

# second chronicles



**October & November 2023**

# COMING UP IN WORSHIP:



## Acting Lessons: Ten Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles

### OCTOBER 1

The Lord's Supper with Extended Communion (for people at home)  
*Acting Lessons: What 's the Best we Can Offer a Hurting World? Acts 3:1-6*  
Baptism of Toby Herman

### OCTOBER 8

*Acting Lessons: Are you 'All In'? Acts 4:32-37, 5:1-11*

### OCTOBER 15

*Acting Lessons: God is in Charge. Acts 5:17-42*  
New Members Join  
Sarah Hostetter's Last Sunday

### OCTOBER 22

*Acting Lessons: Called to Serve. Acts 6:1-7*  
Installation and Ordination of Officers  
Celebration of Deacons  
The Chosen discussion group begins – gam

## OCTOBER 29: REFORMATION SUNDAY

*Acting Lessons: How Prosperity Works. Acts 8:4-24*

“All In” Stewardship Commitments received in Worship followed by “All In” Celebration Lunch after Worship

Guest Musicians in worship and at lunch: Tricia and Steve Bridgeman



## NOVEMBER 5: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Lord's Supper

Thanking God for “All Saints” who have passed in the last year

*Acting Lessons – We are not God's Gate Keepers. Acts 8:26-39*

## NOVEMBER 12

*Acting Lessons – Tabitha's Miracle-and Yours (?). Acts 9:36-47*

Recognition of Military Veterans

## NOVEMBER 19: THANKSGIVING

*Acting Lessons – The Vision that Changed Everything. Acts 10:1-43*

Recognition of People Who've been members for 50 years or more.

## NOVEMBER 26

Preaching: Rev. Jack Larson, Associate Pastor Emeritus

Baptism of Wyatt Mast



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# WHAT DOES BEING

# ALL IN

# MEAN TO YOU?

## Second Church Stewardship 2024

Being “All In” can mean giving 100% to a cause and not holding anything back. For example, “He was all in during that game; he left everything on the playing field.”

Being “All In” can also mean that every member of a group or family has agreed to participate. For example, “When their commander asked the patrol, “are you ‘all in’? Every soldier raised their hand to accept the mission without hesitation.”

Jesus wants us to be “all in” in both of these ways.

He invites us to commit ourselves 100% to his cause.

And he wants each of us to support his cause.

You can do that this month through our All In Stewardship campaign.

Please pray about how you might move closer to giving your all to God’s work in 2024. This might mean growing your giving financially or trying a new way of serving God. As you grow your giving and serving – and trust God with your finances and time – you’ll find that your faith grows, too!

And if you haven’t made an estimate of giving (pledge) in the past – or if you’re not currently giving to God’s work through Second Church – please make an Estimate of Giving and gifts to fulfill it in the coming year. Our goal is for 100% participation from our members. Whatever you give, it brings us closer to that All In goal.

## Continue this Fall: ACTING LESSONS

We're learning from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. On Thursdays at 11 you can be part of the Acting Lessons Bible Study, where we study big chunks of the book. On Sundays in 10:30 worship we look closely at specific scriptures. A complete schedule of readings is available on the Acting Lessons sections of the Connect Page ([GrowWithSecond.org/Connect](http://GrowWithSecond.org/Connect)). Pastor Jeff leads the Acting Lessons studies.

## THE CHOSEN: Discuss each Inspiring Episode

Sundays, 9am, Starting October 22  
In the Chapel or on Zoom

*The Chosen* is an independently produced TV series that dramatizes the lives of Jesus and the disciples in a faithful, powerful, and captivating way. You can stream episodes (45-60 minutes each) on your own whenever you want on YouTube, the Angel Studios app, Amazon Prime, and Netflix. Because it's so faithfully made, we're going to discuss it episode by episode, with Bibles in hand. We'll discuss how each character is portrayed and how we feel about what we are seeing. All ages are welcome to the weekly discussions. Pastor Jeff Gibelius will lead the discussions.

October 22 – Season 1: Episode 1

October 29 – S1: E2

November 5 – S1:E3

November 12 – S1:E4

November 19 – S1:E5

November 26 – S1:E6



## Watch *The Chosen* with Others

Come to the Second Church building on Wednesdays at 11 am for a group “watch party” of the episode that will be discussed on the following Sunday at 9am. Bring snacks to share! Even if you can't make it in on Sundays for the discussion, you are welcome to the weekly watch parties.

# Second Church: Working Together with our Mission Partners

**Project Share** is currently experiencing some changes in personnel. With the departure of the recently hired CEO to replace long standing CEO Bob Weed, they have selected two members of their team to serve in Interim positions: Emma Witwer-Interim CEO & Nutrition Coordinator and Asani Mukusa-Interim CEO and Warehouse Coordinator. Join the Serve Team in praying for the staff and Board of Directors of Project Share as they evaluate their next steps.

Sunday, September 17 was the annual Fare for Share for **Project Share**. Unfortunately, Carlisle received a much-needed day of rain, which proved to be a challenge for this event, and they did not reach their fundraising goals. If you have previously attended this event, but did not this year, you can still support them by sending a donation to Project Share: <https://projectsharepa.org/fare-for-share-2023/>

**The Farmstand** is now offering Your Choice shopping for any Cumberland County resident, there are no qualifying requirements. Your Choice shopping allows the clients to select only those items their family will eat. By Appointment Only.

The Serve Team will be collecting items for “Welcome Home Kits” for **Community CARES** clients who are transitioning from experiencing homelessness into an apartment or home. Watch for a specific list and more information in the coming weeks.

The Seeds class (new members) will be preparing and serving dinner (4-5pm) on Monday, October 16, at **Community CARES**, but they need our help. They are a small group and appreciate the help of our members. Reach out to Julie Rhen (717)330-8281 or Vicki Lantz (717)609-6113 if you can help them complete their mission project. There are many open dates and times to prepare and serve a meal. Get together with a group of friends to prepare and serve a meal. Go to [morethanshelter.org](http://morethanshelter.org) to sign up.

**Safe Harbour Building Update:** Safe Harbour is building and renovating 43 new housing units. Construction on 40 units has begun and will be completed by next fall. This construction is happening on Spring Garden Street in Carlisle near the Carlisle United Methodist Church. Three units are also being renovated on High Street near the First Lutheran Church. This begins the process of adding more units to the growing need for low-income housing. Scott Shewell President and CEO tells us that right now, in Carlisle, there is a need for over 300 units.

**His Hands Auto Repair Ministry, Inc. and Auto Sales** are getting a new roof on their facility. Some materials and labor have been donated and the Serve Team has agreed to help with the cost of insulation. We'll keep you posted on this project. In the meantime, did you know that anyone can use the services of His Hands Auto Repair? They provide professional service; you can donate a used vehicle and you can even buy a vehicle. Their goal is to assist the financially challenged within our community, while offering affordable auto repairs to the public.

## **The Breakfast Table**

**Sunday mornings at 9 am**

**Second Church serving on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am.**

New Life Community began the Breakfast table in 2005, while we were still at the Carlisle Theater. We began noticing that people were hungry because of the gap in the community meals over the weekends. And so we began serving a free breakfast every Sunday morning.

The Breakfast Table is a free meal that is open to anyone and everyone in the community. There is a natural draw for individuals that are experiencing homelessness, however, we provide an open invitation to people who are from all walks of life. This is a place where we build community. We believe in the power of the story and that everyone has a story to tell. What better place for this to happen than at the Table. Second Church began partnering with New Life Community in 2021. On the fifth Sundays Second Church provides the food and serves the meal. This is an opportunity to interact with members from New Life Community as well as individuals needing a meal on Sunday mornings. If you are looking for an opportunity to meet people in need, serve the community and hear their stories, this is the place for you. Our next opportunity to provide the food and serve the meal will be Sunday, October 29th at 8:30 am.

*To sign up go to [GrowWithSecond.org](http://GrowWithSecond.org) home page. For more information, contact Vicki Lantz – [Vicki@GrowWithSecond.org](mailto:Vicki@GrowWithSecond.org) or 717-609-6113.*

## **Crockpot Meal at Safe Harbour**

The Serve Team invites you to help with a Crockpot Meal at Safe Harbour. Safe Harbour provides a systematic process to help their clients reach stable independent living. We will take the residents dinner, spend some time getting to know them and listening to their stories. To get involved you can make a crockpot meal, set up and eat with residents of Safe Harbour, or help to clean up the meal. We will arrive by 5:00 pm to set up the crockpots, at 5:30 pm we will join the residents in eating. Watch the Second Family weekly emails and [GrowWithSecond.org](http://GrowWithSecond.org) for more information and to sign up.



**SUNDAY  
MATINEE**

**SECOND CHURCH HOSTS  
CENTER STAGE OPERA OF PA**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NOV. 5TH**

**PRESENTING  
LA BOHÈME  
BY GIACOMO PUCCINI**

## **Mission House Update**

In 2006 Second Church bought the home next to our Rockledge Drive entrance. Since then it has been used for many purposes and has been occupied by several tenants, including missionaries from overseas, visiting pastors serving other congregations, and ordinary folks. It has also been vacant for many months at a time. The Session's Mission House Task Force has been working for months to prepare to make a recommendation regarding the future of the house. Options under consideration include everything from an outright sale to a lease-type arrangement with a mission partner that might be able to use it for ministry purposes. Contact any Elder for more information.

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# Sarah Hostetter Continues Her Ministry Journey

Sarah joined the staff in September 2021 and over the course of two years has warmed all our hearts and brought inspiration and guidance to our ministries for children, youth, and their families. Her husband, Rev. Andrew Hostetter, has accepted a position as a full-time pastoral care chaplain for a senior living complex in Lancaster, where he is from and where his extended family still resides. Sarah will be taking a pause from parish ministry while they settle in Lancaster, while her ordination journey continues through Philadelphia Presbytery. Please pray for Sarah, Andrew, Sunday, and Preston as they follow God's call. October 15 will be Sarah's last Sunday at Second; we'll thank God for her ministry during worship and at a reception afterward.



*It is at this time that I am in my last month with you, and although I am sad, this congregation has an incredible staff and group of volunteers who will make Children, Youth and Families run smoothly. I will miss you all on Sunday mornings especially either at 9am with the families, or 10:30 with the whole Second Family. I will miss my visitations, coffee's and lunches, I will miss the children's hugs and the wonderful conversations with the youth over donuts and hot cocoa. I will miss staff meetings and staff lunches, and leading worship with Pastor Jeff. God is truly a part of the Second Family and I will always be thankful that you all opened your arms to me. I will come visit and bring my sweet family Preston (10 months), Sunday Grace (3 Years old), and Andrew my husband. I leave you with the words of Saint Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:16, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."*

*With Love and Blessings,  
Sarah*



## Have You Met Terry Brown?

He's our new church treasurer. Terry started last May upon the retirement of Mary Zeladonis. He comes to us with a long background in bookkeeping, including being the Chief Financial Officer of Chapel Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where several members of our Second Family are residents. Terry is married with three college-age kids: he lives in York Springs.

Terry is deeply faithful. One thing that impressed the team that interviewed Terry was learning that during COVID he slept at Chapel Pointe for more than a week straight so as to avoid cross-contamination with his family and resi-

dents. He is truly "all in" when it comes to serving God and God's people.

In addition to his ongoing responsibilities at Chapel Pointe, he works part-time for Second Church, mainly remotely. He is available to meet with you personally by appointment whenever needed. You can easily reach out to him confidentially by email ([Treasurer@GrowWithSecond.org](mailto:Treasurer@GrowWithSecond.org)) or leave a confidential message for him through the Second Church voicemail system (717-243-4571).

# CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES YEARLY EVENTS 2023-2024

JAM- All Year- 9am  
Second Breakfast- All Year- 9am  
Nursery/Prayground- All Year  
Music with Michelle -

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# MEMBER MINISTRIES



## Women's Awesome Autumn Weekend Away XIV in Ocean Grove NJ: October 20-22

Registration deadline was September 18 but check with Lillian Wong 717-319-7296 if availability of rooms

## Whale of a Sale: October 14

Presbyterian Women are busy preparing for our fall Whale of a Sale. For any of you who are new, it is a huge one day sale on Saturday from 7 am till 3



pm (Bag sale from 1 pm till 3 pm with as much as you can fit in a paper grocery bag for \$1) in the rotunda. Many volunteers from the church and a few from the community work with us to make this happen. The week before sale day is "set-up" week.

It is work but is also fun! We welcome all volunteers old and new!

### WHAT IS NEEDED:

- We need donations from you (clean clothes, shoes, purses, accessories, bed and bath, household items, seasonal, toys, books and music, jewelry, electronics, anything you wish to donate EXCEPT furniture, old TV's and computers - Items can be dropped off at the church Monday through Thursday 8 am till 4 pm and Wednesday till 7 pm and Friday 8 am till Noon.
- We need help to set up, sort, price, arrange items Monday thru Friday - some folks work all week, or a day or a few hours. We especially need help on the day of the sale and clean-up after the sale (3 pm)
- We need folks to donate a food for worker's lunch each day.

There will be a sign up opportunity for all in the narthex several weeks before the sale or contact Sandra Goodling 717-422-7009 or Carol Turner 717-462-4875



## GIANT GIFT CARDS

Sold in Narthex 3rd Sunday of each month. It's not too early to plan ahead for holiday food buying and gift giving.

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