



Summer 2026

## THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A SECOND PRES SUMMER!

This summer at Second Pres is filled to the brim with activities and opportunities to come together as a church family, serving and worshipping the Lord!

### GROUP SALE 2026: JOIN THE FUN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The annual Second Pres Group Sale is just around the corner, and we invite you to be part of one of our favorite church traditions! Mark your calendars for July 24 and 25 and join fellow congregation members and community volunteers for a rewarding experience filled with fellowship, laughter, and service.

The Group Sale is much more than a fundraiser. It's an opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new people, and work together to support the many ministries and missions of our church. Along the way, volunteers enjoy plenty of good food, donuts, and memorable moments as we prepare for and host this exciting event.

#### Group Sale Hours

- Friday, July 24, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Saturday, July 25, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon (Half-Price Day)

#### Storage Space Needed

If you have available storage space and would be willing to help, please contact Janet Frankeberger.

#### Donation Drop-Off Dates

- July 20, 21, and 22, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
- July 23, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

We welcome clean, gently used clothing, household items, books, and small furniture. Please note that we cannot accept large appliances, car seats, mattresses, or items in need of significant repair.

#### Volunteers Needed

There is a place for everyone at the Group Sale! Whether you can help for a few hours or several days, your time and talents are appreciated. Opportunities range from sorting and organizing donations to assisting shoppers during the sale. We are happy to accommodate volunteers with special needs whenever possible.

#### Contact Information

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Each year, the Group Sale brings together people of all ages to serve our community, support the work of the church, and share in a spirit of generosity. It's a wonderful opportunity to see familiar faces, make new connections, and be part of something meaningful. We hope you'll join us!



## MARTIN HALL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS SOON - PLEASE READ FOR UPDATES!

In case you missed it, there will be a major plumbing upgrade is coming to Martin Hall this summer. Thanks to generous donations, all aging plumbing throughout the building will be replaced, along with bathroom fixtures, water fountains, and bottle-filling stations on all three floors. This long-awaited project will finally provide safe, clean drinking water for everyone who uses the building.

To prepare for construction, several items and offices have been relocated, including the Music Library and music staff offices to Grace Hall, Heritage Committee materials to F204, choir robes to the sanctuary, as well as the regular meeting space for Scouts and AA.

Because the project includes asbestos abatement and construction work, ***Martin Hall will be closed to the public from June 5 through mid August. Please do not enter Martin Hall during this time.***

The Chapel, Nursery, Clothing Pantry, and the gathering area outside those rooms will remain open, as will the Heritage Hallway and its restrooms.

Construction is expected to be completed by August. We are grateful for this much-needed improvement that will serve generations to come. Questions may be directed to David Kaeb, Assets Elder, or Tammy Haggard, Church Operations Manager.

## SUMMER BLOOD DRIVES – ALL TYPES NEEDED!

Your blood type doesn't matter... but your generosity does.

Summer is a season of sunshine, travel, and family fun—but it's also a time when the nation's blood supply drops sharply. Patients in our community still need lifesaving transfusions every single day, and you can be the reason someone gets a second chance.

Whether you are O, A, B, AB, positive or negative—every type is urgently needed. When you give, you join thousands of compassionate people across the world who roll up their sleeves to help strangers they will never meet. It's one of the simplest, most powerful acts of love we can offer. Your one donation can help save up to three lives. Imagine the hope you could plant in someone's story.

This summer, you have TWO opportunities to make a lifesaving impact. Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and help strengthen the blood supply during these critical months.



**Thursday  
June 11**

**1-6 PM  
F100A  
Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday  
August 27**

Ready to make your appointment? Use the direct link below or scan the QR code:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SECONDPRES>. To speed up your visit, you are encouraged to complete your Rapid Pass using the QR code provided.



[Sign Up](#)



[Rapid Pass](#)

Or you can contact Karen LaVoie at 928-713-6996 or [karenlavoie41@gmail.com](mailto:karenlavoie41@gmail.com) to sign up. She will also be outside the Sanctuary before and after the service two weeks before the Blood Drives.

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each spring garden volunteers help the Lifelong Access clients plant a rainbow garden with garden annuals as well as some veggies in the East Street Friends garden in between Grace Hall and the Sanctuary.

As with any garden, maintenance and watering will continue throughout the entire summer especially during dry, hot periods.

We NEED YOUR HELP to water the gardens. If you can help with watering, contact Janet Schroeder, [jdsflower@gmail.com](mailto:jdsflower@gmail.com) or 309-838-0398.



## BELT IT OUT! BELT DONATIONS FOR CLOTHING PANTRY

During the month of June, the Clothing Pantry is collecting donations of new or gently used belts for both men and women. Belts may seem like a small item, but they are such an essential and impactful item that are rarely thought of when donating clothes.

A belt can help someone feel comfortable, confident, and prepared for work, school, job interviews, or daily activities. By donating a belt that is clean and in good condition, you can make a meaningful difference in the life of a neighbor experiencing hardship.

To make donating easy, a collection container labeled "**Belt It Out**" will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary throughout June. We invite you to check your closets, gather any belts you no longer need, and help support those in our community who rely on the Clothing Pantry.

And don't keep it to yourself...feel free to "Belt It Out" to your friends, family, and neighbors! Together, we can help ensure that everyone has access to the basic clothing items they need.

## EASY STITCHES: MEETING AUGUST 12



Do you sew, knit, or crochet—or have you always wanted to learn? If so, we would love to welcome you into a ministry that wraps others in warmth, one stitch at a time.

Easy Stitches, founded in 2023 as a ministry of Second Pres, brings handmade love to those in need—locally, globally, and everywhere in between. In just a few short years, this small group has created and donated thousands of handcrafted items to local organizations including Sunday Brunch friends, Home Sweet Home Ministries, Lifelong Friends, Salvation Army, Hammitt

School, Bright Point, Carle and OSF Baby Nurseries and the international Pads Project.

Whether you are a seasoned stitcher or simply curious to try, you are wholeheartedly welcome. We meet quarterly at Second Pres to share ideas, encouragement, and a few laughs—then work on our projects at our own pace between gatherings. It is flexible, fulfilling, and full of heart.

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, August 12**

**9:30 am, Green Room, Grace Hall**

Come see what we are all about—we would love to meet you and share the joy of stitching with purpose. For more information, contact: Karen LaVoie at 928-713-6996 or [karenlavoie41@gmail.com](mailto:karenlavoie41@gmail.com).

## FOX CREEK SCHOOL THANK YOU AND PLANS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The staff at Fox Creek Elementary extend their heartfelt thanks to the congregation for the many ways you supported them throughout the school year. From donations of tissues, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer to the delicious lunches provided on Early Release Days, your generosity helped encourage and care for the teachers and staff who invest so much in their students each day.

As one school year ends, we're already looking ahead to the next! We invite individuals, families, and church groups to continue our partnership with Fox Creek by providing lunches for staff on their Early Release Days. These meals are a simple but meaningful way to show appreciation and encouragement to the school community.

### Early Release Lunch Dates for 2026–2027:

- Wednesday, October 21
- Friday, February 5
- Tuesday, March 2
- Thursday, April 2
- Thursday, April 29

If your group would like to host one of these meals, please contact Michele Southerd at [ministryadmin@secondpres.com](mailto:ministryadmin@secondpres.com).



### Make a Difference Through Mentoring

Another important way to support Fox Creek students is through the school's mentoring program. We are seeking volunteers to mentor students in Kindergarten-5th grade during the school year. Mentors are paired with one student and meet once a week for approximately 20 minutes. The goal is not tutoring or academic instruction, but simply providing a caring, consistent adult presence in a child's life. Through activities such as reading together, playing games, coloring, completing puzzles, or simply talking, mentors help students build confidence, develop positive relationships, and feel supported at school.

Just 20 minutes a week can make a lasting impact on a child's life. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Michele Southerd at [ministryadmin@secondpres.com](mailto:ministryadmin@secondpres.com).

Thank you for helping us strengthen our partnership with Fox Creek and share God's love through service, encouragement, and connection.

## FREE LITTLE PANTRY - DONATIONS NEEDED

As summer begins and school meal programs pause for many children, the need for food assistance in our community increases. Families who rely on free and reduced-price school breakfasts and lunches often face additional challenges when those meals are no longer available. Our Little Free Pantry helps bridge that gap by providing easy access to food and basic necessities for neighbors in need. Donations of nonperishable food items, individually packaged snacks, peanut butter, soup, canned goods, and other pantry staples are greatly appreciated. Your generosity can help ensure that local children and families have access to food throughout the summer months.

If you have any questions on what items might be best to donate or when you may drop them off, please contact Jan Harrell or anyone from the Local Missions Committee.





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# SUN-DAE SOCIAL

## JUNE 7 FOLLOWING SERVICE!

Join us after worship service on Sunday, June 7 for a summer fun picnic! We'll be serving hot dogs and ice cream sundaes, having entertainment for the whole family, and sharing the day together as a big church family! Suggested donation is \$5.



### Fellowship Morning

at Westminster Village

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

**10:30 A.M.**

Bloomington Rotary Club's Annual

# PORK CHOP LUNCH

Second Presbyterian, south parking lot

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11: 10A-1P**

## TICKETS - \$10.00

**Includes: Pork Chop Sandwich,  
Chips, Cookie, and Drink**

## Summer Choir Opportunity

Join Summer Choir! We will sing during worship on the following dates:

- June 14
- July 12
- August 9

We will rehearse at 8:15am before worship. We will sit in the congregation, come up to sing, and return to our seats when finished singing. All are welcome, even if you have never sung in a choir before!

Questions? Contact Brian at [music.director@secondpres.com](mailto:music.director@secondpres.com).

We hope you will join us in singing!



Exploring the Nature of God

## JUNE 22-26

Explore the nature of God during Second Pres Vacation Bible School! Register by June 1 to secure your spot!

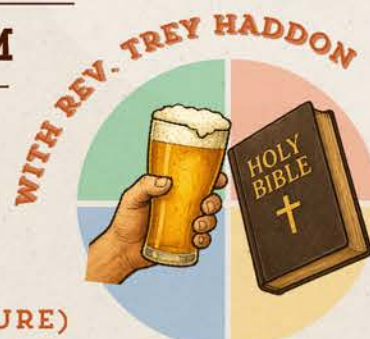
# THEOLOGY

## AUGUST 6

# ON TAP

PAXTON BUILDING  
207 E WASHINGTON ST.

**5:30-7:00 PM**



FREE CHILDCARE  
AT SECOND PRES  
(PLEASE CALL TO SECURE)

PARKING CAN BE FOUND  
ON THE STREET, IN THE PNC LOT, OR AT  
THE CHURCH



**JULY 24 & 25**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
JULY 20-23**

- **Group Sale Storage:** Group Sale is in need of storage to temporarily house large donated items such as furniture. If you have extra storage that you are willing to donate until the sale, please contact Janet Frankeberger at 309-824-9777 or [sjfrankeberger@aol.com](mailto:sjfrankeberger@aol.com).
- **Group Sale Donation Dates:** If you plan to donate items to this year's Group Sale, please plan on dropping them off on
  - July 20-22 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
  - July 23rd from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Please ensure that all donated items are clean and in good condition. We cannot accept large appliances, mattresses, or items that require extensive repairs. If you have any questions, please reach out to Janet Frankeberger at 309-824-9777 or via email at [sjfrankeberger@aol.com](mailto:sjfrankeberger@aol.com).



**SECONDPRES**  
**Kick Off Sunday**  
**Sunday, September 13**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The logo for Second Pres, featuring a stylized blue building with a circular emblem in the center containing a cross and four colored quadrants (green, orange, blue, yellow).

*From the Heritage Archives*

*A Fresh Chapter for Our Church's Story*

The Heritage Committee has a new home – Room F204, just down the hall from the Parlor – as the White Horse Academy prepares to expand its ministry. Though moving 175 years of church history sounds like a monumental task, the committee's years of careful organizing made the transition smooth.

Because the move came together quickly, and in light of the committee members' ages and physical abilities, professional movers were brought in to handle the heavy lifting. They treated our historical treasures with great care, and before long the new room was arranged just like the old one. That familiar setup means the committee can continue preserving our church's story without missing a beat.



The new space is bright, cheerful, and ready to welcome visitors. An open house is being planned so everyone will be welcome to stop by, explore the collections, and see where our church's memories now live.

Through every season, God has blessed the work of Heritage – and this move is simply the next step in carrying our story forward.

# Weekly Happenings

## at Second Pres

### EVERY SUNDAY

- 8:30 am: Sunday Morning Brunch
- 9:00 am: Worship Service
- 10:15 am: High School Brunch
- 3:00 pm: Lego League Robotics (Grades 4-8)

### EVERY TUESDAY

- 6:00-8:00 pm: First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics (Grades 7-12)
- 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

*\*Denotes group is on break until September*



Birthdays for June, July, and August may be found each month in the kiosks near the entrances of the church, or at the Connection Point or Receptionists' Desk.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Summary through April 30, 2026 - Actuals compared to the Prorated Budget

	Actual	Prorated Budget	Net Result
Contributions	\$440,463	\$394,315	\$46,148
Other Receipts	\$95,895	\$69,948	\$25,947
Foundation Support	\$ -	\$100,000	-\$100,000
Expenses	\$535,871	\$539,263	\$3,392
Net Total	\$487	\$25,000	-\$24,513

Contributions are favorable compared to the prorated budget by \$46,148. Other Receipts are favorable being \$25,947 more than the prorated budget. Additionally, during the first four months of 2026 none of the budgeted Foundation support was needed to support church operations. Expenses are favorable as they are \$3,392 less than the prorated budget. This provides a \$24,513 unfavorable variance for the first four months of 2026. The 2026 annual budget includes a \$40,575 deficit.

Stewardship Sunday is Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow. Thank you for continuing your gifts and supporting our mission.

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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