“We exist to love God, ourselves and others – whoever, however and wherever they are – with a love that transforms us all.”
A look back at the people, stories, and ministries that transformed lives this year.
We thought we’d combine our reports into one this year because, although we both have different ministry areas we could write about, we thought this year it made sense to work together and focus our efforts.

Starting in March 2018, we both began meeting twice a month, and then weekly, with a wonderful and diverse group of Second members: Andrew Lee, Christie Nesbitt, Jeff Schroeder, Carol Taylor, Darcie Tramp, Susan Vann and Caroline Willis. We were entrusted by Session to prayerfully audit and review all ministries and structures of Second, analyze the demographic and cultural realities of our city to see where the Spirit of God is at work, and make recommendations about how Second could continue to play a vital role in what the Spirit of Christ is doing in the world.

We opened each gathering with prayer and took our meetings, readings, conversations and research seriously. We surveyed the congregation and talked directly with many of you, seeking to understand your experiences, questions, hopes and dreams. And as a congregation, we looked for the work of the Spirit in the neighbors and neighborhoods that surround us.

What we came up with was the following: as a congregation, the things you value most about Second are relationships, openness and inclusiveness, faith in action, spiritual growth, and risk-taking.

And, the ways you want Second to grow as we continue in our pursuit of Christ are: greater diversity, greater engagement with the local community, growth in numbers, nurturing relationships, and spiritual growth.

This led to our crafting of a new Mission Statement that resonates with who we are, whose we are and who we want to be: We exist to love God, ourselves, and others — whoever, however, wherever they are — with a love that transforms us all.

2018 was a huge year of sharing, listening, growing, deconstructing and re-affirming. 2019 will be a year of building a new version of Second on our old foundations, working together and focusing our efforts to Love God, ourselves and others, in ways that will transform us all.

Here we go!

Kristin and Paul
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COMMITTEE MISSION
The Worship Committee works with and supports the pastors and music staff to create an environment where a diverse community can give thanks to God as we contemplate and experience God's transformative work in the world.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Susan Vann (Chair), Mary Arney, Tom Nelson, Jim Paulsen and Nora Sjue. Staff support was provided by Rev. Paul Rock and Nick Pickrell.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018
• The Committee helped Second's congregation continue to grow into our “systems of belief becoming a way of life” through the guidance of sermons with practical applications for daily life and the reminder that God is always with us, even in our vulnerability.
• Worship worked with Micah Horton, Second's Choir and guest musicians to offer a versatile selection of worship music, from hymns and choir anthems to rock, jazz and indie songs. In 2019, we look forward to investing more in different styles of music as we plan for both a traditional and a more casual service.
• The Committee worked to create space for all people by offering options (using the Transept ramp or worshiping in Westminster Hall) to those among us who could not access the Sanctuary secondary to not having an elevator.
• Worship helped Second to be known in the community as providing a space that is safe, loving, inviting and welcoming where all can receive comfort from the love of God.
• Through providing opportunities to listen and learn from others with different religious beliefs and life experiences, the Committee helped our congregation make connections, build relationships and see that our similarities are often greater than our differences.
• The Committee intentionally considered those who are not yet a part of our community by exploring potential new worship times and formats with the Strategic Vision Team. The hope is that these new worship opportunities will give all the opportunity to learn, ask questions, engage with scripture, pray and put their faith into action while experiencing the love of God and the love of Second’s community.

A COMMUNION FEAST
In October, we put a new twist on receiving Communion by intinction. In preparation for World Communion Sunday, Worship Committee asked our congregation to bring different breads, breakfast foods and finger foods. That morning, the Worship Committee set up tables with cookies, cuties, grapes, fig newtons, breads and other finger foods to serve as the body of Christ and orange and grape juice representing the blood of Christ.

Then, the fun really began. All our eyes (children and adults) widened with delight as we walked toward the Communion tables and surveyed the feast before us. We smiled as the words of Communion were spoken, and some of us cautiously asked Rev. Paul Rock if we really could dip that fig newton in orange juice and call it Communion. Several of us had Communion two or three times that Sunday!

This was yet another example of folks at Second coming together regardless of differences to connect with each other and with God. We created a place to have fun while worshiping.
THE OPEN TABLE’S MISSION

We believe in a community where everyone belongs, a city where all have the power to pursue their dreams and ambitions, and a people who are committed to each other’s liberation, until all are at the table together. At The Open Table KC, we create space for hospitality, conversation, peace, and reconciliation, and we root our theology in contemplation and liberation.

CORE GROUP MEMBERS

Emily Bartlett, Garrett Brown, Riley Brown, Kevin Burns, Micah Chrisman, Hannah Fenley, Chelsea Lamas, Hannah Lamas, Amanda Landayan and Sarah Pickrell. Staff support was provided by Nick Pickrell, Wendie Brockhaus and our two residents, Tony Beyer and Victoria Litardo.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

- The Open Table continued to show significant signs of growth in 2018, including:
  - Average attendance grew from 52 in 2017 to 82 in 2018.
  - The newsletter list grew from 325 in 2017 to 721 in 2018.
  - Financial giving increased 61% since 2017.
  - More people are involved in worship gatherings, small groups, workshops, yoga sessions, and other opportunities for connection and discipleship.
- The Open Table received national and local recognition and support, including:
  - A $30,000 Paragon Grant awarded from the Synod of Mid-America.
  - A $50,000 grant awarded from Heartland Presbytery’s Church Planting and Revitalization Committee.
  - The 1001 New Worshiping Communities movement selected The Open Table as just one of five sites nationally to host, coach and train two NWC Residents. The hope is for The Open Table to be an incubator for developing and supporting new worshiping community leaders to go and plant their own new worshiping communities in the Heartland Presbytery.

BECOMING A HUB FOR DIALOGUE, PEACE AND JUSTICE

In just three short years, The Open Table has grown from a creative, new expression of faith to a full-fledged community receiving national and local recognition for its efforts to re-imagine church, lead anti-racism initiatives, and become a hub for dialogue, peace and justice. In 2017, The Open Table received a $50,000 Leadership Development Grant from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity to do a one-year anti-racism training project with a multi-racial cohort.

Over the past year, The Open Table successfully formed and trained the cohort, and has led anti-racism pilot trainings in churches, businesses, non-profits and community organizations across Kansas City. In September, they were the only church invited to participate in Kansas City Mayor Sly James’ Race and Equity Initiative events.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR THE OPEN TABLE

The curators of The Open Table continued their leadership development in a number of ways in 2018. Nick Pickrell started coursework to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder, entered into a spiritual direction certification program called “Souljourners” at a nearby Benedictine community, and began participating in the “Training for Conflict Transformation Trainers” program offered by Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

Wendie Brockhaus is serving on the planning team for the 1001 NWC National Conference in 2019, began a certification program and joined a coaching cohort with the Center for Progressive Renewal, and recently published a chapter in a new book, “Women Experiencing Faith” (SacraSage, 2018).
COMMITTEE MISSION
The Family Ministries Committee serves our birth through 12th grade children and youth, utilizing five values in all events and programming: Individual, Creative, Challenging, Relational and Applicable. We hope to see young lives transformed by our connections, guidance and faith.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Jason Norris (Chair), Tricia Davenport, Mark Hash, Kassie McClure, Maria Steinacker and Susan Vann. Staff support was provided by Jimmy Itczak, Emily Nelson Dixon and Shelley Wyche.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018
- Our youth brought a strong, confident and insightful perspective to the Youth Sunday service on Sunday, March 4, with their theme, “The Strength of our Voices.” The passionate sermon was delivered by Diana Garbison and Cate Steinacker, who shared a powerful message about feminism, independence and empowerment as young women in today’s world.
- Second Family Camp had its highest attendance in four years with 92 members and friends of Second participating. The weekend included a service project for Heartland Camp, a scavenger hunt, a fireside chat and a “Smoke Off” barbecue dinner.
- 120 children and their families attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31. The event also included a lively petting zoo.
- Shelley Wyche was hired as Children’s Ministry Director, and her experience and talents have meshed well with our needs and aspirations for children’s ministry.

SECOND’S YOUTH EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AT WORK IN CAMBODIA AND MEMPHIS
In 2018, our largest high school team ever of 11 students led by our own Jimmy Itczak and Elder Sarah Bowers traveled around the globe to a small village outside of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Our teens lived alongside a children’s home housing 35 children from age 2 to 19, all of whom were rescued from vulnerable situations. While there, our students learned that human trafficking and sex tourism is a thriving trade in this particular area and children are the most susceptible to this kind of exploitation for the outlandish sums even a single experience can earn a family. Our partners with the Remember Nhu organization live on an almost completely self-sustaining compound and for 12 days our students were able to work the property, teach English, play games, escort the children out on field trips, and learn about the tremendous living out of the Gospel in southeast Asia. Through the contributions and support of our congregation, our teenagers experienced the trip of a lifetime and connected our family to a new part of God’s grand story.

This past summer our middle school students had the chance to serve in Memphis, Tennessee. In a week filled with cooking meals, cleaning and reorganizing spaces that can now be used for social service purposes, and learning about the realities that exist in Memphis, our students (as representatives of Second) learned an immense amount of history and culture around this iconic city. They visited the site of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr, witnessed the glaring racial divisions that exist in the city, learned about the realities of homelessness and poverty, and supported local church plants whose reach is growing exponentially in this area with the love and message of Christ.
COMMITTEE MISSION
The Faith Development Committee provides opportunities for people to deepen their faith and grow as disciples of Christ, individually and as a community. We seek to:
- Support and equip people to take the “next step” in their faith journey (next step)
- Equip and empower people to be disciples of Christ (discipleship)
- Help people grow in their relationship with God (inward) as well as in their relationships with others at Second and in the larger community (outward) (relationships)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
John Kevern (Chair), Melissa Bowers, Brynne Brown, Karen McKinney, Natasha Olinetchouk, Karen Robb, Janelle Sjue and Sue Storm. Staff support was provided by Rev. Kristin Riegel.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018
- Faith Development organized C3 groups “Loving ourselves before we can love our enemies” during Lent. 87 people participated. Comparing to 2017, there was a 30% increase in total Lenten Small Group participation in 2018.
- With support of the Hage Fund, we hosted Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell for a special weekend, “Reclaiming Evangelism,” held October 5-7.
- We hosted a Maundy Thursday dinner with the Dialogue Institute. About 60 people attended.
- Christ and Cocktails provided small group opportunities outside of a church setting to discuss difficult biblical topics. The gatherings were held for eight weeks in the summer, and due to popular demand, a second six weeks were added in the fall. Attendance ranged from 6-8 to over 20 with multiple groups/tables and lively discussions.
- We explored new and non-traditional opportunities to share and deepen faith, including a nature hike with five families participating; a fun, intergenerational cake baking event; and a yoga and sound healing event at Innerspace.
- The Committee began the first stages of restarting and planning a weekend Women’s retreat, Sept 13-15, 2019 at Conception Abbey.

REV. DR. CHARLENE HAN POWELL INSPIRES SECOND WITH CONVERSATIONS ON “RECLAIMING EVANGELISM”
At a Saturday night dinner in October, Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell captivated a group of 25 young leaders from Second in a profound conversation about what we believe as Christians and how we can share that faith with others in meaningful ways. The thought-provoking conversation was just one of several sessions in a special weekend organized by the Faith Development Committee, “Reclaiming Evangelism: Sharing the Good News in a Time of Fake News.”

Recognizing that “evangelism” has become a loaded term for many people, including most mainline Christians, Faith Development brought Charlene to Second to help us explore its present and future role in the church. With her role as executive pastor at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, and as one of the most dynamic young leaders in our denomination, Rev. Dr. Powell offered excellent insights into what is happening in the larger church and where God might be calling us in the years to come.

Over the course of the weekend, Charlene’s leadership included two plenary sessions, the dinner for young leaders and her sermon that was delivered on World Communion Sunday. In each of these elements of the weekend, Charlene’s stories, testimony and expertise offered us much to unpack and consider. Most valuable, however, was her ability to hold up a mirror to our church community to help us recognize and share what we believe as followers of Christ.
COMMITTEE MISSION

The Mission Committee exists to serve the community and world through financial assistance of social services and enterprises, mobilizing volunteers to serve locally and abroad, and providing education and advocacy to our congregation and city.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Martin Orr (Chair), Sarah Bowers, Eric Brown, Tom Davis, Sally Dirks, Jordan Johnson, Grace Lee and Johanna Nilsson Paul. Staff support was provided by Jimmy Itczak.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

- The Mission Committee reached out to those in need with the objectives of serving women and children, combating sexual abuse, supporting education efforts and helping those in poverty. Toward these objectives, the Committee established partnerships with Amethyst Place, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cross-Lines, Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, NewHouse, reStart and The Open Table.
- The Committee also continued its support of our international partners in Guatemala and Pakistan (Presbyterian Education Board).
- In addition, 13 students received scholarships through the support of the Daniels Fund.
- Through these partnerships, Second was able to feed the hungry, address cycles of poverty, provide safe spaces for vulnerable women and children, support education initiatives both domestically and abroad, and support the work of the PC(USA) all over the world.

FIVE YEARS OF BEING THE CHURCH

A major success story for 2018 was the fifth annual Be the Church Sunday. With 12 other churches partnering around the metro and over 200 actively involved individuals from Second participating, this was the largest campaign to serve Kansas City in the event’s five-year history (more than 880 people participated!). We served at locations throughout Kansas City, including The Children’s Place, Shepherd’s Center (with our friends from the Kansas City Interfaith Youth Alliance), reStart, Amethyst Place and LAMP.

Yards were raked, buildings were tidied up, meals were served and a multitude of conversations were had in our effort to reach out to our neighborhood. Our children even got involved and blessed a local service animal organization with dog treats and chew toys for their pets in training. It was a marvelous turnout and a wonderful expression of our mission. Generosity continues to be a heartbeat of our congregation moving into our new year!
COMMITTEE MISSION

Second Church is more than a place. Yet God has placed our facility, purposefully, in the heart of Kansas City. We invite others to utilize our building because we are transformed through connections with those outside Second’s family. We realize that our physical structure is an instrument for ministry for our congregation and the community, not a monument, memorial or museum.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Branham (Chair), Doug Dirks and Dave Zimmermann. Staff support was provided by Marsha Kirsch and Willie West.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

- The reconstruction and preservation of the Tower was essentially completed with a few outstanding items such as the entry hand rails, tracery screening and lightning rods to be installed on the Tower roof.
- The new elevator lobbies have opened up the spaces around the future elevator location. This is most apparent on the second floor where the doorway between the Sanctuary and the hallway has been enlarged.
- The Building Implementation Team worked with architect Kirk Gastinger and SFS Architects to begin the design phase of the new west side porch for the neighborhood and improvements to the west side of our building to be more accessible and inviting.
- The Committee began the process of upgrading our wifi network to improve the reliability of internet throughout the building. New wiring and sensors are currently being installed throughout our facility, and work is being coordinated with the building construction.

BUILDING + GROUNDS COMMITTEE

TRANSFORMING OUR BUILDING AS A MISSION CENTER

When 2018 began, we were fresh off the heels of meeting our $2.6 million capital campaign goal to fund our vision of “Creating Space for All People.” That amazing and generous response to the campaign showed our congregation’s commitment to transforming our building into a center for mission and ministry. With that ringing endorsement from our church family, our Building Implementation Team worked diligently throughout 2018 to implement our vision.

Over the first five months of the year, much of the construction centered around phase one of the building improvements – restoring and securing our historic Tower. The work included reconstructing the top portion of the tower, replacing deteriorated stones and pouring new ones. By May, much of the work had been completed, and in the summer, our bell chimes were restored and began sharing music once again with the neighborhood.

With the beginning of fall, the focus of our construction shifted to the second phase – replacing, upgrading and relocating our elevator and constructing new hallways and lobbies to improve navigation and create new gathering spaces. Construction continued through the fall as old walls were removed and new spaces were revealed. In the process, crews discovered signs of Second’s history in this location, including a collection of 1900s era glass bottles buried several feet below our Courtyard. Due to weather and the elevator car production, we experienced some delays with phase two. At the beginning of 2019, we now anticipate that the elevator will be fully installed with access to all four floors well before Easter.

In addition, the Building Implementation Team worked with architect Kirk Gastinger and SFS Architects to put together design plans for phase three of the project – the construction of a front porch for our neighborhood and more accessible entrances on the west side of the building. We look forward to beginning construction on this phase in summer or fall of 2019.
COMMITTEE MISSION

Outreach and Hospitality is committed to telling Second’s story in creative and imaginative ways to share our mission of transformation in Jesus Christ. We push boundaries and comfort zones as we meet people where they are and extend radical hospitality. As a committee, we serve together with respect, ease, encouragement, acceptance and laughter. We value our various perspectives as we listen, build upon and develop new ideas for amplifying Second’s voice and promoting its culture of invitation to the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ellen Feldhausen (Chair), Claire Brettell, Haley Dahl, Jill Hodge, Martin Orr, Eric Sigler, Kristin Stephen and Darcie Tramp. Staff support was provided by Jimmy Itczak and Alex Treaster.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

• The O&H Committee is responsible for Second’s internal and external communications, telling Second’s story, promoting church events and welcoming the community to our church family. In 2018, the Committee continued shifting its marketing strategy to focus less on mailing postcards and more on digital communications initiatives, included boosted Facebook posts, believing this approach would reach more people and be more cost effective.
• The Committee worked to develop a climate of welcome and hospitality not only for members, but for people in our neighborhood and anyone, whether they are seeking a spiritual connection or simply intrigued by the title of an upcoming sermon.
• Second’s sermon videos were viewed 3,626 times online in 2018 with an average of 74 views each week.
• During 2018, a new visitors’ video was created for our website, secondpres.org.
• O&H Committee worked to make visitors feel welcome at our services and build relationships by connecting them with other opportunities at Second. We are pleased to report that 25% of our recent new members are now engaged in ministry themselves, serving as ushers and greeters. The Committee also explored strategies for helping connect visitors and recent new members with other Second activities and small groups.

“SECRET SHOPPERS” HELP SECOND RECOGNIZE OUR STRENGTHS AND AREAS WHERE WE CAN GROW

In the summer and early fall, Outreach and Hospitality Committee worked to see Second’s Sunday morning worship services through the eyes of our first-time visitors and neighbors. The Committee encouraged Second members and regular attenders to reach out to their networks and invite people to join us as “secret shoppers” on a Sunday morning of their choosing. For the secret shoppers, O&H provided gift cards to local coffee shops, and in return, we received excellent feedback on how people felt about our space, music, message, congregation and more. The Committee also relayed this feedback to our Strategic Vision Team to ensure that the findings factored into their recommendations in The Great Report.

Overall, many of our secret shoppers commented on the warm and welcoming interactions they had with our congregation, and they appreciated the relevant messages of the sermons that could be applied to everyday life. At the same time, several secret shoppers shared that there were other elements of the Sunday morning experience that felt unfamiliar to them. One individual noted that she is not used to reading sheet music, and so following along in the hymnal was an unexpected challenge. Another secret shopper shared her impression that, “the energy and the passion from the people didn’t meet the appearance,” and that the bulletins and physical space made things feel somewhat dated.

For our church family, which seeks to be more inclusive, have greater engagement with the local community, and grow in numbers, the feedback we received from our secret shoppers was invaluable. Their input and ideas have already led to small improvements, and will continue to make us better as we implement larger-scale changes in 2019 and beyond.
COMMITTEE MISSION

The Personnel Committee seeks to provide a positive and supportive staff environment by encouraging a culture of collegiality, cooperation and collaboration. We work with the Senior Pastor to ensure that staff are: compensated fairly and treated with dignity in accordance with our Christian faith, provided the training, feedback and resources necessary to do their job well, and the capacity to grow and develop professionally and personally. Additionally, we seek to appropriately support programs and ministries with staff attention and skills necessary for success. In all of these ways, the Committee strives to provide a culture and setting where both the staff and our congregation are transformed by God’s love as together we seek to transform the world.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rosemary Polk (Chair), Tom Davis, Dave Jeter, Jim Mueller and Kat Wood Norris. Staff support was provided by Rev. Paul Rock.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

• Personnel Committee worked with Johnnie Baker on benefit plan updates, including new health plan offerings, adding a new plan administrator on our 403b, and adding an amendment to the FSA plan liberalizing carryover provisions. None of these changes increased costs to the church, but were done to increase the value of benefits to employees.

• Personnel interviewed staff members to review roles and responsibilities in light of The Great Report and turnover, including Marsha Kirsch’s upcoming retirement, Emily Nelson Dixon’s departure, the hiring of Shelley Wyche, and the departure of Terry Smith. We feel fortunate to have found Shelley, who will work 30 hours per week in 2019 and whose experience and talents mesh well with Second’s needs and aspirations for children’s ministry. In order to reduce staff expenses, we are also seeing if we can move forward without filling Terry’s position. In the midst of this turnover, Personnel appreciated the Second staff’s willingness to step in and shift responsibilities and assume greater work loads during the search and hiring of Shelley.

• Personnel also had every staff member over 15 hours keep track of their tasks on a time sheet for a month and turn that into the Committee. The process was designed to help Personnel identify any areas of redundancy or underperformance or places where staff might need more guidance, support and encouragement.

SUPPORTING SECOND’S STAFF IN INTENTIONAL AND UNPLANNED WAYS

Like the congregation it works for, Second’s staff is a diverse group of individuals with different backgrounds, perspectives and life experiences committed to a shared mission. While Personnel Committee is intentional about supporting this group, there are times when it carries out Second’s mission in unplanned ways. One such example involves a staff member, Rabia, who has served as a teacher in Second’s Early Childhood Learning center and as a nursery worker.

Near the end of 2018, Rabia shared the following message with Rev. Kristin Riegel and our Personnel Committee:

Thank you so much for giving me opportunity to work with you and Second Pres families.

It’s been almost five years since we moved to the U.S. from Thailand. I started my first job at Second’s Preschool ECLC. I feel so blessed to work at this church even though I’m not a member of the church. But still, I feel, I’m a part of the Second family. They accepted me, my color and my broken English language.

Thank you so much for taking good care of us. I appreciate your support and love.

Thanks,
Rabia
ECLC’S MISSION

ECLC’s mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment and stimulating early care and education experience for young children. We promote each child’s social/emotional, physical and cognitive development in an environment where all children are accepted, loved and respected. Through solid principles and teacher-assisted and directed activities, children are encouraged to be independent thinkers and life-long learners, therefore creating a positive self-image.

ECLC BOARD MEMBERS

Trish Jones (Director of ECLC), Katie Glasier (Teacher Representative from ECLC), Kelli Clemons, Allison Eblen, Julie Fox, Courtney Gilberto, Rebekah Johnson, Rosalyn Lillis, Jenny McCaill, Sara Murray, Landon Porter, Janette Santizo, Meghan Still, and Emily Walters. Staff support was provided by Marsha Kirsch.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

- ECLC continued to serve two children who are victims of domestic violence. We were able to accept the state’s childcare subsidy payment which is substantially lower than the ECLC tuition due to the financial support from Second.
- ECLC was requested to provide written statements to CASA and the Juvenile Court System regarding the foster care children served through ECLC. This written report assisted in determining the appropriate case plan for the foster care children at the court hearing and led to positive changes in their lives.
- ECLC was able to provide a tuition scholarship to a single young working mother through the mission support from Second.
- ECLC established a relationship with the Kansas City Special Operations Police Unit. The school received emergency preparedness training and technical assistance to better protect the children and staff.
- ECLC established a working relationship with Rockhurst University. The Speech and Language Department provides ECLC children with speech and language screenings to ensure age-appropriate development, recommendations for further testing and/or therapy as warranted, and professional development training to staff in the field of speech and language development at no charge.
- ECLC started a program with an area non-profit agency to provide observation, resources, and consultation to classroom teachers on a range of instructional strategies, from child-initiated to teacher direction learning and classroom set-up at no charge.

SECOND’S GENEROSITY HELPS SINGLE MOTHER ENROLL HER DAUGHTER IN ECLC

In the summer of 2018, the Director of ECLC received a phone call from a parent requesting information regarding child care provided at the school. Information was given about the program, services, and tuition cost. The Director encouraged the parent to come to the school for a tour. Although the parent seemed interested, she was hesitant to accept and stated she needed to check her schedule. The Director gave the mother her contact information and the mother said she would check her availability and call back.

Approximately two weeks passed, and the Director did not hear back from the mother. The Director called her, and it was then the mother stated as much as she wanted to place her child at ECLC she did not have the finances to do so and was previously embarrassed to say so. The mother shared she was on her own in raising her daughter and stated she was discouraged and frustrated. The Director informed her about the possibility of receiving a tuition scholarship for her daughter. She explained the relationship between ECLC and Second. The Director shared Second was a very community-minded church, and because of their commitment and generosity in helping and serving others, they provided us with financial support to assist those in need. The mother was overwhelmed with the kindness of Second and ECLC. We enrolled her child into the school on that day.

The mother is a single mom who works hard to support her two-year-old daughter. In addition to financial support, ECLC Director and the child’s teacher has provided the mother with much needed emotional support, encouragement, and child development guidance. The mother reports her daughter looks forward to coming to ECLC, enjoys the social interaction with peers, has improved academically, and is happy! During our parent teacher conference, she stated it felt good to be a part of something positive and was grateful for the continued financial assistance that allowed her daughter to have a place she calls “my school.”

This is a perfect testimony on how an act of acceptance and understanding can make an impact on a child, a family and a community that will better generations to come.
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MISSION
Congregational Life seeks to create opportunities for all members of our congregation to develop and strengthen bonds of friendship with each other through fellowship and fun.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Joanne Broekhuizen (Chair), Sally Dirks, Lydia Jeter, Maggie McClure and Pat Samms. Staff support was provided by Rev. Kristin Riegel.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018
- The Winter Olympics and Chili Cook-Off saw Second members and friends of all ages vying for medals in a number of exciting (and spicy) competitions.
- At the All-Church Picnic in June, outdoor games, burgers and lemonade were shared on a hot day in Tower Park.
- The Second Friends Group paired up with the 20s and 30s group for a Cinco de Mayo party in the spring and Oktoberfest in the fall.
- The entire congregation was invited to join the traditional Sunday Lunch crowd for monthly lunches at the church.
- “Just For” groups were created and joined by people who shared similar interests.

SOCIAL JUSTICE + PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MISSION
As we continue to be transformed by Christ and compelled by the vision of God’s peaceable kingdom, we work together to further the cause of human rights, social justice, peace and the preservation of the environment through education and contemplation, advocacy and service.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mary Arney and Kristin Stephen (Co-Chairs), Nancy Dixon, Gwen Ervin, Carol Grimaldi, Hannah Harms, Elianna Lee, Phil Miller, Rosemary Polk, Margie Singleton and Nicolette Zimmerman. Staff support was provided by Rev. Paul Rock.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018
- Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee members worked diligently to help transform the world, particularly in areas of homelessness, poverty, environmental justice, human rights and peacemaking by:
  - holding speaker events at Second in each of these areas
  - supporting the New Poor People’s Campaign both monetarily and through attendance at events
  - marching for justice
  - participating in workshops on non-violence and anti-racism
  - hosting and speaking at a KCMO public housing hearing
  - encouraging voter registration and voting
  - establishing a Peacemaker of the Year Award for a student at Southeast High School
  - organizing and holding an e-cycling/recycling event, ...and more.
DEACONS’ MISSION

Deacons are called to be instruments of God’s grace and healing, ministering to the needs of our congregation; as Christ cares for us, we care for one another.

DEACONS

Class of 2018: Steve Moore, Jim Paulsen, Julie Records, Chad Schoenthaler, Susan Still, Marcia Tammeus, Carol Taylor and Mary Warm.

Class of 2019: Bill Carpenter, Gail Cunningham, Neal Johnson, Don Robb, David Roemer and Nick Tramp.

Class of 2020: Shelley Baker, Sondra Branham, Mike Gacek, Kassie McClure, Beverly Schroeder and Dayna Wunderlich.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

• All Deacons participated in training modules on prayer, meal support, the CCB database, and home communion.
• Deacons provided home communion to our homebound members.
• Deacons checked in with their flocks on a regular basis via phone calls, cards, visits and emails.
• Deacons provided leadership for the monthly Faith and Grief Luncheons, a partnership between Second and five other churches, which provides a caring place for those who are grieving.
• Deacons presented “Living with Grace, Dying with Dignity,” a series of end-of-life conversations.
• Deacons led a Longest Night of the Year Service, which offered a space for people to be present with the sadness, loneliness and grief many of us feel during the holiday season. The service provided a hope-filled message along with music and silence.

BOARD OF DEACONS

SERVING AS A DEACON, STEVE MOORE FINDS OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE OUT HIS FAITH

Serving as a Deacon can often be a transformational experience. Steve Moore, who completed his three-year term as a Deacon in 2018, shared the following note with his fellow Deacons after their final gathering in December:

I wanted to say thank you for last night. It was wonderful to spend it with you all and celebrate the work of the deacons as well as to welcome our new members. The past three years have been ones of growth for me as a man of faith working to live that faith out more directly. You all challenged me with your skills, kindness, and models of service more than each of you know. For those challenges, I am grateful.

Thank you too for your patience with my needs; I’m only a solo parent in the evenings, but being able to bring my kids to meetings or utilize childcare are what made it possible for me to serve. Being on the board has pushed me to do more than I would have otherwise done to be present in the lives of others at Second, but it has also changed how I treat people in general. The mission of the board is so simple and powerful that it just seemed to follow me wherever I went :) I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Class of 2018: Kristin Stephen, Mary Corneil, Adam Pope, Susan Vann and George Wolf.
Class of 2020: Mary Arney, Joanne Broekhuizen, Marge Eckhardt, Martin Orr, Rosemary Polk and Kristie Sigler.

SESSION

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
George Wolf (Chair), Pat Groshong, Larry Knehans, Jennifer Martin, Merrill Myers, Kat Wood Norris, Susan Ray and Darcie Tramp. Staff support was provided by Marsha Kirsch and Rev. Paul Rock.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS
The following individuals were nominated and submitted to the congregation for election at the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2018. The nominees were elected, and the new Deacons and Elders were ordained and installed on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Deacons
Class of 2021: Melissa Graybill, Susan Krusemark, Mary Ann Miller, Brian Myers, Marcy Porter and Frank White.

Elders
Class of 2021: Grace Kaleli-Lee, Janet Miller, Nick Pickrell, Kite Singleton, Janelle Sjue and Phil Zeeck.

2019 Nominating Committee:
Leslie Anderson, Gail Cunningham, Bill Eckhardt, Jennifer Kaveney, Julie Records, Karen Robb, Eric Sigler and Jon Willis
TEAM MISSION
The Strategic Vision Team was empowered and encouraged to lovingly and honestly assess Second’s ministries and structures and provide bold, thoughtful and challenging assessments and plans for the future Christ is calling us to.

TEAM MEMBERS
Andrew Lee, Christie Nesbitt, Jeff Schroeder, Carol Taylor, Darcie Tramp, Susan Vann and Caroline Willis. Staff support was provided by Rev. Paul Rock and Rev. Kristin Riegel.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018
- The Strategic Vision Team conducted an eight-month process of intentional listening, study, discernment and exploration to determine where Christ was calling us to go next.
- The Team fulfilled each of its purposes as defined by Session, including:
  - Critically and prayerfully auditing and reviewing all ministries of Second.
  - Analyzing the demographic and cultural realities of our neighborhood and city to see where the Spirit of God is at work, noting the societal and denominational trends and if and how those should impact Second’s future.
  - Determining if the mission and vision of Second, which had guided our congregation for the last seven years, was still accurate and helpful.
  - Making recommendations to the Session and congregation about how Second can continue to be a vital part of what the Spirit of Christ is doing in Kansas City and the world.
- The Team presented a draft of its strategic vision, The Great Report, to Session in September. After working with Session to incorporate their feedback, the Team met its goal of publishing and sharing The Great Report with the congregation in October.
- From the Team’s work on The Great Report, Second adopted a new mission statement, We exist to love God, ourselves, and others — whoever, however, wherever they are — with a love that transforms us all. The new mission statement has now been posted in various places throughout our building, on the front of our new bulletins, and has become a part of our weekly benediction.
STEWARDSHIP 2.0 & FINANCE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE MISSIONS

The mission of the Stewardship 2.0 Committee is to help create, sustain and grow a culture of year-round, thankful generosity at Second. The Finance Committee stewards the financial blessings God entrusts to us, so that Second Presbyterian Church’s resources are best used to transform lives in Christ.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stewardship 2.0: Marge Eckhardt, Ellen Feldhausen, Barbara Gattermeir, Steve Corny, Larry Knehans and George Wolf. Staff support was provided by Johnnie Baker, Rev. Paul Rock and Alex Treaster.
Finance: Adam Pope (Chair), Mary Corneil, Loren Epler, Bob Oliver and Kristie Sigler. Staff support was provided by Johnnie Baker and Rev. Paul Rock.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

Stewardship 2.0
In 2018, some of the members of the former Endowment committee joined the Stewardship 2.0 Committee.
- The Committee was busy writing thank you notes to the many people who gave to both the 2018 budget and 2017’s capital campaign.
- The incredible success of the “Creating Space for All People” campaign was deeply encouraging. Second friends and members are committed to making Second’s facilities and programs reflect our desire to be a place where God’s transforming love is experienced by all. Additional new gifts toward the capital campaign continued to come in throughout the year.
- In addition, we hosted another very fun and successful Trivia Night that raised $5,700 and brought dozens of visitors, friends and family to Second.

Finance
As Stewardship 2.0 took on the outreach efforts of the Endowment Committee, Finance has taken over the responsibilities of monitoring Second’s investments and policies.
- All year, Finance closely monitored Second’s income and expenses (both of which came in under budget)
- Finance also began the process of prayerfully and carefully determining how best to manage our investments and eliminate unnecessary costs. After studying and meeting with a number of investment firms, Finance recommended to Session that we transfer our long-term investments to Vanguard, while keeping our banking with Commerce. Finance and Session voted unanimously to make this change.
- Finance also approved a gift to ECLC (slightly less than last year’s) to help them provide subsidies for families in need of financial assistance.
- Both committees assume pledges will remain flat during the course of the three-year capital campaign and with the end of the Angel Gift, Finance will be working closely with all committees to find additional savings and continue to develop new streams of income (as recommended in The Great Report) to navigate this transition successfully.
- Finance and Stewardship are looking at combining into one committee in 2019.

FINANCE REPORTS

Please review the following reports on the following pages.

Balance Sheet Summary – Liquid Assets decreased by $1,361,463, primarily from capital campaign expenditures. Investment losses for the year were $445,339.

Receipts and Disbursements – Operating results for 2018 are presented in comparison to the budget with year-to-date receipts of $1,279,536 exceeding disbursements by $37,368. This is being transferred to the 2019 budget. Year-to-date actual disbursements were 91% of the annual budget. The variance is primarily explained by our ministries doing a great job holding down expenses.

Mission – Mission is divided into two sections: External Mission and Second Mission. In addition to the mission budget, mission is contributing $20,000 to the personnel costs of the budget. The congregation provided an additional $39,367 through special offerings and other gifts.
## Balance Sheet

### Assets

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### Fixed Assets:

- Church Land: $15,000
- Land Improvements: $320,574
- Church Building: $3,345,072
- Furniture & Fixtures: $130,455
- Parking Lot: $107,954
- Church Equipment: $243,236

**Total Property and Equipment:** $4,162,291

### Total Assets

- 2018: $9,173,496
- 2017: $10,534,959

### Liabilities & Net Assets

#### Liabilities

- Prepaid Pledges: $39,321
- Prepaid Per Capita: -
- Payables: $1,409

**Total Liabilities:** $40,729

#### Capital Campaign 2017-2020: $816,031

- 2018: $1,095,516
- 2017: $379,782
- 2016: $83,142

### Restricted Funds

- Donor Designated Funds: $379,782
- Donor Designated Endowments: $441,842

**Total Restricted Funds:** $4,117,018

#### 2018 Budget

- 2018: $1,019,600
- 2017: $741,234

### 2018 Receipts and Disbursements

#### Receipts

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#### Other Contributions

- Committee Challenge: $10,000
- Church School: $100
- Special Gifts: $60,000
- Flowers: $4,000
- Per Capita: $9,000

**Total Other Contributions:** $83,100

#### Total Operating Receipts

- 2018: $1,019,600
- 2017: $84,234

#### Transfers

- Transfer from AG Funds: $182,000
- Transfer from Op Allocation/Endowment: $55,327
- Transfer from Capital Allocation: $22,000
- Transfer from Designated Accounts: $18,253

**Total Operating Receipts:** $1,019,600

**Total Receipts:** $1,357,581

### Disbursements

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**Total External Mission:** $148,110

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**Total Mission & Ministry:** $153,069

### Salaries & Staff Related

- Ministerial Staff Salary & Housing: $181,170
- Ministerial Benefits: $64,288
- Ministerial Expenses: $5,500
- Staff Salaries: $43,144
- Staff Benefits: $43,113
- Staff Expenses: $2,500
- Payroll Taxes: $32,454
- Contingencies: $3,000

**Total Salaries & Staff Related:** $265,189

### Total Disbursements

- 2018: $1,242,168
- 2017: $1,279,536

**Transfer to 2019:** $37,368

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets:** $9,173,496

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* Includes Lyle and Memorials

** Includes Gunter, Hage, Daniels, PW
## Mission

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* TOT $10,000, Crossline Meals $998, Westside CAN $720, Guatemala Consulate $438

## Other Mission Gifts

### Special Denomination Offerings
- One Great Hour of Sharing: 4,000
- Christmas Joy: 50
- Peacemaking: 1,219
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: 500
- Presbyterian Women:
  - Least Coin Offering: 21
  - Presbyterian Camp Scholarships: 2,310
  - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA): 500
  - Presbyterian Education Board (PEB): 385

**Total** 8,985

### Other Agencies and Funds
- Christmas Eve Offering - Reconciliation Services: 1,462
- Cherith Brook: 20
- Emergency Assistance: 3,100

**Total** 16,752

### Gifts to Support the Ministries of Second
- Memorial Gifts: 5,997
- Music Program: 7,000
- Pew Bibles: 75
- Parlor & Kitchen Project: 568

**Total** 13,630

### Total Other Mission Gifts: 39,367

## In-Kind Gifts

### Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC)
In-kind support (building usage, custodial, kitchen, bookkeeping, payroll, staff support) is roughly $35,000/year in 2016 dollars (roughly $55,000 in additional expenses would be necessary if ECLC were to rent a private location).

### The Open Table (TOT)
In-kind support (building usage, custodial, kitchen, bookkeeping, payroll, staff support) is roughly $30,000/year in 2016 dollars (roughly $50,000 in additional expenses would be necessary if TOT were to rent a private location).
### 2018 INVESTMENT RESULTS

The investment portfolio maintains the target allocations for the various classes of assets based on the Endowment Policy. The total portfolio rate of return for the year was -6.89%. The class blended benchmark was -4.63%. Distributions from Endowed Assets are approved by Session and based on a formula involving the rate of return for the preceding 12 quarters as of September 30. The rate of return for the preceding 12 quarters ending 9/30/18 was 9.9%. For 2019, the percentage allocation will be 5% in accordance with the Endowment Policy.

The 2018 Investment results are shown below:

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### 2019 Budget

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In October 2018, Session approve, two motions from the Finance Committee:
- Second Presbyterian Church sever our Endowment financial management association with Commerce Bank.
- Second Presbyterian Church move Endowment financial management to Vanguard at the first window that is within the exit clause of the current Commerce Bank agreement and manages any end-of-year financial needs.
### METRICS, LIFE EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP

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| 8:15 a.m. Service, Average Weekly Attendance | 34 | Membership as of January 1, 2019 | 540 |
| 10:15 a.m. Service, Average Weekly Attendance | 191 | Marriages | 7 |
| Online, Weekly Average Sermon Viewers | 74 | Births | 3 |
| The Open Table, Average Attendance | 77 | Baptisms | 11 |

**Membership as of January 1, 2018**: 540
**Members received, Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2018**: 35
**New Members**: 4
**Deaths**: 7
**Letters of Transfer**: 20
**Removed from Rolls**: 17

**Baptisms**
- Micah Lewis Broekhuizen
- Maren Grace Laney
- Michael Anthony Richard Zeeck
- Rowan Alexander Orr
- Brynne Brown
- Tristan Locke

**Births**
- Lucas William Ott
- Nathan Louis Ott
- Hugh Bennett Johnson
- Betsy Hutchinson Godfrey
- Margot Rey Martinez

**Deaths**
- Edythe McNown
- Mark Langworthy
- Rose Marie Bollier
- Gene Funk
- Myron Wheeler
- David Shively
- Dorothy Dowgray
- Rev. Ron Roberts* (*Former pastor of Second)

**Marriages**
- Alex Treaster and Lindsay Friesen
- Brandon Beyer and Jane Jacobson
- Travis Wayne Mattox and Amy Stewart Gattermeir
- Alan David Figuracion and Stacy Elizabeth Van Hoeck
- Rachel Shinabarger and Lyle Lower

### CHRONOLOGY OF SECOND

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<td>Building completed and dedicated at 809 Wyandotte; Sunday school organized with 15 teachers and 20 pupils</td>
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<td>Basement walls built; first public school for Kansas City held here</td>
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<td>1868</td>
<td>Rev. T.F. Jessup, Stated Supply</td>
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<td>1869</td>
<td>Dr. Charles D. Nott, Minister</td>
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<td>1870</td>
<td>Building enlarged, organ installed; Reunion Old and New Schools of the Presbyterian Church</td>
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<td>1871</td>
<td>Dr. William M. Cheever, Minister; Membership: 100</td>
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<td>1875</td>
<td>10th anniversary observed; Membership: 150</td>
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<td>1879</td>
<td>Dr. Charles C. Kimball, Minister</td>
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<td>1880</td>
<td>George H. Winn joined, served as Elder for 46 years; Membership: 275</td>
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<td>1881</td>
<td>Dr. John H. Miller, Interim Pastor</td>
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<td>1882</td>
<td>Dr. Charles L. Thompson, Minister; Moved to new building at 13th and Central</td>
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<td>1885</td>
<td>20th anniversary observed; Membership: 507</td>
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<td>1886</td>
<td>Charter granted by the State of Missouri</td>
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<td>1888</td>
<td>Dr. George P. Hays, Minister</td>
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<td>1890</td>
<td>25th anniversary observed; Membership: 642</td>
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<td>1892</td>
<td>Three of the sons of Dr. Hays entered the ministry</td>
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<td>1893-95</td>
<td>Various supplies, among them, Dr. W.P. George; Westminster Congregational Church organized; Membership: 616</td>
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<td>1896</td>
<td>H.D. Jenkins, Minister; Membership: 418</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>Total loss of church and manse in fire; Membership: 1615</td>
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<td>1901</td>
<td>Services in Music Hall at 15th and Broadway</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>Sunday School enrollment: 283; Membership: 386</td>
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<td>1907</td>
<td>Dr. Reynolds organized Kansas City League of Presbyterian Churches</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>Joined with Westminster Presbyterian Church; Membership: 394</td>
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### NEW MEMBERS

- Glen Stenquist
- Carolyn Stenquist
- Hannah Swagerty
- Jordan Ott
- Aaron Ott
- Andrew Lee
- Grace Lee
- Daniel Lee
- Michael Lee
- Elianna Lee
- Michael Hardin
- Alexandria Warner
- Brandon Beyer
- Jane Beyer
- Joshua Koni
- John Laney
- Jennifer Short Laney
- Eric Brown
- Jordyn Bollinger
- Brynne Brown
- Nick Pickrell
- Natasha Olinetchouk
- Arica Westmeyer
- Jeff Westmeyer
- Brandon Emme
- Tristan Locke
- Megan Groshong
- Micah Broekhuizen
- Tyler Kirchoff
- Caroline Nesbitt

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<td>Back to 15th and Broadway; Membership: 275</td>
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<td>1914</td>
<td>Absorbed mission church at 51st and Main; Dr. Gertrude Snyder, Supply</td>
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<td>1915</td>
<td>Occupying frame building south side of 53rd Street; Membership: 188</td>
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<td>1916</td>
<td>First unit of present building completed</td>
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<td>1917</td>
<td>Dr. Henry Manciott, Minister; Dedication of Sanctuary; Sunday School enrollment: 275; Membership: 192</td>
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<td>1918</td>
<td>Memorial service for 23 in World War I</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Sunday School enrollment: 426; Membership: 488</td>
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<td>1921</td>
<td>Frank C. King of Bibles Class organized; Mrs. J.L. Loose gave Reimann Chimes</td>
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<td>1923</td>
<td>Alice Wolfe Edwards, first church secretary</td>
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<td>Dr. J.L. McKee, stated supply; Miss Georgia Amick, first DRE</td>
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<td>1925</td>
<td>Mrs. Horace Paul, church secretary; Membership: 823</td>
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<td>1926</td>
<td>Dr. S.W. McKelvey, Minister; Educational wing dedicated</td>
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<td>1927</td>
<td>Bapstal Font presented; Acousticans installed</td>
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<td>1928</td>
<td>Rev. Kirkland West, Assistant Minister</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>Membership: 1408; Sunday School enrollment: 1024</td>
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<td>1934</td>
<td>Mrs. Eugene L. Young, second DRE</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>70th anniversary dinner; Membership: 1615</td>
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<td>1936</td>
<td>75th anniversary observed; Membership: 1763</td>
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<td>1940</td>
<td>Dr. George N. Luccock, Interim Minister</td>
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<td>1942</td>
<td>Dr. R. Park Johnson, Minister; Dedication of World War II plaque with 89 names</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>80th anniversary observed; Sunday School enrollment 594; Membership: 1813</td>
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| 1946 | Richard J. Helm, first Minister of Music; Robert
1947 | C. Young, Assistant Minister
1948 | Rev. Sam Crothers, Assistant Minister
1949 | Sanctuary remodelled

1956 | New educational wing dedicated; Air conditioning installed; William W. Lemonds, Minister of Music
1957 | Mr. H. Louis Pistole, Minister, Dr. Alva V. King, Minister of Visitation and later Pastor Emeritus
1959 | Rev. Don Falkenberg, Associate Minister, Mrs. Andrew Newcomer, children’s worker
1960 | Membership: 2,687; Putnam Porter, Organist and Choir Master
1961 | Rev. Robert Raymond, Assistant Minister; Grace Salisbury ordained as first woman elder, class of 1964
1962 | Rev. Raymond K. Korns, Interim Minister
1963 | Dr. William J. Hage, Minister, Rev. Donald K. Parnell, Associate Minister
1964 | Dr. Charles D. Leiper, Associate Minister (visitation), ordained as first woman Elder, class of 1964
1965 | Centennial celebration; membership: 2,765; Miss Eleanor L. Ludy, children’s worker
1966 | Dr. Jonathan C. Hollyman, Minister (visitation), Mrs. Andrew Newcomer, children’s worker
1967 | Rev. Barrie Gray, Associate Minister (Christian Education); Completion of computerization of church records; Membership: 938
1968 | 1973 Second Chapel opened
1974 | Doug Letts, Director of Music; Dining Room remodelled and renamed Westminster Hall
1975 | Membership: 1,840; All church classrooms painted by the Dracons
1976 | Pits, Lobby, and Offices remodelled, West Dome installed and the north parking lot entrance completed
1977 | Plaza flood, substantial damage to church basement and parking lot
1978 | Fellowship Hall remodeling from flood damage completed and area renamed Calvin Center
1980 | Membership: 1,817
1981 | Rev. Robert R. Kopp, Minister; Witherpoon Place redecorated; Banners for Sanctuary completed, concluding a 10 year project
1983 | Rev. Rosa J. Barick, Associate Minister (Christian Education); playground built; Doogan chimneys removed
1984 | Rev. Rodney B. Bakker, Associate Minister (Youth Ministry)
1985 | Rev. D. Gordon Jett, Associate Minister (Caring Ministries); Membership: 1,951
1986 | Holy Cross Presbyterian Church, Tifton, GA; Journey to Bethlehem cancelled due to city storm; seven neighboring congregations held a Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland; Youth Mission Trip to Dallas, TX; Church Council Assessment Report completed; Sanctuary stained glass cleaned and restored; Linda Haynes resigns; Leanna Hartway hired; Judy Boulden hired as Director of PDO; Cindy Woodcock hired as New Member and Volunteer Coordinator, resigns; Automated External Defibrillator purchased
1987 | Membership: 986; Doug Letts retires as Director of Music, continues as organist; All-Presbytery presentation by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCUSA; Rick Olliff-Clouse; DH Le hired as Director of Music; Youth Pilgrimage to New York City; Mission Trip to Guatemala; John Haynes called to Minnesota
1988 | Youths Mission Trip to Peru; Starting to build Calvin Center in basement completely ruined - $50,000 damage
1989 | Rev. Glaucia Vasconcelos, Associate Minister (Christian Education); Completion of computerization of church records; Membership: 938
1990 | Dr. Ronald T. Roberts, Associate Minister (Mission, Witness and Service); Membership: 882; 125th Anniversary Celebration
1991 | Dorothy R. Dowgray retired after 18 years as Business Administrator; Construction was completed for an elevator that connects the ground floor with the second and third floors; Began the process of the Strategic Planning Committee to more clearly focus on who we are and where we are going as a community of God; Membership: 844
1992 | Congregation developed “A Servant People” as our Mission and Goals to focus on who we are and where we are going. Dr. Cecil R. Albright accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church on Ridgepodge, New Jersey. Protected the stained-glass windows of the church with a covering of Lexan Plastic; Membership: 835
1993 | Dr. George H. P. Ik, called as Interim Senior Pastor, First floor office remodelled and redecorated completed; Strategic Plan implementation well underway; Membership: 850
1994 | Replaced the roof on the Education building; Purchased the new Presbyterian Hymnal and new Bible; formed the “sister church” relationship with Country Club Presbyterian Church, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
1995 | Called Dr. Edward J. Thompson, from Portland Parish Church, Tifton, GA; Purchased the new Presbyterian Hymnal and new Pew Bibles; all wood trim painted
1996 | Work continued through the year on the new heating and air conditioning system for the entire building
1997 | Saw the completion of our new HVAC system. A team of staff and members attended a Purpose Driven Church Conference and developed our renewed purpose statement. Dr. Thompson led a group of 48 members to Scotland and returned! Three church members participated in a Presbytery Room trip to Guatemala. The Season made possible the “burial of ashes” on our church grounds and a remembrance plaque was placed on the south wall of the St. Andrew Chapel.
1998 | Membership: 834; Four members of Second participated in Presbytery trip to Guatemala; Flood on October 4 - Calvin Center in basement completely raised - $50,000 damage
1999 | Membership: 846; Calvin Center reopens; Dr. Ronald T. Roberts, James Swanson, Youth and Adult Director, accepts call to Pennsylvania; Rev. Catherine L. Price ordained as Associate Pastor, Doug Letts in 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert; Computer Learning Center opens
2000 | Rev. Jack Calabrese called as Associate Pastor of Children, Youth, and Families; Celebration of the 135th Anniversary and sealing of the time capsule for the year 2000
2001 | Membership: 895; Sunday, 5-30 p.m. Experimental Service of Restoration and Renewal from March 4 to December 30; Journey to Appalachia, Route 213 Youth programs; What is Our Mission?; All-Church Retreat at Heartland Center; New carpeting and sound system in the Sanctuary; Host of Community Thanksgiving Service for seven neighboring congregations
2002 | Membership: 929; Rev. Catherine Price resigns; Dr. Andrew L. Cullen called as Interim Assistant Pastor; M. Dwight Haynes hired as Youth Director; Linda Haynes hired as Coordinator; Sandi St. Denis, Financial Administrator; accepts call to Heartland Center; Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala; Youth Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids, IA; DH Lee hired as Director of Music; Mary Spence hired as new Director of PDO
2003 | Membership: 992; Rev. Catherine Price resigns; DH Lee hired as Director of Music; Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala; Mission Trip to Mississippi; Youth Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids, IA; DH Lee resigns as Music Director; Cory Scanlon hired as new Director of PDO; Carla Strauss hired as new Director, Doug Letts resigns as Organizer, Option of Electrical Giving offered to members
2004 | Membership: 976; Youth Pilgrimages to New York City and Washington, D.C.; Hage Committee sponsors Diana Butler Bass event; new ECLC playground completed; Dr. Edward J. Thompson resigns; Capital Campaign for renovation of Westminster Hall, Narthex, Organ and Mission Project initiated
2005 | Membership: 961; Dr. John Ross hired as Interim Senior Pastor; Capital Campaign building improvements completed, incl. new Chancel floor and renovation of the organ by Schantz Organ Company; Mission trip to Guatemala; Youth Mission trip to Cedar Rapids, IA; Dr. John Ross hired as Interim Senior Pastor; Rev. Paul Rock called as Pastor; Diane Hunter, Administrative Secretary resigns; College Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids, IA; High School Mission Trip to Dallas, TX; Youth Participate in One Homeless Night; Endowment Committee created by Session
2006 | Membership: 641; Mission Trips to Guatemala, Florida, Pastoral Directory published; Church website, www.secondpres.com, redesigned and expanded
2007 | Membership: 985; 10th Anniversary of Dr. Edward J. Thompson’s ministry at Second; Mission Vision Initiative, Guatemala - Living Waters; Confirmation Class
of Communications, creating new positions of Business and Development Director, Leanna Hataway; Director of Engagement and Missional Ministries, Tera Yakel; and Church Operations Manager, Marsha Kiehr; Laura Larson hired as Director of Youth Ministries and Sara Harms hired as Interim Director of Children’s Ministries; Cary Gancowosýough was appointed as Worship and administration of music in the Second Church, directed by Don Weeks (Director of Music); Mega Swagerty hired as Temporary Pastor for Pastoral Care, Nick Addis resigns as Director of Children’s Ministries and Engagement, Rev. Andy Riegel called as Associate Pastor, Rev. Andy Colleson term as Temporary Pastor for Pastoral Care, The Open Table hosts a “Peaches and Ice Cream” event to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Second Church; Second celebrated longtime members with a special celebration, “Sages of Second”; The Second-Crestwood Block Past was celebrated in its second year, the annual membership meeting to address the congregational responsibilities as outlined in the GPS Report; Connect First and Block Party draw extensive neighborhood participation; Missions Committee of the 2008 Capital Campaign launched with gifts to Community LINC and The Children’s Place.

2013 Membership: 623, second year of GPS implementation with 64% of GPS goals completed by year’s end; Second becomes the first church in Kansas City, MO to install solar panel, energy efficient windows installed on north side of building; educational wing of the community in attendance.

2014 Membership: 721, third year of GPS implementation with 69% of GPS goals completed by year’s end; Second hosts a “Peaches and Ice Cream” event to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Second Church; Second celebrated longtime members with a special celebration, “Sages of Second”; The Second-Crestwood Block Past was celebrated in its second year, the annual membership meeting to address the congregational responsibilities as outlined in the GPS Report; Connect First and Block Party draw extensive neighborhood participation; Missions Committee of the 2008 Capital Campaign launched with gifts to Community LINC and The Children’s Place.

2015 Membership: 581; worship attendance increases from average of 279 to 301. Second celebrates its sesquicentennial with events throughout the year. Rev. Kevin Riegel called as Associate Pastor, Rev. Andy Colleson term as Temporary Pastor for Pastoral Care, The Open Table hosts a “Peaches and Ice Cream” event to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Second Church; Second celebrated longtime members with a special celebration, “Sages of Second”; The Second-Crestwood Block Past was celebrated in its second year, the annual membership meeting to address the congregational responsibilities as outlined in the GPS Report; Connect First and Block Party draw extensive neighborhood participation; Missions Committee of the 2008 Capital Campaign launched with gifts to Community LINC and The Children’s Place.

2016 Membership: 561;651; the Building Implementation Team continues working with Strata Architects and the congregation to discuss the future of our building, mission trip to Guatemala in January, Faith Development hosts several well-attended mission center events with our Muslim neighbors including an “Introduction to the Qur’an to Christians” class; Rev. Paul Rock takes summer sabbatical and Rev. Kevin Riegel serves temporarily as head of staff, high school mission trip to Costa Rica, middle school mission trip to Oklahoma, high school/young adult mission trip to Thailand, new Visitor’s Kiosk introduced, new projection system installed in Westminster Hall, new audiovisual system installed in the Chapel, Parker and Hill Memorial Library renovations are completed and dedicated, Worship Committee surveys the congregation and adjusts services to include more time for reflection and person prayer.

2017 Membership: 549; Second average attendance service: 191, Second average weekly sermon views: 74, The Open Table, average attendance: 77, The Open Table mailing list: 863, The Building Implementation Team worked with architects and contractors to essentially complete phase one of our building improvements (restoring and preserving our historic bell tower), oversee phase two (installing our new elevator and lobbies with expected completion in spring 2019), and begin plans for phase three (west side improvements, more accessible entries and a neighborhood front porch). Second voted to establish a Strategic Vision Team to discern how Christ was leading Second into the challenges and opportunities before us, the Team spent 8 months listening, studying, discerning and exploring to inform their recommendations about how Second can continue to be a vital part of what the Spirit of Christ is doing in Kansas City and the world, The Team worked with Session to publish its vision, The Great Report, in October, The Open Table continued its impressive growth with more people involved in gatherings, small groups and workshops. The Open Table received grants from the Synod and Heartland Presbyterian and was selected by the 1000 New Worshiping Communities movement to host, coach and train two residents: Tony Boyer and Victoria Litardor, The Open Table developed an anti-racism training program with a multi-racial cohort, The cohort led anti-racism trainings in churches, businesses, non-profit organizations throughout Kansas City. The Open Table was the only church in the City invited to participate in Kansas City Mayor Sly James’ Race and Equity Initiative, Family Ministries Committee organized a high school youth mission trip to Cambodia and a middle school youth mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee, Emily Nelson Dixon resigned as Children’s Director in June, Shelley Wyche was hired as interim Children’s Director in September and reached an agreement in December to stay on, Faith Development hosted CSR Groups and saw a 30% increase in Lentin small group participation, Faith Development also launched a series of well-attended “Choir and Cocktails” gatherings, Second hosted Rev. Dr. Charleston Han Powell for a webinar on “Reclaiming Evangelism” in October, Mission Committee celebrated five years of the Churchwide Program in November, Second members, 12 partner churches and 880 people participating overall, custodian Terry Smith earns All People’s Award; Recommendations from The Great Report began to be implemented in late 2018 and will continue in the months and years ahead.
At Second, we are always looking to be faithful stewards of our financial resources. Again this year, we made an intentional decision to reduce the number of printed copies of the annual report and encourage our congregation to read the digital version. Thanks for your support as we continue to save in printing costs and paper.