

The ADVANCE

Second Congregational UCC

FACEBOOK: Second Congregational UCC, Grand Rapids



What's Your BHAG for 2019?

Have you ever heard of "BHAG?" It's pronounced "beehag," and it stands for "big hairy audacious goals." I'm not sure you can find the word in the dictionary ... it shows up in a book called *Built to Last*. The author, Jim Collins, asserts that organizations that thrive over a long period of time have goals that are so big and so audacious, that somehow these goals propel the company to move forward.

Moses, just before he died, left a BHAG for Israel ... "The LORD your God Himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said." Deuteronomy 31:3. Moses had a goal for his people that was bigger than himself.

Same for Paul. He prays a BHAG for the church at Philippi (shortly before his death), "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge & depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God." (Philippians 1:9-11)

What is your BHAG for 2019? Is there a big hairy audacious goal that can only be achieved with God's help? Why don't we spend some time in the next few days to think about a BHAG for our life? Our family? Our church? If you come up with a BHAG for our church, would you share it with me? I'd love to hear it and to pray with you toward the realization of that goal in our congregation.

Make it a goal big enough to stir up your life or our church. As God gives us a gift of a new year, I believe it's appropriate that we ask Him to stir our hearts and reach for the big hairy audacious goals he has for us.

Happy New Year
Steve Armfield
Senior Pastor

Our Second Family - Wedding Bliss

Were you or yours married at Second Church?

Contact Vicki Tingley as we would love to have a copy of the bridal photo.

Thank you!

Heartfelt gratitude goes to those "extra" singers who participated with the Chancel Choir for Carols by Candlelight. The choir so very much appreciated the additional support, as did I. We all want each of you to know that we'd love to have you on a regular basis, and we hope you will consider that for 2019!

Many thanks, and we wish you many blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

Barbara Dulmage

THANK YOU!!!! Thank you for all the beautiful cards and wishes I've received to help me celebrate my 95th birthday. The Second Church family always shows its love for one another.

---Jeane Swart

FROM YOUR MISSION TEAM

The support is greatly appreciated and the Mission team thanks you!!!



	<u>Loose coin</u>	<u>Pop cans</u>
December:	\$ 63.71	\$ 30.00
All of 2018:	\$199.00	\$797.12

The Food Truck was held on 12-8 and 5,000 lbs. were distributed to families in need (potatoes, carrots, chicken, milk, celery, pop tarts, assorted breads, cole slaw, etc.) The next food truck is 1-19-19. Please sign up on the Mission board.

MISSION SUNDAY is 1-20-19. Larry Bailik (coordinator from our food truck) will speak. **There will be a pop-up brunch.** Sign up sheet is by the Mission board.

SUPPER HOUSE...Second Congregational finished up the year working at Supper House on the 16th of October and on Dec. 4th. We helped serve meatball sub sandwiches to about 75 on Oct. 16th and chili mac & cheese on Dec. 4th to about 95 people.

Those that helped at one or both dinners include: Jill Smith, Ruta Buckingham, Laurie Maresco, Janet Rinvelt and friend Bronia, Vicki Tingley, Jim Hunsberger, Sue Corbett and Judy Bartholomew.

We have signed up for 6 dates in 2019. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the board outside the drawing room after the first of the year. We would love to see some new faces from our church!

SECOND COFFEE HOSTS for 2019

January

- 6 Mission Team
- 13 Governance Board
- 20 Nominating Committee
- 27 Faith Formation



February

- 3 Membership Task Force
- 10 Music Board
- 17 Worship Life
- 24 Women's Fellowship



JOIN US IN WISHING THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE A VERY HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY!



- 2 Frank Smith
- 8 Fred Merizon, Patricia Siereveld
- 11 Maribeth Albertson
- 14 Judy Pierce
- 17 Thea Larsen
- 18 Lois Ginebaugh
- 21 Laura Van Skiver
- 22 Josh Holman
- 25 Mary Ann Fase, Riley Jalacki
- 28 David Kelly
- 30 Kenneth Jerome, Ben Larsen, Shirley Noble
- 31 Patricia Chapin



JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Office Closed 	2 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 2nd Stitches Office Closed 10:00 - 4:00 Staff Luncheon	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 
6 9:00 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship	7 <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 Barbershop Chorus	8 9:30 Bible Study 	9 10:00 Staff Mtg 1:00 Book Club 7:00 Ministry Council	10	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 9:00 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Change for a cause	14 <i>Office Closed</i> 1:00 Mahjong 7:00 Barbershop Chorus	15 9:30 Bible Study	16 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 2nd Stitches 10:00 Staff Mtg Laynie Mahacek Soup Lunch	17 Noon February ADVANCE items due 6:15 Cheshire Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 
20 9:00 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Mission Sunday	21 <i>Office Closed</i> 1:00 Mahjong 7:00 Barbershop Chorus	22 9:00 Calder Band 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Governance Bd 6:30 Faith Form.	23 10:00 Staff Mtg	24 6:15 Cheshire Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
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BLANKET MONTH

is

FEBRUARY!!!!

More information
will follow.



Friday,
February 1
at 7:30 p.m.

River City Jazz has been performing for over twenty years. Admission is FREE with an opportunity to donate during the event.

Principal Leadership Called to Serve You

Senior Pastor

Director of Church Business Affairs

Director of Music Ministries

Church Secretary, Advance

Bookkeeper

Custodian

Nursery Coordinator

Governance Board

Steve Armfield

William Bode

Barbara Dulmage

Mary Harrison

Shelley Plambeck

Kailee Downer

Amanda Curtis

Cheryl McCarthy, *Moderator*

Laura Haas, *Vice Moderator*

Jim Biener, *Treasurer*

Betsy Flory-McCoy, *Clerk*

Members at large: Pat DeGraaf, Ken Bird,
Bill Clark

Joan Beebe, Janet Van Geison, Dorothy Tock

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Prayer Chain

Serving Our Members in December

Head Usher: Ken Bird

Lay Readers: Valerie Knapp (January 6); David Sharp (January 13);

Betsy Flory-McCoy (January 20); Babs Sharp (January 27)

ATTENDANCE

12/2	122
12/9	102
12/16	108
12/23	90

FINANCIAL STATUS

Detailed figures are available on the Governance Board bulletin board outside the church office.

Thank you for your generous financial support for your church.

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Office Hours: 9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children & Worship was created to make a special place where children can come to encounter God, to be still with God and to listen to God. It is a place where children come to nurture their spiritual life.

The Stories for January are:

January 6	Communion-Children remain in Worship
January 13	The Visit of the Magi (Epiphany)
January 20	Jesus Left in Jerusalem
January 27	John the Baptist

Guest WiFi for Second Church is:

Sign-in: 2ndChurch-Guest

Password: 2ndCGuest159