



SECOND
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Advent & Christmas at Second

Sundays, December 2, 9 and 23

8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Advent Worship

Sunday, December 2

Family Advent Workshop & Service

5 p.m. ~ Dinner & Crafts

6 p.m. ~ Worship led by Children & Youth Choirs

Sunday, December 16

8:30 and 10:50 a.m. "My Spirit Rejoices"

Musical Celebration of Joy Sunday

with Sanctuary, Youth, Children's Choirs -

Orchestra - Austin Bells - Organ

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

9 p.m. Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

with Communion

11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

with Communion

Sunday, December 30

10 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m.

Adults:

- **Biblical Studies, Room 252**
Acton Ostling, Jr.
- **Living Our Faith, Fellowship Hall B**
Self-led
- **Pathways, Fellowship Hall A**
Elizabeth Clay
- **Christianity Today, Room 170**
Rev. Nathan Sautter and Rev. Steve Jester
- **Reading the Bible, Chapel**
Dr. Marty Soards
- **2nd Sunday, Room 251**
Lee and Vic Baltzell

Youth:

- **6th and 7th Grades, Room 171**
Jill Shiflet, Chris Parks and Patrick Farnan
- **8th Grade Confirmation, Room 166**
Scott Carothers and Kathleen Mayfield
- **9th—12th Grades, Room 168**
John McCarthy, Todd Smith and Tricia Wainscott
- **Confirmation Parents, Room 240**
Sallie Cunningham

Children (10:50—12 p.m.)

Begin in worship, pick up in classroom.

- **3 through 5 years, Room 151**
Donna Church, John and Bonnie Stone
- **K through 1st Grade, Room 152**
Maggie Faurest and Whitney Watt
- **2nd and 3rd Grades, Room 153**
Patti Ogden
- **4th and 5th Grades, Room 180**
Susan Irving and Jean Groskreutz

Childcare:

- **Infant to Two Years Old, Room 117**
(8:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.)
- **3 years through 5th grade, Room 179**
(9:45—10:45 a.m.)

Reflections

Dear Friends,

You may have had the experience, as I did recently, of something being said to you in a casual manner that had a profound impact on you. I was with a church member and a friend of his whom I had just met. I asked a few questions of this person, trying to get a sense of who she was. I listened to the two of them as they shared the easy conversation of long-time friends. Suddenly, our church member turned to me and gave his opinion that I was a wise person because I knew how to listen and was willing to do so.

Those of you who know me well may find that observation interesting, to say the least! I don't think of myself as having that gift. In fact, I often wish that I had said a lot less and listened a lot more. But, for that person in that moment, there was a sense of being heard, being taken seriously, and a view of me as someone willing to pay careful attention. I would like to grow more and more into that member's perception of me!

I'm struck by how much waiting and listening are emphasized during the Advent and Christmas season. On one level there is the waiting, the anticipation, of holiday parties, families and friends gathering, trips back "home" or loved ones coming to visit. There is the waiting for the wonder of Christmas Eve worship with the beloved carols, soft candlelight, and the mystery of God almighty becoming flesh and living among us.

There is another kind of waiting going on during this season. We know that Christ the Savior is already born, some 2000 years ago. What we are waiting for are signs of his continuing presence with us, glimpses of the new creation that is partial now but will someday be fully present and visible to all. Read the stories in Matthew and Luke about the preparation for Jesus' birth and the birth story itself. There's a lot of listening going on! There's a lot of waiting for God to speak, waiting for God's direction. Mouths close and eyes, ears, and hearts are open to this wondrous thing God is doing.

During this often frantic and loud season, I invite you to listen. Listen to children. Listen to those who have seen scores of Christmases come and go. Listen to the longings and dreams of those to whom you're close. Listen with fresh ears to the stories from Scripture and powerful sacred music from across the centuries. Listen to the longings of your own heart. Listen, and you just might hear the song of angels proclaiming peace, a real peace that is beyond all we can hope or imagine because this very day is born to us a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

Grace and peace,

Steve



SECOND Presbyterian WEEKDAY School

Dear Families and
Friends of the Week-
day School,

It is hard to fathom
that twenty-five years
ago I left my position
as a professor in Child
and Family Studies

and Director of the Child Development Center at Eastern Kentucky University to accept the position as Director of this beloved Weekday School. My intent was to stay for three years and head back to higher ed! Little did I know that 2nd Pres would become my “home” landing.

After much soul searching (heart wrenching at times), and prayer, I have decided to look toward retirement at the end of this school year. Now that “Frozen” song from Walt Disney, “Let it Go”, has swirled in my brain a few million times! Thus, I will have a wonderful eight months to be in the moment with our dream staff, wonderful children and you, our parents. The beauty in saying “goodbye” is that in the old English it was a way of saying “God Bless”. I am reminding myself that it is okay to say goodbye. In fact, it is a sacred and profound way of opening us up to silver linings and reveal God’s blessings.

I have two daughters and two grandchildren in North Carolina

that we have been richly blessed with...blessed with family, friends, faith, and great memories. What more could I ask for?

I was of a generation of Early Childhood Education advocates who were shaped by the Vietnam war, Woodstock, the King and Kennedy assassinations, the Beatles, and Laugh-In. We gravitated into Early Childhood Education as a cause and ministry, more than as a profession to provide a head start for the next generation.

And now our Leadership Team, Search Committee, and Board will build on the accomplishments and the legacy of our unique school and will continue to take us to new places in this fast-changing world. I salute the determination, savvy and creativity of the next generation of Second Presbyterian Week-day School.

It is in this spirit that I am not saying a simple “goodbye” but God Bless each of you and thank you for blessing me.
“Goodbye may seem forever. Farewell is like the end, but in my heart is the memory and there you will always be.” ~ Walt Disney

It has been an amazing journey.

Warmly,

Lisa Warner

God
Bless
Everyone



Choose to be
Grateful!

In November we considered all the blessings God has given us and returned our thanks to Him for the gifts we have been given. It is appropriate that Gratitude Sunday (the day we turned in our pledge cards) was in November.

Throughout November, we considered some of the reasons we are grateful for the worship services, mission opportunities and community of our Second Presbyterian Church. I hope you reflected on what our church means to you and your family.

The Stewardship Committee hopes you will express your gratitude for your church by making a monetary pledge, by contributing your family’s per capita assessment, by volunteering for a mission and by loving, supporting and celebrating with our church family.

Pledging is essential to the economic health of our church. If you haven’t returned your pledge card, please do so immediately. Though the amount of each pledge is important, it is more important that every confirmed member pledge something so the burden is shared by all of us. Please also write a check to pay your family’s per capita obligation to the larger Presbyterian Church - \$25 per confirmed member.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Steve gave a sermon a couple of years ago during a very sad time in my life. His point was that we can choose to be grateful. I hope you will choose to be grateful for our church home and support it accordingly.

Emily Lawrence

Stewardship Committee

Advent Service & Workshop

Sunday, December 2



Workshop 5-6 p.m.

Service 6 p.m.

RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 28

ajohnson@2ndpreslou.org

Craft stations and dinner will run simultaneously starting at 5 p.m. Worship will be led by our Children's Choirs, Youth Choir and readers at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and create your family's own Advent wreath and receive a family devotional to use each day in this time of waiting.

Suggested donation for dinner is \$5 per person and \$20 family cap.



Second Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m. for coffee, fellowship, and Bible study. Our holiday pot-luck luncheon will follow the meeting at noon. Horizons "God's Promise: I am with you" Lesson 4 "God is with Us When We seek God" explores God's unconditional love as witnessed in 1 Chronicles and 1 Kings. All women of Second Presbyterian Church, and visitors, are welcome to join us for our monthly friendship and Bible Study Circle.

Presbyterian Union

A monthly discussion group sponsored by Second Presbyterian and Highland Presbyterian churches

Speaker: Larry M. McDonald, President of the Lincoln Foundation

Where: Vincenzo's, The Courtyard, 105 South 5th Street

When: Tuesday, December 4, at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$16 including gratuity; please pay at the door by cash or check

RSVP: Please contact Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or 894-8440 by 4 p.m., Monday, December 3.





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SPOT Book Notes will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 4, to select the books we will read in 2019. Because New Year's Day falls on the first Tuesday in January, our regular meeting day, we will convene on January 8, the following Tuesday.

I will have the book title after December 4 and will send an email to the group. Anyone interested in the title, please contact me at jeanobrien502@gmail.com.

We faithfully support UCHM food closet.

There is a SPOT for you!

Second Presbyterian Options Together

Sisters In Spirit

Sisters in Spirit is a warm, supportive group of ladies who enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help them grow in their everyday faith. The SPOT group is open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. This year our book of study is Love Does by Bob Goff.

Please contact Jeanne Curtis—Jeannecurtis@bellsouth.net—if you have questions. We hope to see you on December 11 at the home of Robyn Carsten-Kane, 202 Council Road, at 7 p.m.

23rd Annual Santa Sprint & Stroll

Come on out for the 23rd Annual Santa Sprint & Stroll on December 1 beginning at 9 a.m., 2561 Grinstead Drive (enter from Peterson Avenue). This merry 5k Run/ Walk is presented by the Frankfort Avenue Business Association to benefit the work of United Crescent Hill Ministries.

- Flat and fast course running along historic Frankfort Avenue in Crescent Hill and Clifton
- Refreshments served after the race
- Age group awards for top three finishers
- Photos with SANTA

*Adults cost \$25 *Youth cost \$15

There will be a price increase after November 28.

For more information and/or to register, go to uchmlouky.org

HO, HO, HOPE to see you there!



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MORE INFO TO COME

FEB - TRIVIA NIGHT
 MARCH - DINE AROUND
 JUNE - PENTECOST & PANCAKES
 SEPTEMBER - AFTERNOON AT
 THE DOWNS

2018 Board of Deacons Highlights

After not having Deacons at Second Pres for 50 years, on March 25, 2018, twenty-seven newly elected Deacons and two youth Deacons were ordained and installed. Their ministry as set forth in scripture and defined in The Book of Order is one of compassion, witness and service. Here are the areas the Deacons have begun working, with more care to follow for our congregation.

Care Groups: Each Deacon is assigned a group of 20-30 families in the congregation to care for, and we have been slowly contacting everyone. If you have not heard from your Deacon, please contact Ally Condra at 895-3483 or Deacon Cheryl Russell at cherylrussell@twc.com.

Visitation: As part of our ministry to our congregation, we visit hospitals, nursing homes and homebound parishioners. We contact the family first to find out if a visit would be helpful. We always keep our pastors informed of any health concerns so that they also may visit.

Flower Deliveries: Deacon Emily Willingham schedules flowers to be placed in the chapel and sanctuary during worship services. After services the flowers are rearranged into smaller vases and delivered to nursing homes and homebound members by Barbara Taylor. Emily writes thank-you notes to donors.

Sunday Prayer Ministry: After worship services while our pastors are very busy greeting folks, the Deacons have prayer stations set up where they can listen at length to concerns of the congregation and offer prayers. Afterwards, the ministers are notified of any pastoral concerns. A deacon is stationed at the rear of the sanctuary narthex after the 10:50 a.m. worship, and by the chapel piano after the 8:30 a.m. service. We seek to provide a listening ear and a caring presence.

Meals: Deacons have prepared meals and taken them to group members and friends as the need arises. Meals can be comforting and helpful when there is an illness, new baby or grief experience.

Funeral Guild: Under the dedication of Deacons Nancy Hubbard, Mary Miller, assisted by Emily Willingham, Lindsey Hundley, and Rosemay Palmer-Ball, Deacons provide receptions following funeral and memorial services. They first contact the family to determine their wishes and then organize and administer those wishes. They arrive early to help set up, and remain to serve refreshments until the reception is over, staying to help clean up as well.

College Student Outreach: The purpose is to let our college students, especially the new freshmen, know that their church cares about them. Students will receive gift cards to Starbucks, for example, and/or cookies with a note enclosed to say that our church is remembering them in prayer. The name, college address, phone number and email address is needed for each student. Parents, please inform Ally Condra in the church office so it can be passed on to Deacons Cindy Nutt and Nora Maloney.



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT IS A

College Student

We are compiling a list of all our college students so that we can minister to them during this transitional time of their lives.

Please contact Ally Condra at (502) 895-3483 or acondra@2ndpreslou.org.

Per Capita Apportionment

The 2019 apportionment is \$25 per confirmed member. The money is used for the ecclesiastical expenses for the next fiscal year and is divided among the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky, the Synod of Living Waters and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Envelopes for paying your per capita will be available in the church pews and the welcome center. Or, you can send your check marked "per capita" to Jacob Hein at the church.

LOVE GROW SERVE



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NEW MEMBERS and MENTORS DINNER

Our September new members were matched with mentors to make their transition to Second Church more meaningful. On Sunday night, November 11, the Outreach Committee enjoyed dinner at Robyn and Charlie Kane's home where mentors for new members were included for an evening of fun.



Glenda Bumpas, Brooks Mayer, Sasha Bjorn-Mayer, Steve Jester, Susan Langford, John Bahe



Nathan and Joy Sautter, Emma Deering, Collier Clay



Jack and Lee Hancock, Camille and Bob Williams-Neal, Becky Peer, Susan Langford, Evie Edinger, Glenda Bumpas, Cynthia and Harry Herren



Brandon and Elizabeth Hughes, Martha and Craig Clark, Terry Cissell

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASSES ARE COMING!

Are you interested in learning about our church, or becoming a member? If so, our January "Inquiry" classes are for you! Come and discover what our church is all about, what it has to offer you, and how you might want to get involved in the abundant life of our congregation.



The next Inquiry classes will be held in the church parlor at 9:45 a.m. on January 13 and 20. Our church pastors and members of the Outreach Committee will lead the classes where you will learn about the history, mission, and activities of the church, as well as the many ways you can participate. For those who attend the Inquiry classes and wish to become new members, we will offer a special breakfast on February 3 at 9:45 a.m. Members of the Session will be invited to meet, greet and vote on your membership application. Then, as a new member, you will be introduced to the congregation that same day at the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Inquiry classes will be offered again in April 2019. Ours is a vibrant congregation, and we want you to be part of it!

Come, O Hidden, Holy One

Our Advent season takes us through the inner journey of John the Baptist, Zechariah, Mary and Joseph- all who had to learn to wait, sometimes in silence, sometimes in joyous expectation, always trusting in God-with-us. On December 2, our music is led by our choirs, Jonathan Ruckman on cello and Ricky Case, soloist. For December 9, we explore the heart of Zechariah as he ponders this long-awaited promise, with the choir singing *Thou Shalt Know Him*. On Joy Sunday, we celebrate “My Spirit Rejoices” with all our musical forces – choirs, handbells, children, youth, orchestra and soloists – the rapturous Song of Mary, mother of the Christ Child. Our final Advent Sunday, December 23, we take to heart all that Joseph carried – his faithful response to the coming of our Christ ... familiar carols, and a tender setting of *This Holy Child* by the men of the choir. Invite your neighbors to journey in wonder of Jesus, Hidden, Holy One.



A Heart of Gratitude for Our Musical Teams—Thanks to all our hard-working choirs and ensembles who liven our worship each week. Late October and throughout November, we have been blessed by wondrous sounds and moving texts. *Glory to God for the bounty of goodness from our Octet, Sanctuary Choir, Youth and Children's Choirs, Austin Handbells, Paula Roberts and guest musicians!* And thank you, John Ellis, for always capturing images of our song!

BRAHMS A GERMAN REQUIEM

The Choirs of
Second Presbyterian Church
Saint Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
& Full Orchestra

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 * 3 P.M.
Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Rd.



James Rightmyer
Conductor

Jim Rittenhouse
Conductor: Baritone

Christina Bouras Rechtenwald
Soprano

Free Admission - Offering Benefits



2nd Act

SPOT

2nd Act is completing its performance schedule of “America on Broadway” in November, having performed for 26 health care facilities in the Louisville area since January of 2018. The 22 ladies who participate in this ministry are dedicated to bringing joy through music to the residents of these care facilities. Each Wednesday we meet to further this goal. Susan Langford has been with the group since its inception in the 1990's while several members are new this fall. The group will be singing a Christmas program at three places in December and will begin learning a new program in January. If anyone is interested in joining this ministry of music, please contact the church office or any of our members. We would love to have you!



THANK YOU, 2018/19 PATRONS!

We are grateful for the support of our many patrons- some who have given in memory and honor of those who have loved the music programs of Second Presbyterian or who have given specifically for the 2018-19 Concert Series. These gifts ensure our Series continues to offer inspiring music that glorifies God.

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If you are interested in donating to the Concert Series, or to any of the funds listed above, please make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church and mark on the memo line either "Concert Series" or "Donations to [name of fund]". You may place it in the offering plate, or send to the attention of Jim Rittenhouse at the church.

Poinsettia baskets are being offered to members who wish to honor/remember individuals.

The cost is \$30 and the deadline for ordering is Friday, December 14.

You can leave your check and form in Denise Scinta's mailbox in the reception area or you can mail them to
Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville, 40207, Attn: Denise Scinta

Poinsettia baskets in the Sanctuary can be picked up at the church after the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Please PRINT all information.

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Forgiveness

All of us have hurt and been hurt because none of us can claim to have done relationship perfectly. Enter the need for forgiveness. I would like to believe there is general consensus that forgiveness is a good and desired thing, and that our faith traditions uphold forgiveness as foundational. While we might all agree it is a good thing, how do you actually do it? Can you just flip a forgiveness switch and consider it done?

Thankfully, there is such a thing as forgiveness research to help us dive a little deeper into the mechanics of the process. In his book, **Forgiveness is a Choice**, Robert Enright, PhD outlines a very helpful guide or map to guide us through the

process. Consider the brief summary below, and if you find you need to go deeper, I encourage you to go pick up the book and work through his 4 phase 20 step model.

Phase One – Uncovering - During this phase the individual becomes aware of the emotional pain that has resulted from a deep, unjust injury.

Phase Two – Decision - The individual now realizes that to continue to focus on the injury and the injurer may cause more unnecessary suffering and begins to understand that a change must occur to go ahead in the healing process.

Phase Three – Work - Here the forgiving individual begins the active work of forgiving the injurer.

Phase Four – Outcome/Deepening - In this phase the forgiving individual begins to realize that he/she is gaining emotional relief from the process of forgiving his/her injurer.

This holiday season if you need help with forgiveness, or any other challenge, please don't hesitate to call us at (502) 327-4622, or email me at bwinstead@kilgorecounseling.org.

Peace, Barry



*"I am the
light of the
world"*



Acolytes can be much more than just cute little kids who light and extinguish the candles on Sunday morning. They have a very important role as congregational worship leaders.

Acolytes have been part of the church in one form or another for nearly 2,000 years. The word *acolyte* comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning follower, a helper or assistant. Acolytes carry into worship the light, processional cross, banners or Bible. Children and youth often serve as acolytes, but adults can serve as well.

"Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world'" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Two candles on the altar are lit to represent Jesus as both human and God. At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere, going out into the world where believers are to serve.

This Advent, several families are participating in the acolyte ministry. We would like to see the practice continue throughout the year. All combinations of families are welcome: grandparents and grandchildren, parents and youth, mentors and mentees, parents and adult children, friends and colleagues. Whatever combination you feel represents families in Christ---the possibilities are truly endless. Please consider having your family serve in this ministry.

Contact Diana Jester at djester1101@twc.com to reserve your Sunday.



We invite you to visit Second's website at www.2ndpreslou.org for all the latest information.

For your convenience in viewing our upcoming events, please visit our calendar. As events are scheduled, they are added to the calendar which is the easiest, most convenient way to see what upcoming.

Also, all sermons can be found under the sermon tab. These are kept up-to-date and make an easy way to listen at your convenience.

Along with the above, you can visit the music page, the adult, youth and children's pages, find out about what missions Second is involved with helping and also learn about Crossroads and its upcoming programs.

OR, you can like us on Facebook! We keep Second's page filled with notices of upcoming events. You can also enjoy the pictures posted of our many fellowship activities.

Please let someone on staff know if you have any navigational questions. We are happy to help!



Second Pres building activities follows closing decisions made by the Jefferson County Public Schools this winter.

- If schools are closed, the building will be closed for all meetings and activities.
- If the schools close early, the building will be closed for all subsequent meetings and activities.
- If the schools are on a delay in the morning, all meetings and activities will go on as usual.

The church office will remain open for regular business hours, and each employee will be notified if the office is closed. We suggest you use the Wave3 Weather Closings or the WHAS 11 snow closings websites to confirm the accessibility of the building.





Crossroads Ministry
A Word of Hope
Monthly Meditation
“Been There, Done That”
 Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas, Director

*“Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-
 with Christ hath made us free, and be not
 entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1)*

The Bible says, “Stand fast....” Beloved, it is necessary that we learn how to stand firm in that which we believe. How many times have we started out talking a good game and even having a walk that matched our talk, but somehow along the way, we lost focus... we took our eyes off of Jesus. The Bible says, when Peter took his eyes off of Jesus, he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid and began to sink (Matthew 14:30). My friend, as long as you can keep your eyes on Jesus, you’ll be able to stand! Don’t look to the left or to the right, but keep your eyes on Jesus. Keep on reading God’s Word! Keep on praying! Keep on believing!

The Word says, “...in the liberty....” But guess what— freedom is not free. Jesus suffered and died on an old rugged cross to buy my liberty. He was pierced that I might be made whole. He was spat upon that I might have dignity. He was mocked that I might be counted as royalty. He was bruised that I might be healed... He was forsaken that I might be forgiven. He was lied on that I might know the truth. He bled that I might drink from a fount that will never run dry. He suffered that I might have peace. He died that I might live. He was resurrected, that I might get up each time I stumble along the way. He lives that I might live forevermore. He bought my liberty! He set me free!

When God saved you, He set you free from the bondage of sin.

A song writer said, “He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free. His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.” My Sister and Brother, you are no longer bound by the desires of the flesh. “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).



You are free to love your enemies, to bless those who curse you, to turn the other cheek. You are free from drug addiction, and pornography. You are free from depression and oppression. You are free!

The Bible says, “... Be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage....” Woman and Man of God, sin is like a snare that will try to trap you and get you into its grip. Don’t make allowance for the flesh. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Satan is crafty and he does not fight fair. If he can get you to forsake your liberty— you know, turn away from the truth—you’ll find yourself walking down the same old dusty streets of sin where you used to hang out. And don’t think that just because you’re not sleeping with someone else’s husband or you’ve never stolen from the corner store that you are “Perfect Polly.” The Bible says, “For *all* have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

But if you stumble... if you slip... if you get tripped up along the way, don’t stay down there! Tell God that you are sorry, really mean it, and get up! Get up! Come on and make the devil mad! He thought he could get you to slip back into depression, to stick a needle in your arm, to get somebody told. Make the devil mad! Tell the devil, “No!” Been there, done that and I am not going back!

CROSSROADS MINISTRY PRESENTS

How the Grief almost Stole Christmas
How to Handle Grief During the Holidays

Guest Speaker



Cassandra D. Harris-Gray
 Therapist/Counselor/Author

Prayers, Meditation and Healing

Friday, November 30, from 6-8 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church

3701 Old Brownsboro Road

Refreshments will be served.



Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas
 Director of Crossroads Ministry



FALL FESTIVAL 2018



Missions at Second

December Mission of the Month

Through the Mission Committee budget, the church supports three foreign missionaries. In December, you have an opportunity to make a special gift to them for the great work they are doing with our neighbors throughout the world.

Sherry & Dustin Ellington
Zambia

Dan & Elizabeth Turk
Madagascar

Karla Koll
Costa Rica

If you would like to make a special gift to those who are so faithfully serving, please make a donation to the church marked Mission Christmas fund.

Thank you for your support,
Mission Committee



Handmade goods from El Salvador will be for sale in the Welcome Center throughout Advent

All crafts are handmade by women from the community we support

All proceeds go directly to our mission partner The Reformed Church in Rosario De Mora

CEDAR RIDGE WORK DAY

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018



THE HEALING PLACE

Thank you to all who joined our visit to our amazing mission partner, The Healing Place women's campus. Housing 250 women and at full capacity all the time we were privileged to join their community meeting and see their program in action.



Reminders

Open Gym every Tuesday 7—9 p.m.

Money for Montreat and HS Winter Retreat is still being collected.

Save the Date! December 9



Christmas Party



December

1st & 2nd Cabbage Patch Wrapping/UCHM Santa Sprint

5th Middle School Basketball begins 7-9 p.m.

6th High School Basketball Begins 7-9 p.m.

9th 2PY Christmas Party

16th HS Winter Retreat Final Payment Due

16th No Café 917

18th Open Gym Reunion

23rd No Café 917

24th Christmas Eve Service

25th No Open Gym

30th No Café 917



CAFE 917

SUNDAY MORNINGS @9:17
IN THE YOUTH SUITE

No class on
Dec 16th
Dec 23rd
Dec 30th

HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 168
MIDDLE SCHOOL - ROOM 171
CONFIRMATION CLASS - ROOM 166
CONFIRMATION PARENTS - ROOM 240



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passages

We remember in prayer ...

Liz Dohrman and Leslie Taylor and family on the death of Liz's husband and Leslie's father, Howard J. Dohrman, 11/13.

Tom Tyrrell and family on the death of his brother, Gerald Gettys Tyrrell, 11/13.

Beverly Wagner and family on the death of her brother, Robert Tway, 11/3.

The family of Anna May Scholla, on her death, 10/30.

Clayton Neff and family on the death of his wife, Margaret Ann Parker Neff, 10/15.

The Tilford family on the death of their nephew and cousin, Joseph Aaron Tilford, 10/5.

Jean and John Treitz and Harriett and Greg Treitz on the death of their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Susan Treitz, 10/3.

John Davis and family on the death of his mother, Caroline Davis, 10/2.