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SECOND THOUGHTS

Learn the latest information about in-person worship services on page 5.



Sharing grace . . .

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Our Mission

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

*“...It often feels as if we’re being blasted by the winds
of change and rocked by the waves of uncertainty.”*

Dear Friends,

In the first chapter of Genesis we hear, “the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.” That “formless void” is a biblical picture of what we might call “chaos,” a lack of structure and order that leads to fear and destructive behavior. The “wind from God” is a way of speaking of God’s Spirit at work, moving over the chaos and shaping the dark disorder into a verdant, life-filled creation in which all might live in peace.



In the New Testament gospels, there are different versions of the story of Jesus being in a boat on the Sea of Galilee in the midst of a violent storm and being awakened by terrified disciples who ask him to save them. He orders the winds to cease howling and the waves to quit heaving, and there is suddenly a silent calm. Or, the disciples are in the boat without Jesus as the storm rages and he comes to them walking on the water and immediately the threat of the storm has passed. These stories make clear our core conviction that Jesus is the presence of God in our midst, victorious over the powers of chaos, bringing a peace beyond understanding.

I won’t characterize our current situation as the church and as followers of Jesus as “chaos,” but it often feels as if we’re being blasted by the winds of change and rocked by the waves of uncertainty. We may wonder, with those disciples, when the storm will cease and if we’ll make it through intact. Like them, we may find it difficult, if not impossible, to focus on anything except our fragile craft threatened by the elements.

Almost from its beginnings the church has been symbolized by the image of a boat. That’s why many cathedrals and sanctuaries have the peaked ceilings; they depict the upside-down hull of a ship. From Noah and his family on that endless ocean to the disciples hunkered down on that stormy lake to our Puritan ancestors seeking freedom and a new beginning as they cross the Atlantic, we remember that life as the church, the people of God, is often fragile and uncertain.

More even than that, we remember that the church is God’s creation, not ours. The Lord of the church is the Lord of all things, the one who stands above the chaos, subdues it, and climbs into the boat with us to calm our fears. May we, in these difficult days, watch for the coming of the risen Christ, keeping our eyes fixed on him and not the threatening waves. May we find our hope in his challenge to the forces of darkness, “Peace. Be still!” and in no other power.

Grace and peace,
Steve

*Steve Jester is Pastor at Second
Presbyterian Church*



Through a Glass ...

A *Virtual* 2020-2021 Season

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020, 3 P.M.

KALEIDOSCOPE



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A brilliant array of vocal and instrumental works from Schubert, to opera, to Broadway - all recorded live at Second. You will hear Verdi's epic Quartet from RIGOLETTO, Villa-Lobos' enchanting BACHIANAS BRASILEIRAS, jewels of German lieder, and selections from musicals like LITTLE WOMEN. Our professional Octet is featured, along with special guest performers and collaborators, including Isabella Recktenwald, Emily Steinbach, Deborah Dierks, Jamie Monck, and Jessica Dorman.



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music

children's music



Fall Breakout

Greetings from your Second Pres Children's Music Team!

We are so excited to tell you about our in-person Fall Break-Out! On October 21st, the Children's Music leaders met with kiddos from our church to explore rhythms, fun songs, games, and crafts. Everything exceeded our expectations, and we couldn't be more proud of 2nd church! We had nearly 20 children in attendance and it was a beautiful day for outdoor activities!! How wonderful it is to have fellowship with others and share our love of music with our church community and our neighborhood as a whole.

It has been a very different kind of year for ministry in our church. Quarantine, virus scares, virtual meetings, streamed services; it can all be a little overwhelming but through Grace, we can adapt and grow. The children of our church have enjoyed weekly (age-appropriate) music lessons and activities through our Virtual Children's Choir. Our music staff has worked tirelessly to create fun experiences and opportunities for our children to share grace with one another and with our church. October 21st was a wonderful experience for all and couldn't have happened without the support of our parents, staff, and of course, our kiddos. Thank you!

Please be on the look-out for future episodes of our "Virtual Children's Choir". We will be exploring new songs and lessons fitting with the holiday season approaching.

Peace and Blessings,
Your Second Pres Children's Music Team



The Congregation Is Called To Meet

November 15, 2020, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to elect ruling elders, deacons, trustees, and the 2021 Church Nominating Committee.

In order to reach a quorum, we need 115 voting members of our congregation to attend. The link will be sent out November 13, 2020, via Seconds to Go, and will be sent again that Sunday morning.



First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Join us November 29 for the first Sunday of Advent. On that Sunday, we will begin an online vespers service, to be held at 5 p.m. every Sunday in Advent. More details will follow in an upcoming Seconds to Go.

In-Person Worship on Hold

With current Covid-19 positivity levels, in-person worship is canceled for November 1, 2020. Session will make decisions in the coming weeks regarding length of suspension and criteria to determine reopening.

Until we are able to meet again, we encourage everyone to join us on Sundays at 11 a.m. online for our YouTube live-stream service on 2ndPresLou. See website for details.

Reopening plans will be shared in Seconds to Go and via mail, or call 502-895-3483 to speak to someone on staff.

children

Sunday School – “Who does God call you to be?”

Children’s Sunday School for the month of November is based on the Disney/Pixar movie *Coco*. In last month’s Sunday school, based on the movie *Moana*, we learned who we are: a beloved child of God. Through the month of November, we will learn who God calls us to be. Each Sunday we will answer one of four questions: Can children be called by God? How can I recognize that call? Does God have a plan for me? How do I live out that plan? I hope you will have your child participate as we try to answer these big questions in simple ways.

Coco Sunday School bags will be available for pick-up under the portico of the church on Sunday, November 1, and will continue to be available throughout the week during office hours, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The bags contain materials that relate to a lesson that will go out each Sunday morning via 2PK and will be posted on the church’s website under *Resources*.

Family movie night

Be sure to join us for our last “Family Movie Night” on November 20 as we watch *The Grinch*. *The Grinch* Sunday School bags will be available at that time. “Family Movie Night” will take place outside and will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.



Light from Light: Advent Bags

This year for Advent, we will be creating bags for all ages to pick up that will include hymn booklets and supplies to create your very own Advent wreath. Whether you are worshiping with us in person or watching us online, you will have a chance to create your own Advent wreath and light the candles each week, while reading provided scripture and prayer. There will also be items to create Advent-themed crafts (for **all** ages) to go along with each Sunday’s preaching text. These bags will be available for you to pick up under the portico beginning Sunday, November 22.

During the season of Advent, we will be having an Advent vespers service at 5 p.m. each Sunday on Zoom. Each will be a simple service, just to come together to have a time for evening prayer and maybe even use those items gifted to you in your Advent-in-a-bag. The first vespers service will be on Nov. 29.

Lorie Williamson is Director of Children’s Ministries at Second Presbyterian Church

Learning to Adapt:

Weekday School Makes Changes to Ensure Children's and Teacher's Safety

Now that we have lived through the first several weeks of school, the dust has settled, and it feels right to take a moment to reflect on the school year thus far. When thinking about the immensity of the job to reopen the school, gratitude bubbles up for all the sacrifice, flexibility, analysis, and physical labor given (and given and given) by all involved over the summer. We are thriving right now amidst all the changes and adjustments, and our school community's resilience is shining through. Covid-19 has forced us to educate in new ways and within some difficult parameters.

It is not easy to wear a mask all day, to refrain from hugging a co-worker or a former student, or make decisions about possible Covid-like symptoms. But as one of our teachers always reminds us, we have found the joy in the messy. The joy comes from the same place it always has at Second Presbyterian: learning together in meaningful ways and the passion and vision we have for early childhood education.

In fact, we have been surprised by how much we love some of the changes made in response to the pandemic. One teacher explained her declaration of "Crazy as it sounds, Covid is the best thing that ever happened to the Weekday School" by saying that the smaller class sizes, divided playground and campus nodes have all encouraged deeper exploration, discussion, play and connection among her class of 10. I am sure many of you have heard about "Mary the Fairy" in the Treasure Tree, "The Nut Place" on the sanctuary steps, the "Monkey Hut" or "Jungle Zoo" in

the Taxus bushes and "The Squirrel Tree" on the Roll-Down Hill. These are all special places to our students which would not have come into existence without the demand for new ways of thinking about educating in a pandemic.

Please take a moment sometime soon to thank a staff member for all the work they have done to prepare for and start this school year. I would like to also thank all of our educators and families for helping keep our school community safe and healthy thus far. At this time, we have had zero positive cases of Covid-19. We have had to be overly cautious about Covid-like symptoms and diligent about alternative diagnoses, and we have so appreciated your partnership in this. I ask that we all remain dedicated to following the health and safety procedures put in place for the 2020-21 year. You will find all of the newly-instated policies and procedures in the Covid-19 section of the Parent Handbook. Contact the school to receive a link to the addendum to the Parent Handbook, (502) 895-3295.

It is important that we continue to be vigilant and flexible in doing our part to keep our students, staff and families healthy. We are thankful for the success of these first weeks and look forward to moving forward together into the fall season.

Best,

Hayley Abell, Director
Second Presbyterian Weekday School



youth



So much has been taken from us this year: people we love, our ability to hang with friends whenever we want, go to school in-person, play sports, go to sporting events, Montreat, you name it. It seems as if we have lost so much. All of us, staff, youth committee, re-opening task force, and session, are doing everything we can to create opportunities for us to be a congregation who does things in-person safely.

The youth committee wants Open Gym, Ski Trip, and Montreat to happen. But we ask for understanding as we do our best to discern the best way forward amid our ever-changing circumstances. No matter what, know you are loved by your church family and are in our thoughts every day. We will do our best to communicate updates as quickly as we can, so you are informed.

Open Gym is a great time for fellowship and fun!



MONTREAT.
CONFERENCE CENTER

**Pay deposit by November 15 to
RSVP for Montreat!**

Pay at 2ndpreslou.org/giving

Montreat this year is the week of June 13-19, 2021
All 9th-12th graders are invited to attend!

Montreat staff are planning on having camp in person
with social distancing guidelines in place.

For questions, please call Jordan at (502) 895-3483
ext. 213

Calendar

November

Nov. 15 HS Montreat Deposit Due

December

Dec. 13 2PY Christmas Party
(virtual)

Dec. 13 Ski Trip Final Deposit Due

Dec. 22 Reunion Open Gym

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 29 No Open Gym

The Lord Is My Refuge: Reflections on Covid

November 15, 2020,
7-8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

You are invited to join together for an evening of sharing where God's Spirit was present in the midst of the current pandemic and how God can be our 'refuge and strength' in times of trouble. We will hear from members of the congregation who are survivors of the virus and essential health care workers about where they saw God and how their experience with Covid-19 has and is still shaping their faith.



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.

The group focusing on those who have died will meet twice a month for six to eight months. The other will meet monthly. 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.

Adult Faith Formation



Unless otherwise directed, Zoom links to Adult Studies programs are found in Seconds to Go. You may also contact the church office to receive the information, 502-895-3483.

Reading the Bible

The Reading the Bible Class meets on Zoom each Sunday at 10 a.m. and is moderated by Marty Soards.

Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies class deals with historical, critical scholarship related to the Bible. The class will return based on Session's decision to return to indoor worship.

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 p.m. It is moderated by Karen Hadley. In November, meetings will take place on November 2, 16, and 30. See Seconds to go for more details.

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 second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. with moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

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 at 10 a.m. with moderator Elizabeth Clay. Interested in joining the class, please email Elizabeth at eclay412@gmail.com.

Morning Joy

The Bible study Morning Joy meets each Thursday at 9:45 a.m. on Zoom. Steve Jester leads this study, entitled "Word Written, Word Proclaimed." The study will explore the biblical text that is the basis for the following Sunday's sermon. Afterwards, there is a breakout discussion group, Reflections, that meets to discuss the study.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will continue to meet via Zoom in November at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. The schedule for the month is as follows:

Nov 6: The Book of Revelation - Brown 284-298
 Nov 13: The Book of Revelation - Brown 284-298
 Nov 20: An Introduction to the New Testament -
 Brown Recap, Questions & Answers
 Nov 27: No Class -Thanksgiving Break

To join via the Zoom link, contact Beth via email, bethh@2ndpreslou.org or find the link and topic in the weekly *Seconds to Go* email.

Presbyterian Women of Second

Greetings, Presbyterian Women of Second

Since we are still facing the challenges of Covid-19, we will not be meeting in November. We will continue to pray for one another and for healing and peace in our community and the world.

A time to celebrate and give thanks: The Presbyterian Women of Second proposed, the Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky endorsed, and the 2020 Thank Offering Committee responded with a \$27,000 grant awarded to Lifehouse Maternity Home, a residential pregnancy support community in Louisville. The monies will help expand a kitchen to allow space for hands-on cooking classes, daily meal preparation, and lessons on essential nutrition, improving the mothers' health and equipping them for independent living. Due to Covid-19 limitations, contributions to the 2020-21 PW Thank Offering should be sent to: Presbyterian Women Mid-KY c/o JoAnna Overstreet, PW-Mid-KY Treasurer, 4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 40218 (include Second & Thank Offering).

The Horizons Bible study "Into the Light" by P. Lynn Miller Lesson 3 "Women's Lament" scriptures are Jeremiah 9:17-21, Matthew 2:16-18, and Exodus 15:20. In scripture and tradition, women often bear the burdens of lament. They are instructed to pass

the practices of lament and mourning on to the next generation. Those hearing these verses are reminded that consolation or comfort comes, not from human effort, but from the words and actions of God. Just as women lead in mourning, we lead in dancing when it is time to dance.

The 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
 (502) 897-5076



Presbyterian Women

UCHM Christmas Connection

For years, the Presbyterian Women's Bible study groups have supported the Christmas gift program at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) for families who struggle economically. With the current Covid pandemic, they are taking steps to ensure everyone's safety and health. There will be **no shopping** for the children's wish lists this year. Instead, a \$100 VISA gift card and a \$25 Kroger gift card will be given to the parents for each child so they may buy items for their children and groceries. These families are current clients of UCHM. Anyone wishing to help (you don't have to be a woman) is invited to send a check directly to UCHM for any amount. Please make the checks out to: UCHM and mark on the "For" line UCHM Christmas Connection. If you have room, you may also indicate "2nd Presbyterian" in that area. Any amount is greatly appreciated and will help make Christmas a little brighter for these children. Send your check to: UCHM, 150 State Street, Louisville, KY 40206. Checks should be received by December 4. We thank you for your continued generosity, especially in these trying times. Our congregation has been most generous in years past and has brought great joy to many families.

Ruth Fitzwater
 Mission Coordinator
 Presbyterian Women



mission



Supporting Habitat

Members of Second Presbyterian volunteered on a build for Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville in September/ October. Above are photos taken in mid October, including members of our church along with Mowfak, the future homeowner of the build.

The team had a great time getting to know Mowfak as they worked alongside him on the house. He, his wife, Yasmeen, and their three boys Yamen, 11, Taym, 8, and Aws, 5, are from Syria and also lived in Jordan prior to moving to the United States nearly 3 years ago. They have been with Habitat since August 2019 and are excited to become homeowners very soon!



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.

“Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus.”

Because of you, Cabbage Patch children will still experience the joy of Christmas and the assurance that their needs are heard by God...the love of the Christ child can shine brightly.

Vicky's family is especially looking forward to being a part of The Cabbage Patch's Christmas Basket Program this year. She and her husband both were laid off in March. Vicky is still waiting to receive her first unemployment check. She was recently called back to work, but it has been a difficult time for her as she is trying to do her job while answering her 5 kids' questions (via text) about their schoolwork (i.e. Non Traditional Instruction).

One of her children is a 9th grader who has a learning difference. Helping him with his schoolwork has been especially challenging. When we told her that she would be a part of our Christmas program again this year she was very thankful and appreciative of our help. She said, "I struggle with just trying to keep up. The help that I will receive this Christmas from The Patch will allow me to give my kids at least something for Christmas. Without The Patch's help, I would have to explain to them why they won't be getting any Christmas gifts this year." We have helped her family



with financial assistance, food assistance, and back to school assistance over the past few months.

The pandemic has changed the way we do things, and The Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Program is no different! While we'd love to invite you to shop with Vicky, the safest way to help her is to donate to fund the Target and Kroger gift cards we will provide to her, and to 20 other local families. Our goal for this year is to raise \$20,000 which would provide Christmas blessings for 62 Cabbage Patch individuals.

Because of the pandemic, The Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Project will function a little differently (we will be giving Target & Kroger gift cards because of social distancing requirements), but the needs of The Patch families are even greater this year. With your help, Vicky and her family will have food and gifts they need for a joyous celebration. Would you consider being a "Secret Angel" for Vicky and 20 other Cabbage Patch families counting on Second Pres this year? Our goal for this year is to raise \$20,000 which would provide Christmas blessings for 62 Cabbage Patch individuals.



The Cabbage Patch Christmas Gift Basket Project

The
Cabbage Patch
Settlement House, Inc.

**The Perfect Christmas Gift...
A Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Honorarium**

Share your love for others by making a donation. Contact Jennifer Scott at (502) 753-4446 or jscott@cabbagepatch.org for more information.

stewardship/mission report

“ 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, locally and abroad. As is evident in the financial analysis below, our largest deficit is in non pledge income. With Covid and the closing of the church until recently, many members have just not been reminded of the financial needs of the church and the need to contribute.

To make staying involved easier, please download the Vanco app, which allows you to participate in many church functions. Included is the ability to make a church contribution. Instructions for the app are found on our website under giving.

Covid has markedly reduced volunteerism to our missions, but their greatest need remains financial. Our mission partners' fundraising events have been markedly reduced, which means outside income is essential to provide their needed services. Members' contributions to the Covid Fund totaled \$60,666 at the end of August. Since then \$3,000 has been added to the fund. With the recent increase in Covid cases, our mission partners are going to be in even greater need. Please remember these vulnerable people and contribute to the fund.

Finances:

2020 pledges- \$1,316,185 MAP goal: \$1,300,000
 2020 money received from pledges: \$922,552.20
 2020 non-pledge income: \$51,037
 MAP goal- \$135,000
 2020 per-capita income: \$10,275 collected from 411 members. Presbytery has been paid \$28,984 for our 1,158 Second members.
 Covid-19 Response Fund: Donations- \$60,666.00
 Church Transfers- Session & Pastor's Fund- \$68,460.91
 Disbursements- \$116,150

Church Expenses We Sometimes Don't Think About:

\$1,750- average ground maintenance
 \$4,300- dead tree removal and limb trimming
 \$8,245- pavement sealing and parking striping
 \$5,500 - Covid related expenses to date.

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

John Hubbard Larry Sloan
 Stewardship Chair Mission Chair

Covid-19 Fund Giving

Cedar Ridge Camp- \$1,200

This donation was intended to help with their annual fundraiser "Autumn Under the Cedars." This, plus the participation of many of our church members, allowed them to replicate the amount raised in 2019.

Peace Second Community Partnership \$17,600

\$24,000 for the partnership is included in the Mission Committee budget for 2021, to be paid out \$6,000 quarterly.

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 \$3,650/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 Presbyterian 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.

This partnership has been hugely successful both to our volunteers and to the Peace Church community. For this reason they were added as a new mission partner and added to the budget in the amount of \$24,000 to be distributed quarterly.

Kentucky Refugee Ministry- \$450

The donation helped provide English tutoring for Ekyochi Nam'mbembe and son Juma Abasi. The Pathways class is also making sure they have clothing for cold weather.

The Healing Place (THP)- \$6,500

This donation provided new mattresses for the women's overnight homeless shelter. Due to Covid, many of the smaller overnight homeless shelters were forced to close. THP answered the call and housed many women. Unfortunately many of the ladies were fragile with no place to go and were allowed to stay on at the shelter. This led to an outbreak of bed bugs. Upon cleaning all the mattresses it was evident what terrible shape the mattresses were in. Many had rips and holes and were impossible to clean. Keenan (lisation to 2nd) called about the acute need, and the Mission Committee responded with a check for \$6,500 which will cover about a third of the cost. When this contribution was related to Keenan she cried because she is a graduate of THP and knows what this means to the women.

Produce And More (a 501c3) -\$1,400

These funds let us help a group of volunteers who have set up shop every Saturday since mid June to distribute fresh produce, roasted chickens, and books at 18th and Broadway. One of the Mission Committee members knows the organizer well and the great dedicated work they carry out to help those in need. It is our privilege to help them.



From prepping supplies for distribution to handing prepared packages of groceries, volunteers from both Peace and Second Presbyterian churches work together to provide nutritional support to the community.

Flowers for Loved Ones

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 4.

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

Please PRINT all information.

Name of Donor(s) _____

In honor of _____

Or

In memory of _____



Kilgore Garden Tour News

The Committee of the Kilgore Garden Tour has been able to schedule six gardens for the 2021 Tour to be held June 12 and 13. Depending on the pandemic, two homes will be open for touring. The Tour will begin in St. Matthews and continue to PeeWee Valley!

Members are currently contacting sponsors for the event. sponsorships begin at \$250 and can be sent to the Center at any time during the year. Anyone wishing to be listed in the tour program as a sponsor can call

Ann Fleming at 502-553-4371.

The Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center is a mission of Second Presbyterian Church, and serves the entire Louisville community. It is open to the public, and no one is turned away. The Garden Tour provides much needed funds for those unable to pay the full fee. During the pandemic, counselors at the center have been busy serving clients using "teletherapy." For more information about the Garden Tour please contact Joan Gaston at (502) 896-8322. For

information about the Counseling Center call: (502) 327-4622.



fellowship

SPOT

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. the first Tuesday of the month.

November 4 - *Prairie Fires* by Carolyn Fraser

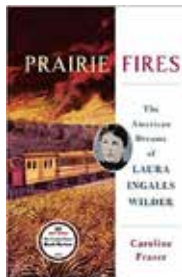
Many of us recall our children engrossed in *The Little House on the Prairie* books or watching the TV series each week.

Our book for the November 3 meeting via Zoom is *Prairie Fires* by Caroline Fraser. This is the acclaimed biography of the author of those books, Laura Ingalls Wilder. Barbara has chosen this book, which has it all: history, relationships, and even politics.

In December we will be discussing the 2021 schedule.

Jean O'Brien will send a Zoom link the weekend before we meet.

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



Busy Needles

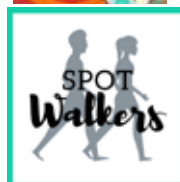
Busy Needles members are gearing up for their next project!

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



Paint SPOT

Linda Wood (502) 893-3330
el.wood@twc.com



Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.



Pilates

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



Dinner Groups

Jennifer Scott (502) 326-3145
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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 second Tuesday of

the month, so mark your calendar now! (October 13, November 10, December 8).

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.



Prayer Group

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2nd Act

2nd Act became masked singers on October 21 to entertain park patrons at Brown Park on Kresge Way. They sang songs from their new program, which they have been practicing by

Zoom. Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Session Highlights from October 15, 2020

At the October 15, 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;
- The Deacons reported that they continue to do extra outreach to older members of Second during the pandemic;
- The Finance Committee reported that Second ran a deficit in October and may run a deficit for the year. The continued fulfillment of pledges and other giving is crucial in finishing the year in a good financial position. Negative church income trends related to COVID include the great reduction in the loose plate offering, the

cancellation of the fall fund raising event, the reduction in the funds receive by the church from the Weekday School and the decrease in church investment income.

- The worship committee reported that the return to in person worship is going smoothly; and
- The 2020 Nominating Committee is gathering names for the upcoming slate of elders, deacons and trustees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ferguson,
Clerk of Session

Seminary Intern, Samuel Asiedu

My name is Samuel Oboamah Asiedu. I came from Akropong Akuapem in the Eastern Region of Ghana. I was born and raised as a Presbyterian since my father was a Presbyterian minister.

I had my seminary education at Ramseyer Institute, Abetifi for my pastoral formation and Akrofi Christaller Institute for master's in theology and missions at Akropong Akuapem, both in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

Currently, I am pursuing a Master of Divinity at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville KY.

I was commissioned as a Presbyterian Church of Ghana minister in 2010 and posted to Bethel Congregation, Tamale in

the Northern Region of Ghana as a part-time minister and worked as a mathematics teacher at the Presbyterian Senior High School, Tamale. I became a full time minister in 2013. In 2017 I was transferred to Kwaso District as a district minister having spiritual and administrative oversight of thirteen congregations.

Throughout my ministry, the Lord has blessed me in so many ways. I have worked with so many committees. I was also elected as the Clerk of the Northern Presbytery from 2013 to 2017.

My passion for the ministry is to witness Christ to the unreached in my community and visit the sick and the aged.

For my future ministry I would like



to focus on the widows and the marginalized in my community.

I am married with four children with ages 20, 17, 13 and 9.



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passages

We remember in prayer...

Chuck Nesbitt and his family on the death of his mother, Gerry Nesbitt, 10/9/20.

Nina Hilbert on the death of her husband, Steve Hilbert, 10/6/20.