



Alex Evans, Pastor

## From Alex's Study

Dear Church Family,

### “For Whom the Bell Tolls.”

For those of us who have lived a few decades, we might recognize that phrase as the title of one of Ernest Hemingway's books. For younger ones among us, that phrase recalls a song by the heavy metal band, Metallica; there is a YouTube video of that band playing that song which has been viewed more than 7 million times.

When I use the phrase, I am referring to our church bell, which we usually ring on Sundays before and after worship. This bell, provided thanks to the generosity and love of Evelyn Hill, rings with beauty and faith.

We have been ringing the bell every weekday at 10:00am. With our Downtown Community Ministry partners at Centenary and St Paul's, we decided to ring the church bells through the day.

Our churches have been in downtown Richmond since their founding days – Centenary has celebrated 200 years of history and Second Presbyterian and St Paul's are coming up on 170 years.

Our churches are all in close proximity to the Capital building – across the street or within a few blocks.

The ministries and missions of our three churches remain closely tied to urban life in the city. We are long-time partners connected through Downtown Community Ministries – an affiliation that has each congregation serving a hot meal on separate days of the week to anyone who comes through our doors. We also share worship and other activities through the year to affirm our common connections and ministry in downtown Richmond.

We are friends and colleagues, neighbors and servants together striving to build on our rich histories and doing God's work together for a better future for our city, state, and world.

Beginning on Monday, January 16, and throughout the meeting days of the General Assembly's 2012 session, we have another common project and calling. Second Presbyterian will ring its bell at 10:00am. St Paul's will ring its bells at Noon. Centenary will ring its bells at 2:00pm.

The bells will toll –

to remind us and others that we will be praying for our Governor, the members of the House of Delegates and Senate, and all who serve the Commonwealth;

to remind us and others that all the decisions we make, and all the actions of our government, are made before, and in the presence of, God, the Supreme Being of all;

to recall for us that the God of the universe – and the primary calling of all the major faith groups in VA – demands that we work for a just and compassionate society; we hope and pray that the leaders of our Commonwealth will make decisions toward that end.

Our church bells will toll in prayer and with high hopes that the leaders of Virginia will not only balance the budget, but do it in a way that proves compassionate, not to the most wealthy, but to the most needy. Our bells will toll to call us and our government leaders to actions and activities that strive to improve education and roads across Virginia, provide safety and vitality across our communities. Our bells will toll throughout the day – in prayer and celebration – that our community can be filled with more love, Light, and hope for all the people of Virginia.

May God continue to guide us and bless us in faithful ministry. Listen for the bells and listen and look for God's purposes everywhere. See you around and soon.

*Alex*

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION MEETING

At its January 17th meeting the session:

- ♣ Authorized a weekly worship service at Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ♣ Received a preliminary treasurer's report that 2011 ended with a surplus of \$28, 953.
- ♣ Set March 4 as the date for the congregational meeting to elect new officers and receive annual reports.
- ♣ Received a stewardship committee report that pledges totaling \$706,000 have been received and the committee was contacting members who have not yet pledged.
- ♣ Welcomed positive reports about the Acts of Faith Festival, VCU campus ministry, January Christian Education mini-courses, and men's ministry plans.



### WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY CORNER

When considering life in retirement, and the possibility of moving out of one's home and into a retirement community, people will sometimes ask "Will I be bored?" or "What am I going to do all day?," or "If I can no longer drive, how am I going to get around?" At Westminster Canterbury your new lifestyle in retirement means a period of new growth: mentally, spiritually, and for continuing good health. Here's a snapshot of what is available: new friendships, computer instruction, summer educational classes, library facilities, and book groups; volunteer opportunities such as gift shop associates, recreation aides, people movers, musicians, and theater volunteers; leadership roles, intergenerational activities to include a child care center; wellness programs with exercise classes, water aerobics, and weight room; a garden plot to grow whatever you like; shopping for new goods in the Galleria shops; secondhand shopping for clothing, treasures, and furniture - all to benefit needs of others; spiritual growth with regular services, chaplain's assistance, lecture series, denominational groups, prayer services, and Bible studies; cultural activities for your personal enjoyment: musical groups both instrumental and choral, theater performances, art workshops of all types, woodworking, small crafts, weaving and sewing assistance, film series, and bridge groups; transportation to the grocery store, doctors, and community events. Other services include a barbershop, beauty salon, banking, and dry-cleaning. For your physical health there is a medical clinic plus a pharmacy, an assigned doctor, a nursing staff, and available appointments for an eye specialist, dentist, audiologist, podiatrist, neuropsychologist, psychiatrist, a special equipment clinic, and a whole rehabilitation section. Continuing care facilities are right there on campus.

What do you give up with this new lifestyle? Think about lawn and garden care, home maintenance, cleaning, and as much cooking as you care to forego because wonderful meals may be already prepared for you! Additionally, there may be the worry that you may not always be physically able to keep up with your former lifestyle. One thing you may *not* have to give up is your dear pet. A small dog or cat is welcome at Westminster Canterbury.

The above is not a complete list of available opportunities. For further information, go to [www.wcrichmond.org](http://www.wcrichmond.org). Then contact Laurie Hemler, who is the Director of Sales and Admissions at 264-6256. She, or others on the staff, will be happy to answer your questions, or arrange a tour of facilities there.

Your Advocate,  
Sue Clewell, 330-7828

### Church School for Children

Our Preschool through 5th Graders continue in their Church School Classes that all are enhanced by new carpet!

Katie and Elisabeth King have a fun group of Preschoolers.  
 Treva Thomas and Chris Madigan are teaching the 1st and 2nd Graders.  
 Helen Adams and Nancy Foltz are teaching the 3rd - 5th Graders.

**Our Spring Term begins February 26** - Our new teachers will be:  
 Julia and Steve Allred and Lucretia McCulley



### YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Church School for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade:** Each Sunday morning at 9:30am there is church school in the youth rooms on the third floor; hot waffles are also served.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 7 pm	<b>Cotton Patch Gospel.</b> We'll be attending this production which is part of Acts of Faith and also includes our very own Cam Thomas in the cast. We'll meet at Union Seminary in Watts parking lot and walk over to the Baptist Seminary. Watch for details!
Sunday, Feb. 5, 12:30 pm	Parent/Youth Meeting about Summer Trips in the Dining Room No Youth Group due to Super Bowl!
Saturday, Feb. 11 & Sunday, Feb. 12	<b>Middle/High School Winter Retreat at Camp Hanover.</b> Join us for a great time of fun, fellowship, and faith. We'll also be planning Youth Sunday. <b>Depart: Sat. 10 am</b> from church <b>Return: Sun. 12:30 pm</b> in time for Second Sunday lunch Cost \$40 (Scholarship available, especially for siblings) <b>RSVP by Feb 5 to Andy or Whitney !</b>
Sunday, Feb. 12	No Church School or Youth Group due to the Retreat!
Sunday, Feb. 19, 5-7 pm	<b>Youth Sunday Prep!</b>
Saturday, Feb. 25, 10:00 am	<b>Youth Sunday Rehearsal</b> at church
Sunday, Feb. 26, 8:30 am-12:30 pm	<b>Youth Sunday.</b> Yup, we really do need you here at <b>8:30 am!!</b> No youth group in the evening!

### SUMMER TRIP DATES--MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference:** Tuesday-Friday, June 26-29, 2012  
**High School Montreat Youth Conference & Mission Project:** Saturday-Saturday, July 7-14, 2012.

**High School Questions?** Contact Andy Morgan, Youth Minister at 704-221-6520 or [Andy.Morgan@upsem.edu](mailto:Andy.Morgan@upsem.edu).

**Middle School Questions?** Contact Whitney Caswell, Youth Minister at 910-987-8515 or [Whitney.Caswell@upsem.edu](mailto:Whitney.Caswell@upsem.edu).

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS - 2012

### ELDERS

**Marjorie Clark** is a longtime member of Second Presbyterian, since the 1960s, has served on the Session, and has taught Sunday School, both preschool and adult. She is on the Worship Council. Before retirement, she was an English teacher and a librarian with Chesterfield County public schools. She is involved in volunteer political activities and advocacy. Marjorie's husband Ted is a member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.

**Anne Grier** grew up in Arlington, Virginia, and attended college at the University of Alabama, and American University in Washington, D.C. She moved to Richmond in 1981 to take a position with Dominion (then VEPCO). She remained with Dominion until she retired in 2008. Anne serves on the Board of Directors of the Richmond SPCA, the Visual Arts Center of Richmond, and CrossOver Health Care Ministry, in addition to other volunteer activities. She has been a member of Second since 2007 and serves on the Mission Council and Stewardship Council.

**Lucretia McCulley** joined Second Presbyterian two years ago with her husband, Dan Ream. She is currently serving on the Membership Council, Advocacy Committee, teaches in the elementary church school program and helps with Fair Trade Coffee sales. Lucretia is Director of Outreach Services at Boatwright Library, University of Richmond. Lucretia and Dan's son, Paul Ream, is a senior at Davidson College.



**Jeff Gallagher** has been a member of Second Church since 1995. He has served as a member of the Session, Mission, Membership and Christian Education Council and Co-Chairs the Stewardship Council. He served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Alex Evans. He is on the Youth Ministry Steering Committee. Jeff has taught Sunday School to children, youth and adults. He helped the church become involved in the World Pediatric Project, and helped to begin the Acts of Faith Theater Festival. His wife is Cathy Howard and their two children are Nan and Joseph. He is an attorney and businessman, and enjoys helping a wide variety of non-profit organizations.

**Kay Herrell** joined the Presbyterian Church after marrying her husband Dave, who was attending McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She joined Second Church in 1974, and served on the Worship Committee, Christian Education Committee, and two terms on the Session before leaving Richmond in 1994. She and Dave returned to Richmond in 2008, and since then she has been on the Mission Council and Second Church Child Care Board. Kay is a social worker by profession and worked in child welfare for 23 years. Her four children grew up primarily (and variously) in South Dakota, Ghana, Guatemala and Richmond. They are Lori, Risa, Joel and Jose.

Born, raised and educated in France, **Christiane Rimbault** grew up in the French Reformed church. For 37 years, she pursued a language teaching career in U.S, Scotland and Canada, with 27 years employed at The Collegiate School in Richmond. She retired in 2000. Chris joined Second Presbyterian Church in 1981. She served as a Deacon for nine 9 years, has been co-leader of the Circle 1 Presbyterian Women, and a faithful member of the Faith and Literature class since it began. Chris volunteers with the Chimborazo Micah Project as a reading tutor, cheerfully serves Second Sunday lunch, and participates as a congregational member of the Deacon's Short-Term Care Team.

**Richard Gibbons** and his wife Jean have been members since 1965. They have two children, both of whom were baptized at Second Church. Dick is a licensed Landscape Architect and retired employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. He has served as a Deacon and has been ordained an Elder. During his membership he has served as an usher and a member of the Worship Council. He currently coordinates the committee responsible for the provision of flowers for worship and is chairman of the Property Council.

**Allison Mays** is a lifelong Presbyterian, starting at First Presbyterian in Spartanburg, S.C., graduating from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., then receiving her Master's in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. For the past nine years, she has worked at The Martin Agency and is now Executive Manager to the COO. She loves youth ministry, and has been actively involved with the program by chaperoning Montreat trips, assisting with Sunday School, hosting youth events at her home, and co-chairing the church's Youth Committee. She is married to Vernon Mays, Moderator of the Deacons.

**Jeff Wells** has been a member of Second Church for 24 years. His participation includes the Chancel Choir; Young Adult Group; Men of the Church Group; Diaconate; teacher of first- and second-grade Sunday School Class; Walk-In Ministry; Reading Tutor with the Micah Project; and Youth Advisory Committee. Jeff was an attorney in state and federal government for more than 20 years. Currently he is owner and innkeeper of Maury Place at Monument Bed and Breakfast. His partner Mac Pence is also a member of Second, as is his sister Barbara Wells.

### TRUSTEE

**Webb Moore** has been a member of Second Church since 1987 and has served as a Sunday School teacher, Elder, Trustee, Chair of the Property Council, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, and a member of the Christian Education Council. He is married to Cheryl Moore, and they have two sons, Hart and Henry. Webb is an attorney at the Hirschler Fleischer law firm in Richmond.

## DEACONS

**Katherine Berry** grew up in the Catholic Church in Dallas and moved to Virginia to attend the University of Virginia. She joined Second in the mid 1980s when she and her husband lived in Church Hill. After moving to Ashland in the 1990s, she returned to Richmond 10 years ago and re-joined Second Church. Katherine recently retired from a career in nursing. For the last 10 years she worked in the Bon Secours Hospice Program. Now she volunteers as a Math Buddy at Chimborazo Elementary School and with the World Pediatric Project. Katherine is married to Jack Berry and is the mother of two sons: John, age 26, and Brooks, who died five years ago at 17. She enjoys golf and tennis and plays on many league teams.

Raised in Roanoke as a member of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, **Sam Highfill** is one of eight kids. He graduated from Roanoke College in 1976 and currently works at Union First Market Bank as a regional manager overseeing nine branches. Sam married Sheri Duff in March 2004 and joined Second Presbyterian Church at that time. He has attended the "Faith in Literature" class and the "Two Theology Guys Talking" class. He regularly ushers at worship services and serves on the church Personnel Committee. Sam has a son, Jacob, who is 23 and a daughter, Samantha, who is 21. His hobbies include tennis, golf, writing poetry and playing guitar.

A member of Second Presbyterian since 2003, **Leigh Ann McKelway** was on last year's Nominating Committee, participates with Thoughtful Women, and has helped with the SERRV Shop and youth program. At her previous church, Leigh Ann organized neighborhood outreach efforts and was on several committees. She works for Chesterfield County Public Schools as the community relations officer. Leigh Ann and Bill have been married 25 years. Their daughter, Caitlin, will graduate in May from the University of Virginia, and their son, Bailey, is studying at the University of North Alabama.

**Cindy Bland** and her husband Jeff joined Second Presbyterian eight years ago. They were both involved in youth activities while their children were in high school. Cindy served on the Chancel Committee for three years and was a member of the Nominating Committees for both Alex and Gail. She has served on the Mission Council and sings in the choir. Cindy has been a nurse for 23 years, and is starting a new job in February as nurse manager of the recovery room at Henrico Doctors' Hospital. She and Jeff have two daughters in college: Emma is at Temple University (majoring in elementary education) and Nora is at VCU (majoring in urban planning).

**Elisabeth King** grew up attending Second Presbyterian with her grandmother, Dickie Riis Jones and her family. Five years ago, she joined Second, where she is a fifth-generation member. She has been involved with the Covenant Quest Sunday School planning committee. She has been active in teaching Sunday School and is currently teaching the preschool/kindergarten class. An alumna of Collegiate School and Hollins University, Elisabeth has been working in nonprofit since graduating. She recently became Community Outreach Manager for the National Kidney Foundation Serving Virginia. Elisabeth enjoys cooking and spending time with her family, friends and dogs.

**Marge Shaw** chose, as a young adult, to become a Presbyterian in 1963 in Houston, Texas. Perhaps it was her Scots-Irish roots! She joined Second on three different occasions as she moved about in her career as a Certified Educator in the PC(USA). It was a rewarding vocational journey, blessed by God's abiding hand in her life. Marge and her husband, Bill Charles, have been married almost 15 years - both in second marriages. She has 2 remaining children (eldest daughter died in 2009 from breast cancer) and 3 grandsons. Her extended family remains in Northern Ireland, from which her parents immigrated. Marge is happy to be back at Second and looks forward to God's call to become a deacon.

**Julia Carr** has been a member of Second since 1990. Her involvement in the church includes serving as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Children's Ministry Council, a member of the Stewardship Committee, and a recent participant in the church mission trip to Guatemala. Julia is married to Bryan and has two college-aged children, Winston and Andrew, both of whom were baptized at SPC. Julia currently works as the Executive Director of Development for the VCU School of the Arts. She enjoys reading, gardening, and tennis.

**Vernon Mays** joined Second Presbyterian in 2004 with his wife Allison. He has volunteered with Caritas, served as a Math Buddy at Chimborazo Elementary School, participated in the planning of the North Courtyard play area, and provided editorial support to the Mission Council and North Courtyard and Tiffany Window projects. He is currently Moderator of the Diaconate. Vernon works for the Corporate Communications team at Gensler, a global architecture firm based in San Francisco. He has two children: Devin, a 2010 graduate of VCU, and Maura, a junior at Mary Washington, who participated in Second Church mission programs in Malawi and Guatemala.

**Emily Webb** joined Second in February 2006. She has been desk volunteer, usually attends Forum class, or sometimes floats around. Emily served on the board of AFOI in 2008, was its treasurer in 2009, co-chair of the silent auction for AFOI annual meeting in 2010, and as Micah volunteer for 3-4 years as math buddy for grade 3. Occasionally she substitutes in the hand-bell choir. Emily likes to play around with flowers.

**Officers will be elected at the  
Congregational Meeting on  
March 4th!**

## TRUSTEE

**Alan McDaniel** joined Second in 1982, transferring from St. Giles before his marriage to Kathy. He has served as a lead usher, Deacon and Nominating Committee member and continues to usher when needed. Alan has been controller of Virginia Hospital Laundry since 1985.

## HAPPENINGS...

## LITERARY CIRCLE

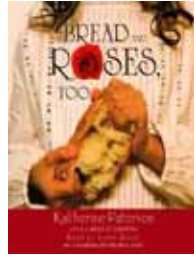
Tuesday, February 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Book: *Bread and Roses, Too* by

Katherine Paterson

Hostess: Elsa Falls, 2180 Cedarfield Lane, 23233

If you have any questions, contact Melissa Schutt: mcschutt@gmail.com, tel.: 929-3231.



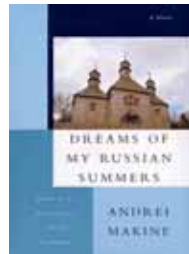
## DAY BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, February 21st at 10:00 am

Room 303 The Virginia Building

Book: *Dreams of My Russian Summers* by Andrei Makine.

All are welcome!



Our Bible Study for the year on "The Beatitudes" will continue the first Tuesday of each month through May.

**Circle One** - will meet in the Tower 6<sup>th</sup> floor lounge at Westminster Canterbury at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your Bible and a sandwich to share.

**Circle Two** - will meet at Mary Ackerly's, 10 Oak Lane, 23226, on February 7, 11:00 a.m. Please bring your Bible.

We hope you will each find your home in one of these circles as we study and grow together in our faith and discipleship.



## WE'RE 167 YEARS STRONG!

Celebrate *Second's birthday* on **February 12** during Second Sunday Lunch, immediately following worship. Enjoy special music and a kid-friendly menu of Cheesy-Beefy Macaroni, coleslaw, applesauce, ice cream, and Deacon-furnished cupcakes.

Tickets may be purchased at the Deacon's desk for \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 youth, and \$4.00 children under 10.

Bring a friend and join the party!

## WINTER WORKS OF ART SHOW

If you knit, make jewelry, construct wooden tables, build pots, sew quilts or are involved in some other intriguing craft, please consider showing your work in the **March Winter Works of Art Show**, sponsored by the Arts Committee. The event will be held in the Chapel on **Sunday, March 18th and Sunday, March 25th**. The people who need to know about your willingness to participate are Allison Vogler and Janice McMurray.



## SEMINARY FOR A DAY

Mark your calendars now for 3/3/2012 and plan to attend **Seminary for a Day** at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Pamela Mitchell-Legg and Rodger Nishioka are the keynote speakers and the awesome faculty are offering great workshops to enhance the Christian Education in all of our churches. Don't miss this great day! Lunch and childcare are provided.

Register on line by going to: [www.regonline.com/seminaryforaday](http://www.regonline.com/seminaryforaday).

Registration fee is \$25.00. If we register 5 people from Second, the fifth goes free!

**Second Press Deadline for March!** Please submit all items for the March issue of *Second Press* by **February 20, 2011**.

Please send email submissions to [newsletter@2presrichmond.org](mailto:newsletter@2presrichmond.org) or you may leave a printed copy at the desk.

Please make sure print copy submissions are a readable format, please print if possible.

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 9:30am - Church 10am - Choir 11am - WORSHIP 12:15pm - Coffee	30 10:30am - Walk-in 12pm - AA	31 7:30pm - VCU	1 8pm - Mission 8:15pm - Handbell 7:30pm - Choir	2 12pm - Yoga	3	4 Assisting Families
5 Souper Bowl of 9:30am - Church 10am - Choir 11am - WORSHIP 12:15pm - Coffee 5pm - Youth	6 10:30am - Walk-in 12pm - AA	7 Presbyterian Day at 7:30pm - VCU	8 11:45am - 2PCCC 12:30pm - Kerygma 4:30pm - Budget 8:15pm - Handbell 7:30pm - Choir	9 12pm - Yoga 8pm - Deacons	10	11 Assisting Families Youth Retreat
12 9:30am - Church 10am - Choir 11am - WORSHIP 12:15pm - Second 1pm - Youth	13 10:30am - Walk-in 12pm - AA	14 4:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Literary 7:30pm - VCU	15 8:15pm - Handbell 7:30pm - Choir	16 9am - Third 12pm - Yoga 5:30pm - 2PCCC	17	18 Assisting Families
19 9:30am - Church 10am - Choir 11am - WORSHIP 12:15pm - Coffee 5pm - Youth	20 Newaletter 10:30am - Walk-in 12pm - AA	21 10am - Day Book 5:30pm - Council 8pm - Session 7:30pm - VCU	22 Ash Wednesday 11:45am - 2PCCC 12:30pm - Kerygma 8pm - Pancake 7pm - Ash 8:15pm - Choir	23 12pm - WC Bible 12pm - Yoga	24	25 11am - Wedding:
26 Youth Sunday 9:30am - Church 10am - Choir 11am - WORSHIP 12:15pm - Coffee 5pm - Youth	27 10:30am - Walk-in 12pm - AA	28 5pm - Worship 7:30pm - VCU	29 5:30pm - Worship 8pm - Lenten Dinner 8:15pm - Handbell 7:30pm - Choir	30 12pm - Yoga	31	1 Assisting Families Seminary for a Day



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Ash Wednesday  
February 22nd

Youth Sunday  
February 26th

Presbyterian Day at the General Assembly  
February 7th

Details at: [https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/7352/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=45997](https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/7352/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=45997)

Young Adult Gathering  
Wednesday, February 15th, 7-9pm  
The Evans' Home