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Children's Circle Preschool

OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Recently, while visiting my kids, we were talking about all the houses we have lived in. Our family has owned four houses over the course of our 29 years of marriage. We're kind of pros at moving at this point. Each house, though, was the right place for us at each stage in our family's lives.

House one was a two- bedroom, one bath (unless you count the random toilet in the basement) bungalow that was just right for a newly married couple and then a family of three. We learned how to tile a bathroom and paint- skills we have used at every subsequent house. The yard was so tiny, we could use a non-powered push mower to cut it. It was the perfect starter home.

House two was a disaster when we bought it. We got it for a steal and then spent the next eight years fixing it up. We literally did everything to that house. The best addition, though, was the gate we put in the fence between our yard and the neighbor's. We learned very soon after moving in that they had a daughter who was the same age as our oldest. We had met them twice when they offered to go in-on the gate. In our eight years there, that gate was rarely closed, and they remain some of our best friends.

House three was on the same street that I grew up on and five houses down from my parents. I had just started working full time and having retired grandparents nearby was perfect to help our early elementary aged girls. Once, when my oldest decided to run away, it was very handy that she only had to walk down the street. Our girls have a special bond with their grandparents that I think would not have happened if we lived farther away.

The current house was an attempt at downsizing. We knew we would move once the girls went to college. We asked if they wanted us to wait until they were gone, or if they wanted the next house to feel like theirs too. They preferred we move before they left for school, so we headed a mile down the road to a more manageable house. This house has the perfect backyard for dogs and hanging out. We spend as much time out there as we can and love to have our "grand-doggy" out there when the kids are home.

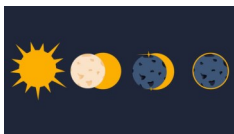
We have been so fortunate to have wonderful places to land in each stage of our lives. Who knows where we will land next, but I have a feeling it will be just right for us. By the way- fun thing to do with your kids when they get a older- look up your past homes online. They will be amazed at how different the house is from their memories of it.

Cara



Monday, April 8

CCP will close **EARLY**
(pick up by 1:00)
due to the total eclipse
that afternoon.



CCP Closed

Spring Break
Friday, March 29-April 5

Second Presbyterian's
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28

For more info go to:

www.secondchurch.org/VBS



For Kids!

What's up
with that?

Spring is here! That means daffodils and tulips are blooming!

I love the colors of spring in these two types of flowers!

Daffodils are mostly yellow and white and have a cup in the middle of the petals!



Tulips come in many colors. Red, yellow, purple and white! Some come in multiple colors too! What fun it is to go from winter's earthy colors to the bright, vibrant colors of spring!

Last fall, I helped my friend plant daffodils and tulips in her garden. We dug down into the dirt and planted bulbs. The picture below shows you what happens to the bulb during the cold months and into Spring!



Because the weather has been warm, the leaves are already starting to peek out from the ground! I can't wait to see how many come up! I hope you can plant some beautiful flowers this spring!-Ren



April Spotlight!

Music & Movement

Weekly Themes

1. Spring
2. Bugs!
3. Under the Sea

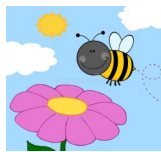


Take Me Out to the Ocean

Take me out to the ocean
 Take me out to the sea
 Show me the foamy waves rolling there
 Let me breathe in the salty air
 Let me look, look, look at the ocean
 To see the sea and explore
 'cause it's fun to dive from the top
 To the ocean floor!

Do You Like to Buzz?

(Do your ears hang low?)
 Do you like to buzz?
 Are you covered all in fuzz?
 Do you call a hive your home
 In the garden where you roam?
 Do you make a lot of honey,
 Sit on flowers when it's sunny?
 Do you like to buzz?



April Bible Time Adventure

This month we will continue with more Jesus stories. The children will learn how we can spread God's love by helping (The Man Who Helped), forgiving (The Boy Who Ran Away) and sharing (The Boy Who Shared His Lunch).



Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs
 Sat on a speckled log
 Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum yum!
 One jumped into the pool
 Where it was nice and cool
 Now there are four green speckled frogs. Glub glub!



Fuzzy Caterpillar (Itsy Bitsy Spider)

A fuzzy little caterpillar curled up on a leaf
 Spun up her chrysalis and then she fell asleep
 While she was sleeping she dreamed that she could fly
 And when she finally woke up, she was a butterfly!



Important Dates!

Friday, April 1-April 5	Spring Break - <i>Closed</i>
Monday-Friday, May 13-17	Last Week of School
Tuesday, May 28	Summer School begins

2024-25 School Year!

August 14, 15 & 16	Orientation Days
Mon,-Fri., August 19-23	Classes begin!
Monday, September 2	Labor Day <i>CCP Closed</i>

What's Happening at Second Church?

Sunday Mornings at Second!

- 9am-9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 10am Worship

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*4 year olds through 8th graders begin in Sanctuary with their families. After "The Word with children, they are invited to head to Children's Choir or are welcome to remain for the entire worship service.

- Sunday Morning Care is offered to our younger children.

Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives.

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