

second chronicles



February & March 2024

LENT 2024: *EXPLORE THE CORE*

Ash Wednesday – February 14

6pm Dinner

7pm Worship – This powerful 45 minute service is appropriate for all ages and will include reflection, music, devotion, and meditation as we offer confession and prayers for healing and peace at stations around the Sanctuary. Imposition of ashes will be offered to all. (In person only; no livestream)

Sunday, February 18 – Our Lenten Theme Begins – *EXPLORE THE CORE*

At the root of our Christian life are a few core practices:

we Baptize and celebrate the Lord's Supper

we trust Scripture

we live in community

we give and serve

On four Sundays in Lent Pastor Jeff Gibelius will explore these core practices and what they mean for us today. The first message in the series, on February 18, is Baptism: Assurance of the Presence of God.

Sunday, February 25



Rev. Marcellus Taylor will be our guest preacher. Rev. Taylor is a much appreciated friend of Second Church and has preached for us several times. He is on the staff of the Partnership for Better Health, Carlisle, where he directs their efforts to address inequality in healthcare accessibility and outcomes.

Sunday, March 3 – Explore the Core: The Power of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, March 10 – Explore the Core: The Gift of Community

Sunday, March 17 – Explore the Core: How to Trust the Bible

Palm Sunday – March 24 – Explore the Core: Sacrificial Living/Living Sacrifices

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6pm Dinner

7pm Worship: A Tenebrae Service with the Lord's Supper. (In person and online)



March 31, 10:30am



\$14,684

Thanks to your generous support, His Hands Auto Ministry will be able to replace the roof on their building. Thank you!

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Acting Lessons– Thursday Bible Study with Pastor Jeff

- Continues on Feb 1 and 8 at 11am.
- Will resume after Easter

The Chosen Discussion Group

- Meets February 3 and 10 at 9am



Want to sing with the choir but are not able to come to Thursday 7pm rehearsals?

Join us the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month at 9:45am in the sanctuary to learn the anthem for that day. Anthems on those days will be easier to learn in a short amount of time. Come join the fun!

The Bible and Racism – A Zoom Study Offered by Carlisle Presbytery

Want to learn *from* others and *with* others about this important issue? Join the discussion on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm, Weekly topics are loosely based on John Perkins's book, *One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love*. Pastor Jeff has a copy of the book and will be leading on Feb. 20. For the Zoom link, contact Pastor Jeff (Jeff@GrowWithSecond.org) or Rev. Kristal Smith (kristal.smith@carlislepby.org). Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey, Ph. D. has organized this discussion.

February 6: Rev. Allison Smith, Market Square Presbyterian: "Confession of failures for healing, Luke 15"

February 13: Rev. Nancy Conklin, Camp Hill Presbyterian: "Forgiveness is good for everyone, Matthew 6"

February 20: Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibelius, "Repentance means tearing down walls of distrust, Matthew 3"

February 27: Rev. Caroline Vickery, Waynesboro: "Endurance rather than growing weary, Hebrews 12"

March 5: Rev. Kristal Smith, Presbytery Leader for Governance: "Prayer as Spiritual Warfare, Ephesians 6"

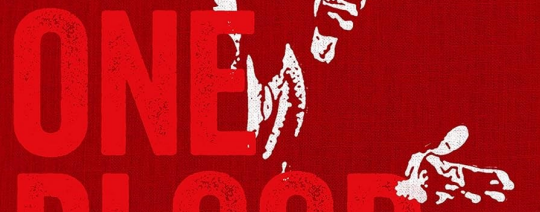
March 12: Rev. Heather Sigler, Pine Street, retired: "Love as the Ultimate Goal of God's Kingdom, 1 Corinthians 13"

March 19: Kevin Burrell, Chair Market Square Anti-racism Committee, "Epilogue, Thy Will Be Done on Earth"

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AND LOVE**

**ONE
BLOOD**

JOHN M. PERKINS WITH KAREN WADDLES
FOREWORD BY RICK WARREN AFTERWORD BY JON FOREMAN



Serve Team supporting missions, locally and around the world.

Through the generosity of Second Church members, the Serve Team was able to bring Christmas cheer to five of our local organizations: Domestic Violence of Cumberland and Perry Counties, Project Share, Community CARES, Safe Harbour and Samaritan Fellowship. This money was used to buy storage for toys, support a kids summer feeding program, and equipment needed for some of the organizations. We donated money to The Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry toward the purchase of a trailer to haul supplies to the camps. And we sent additional dollars to the PCUSA Middle East Disaster Assistance fund.

Out of our Refugee Ministry account we supported Safia Aziz with college tuition. Safia is a member of the Aziz Afghan family whom we have been supporting and mentoring. Safia has a GIS degree from Afghanistan but needs four more classes to become certified in the US.

Out of those funds we also supported the Tres Rios Foundation, which is part of the Tres Rios Presbytery in Texas, of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Their mission is to inspire, equip, and connect PC (USA) congregations on the US-Mexico border and beyond. The Serve Team will be meeting with members of this organization in the future to learn more about the work and challenges they face.



Second Church Volunteer Center

The Volunteer Center is staffed Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 2 pm. Members and visitors can visit at other times, but these are the days and times a volunteer will be in the Center and the doors are open.

Our volunteers are John Gillespie, Darlene Celestino, Gail Hollands, Kathy Day, Roxanne Hagenbuch, Mark Smith and Abigail Smyser. John lives at Chapel Pointe, attends Thursday Bible Study, the Social Justice Circle, serves as our Elder Representative to Presbytery Meetings. You can talk to John on Sunday mornings outside the Sanctuary on the bench. Darlene Celestino has been attending Second Church since 2021. She supports our CYF Ministry as a volunteer, attends Sunday morning classes, serves at The Breakfast Table and is a leader in the Carlisle Neighbors & Newcomers Club. Gail Hollands is grandma to John and Kate Yanity and is Carol Yanity's mother. Gail volunteers regularly at the Project Share Farmstand, is a member of the Serve Team and is an active online scrapbooker. Kathy Day joined Second Church in 2023. Kathy loves to bake and supports our Repast Ministry, currently serves as a Deacon, volunteers with Neighbors in Christ in Newville and has an active role in The Strawberry Court HOA. Abigail Smyser volunteers as a substitute. Abigail participates in the Thursday Bible Study, can often be seen walking with Jedi and her husband Bill in the Church parking lot and plays the Harp and Dulcimer. The staff is extremely appreciative of the support and presence of these volunteers.



Pictured (In Order): John Gillespie, Darlene Celestino, Gail Hollands, Kathy Day, Roxanne Hagenbuch, Mark Smith and Abigail Smyser

Assist staff with tasks

Greet church members and visitors

Distribute mail

Answer the phone

Maintain a neat and orderly Volunteer Office

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If you are interested in volunteering or serving as a substitute, please reach out to Destinee Friskey or Vicki Lantz.

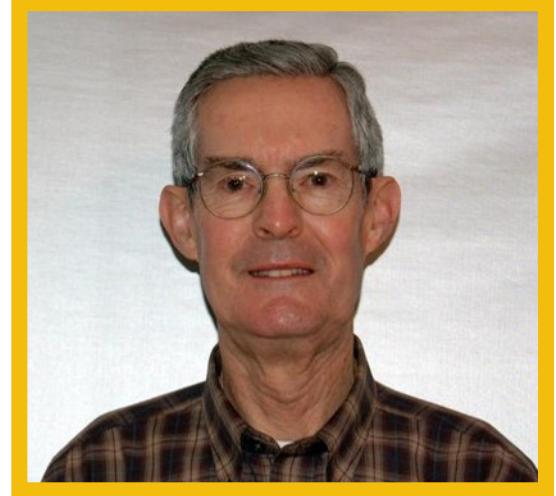
The hours and volunteers for the Volunteer Center:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Substitutes
10 am - 12pm	John Gillespie	Darlene Celestino	Kathy Day	Abigail Smyser
12pm - 2pm	Staff	Gail Hollands	Roxanne Hagenbuch and Mark Smith	

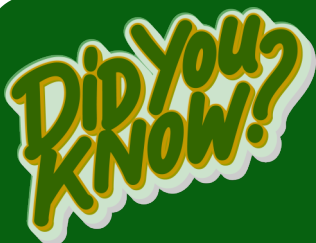
Reflections on 60 Years of Ministry – Dale Bowne

On the occasion of recognizing 60 years of ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, the Rev. Dale Bowne has this reflection to share with our community:

The Lord called me to enter ministry immediately after I graduated from high school. One step at a time through college, seminary, and graduate school, under the mentorship of Paul Ludwig and Bill Rusch, the Lord led me to a teaching ministry at Grove City College. For thirty-six years, students, faculty and administrative colleagues, books, papers, committee meetings, classes, lectures—all consumed the days and years. The Lord gave me joy in this educational work. And in the years since retirement, we continue to maintain contact with the many friends from this academic ministry.



At the same time, Shenango Presbytery sent me weekly to fill pulpits, occasionally lead session meetings, and frequently to lead adult Christian education courses in the churches of the presbytery. In addition, this work even took me to surrounding presbyteries and the synod. For twenty years, I taught at our annual synod school at Wilson College. And then there were the committees. Most memorably, between Shenango and Carlisle Presbyteries, I served nineteen years on Candidates or Preparation for Ministry committees! Through it all, I found great pleasure in serving with my many ministry friends and colleagues.



Our Second Family includes 9 retired pastors?

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Deacons Gift Card Care Packages for College Students

There is still time to support our College Student Care Packages of gift cards. We'll be sending Second Church college students a package of gift cards to their favorite places such as Starbucks, Target, Walmart, Chick-fil-a, etc. Gift cards or cash will be accepted by the Deacons through Sunday, February 4th. Bring them to the church or place them in the envelope in Vicki Lantz's mailbox.

Recently Departed Saints of Second Church



Rev. Crea Clark
January 7, 2024



Mary Brandt
January 8, 2024

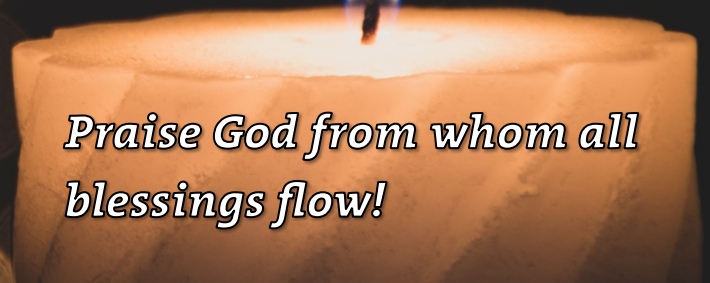
Thank You, Al!

Al Myers was a quiet presence in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings for many years. His long white beard made him a pretty good stand-in for Santa Claus. He passed peacefully into the church triumphant just before Christmas 2023. In gratitude for his Second Family – and with hope for our future – his family has given \$5000 to our Generations Fund. What a wonderful way to say, "Thanks!" As you make your own estate plans, please consider listing "Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle" in your will, life insurance, or IRA as a beneficiary. It's easy to do and it blesses future generations of our Family in countless ways.



Al Myers
September 21,
2023

*Praise God from whom all
blessings flow!*



“Grow With Second” Podcast Debuts



Want to hear what you missed last Sunday? Want to share a sermon with others? A podcast is an audio-only recording that can be accessed from any smartphone or computer. We just started our own “Grow With Second” podcast that can be found on Apple, Amazon Prime Music, Spotify, and wherever you get your podcasts. Many people find it helpful to listen to a sermon while commuting or doing chores or relaxing at the end of the day. Each weekly sermon will be available within 24 hours. We may also upload other material on occasion. You can even “follow” or “subscribe” to our podcast so that it will appear in your podcast library automatically every time there is a new episode. Check it out and tell your friends. It’s a great way to spread the good news! And it doesn’t cost you a cent!

Scenes from Christmas 2023



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Ash
WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

6 PM Potluck

7 PM Worship