



April 2024

CELEBRATIONS, UPDATES AND MORE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

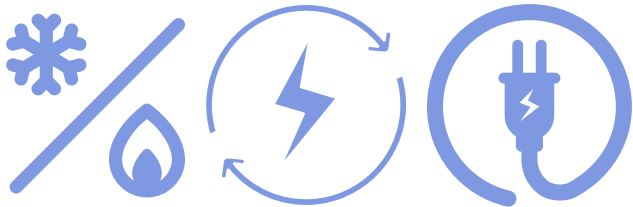
We're already approaching the fourth month and are nearly one-third of the way through 2024! As we enter into April, please take a look to see all of the exciting happenings for the month and beyond.

UPDATE FROM TRUSTEES

The church Trustees are responsible for providing a comfortable and secure campus, which includes maintenance of buildings and grounds as well as having processes and procedures for the use and care of the campus.

A Major Investment

One key piece of the management of the building is a comfortable, efficient heating and cooling system with the goal of reducing consumption of utility resources. Knowing the HVAC control system was 28 years old, the Trustees with funds provided by Foundation, made a major investment in 2023 to replace the main heating and cooling control system. This work included installing new temperature sensors in most places in the building as well as a full energy audit.



Great News!

Since the completion of the project last November, our electricity consumption has been reduced by 120,000 kilowatt hours and \$20,000 (through March) as compared to the same time the year before. To put in perspective to your home usage, one kilowatt hour is equal to running your dishwasher for one hour, watching TV for 20 hours or running your refrigerator for three hours.

Savings from this investment will be used to fund other increases in the Trustee 2024 budget and make necessary improvements to our campus including the following:

- Upgrade to campus security camera system and exterior door repairs.
- Replace non-functioning emergency/exit lights with LED lights and convert existing room lighting to LED as funds become available.
- Make necessary HVAC equipment repairs throughout the campus.

If you have questions, contact David Kaeb, Trustee Elder, or Tammy Haggard, Operations Manager.

HELP SUPPORT FOX CREEK STUDENTS

Help support Fox Creek's Summer Reading Program by sponsoring a supply bag for a student! For just a \$10 donation, you will help to purchase a pencil sharpener, unlined notebook, markers, stickers, bubbles and scissors. Students will also be supplied with crayons, pencils and glue. For more information, contact Jamie Kaiser, Family Ministry Director, at jamie.kaiser@secondpres.com

SUMMER READING AND ARTS PROGRAM

Help support Fox Creek's Summer Reading Program by sponsoring a supply bag for a student!

Your **\$10** donation will go toward:

- pencil sharpener
- unlined notebook
- markers
- stickers
- bubbles
- Scissors

Students will also be given crayons, pencils, and glue.





EARTH CARE

Serving and Preserving God's Creation

SAVE THE DATE

The 2PC Earth Day celebration is Sunday, April 21st at 9 AM with an Earth Day celebration service and then with an all-church brunch (suggested donation \$8) immediately following the church service. At the brunch, we will welcome a special speaker, Rev. Cindy Shepherd, from Faith In Place, a non-profit organization where people of diverse faiths and spiritualities are leading the environmental movement to create healthy, just, and sustainable communities for all. Pastor Cindy is the director of the Faith In Place, Green Team effort where houses of worship commit to educate and develop sustainable and healthy lifestyles for their members. Also, for the month of April, test your recycling knowledge by visiting the Recycling display in the South Entrance and take the Recycling quiz provided by the Ecology Action Center for a chance to win a compost bucket or an AB Hatchery gift card.

New Member Class

Sunday, April 14
after service



Interested in becoming a member of Second Pres? Join our new member class on Sunday, April 14! Class will begin after the 9:00 a.m. service has finished. Class will last about 90 minutes and a light brunch will be served. If you are interested, please call the church office to reserve a spot at 309-828-6297.



Group Sale

SAVE THE DATE July 26 & 27



TIME TO UPDATE YOUR PHOTO IN SHELBY?

Please see the following dates and times to have a new ID photo taken for your Shelby account:

- Sunday April 14: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
- Sunday April 21: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
- Sunday April 28: 8 a.m.



For more information contact Barb Meek.

APRIL BLOOD DRIVE

in memory and honor of
Mike McKnight, "Mr. Red Cross"

Thursday, April 18
Fellowship Hall
1:00-6:00 P.M.



Spring Helping Hands

WITH SECOND HALF MINISTRY

Second Half has scheduled its Spring Helping Hands clean up for Saturday, May 4, beginning at 9 a.m. If any members would like assistance with leaf raking, yard work, or repotting, please contact Kim Pare at Church or Shelly Gant.





KIDS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES NEED YOU!

Do you want our church to have a thriving Kid's and Youth Ministry program??? Please read below to see how you can help. **WE NEED YOU!**

Your support is vital! Our Kids & Youth ministry programs are in **urgent need of volunteers**. Currently, our dedicated volunteers are shouldering numerous responsibilities and feeling the strain. Many of them generously contribute not only to KidsMin & YOUTH Min but also to various other areas of the church. As **our ministry continues to flourish**, we're inviting individuals like you to join us in nurturing its growth. Our primary goal is to **ensure that families receive the safest and most nurturing environment** possible. Achieving this requires the support of compassionate adults like yourself. We have several areas where your help is greatly needed:

1. Sunday School Volunteers:
 - Assist the Family Ministry Director in creating an engaging experience for the children. This involves debriefing the lesson from Foundations time, organizing craft or game activities until parents arrive.
2. Wednesday Evening Volunteers (Elementary or Jr. High):
 - Elementary volunteers will help maintain focus, oversee bathroom visits, facilitate dinner conversations, build relationships, and supervise crafts.
 - Jr. High volunteers will lead games, participate in dinner conversations, and engage students in discussions about faith.
3. Sunday Morning Check-In/Security:
 - Welcome families, check children in, ensure necessary paperwork is completed, and monitor designated areas to restrict unauthorized access.
 - Supervise bathroom usage to ensure separation between children and adults.
 - Volunteers are needed for the duration of the Sunday service, with a goal of rotating **volunteers to serve one Sunday per month.**

Training: Training will be provided to ensure all volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities. This will include familiarization with Second Pres' child protection policy and Sexual Abuse Awareness.

Your involvement will make a significant difference in the lives of our youth and families. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our community.

Please contact Jamie Kaiser at jamie.bishop@secondpres.com to find out what is the best fit for you.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me (Cheryl) at (309)287-1415

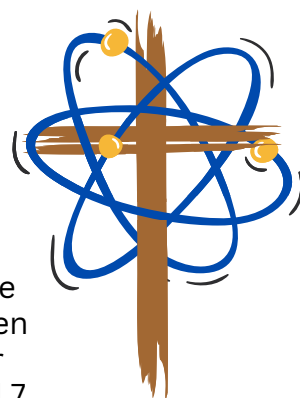
Thank you,
Cheryl Chrisman
Youth and Family Ministry Elder

MONTH OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE

The month of April is the "Month of Hope" around the world. To instill hope in others, Local Missions will begin a month-long food drive on April 1. As the need for our Free Little Pantry is ever growing, so is the need for donations. Below are some of the items we usually recommend:



- Tuna/chicken in pouches
- Ramen noodle packs (any flavor)
- Soup with pull tabs any flavor
- Vienna sausage any flavor
- Single packs of crackers
- Small jars of peanut butter
- Small boxes of cereal
- Pasta dishes in cans w/pull tabs
- Mac & cheese or Ramen noodles
- Veggies in cans
- Individual potatoes (not a bag)
- Items for single serve
- Protein packed items



The next ACE class series will be "Historical Relationship Between Faith & Science" with Professor Nathan Kapoor, beginning April 7.

Too often faith and science are viewed as opposites where one must either choose to have faith or believe in science. But throughout much of history, science and faith were intertwined and viewed as two sides of the same coin. This course will take six moments in history to deep dive into how the great science thinkers connected to faith.

For the most information, visit secondpres.com/cestudies or contact Eric Vinsel.



You're invited to a Retirement Celebration

for Dr. Scott Ferguson during the 9 a.m. worship Service with brunch following on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Scott is retiring after 28 years directing the Chapel Choir, leading countless performances at Second Pres, and overseeing the Choir Intern Program. Please join us in celebrating Scott! There will be a place to leave cards or monetary donations as we wish him "good luck" in the next phase of his life.

EVERY SUNDAY

- 8:30 am: Sunday Morning Brunch
- 9:00 am: Worship Service
- 10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)
- 10:15 am: High School Brunch

EVERY TUESDAY

- 6:00-8:00 pm: FTC Robotics
Lego League Robotics
- 7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 6:00-7:30 pm: K-5th Kid's Min (90 min.)
- 6:00-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUth Min (90 min.)
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

EVERY THURSDAY

- 11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch
- 12:00 pm: Rotary Club Luncheon

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 3: Joe Hanson | 15: Sally Wilson |
| 3: Leslie Hanson | 17: Mary Crowe |
| 3: Becca Johnson | 17: Mackenzie Jager |
| 4: Mike Murray | 18: Stacey Barger |
| 4: Julie Shackley | 18: Scott Hamilton |
| 6: Rogers Freedlund | 18: Gail Lamb |
| 6: Marjorie Hauge | 18: Harbour Marquardt |
| 6: Stella Hoffman | 18: Richard Savage |
| 6: Willow Hoffman | 20: John Morris |
| 7: Catherine Kussmann | 20: Ruth Oesch |
| 7: Linda Steele | 20: Lesley Richmond |
| 8: Joanne Randolph | 20: Florian Rueck |
| 8: Scott Stanley | 21: Jaci Dixon |
| 8: Ann Sullivan | 21: John Grootenhuis |
| 9: Harvey Styron | 21: Tammy Haggard |
| 9: Roger Truesdale | 21: Connie Holloway |
| 10: Sandy Ireland | 21: Susan Pouliot |
| 10: Norah Miller | 22: Marlene Gregor |
| 11: Kim Pare | 22: Jon Scholl |
| 11: Joshua Secord | 23 Joel Speer |
| 12: Yvonne DuToit | 24: Maggie Juvinall |
| 12: Morgan Marquardt | 24: Marilyn Mertz |
| 13: Robbie Brent | 26: Scott Kussmann |
| 13: Mike McGaughan | 26: Darrel Oehler |
| 13: Eric Meister | 27: Guy Fraker |
| 14: Jay Chrisman | 27: Kate Lamb |
| 15: Kennedy Davenport | 27: Janie Lewis |
| 15: Judy Dickinson | 28: Kathy Frank |
| 15: Sylvia Gibson | 28: Nicholas Manning |
| 15: Kim Hamilton | 28: Janet Polzin |
| 15: Cheryl Hanson | 29: Ilene Beach |
| 15: Robert Maxey | 29: Gretchen Cetin |
| 15: Tobie Schroeder | 29: Marin Marquardt |
| | 30: Kate Springer |

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Summary through February 29, 2024 - Actuals compared to the Prorated Budget

	Actual	Prorated Budget	Net Result
Contributions	\$272,272	\$217,700	\$54,572
Other Receipts	\$12,195	\$10,353	\$1,842
Foundation Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	\$229,147	\$260,866	\$31,719
Net Total	\$55,320	-\$32,813	\$88,133

Contributions are favorable compared to the prorated budget by \$54,572. Other Receipts are favorable being \$1,842 more than the prorated budget. Additionally, during the first two months of 2024, none of the total \$250,000 budgeted Foundation support was needed to support church operations. Expenses are favorable as they are \$31,719 less than the prorated budget. This provides a \$88,133 favorable variance for the first two months in 2024.

Stewardship Sunday was Sunday, September 17th. As of March 25th, the church has collected 140 stewardship cards totaling \$902,055. The annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 21st. The 2024 annual budget includes a \$122,455 deficit. Please refer to the annual report on the church's website for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Wylie, the finance elder, or Joanne Randolph in the church's finance office.



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FROM THE HERITAGE ARCHIVES

Meet our newest Heritage Committee Intern!



Hi! My name is Emma Hying, and I am the Heritage Committee intern this semester. A little about me: My family lives in Chillicothe, IL, my mom (52) works in Caterpillar's HR department, my dad (54) works as a welder for Caterpillar, I have an older sister (23) who lives in St. Louis pursuing music therapy, younger brother (12) who goes to middle school and is heavily involved in athletics, and I am set to marry my high school sweetheart (21) after we both graduate in 2025. He is pursuing a degree in Agriculture Education from the University of Illinois in Champaign and is an executive member of their Farmhouse chapter. My entire family is Christian, born and raised, including my future in-laws, and I come from very large extended families, so family is very important to me. I am a full-time student at ISU majoring in History-Social Science Education for high school students and am currently a 3rd year student. God has blessed me with this experience, and I am ever so thankful for it.

I am so excited to be archiving these collections of documents, photos, record books, etc., especially under Jeanie Wendt and the Heritage Committee. On my first day, Jeanie gave me a tour of the entire church building and I was most astonished by the façade at the entrance of the sanctuary. I have a personal love of architecture, especially in churches, so to walk by this piece of art on a regular basis is a privilege. When I got the chance to meet the other members of the Heritage Committee, I inspired a motion to install a plaque explaining the history of the façade to all who pass by. It was in that instant that I knew I had more than just a connection with Jeanie Wendt, I also had a connection with the committee. We share the value of preserving history in order to educate people about the past. It is an honor to be able to do this.

My first archival collection is called "Fellowship Veterans Breakfast" and encompassed materials from 2008-2023. The event itself occurred in November of every year, except 2021 due to COVID. For 2021 there is a formal report instead of the typical planning documents, program, and photos I encountered. The breakfast included the local boy scout troop and veterans from the whole community, not just from the church. I have a soft spot for veterans because my father and 3 of his 4 siblings served in Desert Storm as Marines, so for the church to care about veterans to the extent that they honor and feed them year after year was heartwarming. In the records, I found that I enjoyed the speeches given at each event because the emotion is palpable throughout their language and honesty about their experiences.

My second collection is also in fellowship, but a slightly different realm of it. This one revolves around Men's Fellowship within the Second Presbyterian Church. It was started in 1908, originally called the Men's Brotherhood Bible Class. In 1936 another group was started simply referred to as the Men's Club. Both groups later combined forces in the early 1940s. Jacob L. Hasbrouck was a part of the Printing and Press Committee for the church and wrote different types of pieces for the Men's Brotherhood Bible Class and Men's Club. Several of his works are included in the series. My favorite part of this collection is the old record books, I never in my life thought that I would be able to work with a source from pre-WWI with my own hands.

Currently, I am working on a more general fellowship collection, including JOY/2nd Half, Small Groups, and exciting church-wide events. As I have just recently started this collection, I know very little about it, but it is exciting to see the breadth of impact that this church has within its membership. There are so many interesting events as well, like the Advent Madrigal Dinner. I was at one time a soprano in a madrigal dinner at my high school and am well acquainted with the beauty and scope of the dinner itself, the preparation required, and the fun had whilst performing. As I continue with this collection, I am thrilled to continue to learn all about the activities of this church outside of its walls.

I am very enthusiastic about this internship, as I am sure you can tell! It is uncommon for the schedule of a History Ed major to work out and allow an internship like this to occur, so I am forever blessed to have this opportunity. I am constantly telling people how wonderful it is to be able to come to Second Presbyterian Church and archive 3 nights a week. It is a peaceful experience, especially with some classical music in the background. Rain or shine, I am always glad to be here!