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# SECOND THOUGHTS

*Wednesdays Together returns on September 16. Details on page 10.*



**Sharing Grace ...**

Second Presbyterian Church  
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### Our Mission

*Sharing the Grace of God  
 with one another and the  
 world around us.*

## In-Person Worship to Begin October 4

Second Presbyterian has been blessed over the past several months to offer consistent opportunities for worship, and study, and fellowship both online, and through careful planning and discernment, in person.

As approved through our Staff, Worship, and Property Task Groups, and shared with Session in August, we are preparing to open the church for worship on Sunday mornings, starting October 4, World Communion Sunday.

Our Morning Prayer Service at 9 a.m. will move from the inner courtyard to our Great Hall (gymnasium). You are invited to bring your comfortable outdoor chairs inside, and we will keep safe distancing as we have all summer. The same safety protocols will be followed for the service (masks, safe distancing for individuals and "pods," and we will not engage in congregational singing).

We will continue to livestream our 11 a.m. Service of the Lord's Day on our YouTube channel, but will open the Sanctuary to the congregation by a reservation system. We will again follow all CDC guidelines including the requirement to wear masks and not engage in congregational singing.

Our committees and staff are working diligently to construct the safest plan for us to be together on Sundays, and once these guidelines are finalized, we will send out a church-wide mailing.

Praise be to God that we can continue lifting our hearts to God in worship! We pray we can see you soon.

*The Pastoral and Ministry Teams, and  
 Worship and Property Committees' Re-Opening Task Force*



*Children of God, Welcome Home*

# THE SONG GOES ON

*Find yourself a place in our music ministry ...  
Second continues our strong commitment to  
using our gifts for God in Worship  
and in our Community!*

*For more info: Jim Rittenhouse, 645-2256 or  
jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org*



## Sanctuary Choir

**Every other Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.**

*Currently meets via Zoom for vocal building, community, and learning new worship and choral literature. Call or email Jim if interested.*



## Austin Memorial Bells

**Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.**

*We gather socially distanced and masked in the Fellowship Hall, and play occasionally for our services. Call or email Jim - spots open!*



## Youth Music

**Every Wednesday, 5:45 p.m.**

**Part of Wednesdays Together\***

*We will play handbells, use instruments, and sing outside.*

*\*Requires reservation. See Wednesdays Together info on p. 10*



**CANTUS Youth Choir** is on hiatus, but if you are interested in small ensemble work, call or email Jim.

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**Thank you to all 35 of you who offered 70+ suggestions! Blessed Hymns!**



**Be watching your email and mail for a vibrant, creative Concert Series for 2020/2021.**

***Thank you for all your support!***





Second Presbyterian  
**CHILDREN'S  
 CHOIR**



## WE ARE ONLINE FOR FALL 2020!

*Wednesdays Together* is still our home, but because of safety protocols for larger groups and singing, we will be online for the Fall.

We are committed to keeping connected with our children with great music fundamentals, hymns and songs of the faith, and vocal and ear training, too!



### SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPT. 16!

Each Wednesday a link will be sent for:

CHERUB/CAROL CHOIRS:

Children ages 3 to Grade 1

*Led by Laura Atkinson and Krista Heckmann*

CHAPEL CHOIR:

Children Grades 2-5

*Led by Ricky Case and Christina Recktenwald*



REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW FOR WEEKLY  
 ACCESS TO THE VIDEOS:

<https://forms.gle/6mCmCyUEzNJh2ATz9>

# worship



Pastor Steve offers Benediction during our outdoor service.



We were able to take Communion in August both at both our outdoor service and online.



On August 3, we said farewell to intern Teresa Larson

## A Note from Paula Roberts

Dear Second Pres Family,

I want to thank you for your many acts of kindness. They are deeply appreciated. Second Church is always in our hearts and prayers.

Blessings,  
Paula Roberts

## Guidelines for Use of Church Building

Second Presbyterian Church is allowing committees and other small groups to meet on site if they so choose. The following stipulations apply:

- The group leader must schedule the meeting ahead of time with Pastoral Assistant Lisa Bickett at (502) 895-3483, ext. 218.
- Meetings will be held in Rooms 251, 252, and Fellowship Hall.
- Gatherings will be staggered so as not to place undue burdens on our cleaning staff.
- Each group will have an identified leader/contact person, and that information will be given to Lisa Bickett when the reservation is made.
- Number of occupants for each room is dependent on current social distancing orders. That figure will fluctuate according to current conditions.
- Participants will enter through door #2, the "office door" facing Walgreen's, and will exit through the same door at the end of the meeting.
- Upon entering, participants will wear a mask, have their temperature taken by the group leader (device provided by the church), and register their attendance.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to be responsible and to love your neighbor in these practical ways.



# ordination

## The Ordination and Installation of Associate Pastor for Youth Rev. Jordan Akin

Except where noted, photos courtesy of John Ellis



Welcome Rev. Jordan Akin  
photo courtesy of Anna May



Rev. Steve Jester's Charge to the Congregation  
photo courtesy of Anna May



Elise Williamson



Lorie Williamson



Youth Elder Ensley Ogden  
photo courtesy of Anna May



Rev. Karen Akin, placing the stole on Jordan's shoulder



Jordan's family, Karen (mother), Sarah (sister) and Doug (father), offer the laying on of hands. The hands were created by Jordan's home congregation.

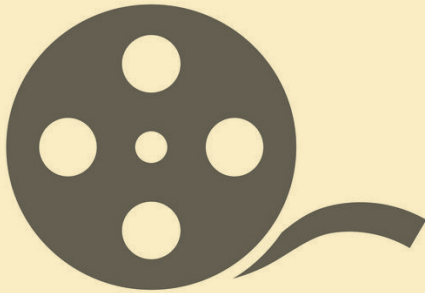


Candidate questions for Jordan. From left to right, Rev. Sandra Moon, Jordan, Rev. Dr. Angela Johnson and Rev. Karen Akin



Charge to the newly ordained, Rev. David Annett

## Family Movie Night and Fall Sunday School



How I miss seeing our families' smiling faces. I believe one of the worst things about this pandemic is not being able to see each other in person. While we still are unable to meet in person on Sundays for Sunday School, who says we can't get together on a Friday night for Friday Family Movie Night?! On Friday, September 25 we will begin our monthly movie nights. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to the circle in front of the Chapel for an outdoor family friendly movie. Stay for the whole movie or just a portion, whatever your family feels up to that evening. Popcorn, snacks, and water will be provided. Our Sunday School curriculum for the fall will be connected to the movie shown each month. Along with your snack bag, each child will receive a bag of materials for the next month of Sunday School lessons. Each week Sunday School lessons related to the movie shown will be sent via Seconds to Go and posted on our website. I hope you will join us as we fellowship together, pandemic style!

~Lorie Williamson  
Director of Children's Ministries

## Stories I thought I knew...

I hope you have had a chance to see the retelling of some of the most well-known children's stories of the Bible during the sermon series "Stories I thought I knew." I'd like to thank May and Bebe Davis for a great retelling of "Noah and the Ark" and to the Hughes family for a fantastic rendition of "A fiery furnace." Please consider having your family contribute to Worship in this manner. Contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries, for more information.



*"The Story of Noah," Bebe Davis (May narrated)*



*"A Fiery Furnace," the Hughes family*



# weekday school



Considering the big, overarching history of our planet, from its creation all the way to the modern world, we get a bit of an antidote to all of the uncertainty we are currently facing: change is a constant. I mean, Kentucky used to be under water, believe it or not. If you visit Falls of the Ohio State Park, you will see aquatic fossils in the limestone providing a glimpse into a much different state than we know now. Change can take place over many years, like our country's struggle for racial equality. It can also happen in minutes, such as when a baby goes from hungry to nourished and contented. Some things in our lives we wish would never change, while others can't move on quickly enough (2020). Regardless, weather, seasons, architecture, fashion, ecosystems, conflict, technology, politics, friendships, music - not to mention our own bodies, thoughts and feelings - all shift and change over time.

Change is our settling principle as we enter into this new school year. We can step into what will be an unpredictable ride with the grounding knowledge that we will not always be in a pandemic. We will not always have to wear masks out in public, bump elbows instead of hug, awkwardly walk around people to give six feet of distance, stockpile toilet paper or limit the number of friends and family with whom we come in contact. There will be a time when the flow of life has normal-sized, not corona-sized, interruptions again.

We also know that with change comes change. Representatives from the Board, administration, staff and parent community have collaborated this summer to intentionally put in place health and safety protocols and procedures to ensure the well-being for our students, families and staff. This year will look different for all of us. For example, in order to accommodate the groups of

10 requirement, our teachers for ages 3 and 4-year-old and Kindergarten have moved from co-teaching to lead teaching with assistants for this year. They will plan as age-level teams, staying in close collaboration with each other on developmental milestones and goals while also honoring the autonomy of their classrooms. Another example is that we are planning on being outside as much as possible, not only for the health benefits of sun, fresh air and space, but also to purposefully encourage children in building connections with nature.

The thing with change is that it causes us to adapt and evolve, and that is what we are doing to meet the challenges set forth by the pandemic. There are some constants at play in conjunction with change, though. Our philosophy, built on the understanding that children learn through doing, moving, connecting, playing and interacting remains intact. Our focus on positive and real relationships being the foundation for a safe and dynamic learning environment continues. Our belief in children as powerful, intelligent humans and our aim to support their whole-person development persists. We can enter this school year knowing that it will be different, yet temporary, yet an opportunity to grow.

*Haley Abell is Director of the Second Presbyterian Weekday School.*







### Rob Reuther Receives Roth Award

On Sunday, August 16, Rob Reuther (left) was presented the Jack Roth Award thanking him for his work with Second Presbyterian Church youth. Congratulations, Rob!

## High School

The most important thing about the high school class is that the teachers will be working to make these as engaging and include as much active learning as possible. Our young people miss school and learning alongside their peers. With many schools being virtual, we want to not only to engage with the youth in conversation, but also help them have fun while learning about their faith and the world around them. Some topics for this year include Mental Health, Systemic Racism, "what are my gifts and how can I use them to further glorify God," Stewardship, Prayer and different ways of praying, and last but definitely not least, being unconditionally loved by God.

This class will take place each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel Circle.

## Middle School Curriculum

This year, our Middle School class (6th and 7th graders) learn more about the Old Testament in the fall and New Testament in the Spring. However, instead of meeting together each week, this will be an at-home curriculum using pop culture and media to teach each lesson. Once a month, we will have a gathering to discuss the learnings to help the 6th and 7th graders see that they are learning alongside, while remaining distant, a few other young people their age.

## Confirmation

Each year, we invite our 8th graders to participate in the Confirmation Program. Through this class, they not only are able to learn more about the Reformed tradition and basic beliefs, but also are challenged to examine their own faith and relationship with God. They can choose at the end of Confirmation whether or not they are ready to make that public profession of faith that is required to become a member of the church. This class will also help them articulate their faith and give them words to be able to do so. Guided by adult mentors, the confirmand and adult mentor participate in a variety of ways in the church life so they are able to see different ministries at Second. These opportunities include ushering and greeting, serving at one of our mission partners, delivering home communion, and so much more.



*Presentation of confirmand Bibles*



*Some of our middle school class enjoying Holiday World*

# formation

## WEDNESDAYS Together

We will be holding Wednesdays Together in person as we move forward together this fall.

### 2020 Fall Schedule

September 16–November 11; 5:30-7:00 p.m.

#### 5:30-6 p.m. Dinner in the Great Hall

Dinner will be served individually packed as boxed meals in the Great Hall. We will be eating dinner in family units, and there will also be some tables available for those who come by themselves to sit among one or two friends.

Reservations are needed by Monday at noon of each week. Contact Chelsea at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) to make a reservation.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal.

#### 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adult Classes

Two adult classes will be offered this season:

**Morning Joy at Night** taught by Pastor Steve in the Library

**Life Together** taught by Pastor Nathan in the Great Hall

#### 5:45-7 p.m. Youth Classes

**5:45-6:20 p.m. Music Together** (youth 6th-12th grade) are invited to gather in our own "safe space" - Fellowship Hall A - to play handbells and other instruments. We will also try a bit of singing outside (all activities masked and at appropriate distance). Youth can then join their friends at Journeying Together. If interested in joining, please RSVP with Jim Rittenhouse at [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org).

**6-7 p.m. Journeying Together** (youth 6th-12th grade) class will be a rotation of mission, games, and thoughtful conversation.

#### 6-7 p.m. Children's Class- Learning Together

Learning Together (children ages 3 years to 5th grade) The Learning Together class will be arranged in small group stations involving an interactive lesson, craft and fun games.

### Children's Choir Is Virtual for the Fall!

Wednesdays Together is still our home, but because of safety protocols for larger groups and singing, we will be online.

Each Wednesday we will offer two videos - one for ages 3 to 1st Grade and another for Grades 2-5. Our Choir leaders will provide 10-minute videos packed with musical lessons and songs. And we will have an outside music and movement event on October 21 (weather permitting). See page 4 for more information.

## Morning Joy "Zooms" Back on September 10th



Our Thursday morning Bible study, Morning Joy, returns on September 10. But, until further notice, we will continue to meet virtually via Zoom. Steve Jester will once again be leading the study, entitled "Word Written, Word Proclaimed." Instead of focusing on a particular book of the Bible, the study will explore

the biblical text that is the basis for the following Sunday's sermon.

As in the past, the lecture will begin at 9:45 a.m. Each week, the link for joining the study will be posted in

emails sent during the week, including Seconds to Go as well as on the church website ([2ndpreslou.org](http://2ndpreslou.org)), along with a notation about the scripture readings that will be discussed. While it is more difficult to interact on Zoom, there will be some opportunities for discussion and questions, just not as much as in person.

We hope you will join us on Thursday mornings, beginning September 10, AND we encourage you to share the link to the study with friends and neighbors and invite them to join as well.

Just settle in with a cup of tea or coffee at 9:45, follow the instructions on the screen to access the study and start your Thursday mornings, with joy.



## Reading the Bible

The Reading the Bible class will continue to meet this Fall by Zoom beginning September 13.

The class will meet on Zoom each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and is moderated by Marty Soards.



## Adult Faith Formation Fall 2020

## Race Matters

The Race and Faith Film Discussion Group will continue to meet this Fall by Zoom. The class will meet on Zoom on alternate Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and is moderated by Karen Hadley.

## Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies class deals with historical, critical scholarship related to the Bible. Currently, Acton Ostling sends out a weekly study by email. If you wish to receive, please email Acton at [linger@twc.com](mailto:linger@twc.com)

## 2nd Sunday

The 2nd Sunday class is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month. The curriculum deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, with the goal of helping each other find ways to make God the center of our families.

The class will meet on Zoom each Sunday beginning September 13 at 10 a.m. with moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

## Transforming Your Relationships Using the Enneagram

One of the subjects mentioned in the worship survey was a need for more and varied adult education. With this in mind, we will be holding an 8-week Enneagram course, entitled *Transforming Your Relationships Using the Enneagram*.

Nina Maples, former pastor, now a therapist and a certified Enneagram teacher, will lead this eight-week course for our church beginning Sunday, September 13 through and including November 1. Each class will run 1:30-3 p.m. and be held via Zoom. Participants will be asked to pay \$25 (scholarships available) and need to know their Enneagram number before classes begin. To help determine your Enneagram number, please read *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* by Don Richard Riso and Russ Hudson and/or take a \$12 test at [www.enneagraminstitute.com](http://www.enneagraminstitute.com).

Reserve your spot for *Transforming Your Relationships Using the Enneagram* by mailing your \$25 check, payable to Nina Maples, to: **Sharon Stern, 3340 Green Hill Lane, Louisville KY 40207-1828.**

**We need payment no later than September 4.** For questions, contact Sharon via email [sharonstern502@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstern502@gmail.com) or text (502) 741-5857.

## Pathways

Members of the Pathways Class are united in their pursuit of knowledge of biblical, historical and social issues, and all other facets that lead to a balanced Christian life. The class is also a community that has a yearly retreat, a Derby party, and a Christmas get-together along with other social events. We also have a mission component and try hard to provide a hands-on mission opportunity at least four times a year.

The class meets on Zoom each Sunday with moderator Elizabeth Clay. If you are interested in joining the class, please email Elizabeth at [eclay412@gmail.com](mailto:eclay412@gmail.com).



## Presbyterian Women

### Presbyterian Women of Second

Since we are still facing the challenges of CoVid19, we will not be meeting in September. We will continue to pray for one another and for all who are suffering in so many ways. Until we are able to gather again, we will share monthly lessons and scriptures through Second Thoughts. The 2020-21 Horizons Bible Study is "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" by P. Lynn Miller. The study explores "lament"

as a Biblical practice of looking to God for relief from worldly sorrows, sickness, injustice, and fears. Laments invoke God, describe grievances, and are often followed by hope through trust in God. In scripture, even God laments.

For Lesson 1, "The Heart of Lament", the scriptures are Psalm 22:1-31 and Matthew 27:45-56. In verses 1-19, the Psalmist prays for help. In verses 22-31, he praises God for helping. In the crucifixion story of Matthew, Jesus cries out to God. The quaking earth and opening tombs become signs to those watching over him that Jesus is the Son of God. As with Jesus through the resurrection, God is not lost to us.

A simple prayer for our study and for these challenging days is one that reminds us of God's eternal love. "The love of God enfolds me.

The light of God surrounds me. The power of God protects me. The presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is."

The [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) website has opportunities to order the Horizons Study book, subscribe to the Horizons Magazine, view a Webinar introduction to the 2020-21 study by the author, follow a blog with insights to the study, as well as find information about Presbyterian Women in God's world.

May the love of Christ and the joy of our friendships be with you, now, as always,

In Christ,

Amy Parker, Moderator

[Amyparker158@hotmail.com](mailto:Amyparker158@hotmail.com),  
(502) 897-5076

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will continue to meet via Zoom in September at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings, Marty Soards, Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, is leading an overview of the *New Testament using An Introduction to the New Testament*, Abridged by Raymond Brown.

The schedule for the month is as follows:

Sep 4: Letter to the Ephesians—  
Brown 224-230

Sep 11: Pastoral Letter: To Titus—  
Brown 231-236

Sep 18: Pastoral Letter: The First to  
Timothy— Brown 237-251  
Pastoral Letter: The Second  
to Timothy

Sep 25: Letter to the Hebrews—  
Brown 252-259

To join via the Zoom link, contact Beth via email, [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org) or find the link and topic in the weekly *Seconds to Go* emails.



## Join One of Our Grief Groups

Traditionally, when we think of grief, we think of the feelings of loss, anger, and denial we have when someone close to us has died. But grief can come from many other losses – retirement, physical limitations due to aging or medical conditions, divorce, caring for a loved one who is ill, and many others.

We have launched two separate grief groups, one for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one and a separate group for people experiencing grief from life's other losses.

Each group will meet once a month for six to eight months. At least in the beginning, we will meet via Zoom.

We will talk about the stages of grief and many of the feelings and thoughts people have as they work through grief. There is no "right" way to grieve. Everyone grieves in their own way, but it can be helpful to share with others who are traveling the same road.

If you are interested in joining either group, contact Elizabeth Clay, (502) 409-3230 or [eclay412@gmail.com](mailto:eclay412@gmail.com).



## The Peace-Second Partnership

## mission



In January 2020, the Mission Committee chartered a small task force to recommend how to serve more people in Louisville's African-American neighborhoods. The effort was in response to PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 initiative.

After research, the group determined food to be the foremost necessity among families in need, as well as an achievable mission. Discussions with Reverend Wayne Steele of Peace Presbyterian then led to an agreement to work with his congregation. Peace had

established a year earlier a monthly distribution of food and supplies to the neighborhood, and Rev. Steele had long wished for a second monthly distribution.

The Mission Committee on July 21, 2020, enthusiastically approved the plan and funds to begin the program. Funds initially covered the last half of 2020 for food, and for emergency needs of citizens. The first day of Second's assistance was August 10, 2020.

Along with mission funds, Second also provides vital volunteer support. When and where volunteers are needed: Distributions take place on the second and last Mondays of each month, starting at 8:00 a.m., when citizens arriving by car receive food in large boxes. Preparation occurs on the Fridays before those Mondays at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers from Peace and Second work several hours each day. All occurs at Peace Presbyterian Church, 4210

East Indian Trail, Louisville, KY 40213.

A rewarding part of this mission is building lasting relationships among brothers and sisters at both churches, working joyfully together in mutual, important mission.

*Above left and below are a few of the many Peace and Second members providing food to about 150 families in the neighborhood.*



## Have Casserole, Will Travel to the West End School

Homemade and store-bought – it did not matter – 26 casseroles were picked up from the homes of volunteers and the church, and driven down to the West End School on Friday, August 20 by Katy Bade and Cheeky Bahe. Some of the delicious casseroles will feed 50 and some will feed 12 – ALL were so appreciated by Sandra Trager who runs the WES kitchen and ALL will be enjoyed by the WES boys!

Katy and a group of her friends have been doing this WES mission for several years. She makes a call to Sandra and asks what is needed – and VOILA – her friends fill the need! The 2nd Pres WES Committee (Cheeky, Leigh Speiden, Ginny Jones, Mary Miller and Cathy Martin) joined in on this occasion and will probably continue on the trips to come. When things are needed other than food (such as school supplies, pantry supplies, etc.), the same process takes place.

The other wonderful cooks that have been pitching in for several years are Margaret Barlow, Martha Hall, Sue Vogt, Beth West, Babs Robinson, Tracy Brewer, Gwen Ronald and Beth Scinta.

Come join in!

It's one of the many ways that you can help the **West End School**. Contact Katy ([katybade123@gmail.com](mailto:katybade123@gmail.com)) or Cheeky ([cheeky@helmcreznic.com](mailto:cheeky@helmcreznic.com)) if you have interest in being a part of this wonderful mission or if you have any questions.



*Pictured: Katy Bade (left) and Cheeky Bahe (right)*

## An Observation & Accessibility



Hello from Kilgore! I wanted to jump in and connect with you, our friends at Second Presbyterian! I will briefly share an observation, remind you of our services, and update you on our accessibility. We have all been impacted by this virus and cultural tensions in one way or another, and while each of our circumstances is unique, there is also something we all have in common - the need to adjust and make meaning of what is happening. Part of what we do as clinicians is facilitate conversations that result in the making of new meaning and movement towards hope. Clearly, our clinicians do not

have all the answers, but hopefully the conversations we facilitate in each and every session result in new perspective, new skills, and new possibilities.

Lastly, how we have those conversations has changed a bit. Most of our conversations now take place via electronic means, what we commonly call "telehealth." While nothing can replace being present with each other, I am thankful for this technology and how it allows these important conversations to continue. In some instances it has actually opened up new opportunities. For example,

consider a couple needing marital help with a toddler or an infant. With no childcare available they would not be able to make it into the office. However, with telehealth we can come to them and tailor our services to their needs.

We remain thankful for your prayers and support of Kilgore, and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help - our number is 502-327-4622, our website, [www.kilgorecounseling.org](http://www.kilgorecounseling.org).

Peace, Barry

*Barry Winstead is Clinical Director at Kilgore Counseling*

## Habitat for Humanity – Transform Lives, Build with Habitat!



We are working on a home in the Park Springs neighborhood in the East End on October 8 and need seven volunteers (ages 16 and up) on this date. We will be meeting at the build site at 8 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. We also need volunteers to provide lunch for the work crew. Contact John Davis for more information or to sign-up to volunteer: [jdavis3@republicbank.com](mailto:jdavis3@republicbank.com) or (502) 500-0880.

**Build site address:  
13518 Park Springs Lane,  
Louisville, 40245**



*Pictured above, Mofawk (back left), Yasmeen (back right) and their sons.*

When asked what the word *home* means to the family, Yasmeen shared, "Home means happiness, stability and safety. We know this home will have a positive impact on our boys' futures... because home is one of the most basic needs that children need to grow."



# stewardship

## ***“Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.”***

Certainly the members of Second live our mission statement. With the generosity of our time, talents, and wealth we are making a difference both to ourselves and communities around us both locally and abroad.

### **Finances:**

2020 pledges- \$1,316,185 MAP goal: \$1,300,000

2020 money received from pledges: \$881,552

2020 non-pledge income: \$39,120  
MAP goal- \$135,000

2020 per-capita income: \$10,275 collected from 411 members. Presbytery has been paid \$28,984 for our 1158 Second members.

Covid-19 Response Fund: Donations- \$60,666.00  
Church Transfers- Session & Pastor's Fund- \$68,460.91  
Disbursements- \$106,600

### **Covid-19 Fund Giving:**

May 12, 2020

Cabbage Patch- \$6000

United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM)- \$6000

Bellewood & Brooklawn- \$6000

Kentucky Refugee Ministrinstries (KRM)-\$6000

May 20, 2020

Cedar Ridge Camp- \$6000

The Healing Place- \$6000

Kilgore- \$5000

El Salvador-\$3000

KRM- \$5000

Bellewood & Brooklawn-\$5000

UCHM-\$5000

Habitat for Humanity-\$1000

Collectivo Esparanz-\$3000

July 21, 2020

UCHM-\$5000

Habitat for Humanity-\$5000

Costa Rica Outreach- \$1,500

Bellewood/Brooklawn-\$5000

Women's Global Cancer Alliance- \$2500

The Bail Project- \$1000

Peace Presbyterian Church Initiative- \$17,600.

A task force from the mission committee met with Peace Presbyterian, our long-time African-American Church partner, to discuss the urgent needs of the Newburg community which is their church community. There are 150 families that presently receive Dare to Care food through the church. There are now an additional 75 families in need of food. The greatest needs are more fresh vegetables and meat. Also, Pastor Wayne requested a discretionary fund for so many with money problems related to Covid. The total cost was \$3650/month. Being urgent and greatly needed it was approved for six months to go through December for a cost of \$17,600. The money has been sent and the pick-up of food is under way outdoors at Peace Pres Church. We all know stewardship is about giving your time, talent, and wealth. From the latter aspect we can have great faith that God is looking down to say a job well done. **Now is a great time for all of us to go help sort the food, pack the boxes, mingle with our brothers and sister at Peace, and give our blessings to all those who come to pick up their food.**

August 18, 2020

Cabbage Patch-\$11,000.

Leave it to the Patch to make sure their students are never left behind. The Patch offers after school services but with no school learning suffers greatly. So they are starting their own Day School to make sure their studies contain. As you can imagine this is a huge endeavor costing a large amount of money. Their cost will be roughly \$11,000 a week for at least four weeks then hopefully can be lowered somewhat. Second will fund the first week of school.

### **Unexpected Church Expenses:**

\$5,769.80 for new flooring

\$12,000 to repair the boiler.

We thank you all for your continued compassion and generosity as we serve others to serve God.

John Hubbard  
Stewardship Chair

Larry Sloan  
Mission Chair



# ReStore

## Your Donation Builds Homes

At the Habitat ReStore, our inventory comes from generous individuals like you. Proceeds from the ReStore help Habitat build more safe, affordable homes in partnership with local families.



### Second Presbyterian Church

# MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS

**Classes begin October 4, with Virtual Options.**

*Are you interested in learning more about Second Presbyterian Church? Would you like to meet more members?  
Come to the New Member Inquiry Class!*

RSVP to Community Life Assistant Beth at  
(502) 895-4293 or [bethh@2ndpresloulorg](mailto:bethh@2ndpresloulorg).





# fellowship

## Welcome New Members!

The following members have joined Second Presbyterian Church during the social distancing of 2020. Please welcome them into the church and welcome them with our hearts.

### Eric & Susan Lehmann

Eric and Susan Lehmann joined Second Presbyterian Church in mid-April. Susan has retired from work in human resources and Eric is happy to be retired after a full life of work. In retirement, Susan enjoys golf, travel, Pilates, and Bible studies. Eric enjoys designing and working on landscapes, both his own and those of others. Susan was a deacon at Harvey Browne, and Eric was an elder there. Both are interested in many of the ministries at Second. They joined by certificate of transfer from Harvey Browne.

*Photo 1: Sue and Eric Lehmann*



### Lowell & Nancy Stevens

Lowell and Nancy Stevens rejoined Second Presbyterian Church in early May, and they are patiently awaiting the reopening to meet with everyone! Nancy is a real estate agent interested in fellowship activities, Bible studies, and joining Presbyterian Women. Lowell works in health care and enjoys adult education, Bible studies, and fellowship activities. Lowell and Nancy joined via transfer from St. John United Methodist Church. They have two adult children who are joining as well.

*Photo 2: Lowell and Nancy Stevens*



### Lowell (Ivy) Stevens

Lowell (Ivy) Stevens rejoined Second Presbyterian Church in early May. He works in health care and is soon to marry Anna Louise Simon, who plans to join Second Presbyterian in the fall. Ivy is interested in fellowship activities and adult education. In the past, he has been involved with youth activities and volunteered with Vacation Bible School programs. He has joined via transfer from St. John United Methodist Church.

*Photo 3: Ivy Stevens and Anna Simon*



### Slade Stevens

Slade Stevens rejoined Second Presbyterian Church in early May. He works in landscape design. He is interested in fellowship activities and adult education. In the past, he has been active in youth activities and volunteering with Vacation Bible School programs. He has joined via transfer from St. John United Methodist Church.

*Photo 4: Slade Stevens*





Second Presbyterian Options Together

**A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church**  
 SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.



### Book Notes

Our schedule through 2020, via ZOOM, will be 10 a.m. on the following dates:

October 6 - *Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes

November 3 - *Prairie Fires* by Carolyn Fraser

We ask that you try to join each meeting a few minutes early, so that we can start on time. Jean O'Brien will forward the link to you the weekend before meeting; it will be the same every month.



Sandra Teague will lead in September; Joan Gaston in October; and Barbara Dudley in November. December we will be discussing the 2021 schedule.

We hope you are all well. What a joy it is to be a reader during times like this!

Join us anytime. We faithfully support UCHM food closet. Jean O'Brien, (502) 897-0950, jeanobrien502@gmail.com.



### Sisters in Spirit

For our fall selection, we chose *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado. We will continue to meet at 7 p.m. each 2nd Tuesday of the month so mark your calendar now! (September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 for 2020)

If you have thoughts about what you'd like to see with this group (community service, prayer list, fellowship), please let Jeanne Curtis know, jeannecurtis@bellsouth.net.



### Pilates

Susan Schmidt (502) 523-5934  
 puremovementlv@gmail.com



### Busy Needles

Busy Needle members are currently working on making study blankets for Cabbage Patch teens who will be attending college for the first time this fall.

To get directions and supplies for this project, please contact Mary Ayers at (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.

Below are a few examples of the study blankets created by the group:



### Paint SPOT

Linda Wood (502) 893-3330  
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### Prayer Group

Beth Haendiges (502) 895-3483  
 bethh@2ndpreslou.org



### Walkers

Walkers will meet at Thurman Hutchins Park at 9 a.m. on Sept. 2, 19, and 30. To learn more, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.



### 2nd Act

2nd Act will prepare for a new show once the social distancing is less restricted. Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



### Dinner Groups

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## Session Highlights for August 13, 2020

At the August 13, 2020 stated session meeting held over Zoom:

- The Session received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, the Deacons' Report, the Financial Report and various other monthly Committee Reports;
- Session approved a motion allowing Session and congregational meetings to be held electronically when necessary, retroactive to April 16, 2020;
- The deacons reported that their contacts with members will be used to update Second's membership rolls in the future. Any membership changes that they recommend will be approved by Session.
- The Finance Committee reported that Second remains in strong financial shape thanks to the continuing pledges and donations from our congregation. The 2019 audit is currently in process, and a digital giving platform will soon be operational. Session approved permitting the Montreat Conference Center to retain Second's 2020 Montreat deposit to assist them with their finances during the pandemic;
- The Worship Committee and Building Task group presented their recommendations for in-person services beginning on October 4;
- The Weekday School/Church Task Group reported that they continue to review legal relationships, insurance requirements and other policies related to the school-church relationship;
- Lorie Williamson updated Session on the plans for fall educational programming at Second;
- The 2020 Church Nominating Committee will begin its work in September. Nominating committee members are Karen Hadley, Martha Nichols Pecceu, Cheeky Bahe, Kit Davis, Stuart Ferguson, Leigh Speiden and Susan Snyder, and they may be contacted with recommendations;
- The Mission Committee updated Session on Second's renewed relationship with Peace Presbyterian.

A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ferguson,  
Clerk of Session

*Gratitude to John Stone for serving as Substitute Clerk of Session for the August meeting.*



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## passages

### We remember in prayer...

Charles Bond and his family on the death of his brother, Rob.

Jason Cook, Lindsey Cook, and their family on the death of Jason's grandmother, Jeanette Wilson.

Don Smith, Sr., and Don Smith, Jr., and their family on the death of wife and mother, Marian Smith, 8/10/20.

Eric Lehmann and his family on the death of his sister, Donna Metzler, 7/29/20.