

second chronicles



April & May 2024

WORSHIP IN EASTERTIDE

March 28—Maundy Thursday

6pm Dinner—Bring a friend!

7pm Worship—A Tenebrae Service with the Lord's Supper. (Live Streamed)

March 31—Easter Sunday

10:30am—Worship for all (Live Streamed)

Enjoy the Hallelujah! Chorus. Bring a friend!

April 7

Rev. Jim Richards will share a message of hope for the season, and we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper together .

April 14-May 12

ACTING LESSONS RESUME! Pastor Jeff Gibelius will continue our series of sermons on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, starting with Acts 16.

May 19—Pentecost Worship

Our Children and Youth will lead us in remembering the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church and we'll ordain new elders and deacons.



The 2024 Easter Offering will be used to support Project SHARE'S Summer Feeding Program 4 Kids. Children and Youth is a priority for the Serve Team and Project SHARE's Summer Feeding Program 4 Kids is one way we carry out our mission. The program meets the needs of children and youth who no longer receive free or reduced-price meals when school is no longer in session.

This program saw a 33% increase from 2022 to 2023, feeding on average 570 kids weekly, translating to over 79,500 meals. That's 20,000 more meals from one summer to the next. Project SHARE is anticipating another increase due to the closing of a warehouse in March which affected 478 employees.

For children in PreK-18 years, Project SHARE provides healthy and easy-to-prepare breakfasts and lunches throughout the greater Carlisle area. The program runs from June to August and is a Drive-Thru Distribution model. Join the Serve Team in helping Project SHARE serve the children and youth in our community.



Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 29.

Pray with other Carlisle Christians at various locations for the needs of our community. Starts at Noon at New Life Community Church, 64 E. North Street (Parking available at New Life Community). Concludes at 1:50PM at Saint Patrick Shrine Church, E. Pomfret St. Rain Location—New Life Community. Sponsored by Carlisle area churches.

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Rhys Weibel

Arts at Second Church: Young Bagpiper to Play

Second Church supports many young musicians in a variety of ways, especially by featuring them in worship leadership. On Maundy Thursday, March 28, Rhys Weibel, an eighth grade member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hagerstown, MD, will play for us before worship. Rhys is a student at St. Patrick School and has been studying the bagpipes for about two years. Why bagpipes? He says, "I play them because they are fun, and I like to compete."

NEWS from the Session

The leaders of the congregation are focused right now on a few major areas. One is ministry for Children, Youth, and Families. A 7-member task force has been formed to discover our strengths and determine what we need to build on them for the future. Everyone in the congregation will be invited to participate in the process. The outcome will be staffing recommendations and a slate of initiatives that are organic to Second Church. In the fall this process will be repeated with Adult Ministry. Another current area of Session focus is long-term Facilities budgeting. The Facilities Committee has several projects in mind (from repairing a shed to re-surfacing the parking lot) and we are planning now to accomplish these in the next few years.

Join the Thursday Bible Study with Pastor Jeff— Acting Lessons

Resuming on April 11 at 11am, study the Book of Acts chapter by chapter. No preparation necessary.



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**Second
Family
FUN
NIGHT!**

**Sunday
April 7
4-6pm.**

Pizza, Laughs, and.... Ultimate Extreme BINGO-palooza!

“Fabulous Prizes” for all Ages

Social Justice Circle

Our discussion group will start a new study of immigration and the Bible on Wednesday, April 17th, 11-noon in the chapel.

The Social Justice group has studied and discussed several books involving justice and compassion for those born into status such that they face prejudice, persecution, and unjust systems that hold them down. We've discussed how these things impact the lives of neighbors who are Black, Native American, impoverished, LGBTQIA+. Our next book pushes into the

realm of those born in terrible political circumstances such that they flee and immigrate. The issue of how nations handle immigration impacts over 230 million refugees across our globe. What do just laws look like? To what extent are we responsible to care for those fleeing injustice and seeking asylum in our land? How do we balance protecting the rights of our own citizens with care for children, orphans, and widows of violence arriving at our borders? Can we determine clear rights and wrongs in these complex issues? **THE BIBLE AND BORDERS**, by M. Daniel Carroll R. Is our Bible study book for April and May.

Questions? Contact Sandra Goodling, 717.422.7009

Our Building Blesses Carlisle

Despite remote work and hybrid meetings, our church building is as busy as ever, serving our community. Of course we host committee meetings, church choir rehearsals, and Second circle small group meetings, but here are just a few community groups and events that we've hosted recently.

Cantate Carlisle
Cantate Young Voices
Cantate Primer Choir
Carlisle Homeschool Co-op
International Assoc. of Police Chaplains
Voting
Moving Circles Friendship Dinner
Martin Luther King Lunch
Penn State Master Gardeners
Carlisle Garden Club
Alcoholics Anonymous

Carlisle Music Arts Club
Carlisle Theater's Players on High
American Association of University Women(AAUW)
Multiple Sclerosis Support Group
Cumberland County Foster Family gatherings
Members' Homeowners Associations
Members' Birthday Parties
Al-Anon
Carlisle Area Leaders Network

Our beautiful, accessible, high-tech building is not just a great tool for ministry, it's one way we bless our community.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Join us for Pick-Up Choir!

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

NEXT ANTHEM DATES:

April 14th
May 12th (Mother's Day)

Music in the Community

Saturday, May 4th
7:30pm

YOLO
We Have But a Second

Sunday, May 5th
3pm

*YOLO - You Only Live Once

Cantate
Carlisle
CHORAL ENSEMBLE

featuring

CYV
Cantate Young Voices

& introducing

CPC
Cantate Primer Choir

at Carlisle Theatre

Cantate Carlisle

Featuring Second Singers:
Lloyd Kappeler, Steve
Keefer, Larry Estes,
Alyanna Montgomery,
and director
Michelle Trefren

Hansel & Gretel

Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 2:30pm

Hosted at Second Church

Featuring Second member,
Leah Gibson!

HANSEL
AND GRETTEL

CYF NEWS—(CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES)

April 14th - Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

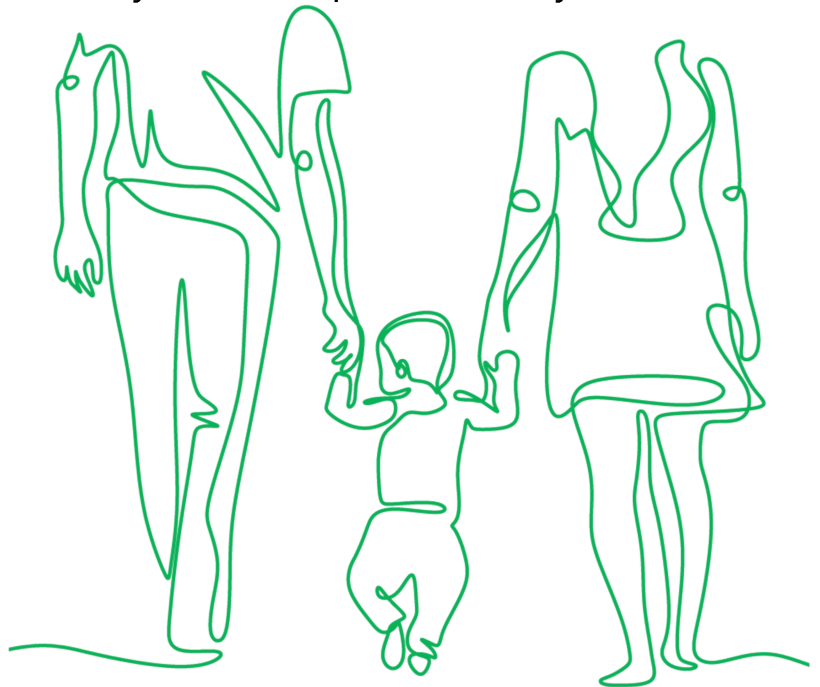
Youth will prepare and serve meals for Carlisle community members

9am Food Prep

4:45pm - Meal Served at Salvation Army (20 E. Pomfret St, Carlisle)

May 19th - “Three Trees”

CYF will present a skit about how God calls us. It is not always what we expect, but it always fulfills our purpose.



Second Hosts Free Document Shredding Event for Community— April 6

We want you to be able to dispose of personal documents safely and confidentially. That’s why we said, “Yes!” when PA Sen. Greg Rothman’s office called and asked if we would host a shredding event for the community in our parking lot. Anyone can drop off documents for shredding during the hours of 9 am to 12 pm. Rain or shine. Bring up to 5 boxes of documents.

MEMBER MINISTRIES



Spring Whale of a Sale!—April 20, 7am to 3pm

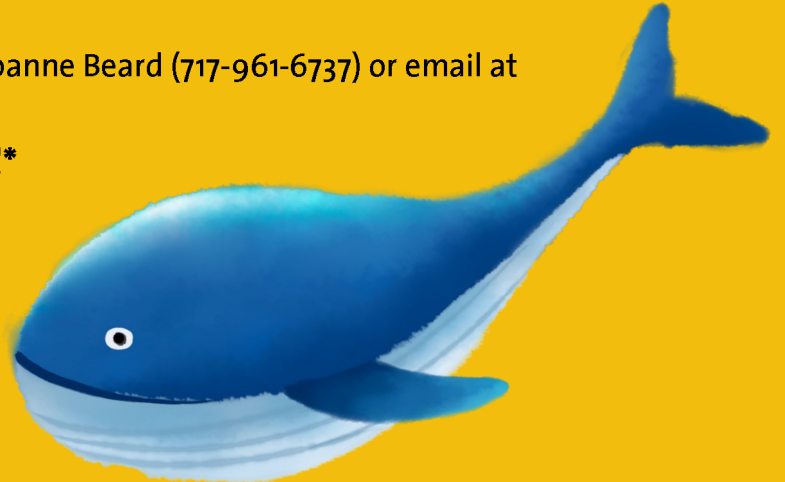
Greatly needed are donations of clean clothing, household items, shoes, accessories, books, seasonal items, jewelry, etc. No furniture or TV's please. Bring items to church Monday thru Thursday the week of the sale (4/15-18) 8 am till 4 pm and 8 am till noon on Friday. Donations are also accepted Wednesday evening till 7 pm the week of the sale.

Volunteers are also greatly needed daily to help set up the week prior to the sale.

Help is especially needed on the day of sale and for clean up at 3 pm after sale. Sandra Goodling will be sending out an email sign up link for volunteering or call her if any questions. (717-422-7009).

If you are able to donate food for the workers, call Joanne Beard (717-961-6737) or email at beardrl@aol.com.

Join our Whale of a Sale Facebook group!



Save The Dates:

Women's Awesome Autumn Weekend Away XV
in Ocean Grove, NJ—October 18-20

2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women—August 8-11—St. Louis, Missouri



Giant gift cards are sold in the Narthex the 3rd Sunday of each month.



From the family of Crea and Janet Clark: We have no adequate words to thank our Second Family for their outreach in cards, food, hugs, and prayers following the passing of our parents to glory in January. We are mourning, but also rejoicing in their release from their physical bodies to a place of love, music, and Jesus! We celebrated our father's life in January, and Pastor Jeff will be leading a Celebration of Life for our mother on Saturday, June 22nd at 11 am at Second Presbyterian Church.

With our thanks and gratitude, Stephen and Carol Partridge and the Clark family.

Dear friends at Second Presbyterian Church, We are deeply moved and thankful for your shared interest and amazingly generous gift for our upcoming roof project. God continues to bless our ministry through people like you. We thank God for you as people of faith and action.

With deepest appreciation and thanks,
The Employees and Board of Directors at His Hands Auto Repair Ministry

Enhancing Spiritual Connection: Communion in the Home by Church Leaders

In a heartwarming display of community outreach, church leaders bring Communion directly to the homes of congregants. With the participation of 18 dedicated elders, deacons, and pastors, this initiative ensures that communion is not confined to the walls of the church but extends into the intimate setting of believers' homes. By organizing volunteers to make single visits, ample time is provided for personal interaction and spiritual communion with each recipient. This approach fosters deeper connections between church leaders and congregants while accommodating individual needs and circumstances.

Through the coordinated efforts of these committed church leaders, communion becomes more than a ritual; it becomes a profound expression of care and solidarity within the faith community. By visiting 14 second family members, they demonstrate a compassionate commitment to reaching out to every member of the congregation, regardless of their ability to attend traditional services. This innovative approach not only ensures accessibility to the sacrament but also cultivates a sense of belonging and support among believers, strengthening the bonds of fellowship and enriching the spiritual journey for all involved.

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· Celebrate ·

EASTER

· He is Risen ·

March 31, 10:30 AM