

# THE CONNECT

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## HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Thursday, April 1 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, April 2 6:30 PM Good Friday Art Show  
7 PM Tenebrae Service  
Sunday, April 4 8 & 10:30 AM Easter Service  
*Services will be in person and streamed on [YouTube Channel](#).*

## CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 5

The building will be closed on Monday, April 5, to allow staff the opportunity to spend time with their families.

## JOY PROGRAM: LOOKING FORWARD VERSION 2021

*What Didn't Happen in 2020...Now What do We Do?*

**Friday, April 9, 11:00 AM**

Call the church office to REGISTER TODAY to hear Pastor Trey Haddon's assessment on what the next year will look like. Questions, contact Rich Schroeder at [RSCLARINET@gmail.com](mailto:RSCLARINET@gmail.com).

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STUDY: THE CALL

**Sundays, April 11 - May 16, 7 PM (ZOOM)**

Join David Kaeb and Jeanie Wendt as they lead this Sunday evening Bible study covering Adam Hamilton's book/video, [The Call](#). Participants will share insights and travel to the sites of Paul's four journeys.

Purchase your book at the church for \$10. Register today on the by completing the [registration form on-line](#) or with Kim Pare and receive your Zoom information. Questions, contact Jeanie Wendt at (309)828-3506 or [wendtfarm@gmail.com](mailto:wendtfarm@gmail.com).

*For those who do not use electronic communication, you may purchase the book, and class outlines will be available for each session.*

## SECOND HALF SEMINAR: THE ABC'S OF HOSPICE CARE

**Sunday, April 18, 1:30 PM**

Call Kim Pare at the church at (309)828-6297 to RSVP to hear a panel discussion led by Laura Rich, Carle Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. Questions, contact Shelly Gant at (309)963-4361 or [thegants@frontiernet.net](mailto:thegants@frontiernet.net).

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, April 22, 1-6 PM**

Donors can schedule appointments by contacting Bill Cummins at [brcummin@gmail.com](mailto:brcummin@gmail.com), online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), calling 1-800-red-cross (733-2767) or by using the Blood Donor App on your device.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP! Returns Friday, May 7 at 8 PM

Due to Holy Week, Theology on Tap is taking off the month of April. We invite you to join us for the Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 2 and look forward to gathering again for round 3 of Theology of Tap in May. Questions, contact Pastor Trey Haddon at [treyh@secondpres.com](mailto:treyh@secondpres.com).

## HELPING HANDS: SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY!

**Saturday, May 8, 9 AM - Noon**

Need help with those spring cleaning chores? We can help! Contact Shelly Gant at (309)963-4361 or [thegants@frontiernet.net](mailto:thegants@frontiernet.net) for more information.

## FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

**From Kyle Johnson**

Family Ministries is gearing up for a safe, soft opening as the COVID-19 cases are declining and vaccines are becoming more available. We are cautiously returning to our Wednesday and Sunday service opportunities while establishing a new social ministry model. We are looking for families who want to build relationships and volunteers to assist us. Both will ensure healthy growth and development for all as we create a mobile and physical ministry experience. If this is you, or someone you know, contact [Kyle.Johnson@secondpres.com](mailto:Kyle.Johnson@secondpres.com) so we can get you vetted and added to our roster for Spring Training. We have a lot of growing to do to ensure that Second Pres is a healthy landing spot for ALL people. *Let's Get 2 Work, Team!*

## SECOND PRES PRESCHOOL: REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration is now OPEN for the 2021-2022 school year. Visit the [preschool page](#) on the church website or contact the Preschool Director, [miranda.frank@secondpres.com](mailto:miranda.frank@secondpres.com) for more information.

## BUILDING TASK FORCE REMINDER

Safety continues to be a priority to all those that enter the building. Please note the following:

- Face masks are required at all times.
- Maintain social distancing.
- With Preschool back in session, access to Martin Hall main level is limited to Tuesday and Fridays during office hours, including the Library and the Chapel.
- All people entering the building must check-in with the receptionist during week.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Terri Peifer<br>3 Joe Hanson, Leslie Hanson, Becca Johnson, Jacob Walls<br>4 Mike Murray, Kristen Scalf, Julie Shacklye<br>6 Rogers Freedlund, Marjorie Hauge<br>7 Catherine Kussmann, Linda Steele<br>8 Jack Hanks, Joanne Randolph, Scott Stanley, Ann Sullivan<br>9 Audrey Naffziger, Harvey Styron, Roger Truesdale<br>10 Sandy Ireland, Norah Miller<br>11 Kim Pare, Joshua Secord<br>12 Yvonne Du Toit, Morgan Marquardt<br>13 Robbie Brent, Mike McGaughan, Eric Meister | 14 Jay Chrisman<br>15 Kennedy Davenport, Judy Dickinson, Sylvia Gibson, Kim Hamilton, Cheryl Hanson, Robert Maxey, Tobie Schroeder, Sally Wilson<br>17 Mary Crowe<br>18 Stacey Barger, Noah Blickensderfer, Scott Hamilton, Gail Lamb, Harbour Marquardt, Richard Savage<br>20 Macy Frank, Angi Glusick, John Morris, Ruth Oesch, Lesley Richmond<br>21 Jaci Dixon, John Grootenhuis, Tammy Haggard, Connie Holloway, Susan Pouliot<br>22 Marlene Gregor, Jon Scholl, Eileen Veatch<br>23 Joel Speer | 24 Maggie Juvinall, Marilyn Mertz<br>26 Scott Kussmann, Darrel Oehler<br>27 Guy Fraker, Bill Frank, Kate Lamb, Janice Lewis, Joyce Maitland<br>28 Kathy Frank, Nicholas Manning, Janet Polzin<br>29 Illene Beach, Gretchen Cetin, Kevin Chunko, Marin Marquardt, Mary Selk<br>30 Eli Bledsoe, Kate Springer |
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*Happy Birthday!*

### FLARE FOR FLOWERS?

Do you enjoy arranging flowers and want to share your talents? To learn more about how you can service, contact Janet Frankeberger at [sjfrankeberger@aol.com](mailto:sjfrankeberger@aol.com).

### CLERK'S COMMENTS

On February 21, Second Pres held its Annual Congregational Meeting where four Elders and three Deacons were ordained. Following the meeting, the 2021 Operating Budget and Annual Report were received and Pastor Terms of Call were approved. You may view the meeting on our [YouTube Channel](#). Questions, contact Bill Cummins at [session.cerk@secondpres.com](mailto:session.cerk@secondpres.com).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financials thru February 28, 2021	ACTUALS	PRORATED BUDGET	NET RESULTS
Contributions	\$207,458	\$184,533	\$22,925
Other Receipts	\$8,774	\$3,509	\$5,265
Foundation Support	0	0	0
Expenses	\$216,768	\$207,656	(\$9,112)
Net Total	(\$536)	(\$19,614)	\$19,078

Contributions are favorable compared to the prorated budget expectation by \$22,925. Other Receipts are favorable being \$5,265 greater than the prorated budget. Additionally, thru February none of budgeted Foundation support was needed thus far. Expenses are unfavorable as they are \$9,112 greater than the prorated budget. This provides a \$19,078 favorable variance based on the budgeted income and spending plan.

It is never too late to turn in a pledge for 2021. Thank you for continuing your gifts and support to the church. Questions, contact Mike Ireland, Finance Elder, at [mwireland@comcast.net](mailto:mwireland@comcast.net) or Joanne Randolph, Finance Director, at [Joanne.Randolph@secondpres.com](mailto:Joanne.Randolph@secondpres.com).

### HERITAGE CORNER

Visit the Heritage Corner in the South Entry and see the display highlighting two sacraments of the Presbyterian denomination. Look closely at the communion table from the old church to see one of the most interesting and amusing stories surrounding the particular displayed communion set. While you are there, take a look at the Quilt Ministry display. The work and faith of our Quilt Ministry is truly amazing. To learn more about the Quilting Ministry, contact Gayle Powell at [twpgmp0328@gmail.com](mailto:twpgmp0328@gmail.com).

### HUMAN RESOURCE UPDATE Sara Palmgren, Chair

In March, we sadly experienced the resignation of Carolyn Coleman, Director of Communication. Carolyn was a dear friend to many and will be missed. We wish her well, and pray for her happiness as she moves onto future endeavors.

The HR Committee is currently interviewing candidates for a Director of Communication. We have revamped the job description to include extreme technical skills on many digital platforms our congregation needs. Due to the numerous qualified applicants, we anticipate having someone in place soon. When that happens, everyone will be more aware of ALL the happenings at 2PC, regardless of your desired communication channel! Please pray for this position and the hard work your HR Committee is putting into finding the right candidate!

Recently we also received the resignation of Karen LaVoie, Ministry Assistant. She has been a blessing to our staff and will continue to be a faithful part of our church family. We lift her and her family up in prayer and look forward to seeing her smiling face in church soon.

Contact Sara Palmgren at [spalmgren0125@gmail.com](mailto:spalmgren0125@gmail.com), or another member of the committee, with questions.