



SECOND THOUGHTS

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FROM LAMENT
TO LIFE
OUR JOURNEY
OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

Intergenerational / Family
Lenten Workshop & Dinner
5:30 p.m.

Prayer Stations - 6:10 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 p.m. in Chapel

Reservations are needed for Dinner and Workshop
(\$5 per person/\$20 family donation suggested for dinner)
Reservations can be made by contacting
Chelsea Beasley: cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org, 895-3483

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.
Sanctuary - Second Presbyterian Church

 CONCERT SERIES

James Rightmyer
Conductor

Jim Rittenhouse
Conductor, Baritone

Christina Bouras Rechtenwald
Soprano

Offering Benefits
 Kilgore Samaritan
COUNSELING CENTER

Free Admission
Childcare Available

Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m.

Adults:

- **Biblical Studies, Room 252**
Acton Ostling, Jr.
- **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,

The words “spiritual” and “spirituality” show up often in religious contexts. Getting a firm grasp on what they mean can be as slippery as grabbing (gently, of course) a goldfish out of the water. Just what is this thing called “spirituality”?

I have practiced various “spiritual disciplines” throughout my adult life – silence, solitude, different approaches to prayer, prayerful reading of Scripture, journaling. It is only in recent years that I have found clarity on what “spirituality” means for me. I believe that spirituality isn’t a program I follow to try to find God or gain special insight into the nature and activity of God. Spirituality is being present to the God of astounding, abundant love and grace, the God known in Jesus Christ.

The God known in Jesus Christ, through the movement of the Holy Spirit, is at work bringing healing, hope, and fresh starts. But how are we present to, and aware of, what God is already up to in our lives and the wider world? Those spiritual disciplines have been, and continue to be, helpful to me in my journey of faith. But I am most present to the Lord, most fully in the moment, when I am engaged in the earthy, physical aspects of life with others, in the “ordinary, everyday human bodily experiences,” as one theologian describes it. Experiences such as long bike rides, walking and hiking, being overwhelmed by powerful music, joining with others in prayer and praise.

This church graciously grants a three-month sabbatical to its pastors after seven years of service or whenever the timing is right. I will begin my sabbatical on May 6th and return August 6th. I’m calling the experience “Being Present: Renewal for the Third Third of Life.” The purpose is physical, emotional, and spiritual renewal through intentional self-care in the ways described above. I will be walking a section of the ancient pilgrimage route called the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain, cycling several long trails in Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia, hiking and exploring parts of northern New Mexico, reading selected books on the topic, finding opportunities to participate in worship with others, and taking up some form of disciplined movement such as yoga. Diana and I will vacation together and I will enjoy “being” at home and with friends and family here and out of town.

Details about the sabbatical will follow soon. I look forward to returning refreshed and renewed for the next stage of the journey with you and sharing with you in various ways what it means to be present to the life-giving grace of God!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Steve Jester

Stewardship

AN EVENING IN PARIS

MARCH 23 @ 6 P.M.



TICKETS ARE \$50 AND RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE THROUGH MARCH 17 OR BY CALLING DENISE SCINTA AT 895-3483. CREDIT CARD, CASH OR CHECK.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE SECOND PARTY, PLEASE DO SO ON THE GIVING PAGE AT WWW.2NDPRESLOU.ORG

**Please save your empty French wine bottles with labels, and please bring in gift cards (\$25 or more) to restaurants/stores to use in baskets. You may leave them with Denise at the church office.*

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS TO BID ON SECOND PARTY'S GREAT GATHERINGS

- DATE/GAME NIGHT FOR 10 WITH THE FELLONS
- CAJUN DINNER FOR 8 WITH THE CLAYS
- TEX-MEX DINNER FOR 8 WITH THE JESTERS
- FRENCH PICNIC FOR 8 BY MAST/STERN
- TEA PARTY FOR 10 "LITTLE" GIRLS AT THE HUBBARDS'
- PAINTING PARTY FOR 8 ARRANGED BY L. BALTZELL
- MUSIC FOR YOUR DINNER PARTY BY PAULA AND JIM
- MARGARITA MADNESS – GIRLS' NIGHT OUT AT THE OYLERS'

GET READY FOR A NIGHT FULL OF FRIENDSHIP AND FUN!



Kentuckiana Chapter of Choristers Guild

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR
FESTIVAL**

Our 3-5 grade Chapel Choir will participate in this regional festival.

Come support them as they lead music at the Festival's Worship:

Saturday, March 2, 2019 * 12:30 pm

Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY



MUSIC IN MARCH

- Sunday, March 3:** 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Services w/Communion in Sanctuary
Austin Memorial Handbell Choir & Sanctuary Choir
- Wednesday, March 6:** Ash Wednesday Service—6:30 p.m. in the Chapel
Contemplative Instrumental Music and Congregational Song
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- Sunday, March 10:** First Sunday in Lent—8:30 a.m. Chapel, 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary & Youth Choirs
-  **CONCERT SERIES, 3:00 p.m. in Sanctuary (see front page)**
Choirs of Second Presbyterian & St. Francis in the Fields with Orchestra
- Sunday, March 17:** Second Sunday in Lent—8:30 a.m. Chapel, 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir and Octet Soloist
- Sunday, March 24:** Confirmation Sunday—8:30 a.m. Chapel, 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary, Youth and Children's Choirs
- Sunday, March 31:** Fourth Sunday in Lent—8:30 a.m. Chapel, 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir

Upcoming Events



WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER

Dinner, Study, & Fellowship for all ages

Dinner 5 p.m.

Children's Choirs 5:30 p.m.

Other Activities 6 p.m.

Reservations required for dinner, \$5 donation per person/\$15 cap per family

Please RSVP by the Monday prior to the church office at (502) 895-3483 or cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org

JOIN US IN MARCH FOR A LENTEN SERIES

"Do Not Be Afraid" -- Culture, Fear, and Faith

Join Teresa Larson, our Seminary Intern, for a discussion about the impacts that fear has on our culture, our lives, and in our faith. Together, we'll explore three biblical passages that explore fear and how these passages can shine a light of hope into a culture of fear. Join us from 6:00-7:00 on March 13, 20, and 27. All are welcome!

March 13: "And they were afraid"-- Naming Our Fears (Mark 16)

March 20: "Perfect love casts out fear"--Beyond Fear of the Stranger (1 John 4)

March 27: "Do not be afraid"--The Biblical Mandate



Second Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 12th at 10:30 a.m. for coffee, fellowship, and Bible study. Horizons Bible Study "God's Promise: I am with you" Lesson 7 is "God is with Us as Emmanuel". This lesson moves to the New Testament and explores the fulfillment of God's promise to be with us. In Matthew 1:18-25, God offers signs to Joseph and Mary. Through their trust in Him, Jesus Christ is born to dwell among us. All women of Second Presbyterian Church, and visitors, are welcome to join us for our monthly friendship and Bible study Circle.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN The 2019 Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church. "Compassion for Our Neighbor" is the theme. Our speakers will be Amanda Craft and Teresa Waggener from the Office of Immigration Issues, PC (USA) on "Immigration Issues: Asylum Seekers".

*The offering to be collected will be shared with Overground Railroad, a group providing food and care packages to legal entry migrants traveling through Louisville by bus to places of safe refuge across the U.S., and Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Items to be collected include; healthy snack items such as granola bars, small raisin packs, animal crackers, peanut butter crackers, as well as Kroger, Walmart, or Costco gift cards.

*9a.m. - Registration, coffee & fellowship. 10a.m. - Worship and gathering program. 12p.m. - Lunch. Cost of the lunch is \$10. Lunch Reservations can be made payable to PW Mid-KY, c/o JoAnna Overstreet, 4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 30218 by March 14th. Reservations to attend the Worship and gathering program are not required. For questions, please contact JoAnna at j.overstreet@twc.com or 502-897-0129.

*A note of thanks to the Women of Second and PW-Mid Ky for their faithful service to the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church "Senior Café". Your fourth Tuesday meals are a blessing to and greatly appreciated by the faithful seniors, women and men, who gather for fellowship and activities in the community room of PAPC.

Upcoming Events

Crossroads Ministry

of Second Presbyterian Church - Louisville, KY

PRESENTS

BURDENS DOWN, LORD

"Coping with Complicated Grief"

PRAYERS,
MEDITATION
& HEALING

Our Presenter



Cassandra D. Harris-Gray
Therapist/Counselor/Author

Our Director



Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas

light meal provided

Friday @ 6-8 PM

**MARCH
01, 2019**

Quinn Chapel AME Church
1901 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd
Louisville, KY

Rev. Troy I. Thomas, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas, Asst. Pastor



PRESBYTERIAN UNION

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

Speaker: *Dr. Ted Smith and Christy Brown*

Title: *"The Envirome Institute"*

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

When: *Tuesday, March 5, at 11:30 a.m.*

Lunch: *Buffet salad and entree, dessert, iced tea*

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

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



Missions

March Mission of the Month



Located in the scenic Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky, our residential campuses in Buckhorn and Pine Ridge offer secure, compassionate, and therapeutic communities to our kids. Here they will know that they are someplace safe, different, and special.

ITEMS NEEDED

- White Towels, Hand Towels and Washcloths
- White Twin Sheet Sets and Pillowcases
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Roll-on Deodorant
- Used or New CDs of Current Music
- Used or New G Rated DVDs
- Nerf Sports Equipment
- Learning Games with no small pieces

COSTA RICA TRIP

JUNE 25 - JULY 3 • \$1500

\$250 DEPOSIT
DUE MARCH 10



For more information
contact Chelsea in the
church office
cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org
(502) 895-3483



New Members

Josh and Margaret Hayden

Joshua and Margaret recently moved to Louisville from Manhattan and come to Second from Central Presbyterian Church in New York City. Josh has his PhD from Carnegie Mellon and is Chief of Chemistry at Norton Healthcare. Margaret received her masters from Columbia University's Teachers College and teaches English Composition online to undergraduates at a San Francisco based art school. They have been married over three years and have a toddler, Isabelle, who is an active and entertaining little girl who keeps them on their feet!



Charles and Eunice Shishmanian

Charles and Eunice recently moved from Massachusetts and come from Newton Highlands Congregational Church, transferring their 54-year membership to be closer to family. Charles spent 35 years in the mental health and healthcare fields. They have been married for 65 years and have three sons, five granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

Kyle and Andrea Wiggins

Kyle and Andrea moved to Louisville three years ago from the Memphis, TN area for Kyle's work. They met at graduate school in Memphis and lived there for 20 years. Kyle is an attorney for Kindred Healthcare, and Andrea works as a speech language pathologist for Our Lady of Peace. They have been married for 19 years and have two daughters, Kathryn, 16, and Zara, 13. The Wiggins come to Second from Germantown Presbyterian Church where their family was very involved in the life of the church.



Join us for our next class!

SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH 

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS

April 28, May 5, 12
9:30 a.m. in the Parlor
and May 19
9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall B

RSVP to Ally
at 895-3483 or
acondra@2ndpreslou.org

Are you interested in learning more about 2nd church? Would you like to meet more members? Come to the New Member Inquiry Class!

Important Information

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH, 2019

At the February 21, 2019 stated session meeting, the Session:

- Received the following reports: Clerk's Report, Minister's Report, Staff Updates, Financial Report; and Committee Reports;
- Received a report from the Weekday School Search Committee and approved a recommendation from the Weekday School Board to extend for one year the term of Bob Horton's service as a member of the Weekday School Board;
- Welcomed the Ruling Elder Class of 2022;
- Received an update from Pastor Steve Jester regarding his Sabbatical Leave;
- Received an update from the Stewardship Committee regarding the current 2019 pledge data, and an update regarding the Second Party;
- Received a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and approved the Church Leadership Ministry Information Form to be submitted to the Commission on Ministry of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery;
- Received the initial findings from the recent Communications Survey;
- Received a listing of committee assignments for ruling elders in active service;
- Elected for one year Charles Bond as Church Treasurer and Dan Russell as Assistant Treasurer;
- Elected Sandy Bailey as Clerk of Session through August, 2019; and
- Received a report of the February 16, 2019 Mid-Kentucky Presbytery meeting.

*Approved Session minutes from 2015-current can be found in the Library.

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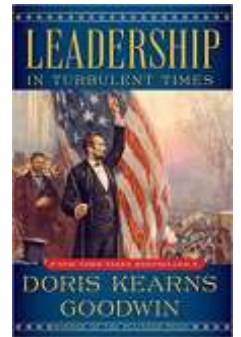
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Our group met on February 5 and had a great discussion on Doris Kearns Goodwin's latest book "Leadership in Turbulent Times". We all felt that it needed more time, so we will continue with our conversation on March 5.

The selection for April 9 is "Hero of the Empire" by Candice Millard, the Boer War and Winston Churchill's rise.

We faithfully support the UCHM food closet, a lifesaver for many families.



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 March 12 at the home of Kelly Seiler, 2307 Tuckaho Road, at 7p.m.



On February 22, the Men's Bible Study began a several month study of Psalms. Their study guide is "Great Psalms of the Bible" by J. Clinton McCann (WJK Press). The group meets on Fridays at 7 a.m. in Room 251. Coffee and rolls are served. If you would like to participate and have a book, please contact John Mulder at 693-5262 or johnmulder1111@gmail.com. Our class focuses on discussion, and it is virtually never dull!



2nd Act is a growing group of faithful women who are dedicated to the mission of bringing joy through music to those less fortunate than themselves, those who are confined to health care facilities. In 2018, the group presented the program "America on Broadway", a patriotic Broadway tribute to our service men and women at twenty-six facilities from April through November and performed three programs of Christmas music in December. 2019 promises to be even more exciting with the addition of new members to this Second Presbyterian musical mission group.

Student Sightings



Confirmation Retreat 2019

March

- March 3 Café 917
- March 5 Parent/Youth Open Gym Night
- March 6 Ash Wednesday Service
- March 10 Café 917
- March 17 Café 917
- March 24 Confirmation Sunday/ Café 917
- March 31 Café 917

“Confessional” Christians

As Presbyterians we are “confessional” Christians. That means that we write down what we believe, and we even have a book of all these statements of faith called *The Book of Confessions*. It’s part of our Constitution and has lots of things to say about what we believe about God, ourselves, Jesus, the world, sin, the Bible, etc. So, every year at the Confirmation retreat when I explain all of this to our Confirmands, I am amazed at their willingness to participate in our tradition of writing faith statements. They don’t complain; in fact many of them willingly and with excitement begin working on their own faith statements. It’s amazing what they have to say about God, about our community of faith here at 2nd Pres and about themselves. I invite you to ask them what they wrote and perhaps it might make you think about what you believe a little bit more deeply. After all, we are “confessional”.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Nathan Sautter

Summertime!!

Smiley Camp
June 3-7, 10-14

VBS/Project Serve
July 8-12

Registration begins **March 6**

See website for more information:



www.2ndpreslou.org



Open Gym

During the cold winter months, we have been inside enjoying open gym! Every Tuesday night we play games, have a devotional, and fellowship with one another in the gym.





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passages

We remember in prayer ...

The family of Aubrey L. Edwards, 2/1.

The family of Harlin O. Williams, 1/28.

Miles Apple and family on the death of his father,
James G. Apple, 1/22.

Keltie Ferris and family on the death of her husband,
Fred Ferris, 1/15.

Bodley Stites, Bill Stites, and family on the death of their sister,
Ellen Stites Thurber, 1/14.