opportunity for you, please reach out to Sandra Goodling (717-422-7009) or Vicki Lantz (Vicki@GrowWithSecond.org). We will add you to the list, an email will be sent out periodically with dates, sign up for one or more dates that work for your schedule. It's easy to sign up, you determine when you will serve and it provides a wonderful service to someone who can no longer drive themselves to church.

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Fellowship Hour following Worship

We want our Second Family and guests to hang out and gather for conversation and refreshments. To create this hospitable, welcoming environment, we need easy-to-grab treats available for everyone!

We are looking for people to:

- Sign up for Sundays that work for your schedule.
- Bring about 50 bites of treats (Bites could be individual cookies, sprigs of fruit, a 9x13 pan of treats cut into 30 bars ... be creative!) Goldfish and Pretzels will be provided on the cart.
- Put treats on serving plates on the hospitality cart. Make coffee, along with water, tea, or lemonade.
- We will provide a list of supplies and directions ahead of time.
- After fellowship, clean up the treats and drinks. Take home any extras by noon.

Reach out to Vicki Lantz (717-609-6113) or Carol Turner (717) 329-5850 if you are willing to host the cart.

Congratulations New Officers!

Elders

Roger Serr
Cindy Sutton
Nancy Ritchey
Reed Price
Dave Brown

Deacons

Kathy Day
Susan Blackburn
Kim Bollinger
Ann Seim
Konnie Serr
Lori Loudon
Dave Kennaly
Lynn Kennaly

Summer Sabbatical Begins

Pastor Jeff Gibelius has been leading Second Church since the summer of 2007. Every 7 years the Session grants him additional weeks off for rest and renewal, study and planning. Jeff will be out from June 4 through August 20. During that time the congregation is in good hands:

- Sarah Hostetter will handle worship-related questions.
- Several specially invited guest preachers will offer sermons on Sunday mornings.
- The staff will work together to address any challenges that arise.
- Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey is on call to help with any Presbytery-related questions.
- Rev. Mary Washburn, Sarah Hostetter, and the Care Team will coordinate congregational care, including funerals.

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—A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEFF GIBELIUS

Does our Second Family need a Sabbatical?

The English word “sabbatical” comes from the Hebrew word, “sabbath.” Of course, sabbath refers to the ancient practice of working six days and resting on the seventh as God did at creation. Modern observant Jewish people still “honor the Sabbath and keep it holy” by not working from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. My wife Kari and I recently were blessed to attend a formal Friday night sabbath meal with wonderful foods from Israel. As we enjoyed the falafel, hummus, lamb meatballs and more, we felt God’s grace fall on us. It was as if God had said, “You have done enough, now rest and see what I can do in you!”

I will be experiencing sabbath rest this summer. It is the last half of my sabbatical (I took the first part last summer). I’ll be off from June 4 through August 20. Instead of studying in Greece and Turkey like I did last year, I plan to use this time to reflect on the past several years and what we have learned, grieve losses of friends, including several members of our Second Family, study for the coming year of sermons and classes, connect deeply with God and my family, and focus on setting up healthier patterns of diet and exercise.

I’m wondering if our Second Family also needs a sabbath break. In recent years we have been working hard to get through COVID. We have been through several staff changes. We have said goodbye to many beloved members of our Second Family. We all need some “down time”.

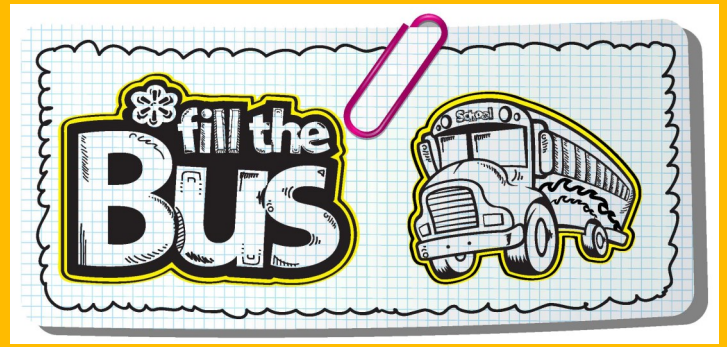
Maybe we can look at the Summer of 2023 as a time to reflect, rest, grieve, and see what God can do in us. The guest preachers in worship will offer fresh perspectives. Maybe we can have fewer meetings this summer. The Session is not meeting again until August 28, allowing the new Elders to get acclimated slowly. Staff members will be on vacation too, as will many committee chairs. Maybe this is a sign that God wants us to rest, re-connect, and fall deeply in love with Him again.

- What are two things you could DO this Summer that would refresh and rejuvenate you spiritually?
- What are two things you could NOT DO this Summer, which (by not doing them) would allow you to rest and reflect?

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Imagine what it would be like if we all came back together this Fall rested and raring to go for God! That’s what sabbaticals can do.

Serve Team Supporting the Fill the Bus/Carlisle 4 Kids Event 2023



Second Church members will have an opportunity to support the Carlisle Community by providing backpacks and school supplies for children and youth returning to school in September. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex beginning July 2 along with a specific list of items to donate. We cannot accept donations before July 2, but final collection Sunday will be July 16.

Project SHARE distributes the school supplies at the Carlisle 4 Kids event in August.

For families living under the federal poverty line, school basics such as backpacks, pencils, and paper are financially out of reach. When these supplies are not available in a child's household, homework often goes undone. By donating funds or supplies to Fill the Bus, you will help purchase school supplies and support youths in the Carlisle Area.

No time to shop? Help by sending monetary donations. Twenty dollars can cover the costs of new backpacks and school supplies. Send a check to Project SHARE, 5 N. Orange St., Suite 4, Carlisle, PA 17013 with "Carlisle 4 Kids" or "Fill the Bus" in the memo line.

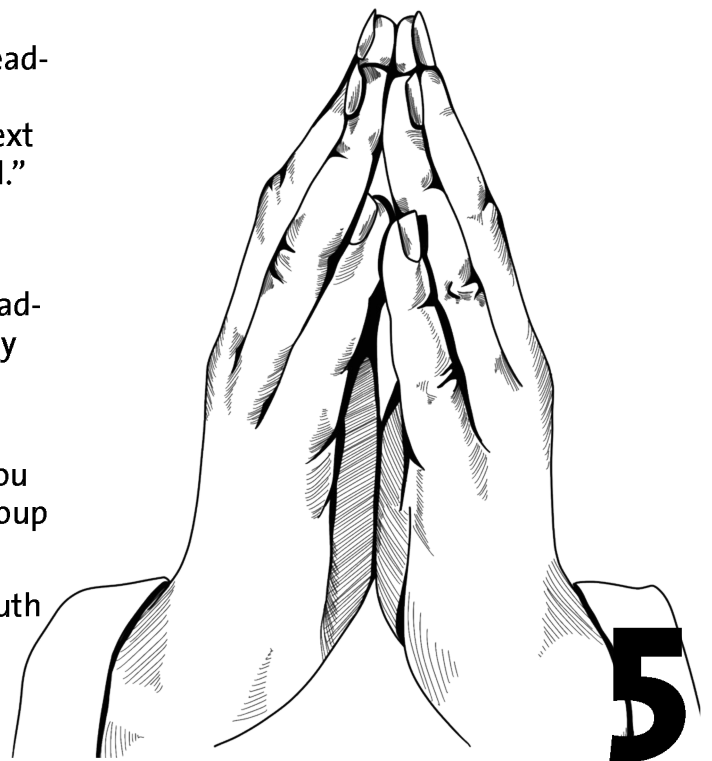
Two Invitations From the Thursday Second Circle A day retreat June 9th and our small group meetings

We are a small group that meets 2 times each month, on Thursdays at 1:30, for discussions about the book we are reading and how it helps us understand our Christian journey. Would you be interested in joining our group? Our next book will be Barbara Brown Taylor's "An Altar in the World." After that we will read "Dakota" by Kathleen Norris.

Also, we are going to have a day retreat on June 9th at a nearby retreat house, spending a quiet day with prayer, readings, discussions and some silent time. Oh, yes! And a really good lunch together. We welcome you to join us for this day.

If you are interested in either time, we'd be glad to have you with us. Please talk with anyone of the members of our group for more information. Hope you will join us.

Pat Butler, Skip and Jane Brown, Darlene and John Tyler, Ruth Leach, Mark Smith.



Important Updates from our Facilities Committee

This summer we're replacing more than 40 windows in the Rotunda, Glory's Edge and elsewhere. They're 50 years old and more than ready for updating.



Long time member Denny Wimer has recently been hired as our new very part-time Facilities Assistant. He is an outstanding member of our Second Family and a dedicated volunteer. He has chosen to answer this call now that he is retired. Please thank Denny the next time you see him. This is meant to be a very part-time job, but Denny has eagerly taken on many additional responsibilities during Brian Koller's absence due to his son's health crisis.



Brian Koller, Facilities Superintendent, has been caring for his son, Austin, while Austin recovers from multiple strokes brought on by meningitis in late March. The Session has granted Brian emergency family leave, and he works when he is able to come in. Denny Wimer and many others have volunteered their services in Brian's absence.

Renovations to the Cove were completed by Elder Scott Holtry of Absolute Home Services and the Grand Opening was on May 28. This was fully paid for by special donations from the congregation and community. The Cove is now an area for fellowship and conversation over coffee and hot chocolate. Check it out.

There's a Bunny in the building! – please welcome our new cleaning service, led by Bunny Robinson. Her team started in May, but you may not see them as they work around our busy church calendar.

Elders Robbin Strobel and Mike Varner have completed their time of service on the Facilities Committee. They have many successes to point to during their tenures, including roof repair, window replacement, hiring a new facilities staffer, and completing the renovations to the Cove. Please thank them next time you see them.

**DID YOU
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The remains of over 120 souls are in our Memorial Garden. Each of their names is on a leaf on the Memorial Tree in our Narthex. The leaves are provided free by Parker Jewelers on College Street. Tom Parker, owner, and his grandson, Josh, and his wife, Katrina, provide the engraved leaves as a gift. They also provide the name plates for our Generations Fund plaque. Thank you, Parker Jewelers, for your support of our Second Family.

Connect with Your Second Family

Have you ever been in your car or at an event and wish you could look up the phone number or street address of a member? Wish you had something at your fingertips? Our online church database is available to anyone who would like access. This summer is a wonderful time to learn more about our online database, how to use it, how to sign up to receive a username and password, and for leaders of Teams or Task Forces, it is super helpful in staying connected with your team members. Reach out to Vicki Lantz to set up a time to learn more about our Church Community Builder system and stay connected. You can call or text Vicki at 717-609-6113 or send her an email: Vicki@GrowWithSecond.org.



Introducing a Familiar Face in a New Position

When Deb Brandberg retired as our Facilities Manager/Program Support staffer last August she knew she wanted to stay involved. We soon realized after her departure that we have a need for someone to coordinate use of the building for special events like weddings, funerals, and conferences of outside groups. Deb enjoyed this part of her former job and loves helping people plan meaningful occasions and meals.

As Special Event Coordinator Deb will work with staff and volunteers to ensure that everything is in place for someone's special day or meeting. Once we know a special event is coming up, Deb will be contacted. She will meet with the family or individual and take it from there. Deb is not re-joining the staff. She will be paid for her time by the group or individual hosting the event; this way Second Church is not creating any new costs for itself. This innovative model allows Second Church to host big events that benefit the community—like the police chaplain conference this September—without stretching part-time staff members even further.

Deb can't do it alone, of course. She will be training others to be part of this team for times when she is not available or needs assistance. If this is a passion you feel called to, please reach out to Deb (dlbrandberg@gmail.com, 717-386-0928) to learn about this very part-time ministry of hospitality for our congregation and community. We still need everyone to be involved for certain events; don't be surprised if you get a request for help providing desserts for a memorial repast or ushering for a Presbytery-wide worship service.

SECONDKIDS & SECONDYOUTH NEWS

From Sarah Hostetter, Director of CYF Ministries

CYF is excited to introduce our summer schedule of family fun. Our theme for this summer is "Gather to Serve!" We are excited to provide easy opportunities to come together through parent and kid gatherings at vineyards, members houses, and local parks. We will also be gathering together to serve our church and community. Many of the service events will require a sign-up and some would like a permission form.

These are events for the whole family; kids, youth, and parents. Also, a reminder to please let me know if you have signed your child up for Camp Krislund this summer, we would like to subsidize a portion of the cost for your family.

Weekly Scoop

Are you receiving our Weekly Scoop? If not, please send an email to destinee@growwithsecond.org so she can add you to our email blast. Included in our weekly scoop is: upcoming events, sign-up forms, and information you may want to know about our fall kick-off.



Summers can send us in multiple different directions with camps in the morning, piano in the evening, and visiting cousins on the weekends. Something we will be offering is a simple Sunday morning storytime with my daughter called Sunday and me. I will be reading from a children's devotional, and I will pose some questions. The devotional is called, "The Biggest Story," by Kevin Deyoung. Join us in a small time of reflection to help center us in the midst of the hustle and bustle.

Parent Gatherings

Parents, we encourage you to come on out for one of our parent gatherings this summer. During the school year our parent gathering has a meal and childcare included, for the summer we are thinking a little differently about what it means to gather as a family. We have decided to have our parent gatherings mostly off site, and in places that our children can fellowship simultaneously to the parents. Not only is this a time of deep connection for parents but it is a time for our children to just be children together. This is a time of refuge and rejuvenation for many of our parents at Second. Times and Dates are below:

June 4 @ 3:30- The Winery at the Long Shot Farm
(1925 McClures Gap Rd., Carlisle PA)

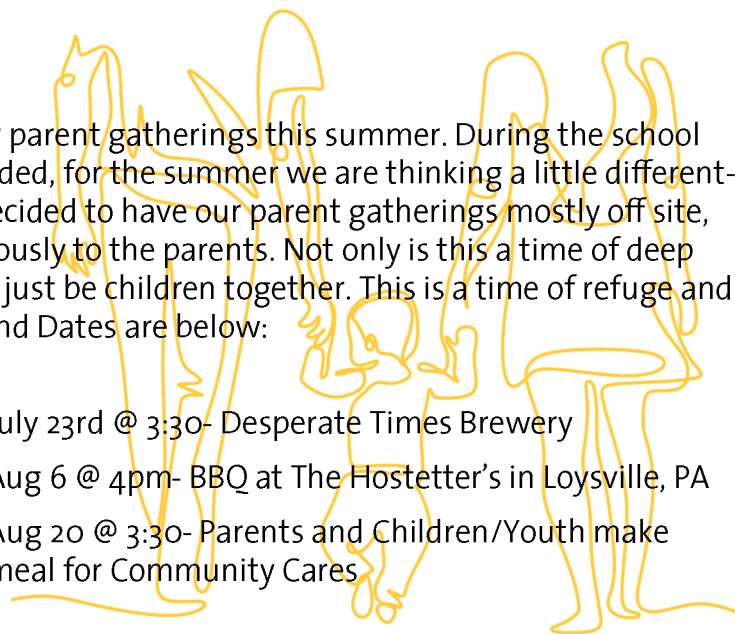
June 18th @ 3:30- TBD Members house

July 9 @ 2pm- Laurel Lake

July 23rd @ 3:30- Desperate Times Brewery

Aug 6 @ 4pm- BBQ at The Hostetter's in Loysville, PA

Aug 20 @ 3:30- Parents and Children/Youth make meal for Community Cares



Serve

This summer we will have many opportunities to serve alongside a number of families in our community. We believe it is vital to our faith to serve our neighbors as Jesus did when he walked this earth. Join us as we partner with Project Shares, Community Cares, the Salvation Army, The Breakfast Table and Fill the Bus. Details are below, sign-ups can be found in our weekly email or on the website.

June 17 (Sat.) @11am- Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
(details to follow)

July 30 (Sun.) @8:30am- The Breakfast Table- RSVP

August- Project Share Gleaning- TBD

June- Project Share Farmstand- TBD

July 15 (Sat) @9am-12pm- Fill the Bus (meet at Walmart at 9am) RSVP



We will be kicking off our fall program on September 10. Stay tuned for details for this special day.

NURSERY

Thank you to all of our volunteers who showed up for our little disciples of the church, and volunteered in the nursery on Sunday mornings. What a wonderful addition to our Sunday morning worship to have a safe and sacred place for our little ones to go while their parents worship in the sanctuary. Our volunteer sign-ups will be available throughout the summer. We will do a Fall, Winter, and Spring sign-up. We welcome all (who have clearances or can acquire clearances) to sign-up. Storytime and a craft will be added to the Kid Praise starting in the fall.

Pray-Ground

The nursery will be open this Summer for parents to go to when their children need a wiggle break. Some Sundays there may be high school supervision. Another option you will have as a parent is the special Prayground space in the front of the sanctuary dedicated to children. The children love the space and the added elements of building and coloring manipulatives. The location is also strategically placed so that parents can sit in close proximity, but both parent and child can see all of the elements of worship.

Our Second Family doesn't believe the children should be hidden away in the back corner, but instead we wish for them to be in a location that can continue to foster a deep faith. Not only are they able to experience worship in meaningful ways, they have a specific spot where they can move about as their wiggly bodies are not wired to stay in one spot for too long.





Thank you volunteers for giving 100% to the children of Second. We could not have done what we did this year without you. Please consider volunteering with us starting in the fall. We have volunteer openings that could be done mostly from home, and some that only require one Sunday School class a month. We have some opportunities that specifically support our one-hour Sunday School JAM, and others that support our Youth for an hour in Second Breakfast. We hope that you will consider volunteering alongside some really faithful, thoughtful and generous fellow congregants. For more information, please contact sarah@growwithsecond.org.

Second Church Hosts the Arts

During the past year we have hosted in our building several of the leading arts organizations in our area. Our Music Ministry Director, Michelle Trefren, also directs Cantate Carlisle, an auditioned community choir. Cantate rehearses at Second Church on Tuesday nights.

On Monday nights Cantate Carlisle “Young Voices” rehearses at Second. Twenty or more kids are active in this outstanding choral program.

The Carlisle Theatre’s resident acting group is Players on High. Whenever the theatre is booked with an event, Players on High comes to Second Church to rehearse.

Most recently, Historic Carlisle has been rehearsing at Second Church. You may have seen dozens of Civil War reenactors in our parking lot or Rotunda as they prepare for their big production on June 10, “The Shelling of Carlisle,” which will take place on the borough square.

June 10 – The Shelling of Carlisle

Did you know that Second Church was one of only two congregations that chose to open their doors and hold worship services on the Sunday in 1863 that the Confederates occupied Carlisle? This took enormous courage from Rev. Bliss and the Session at that time. By God’s grace Confederate soldiers and Union civilians worshiped side by side on Sunday, June 28, reminding our community that our shared faith in Jesus Christ is more important than our political affiliations. The Confederates eventually pulled out but did it with guns blazing. Come out to the Carlisle Square on Saturday, June 10, at 3pm to see a once in a lifetime reenactment of the exciting events of 160 years ago. Second Church is a supporting sponsor.



THE SHELLING OF CARLISLE!

On the Square in Historic Carlisle, PA

REENACTMENT & BAZAAR

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

JOIN US

EVENT OPENS AT 10AM
REENACTMENT BEGINS AT 3PM

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HISTORIANS
Gettysburg the Movie



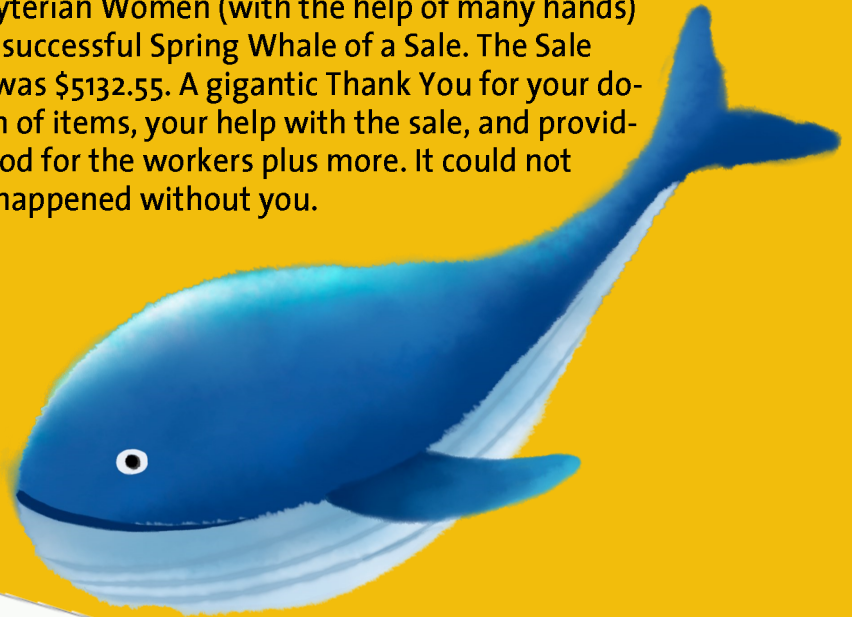
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Spring Whale of a Sale Success

Presbyterian Women (with the help of many hands) had a successful Spring Whale of a Sale. The Sale total was \$5132.55. A gigantic Thank You for your donation of items, your help with the sale, and providing food for the workers plus more. It could not have happened without you.



Save The Dates:

Fall Whale of a Sale—

October 14

Fall Retreat—Awesome Autumn Women's Weekend Away IXV at Ocean Grove, NJ—October 20 to

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REMINDER: Presbyterian Women sells Giant Gift cards on the third Sunday of every month in Narthex.

Second Church Blesses Carlisle

- During a Black History Month event in February, Pastor Jeff Gibelius reached out to Cumberland County Children and Youth Services (CCCYS) and offered our building as a place where foster parents (“Resource Parents”), referred/protected children, biological parents, and CASA volunteers (Court Appointed Special Advocates) can meet to discuss how to move forward to help the children. Second Church is proud that several members are CASA volunteers and Pastor Jeff and Kari Gibelius are former foster parents. In late April CCCYS called and asked to use our building for a supervised visit and consultation. We were glad to oblige as we have done in the past.
- Second Church will host the International Conference of Police Chaplains for three days in September. This organization, which Pastor Jeff has been affiliated with in the past, trains and certifies chaplains to work with officers, crime victims, and arrested individuals.

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Keep Worshiping Over the Summer

10:30 AM— Guest Preachers, Special Soloists,
Nursery Care

— Livestreaming on GrowWithSecond.org
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