# SECOND THOUGHTS

A monthly reflection on the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville



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We welcomed Rich Gianzero as our new Interim Associate Pastor on February 27th, Transfiguration Sunday. Here, Rich shares a little of his background, and we hope you have a chance to say "hello" and get to know him a little better.

#### Dear Ones at Second,

As with most blessed new beginnings, the rapid flow and absorption of newness moves with excitement. My first couple of days as your interim associate pastor moved graciously fast. Thank you for the kind welcome; thank you for your patience while I onboard. Here is a little bit about me and my journey to Second.

I have served as a solo pastor in Denver, Colorado and associate pastor in Louisville, and teach as an adjunct instructor at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. My spouse, Rachael, and I have four children ages fourteen, thirteen, twelve, and eight who attend North Oldham schools. Rachael works as a senior clinical program manager for a global medtech company. Her team is dispersed throughout the European Union, Asia and the US. We love living in Kentucky.

When not sifting through the several books I usually read concurrently, you may find me playing guitars, collecting sports cards, training in Brazilian jiujitsu and seeking refinement of what my children call "corny dad jokes." I love sharing a cup of coffee, tea, or lemonade with good company and meeting new people. Feel free to email or call and schedule some time so we can meet.

Peace,
Pr. Rich Gianzero
Interim Associate Pastor

# SECOND Presbyterian CHURCH

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# Worship





#### Ash Wednesday Worship

We begin Lent on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. with worship in the Chapel, including imposition of ashes. The Chapel will be open at 6:00 p.m. for prayer.

#### Mid-Week Prayer

Each Wednesday at noon, we will meet to pray and read Scripture over Zoom.

#### Wednesdays Together

We will continue to meet for our weekly meal with formation activities for adults and children's choir rehearsals. March 9–30.

#### Lenten Recital Series

Thursdays at noon, featuring a variety of area musicians performing music in a variety of styles, beginning with an Irish trio for St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Each of these programs is followed by a light catered lunch.

#### Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 a.m. worship in the Chapel followed by Adult Education, 11:00 a.m worship in the Sanctuary, plus livestream. Worship opportunities for the Holy Week, April 14–17, TBA.

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# Music at Second

Serving Christ with Humility of Heart and Highest Art



We gather each Sunday at 12:15 to learn how our gifts in music, spoken word, and writing can lead us closer to God. Ricky Case, Jim Rittenhouse, and Lindsay Cook are our leaders, as well as our youth who share their gifts, and teach us (Myles Hayden leads us in these pictures in the techniques of drumming!) Come join us!



# Splendor of the Baroque

Sunday, March 13, 2022 \* 3 p.m.
Live and Live-streamed at YouTube 2ndPresLou
Offering to benefit (KRM)

#### **UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS:**

March 13 Concert Series: Splendor of the Baroque, 3:00 p.m.

17 Lenten Series: na Skylark Irish trio, 12:00 p.m.

24 Lenten Series: Bach Organ Music, 12:00 p.m.

31 Lenten Series: Zach Klobnak, organist, 12:00 p.m.

April 7 Lenten Series: Jason Steigerwalt, baritone, 12:00 p.m.

May 20, 24, & 26: Derby City Chamber Music Festival details forthcoming

# Jenten Recitals at Second Thursdays at Noon

Programs are free and open to the public and will also be livestreamed on YouTube. Each is followed by a light catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Meals are \$10. Email slibra@2ndpreslou.org by noon on the preceding Monday to reserve a meal.

# March 17

#### na Skylark Irish trio

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Central-Kentucky-based trio na Skylark as they perform ancient traditional Celtic music through voice, harp, uilleann pipes, fiddle, whistles, flutes, and bodhran.



#### March 24

#### Bach Organ Music

Samuel Libra, Organist at Second Presbyterian Church, performs the "Dorian" Toccata in D-minor, chorale preludes, and more, in commemoration of Bach's 272nd birthday



#### March 31

#### Zach Klobnak, organist

Dr. Klobnak, College Organist and Instructor of Music at Centre College in Danville, performs varied music on the fine Casavant organ.



#### April 7

#### Jason Steigerwalt, baritone

Jason Steigerwalt, of our professional Octet, joins Organist Samuel Libra in sacred works for baritone and keyboards, including excerpts from Antonín Dvořák's meditations on the Psalms, Biblical Songs.



# Children





Need a break??

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos join us for a fun filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Amy Heckmann—aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org—by Monday, March 14 with questions and to reserve your spot!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
CELEBRATION at
WEDNESDAYS
TOGETHER
March 30, 5:30 pm

Come see all our children have learned about singing God's praise and the music of our faith, and celebrate all God is doing! Dinner at 5, and reservations required: cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org.

## Youth

#### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The Second Presbyterian 2022
Confirmation class will be confirmed in the Sanctuary at the 11 a.m. worship service on March 20th

# VBS AND PROJECT SERVE JULY 11-15, 9A-12P

# 2022 REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

REGISTER AT
2NDPRESLOU.ORG/MINISTRIES/
CHILDREN

#### 2PY Calendar of Events

March 1 Open Gym 7-9 p.m.

March 2 Ash Wednesday Service

at 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

March 6 Sit in 11 a.m. Worship

March 8 Last Open Gym

(Parents vs. Youth) 7-9

p.m.

March 10 HS Girl's Bible Study

at Lyles residence at

8:00 p.m.

March 13 2PY/ Faith Formation

at 10:45 a.m.

March 20 Sit in 11 a.m. Worship

to support Confirmands on Confirmation

Sunday

March 27 2PY/ Faith Formation

at 10:45 a.m.

#### **MONTREAT FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 10**

2PY, a reminder that the final Montreat payment is due by April 10. The total payment for Montreat is \$600 per youth. If you have paid the \$100 deposit, then you owe \$500. Contact Chelsea if you are unsure what you owe.

If you have not yet signed up, you have until April 10 to do so, please email cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org to sign up!



# Weekday School





The weekday school teachers and administration met last month for a staff-led learning workshop. This was a new way for us to gather as a teaching community. The idea stemmed from a brainstorming session we did as a staff last April surrounding how to make our learning times together even more meaningful and impactful. Six teams of teachers led 30-minute classes for their colleagues to attend. The topics chosen were open-ended so they could apply to all age groups, from infants through Kindergarten. With so much collective experience and knowledge, we learned from one another on the following topics:

- »How Consistent Routines & Rhythms Help Create Classroom Community—Krissy Mehal and Renee Ryan, Brown Room 4s
- »Using Open-Ended Materials to Promote Exploration in the Classroom—Cameron Blue & Kelly Gant, Kindergarten
- » Speaking to Children with Co-regulation in Mind—Brenda MacMillan, Early Intervention, and Katie White, Teal Room 2s
- » Cultivating Parent-Teacher Relationships in our Pandemic World—Sara DeSensi & Sherri Romano, Green Room Blended 3/4s
- »Emergent Curriculum: Let Your Class Do Your Planning—Cathy Morgan & Jenn Swan, Yellow Room 3s
- »Using Invitations to Encourage Exploration and Skill Development—Cathy Ross & Sherry Wilmes, Toddler A

The time we spent together as a whole staff was rich with connection, something we have all been craving for throughout the pandemic. By having space and time to share our understanding, thinking and practices as educators, we also inspired and rejuvenated each other's teaching and learning with children. Bravo to the staff members who led us in our first inhouse learning workshop!

—Hayley Abell Director of the Weekday School





# Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in Seconds to Go. You may also contact the church office: cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

#### **Morning Joy**

The winter session of Morning Joy, our Thursday morning Bible study continues on Thursday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Steve Jester leads the study—"Challenging Teachings of Jesus"—focusing on teachings from all four Gospels that stretch us and push us to grow as Christ's disciples. Participants can attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall where masks are strongly encouraged or they can attend virtually via Zoom. All are welcome!

#### **Biblical Studies**

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and meets in-person on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at lingir@twc.com. This winter, the class will be dealing mainly with seeing how the New Testament reflects the multiple Jesus movements in the first 200 years of the Common Era.

#### **Pathways**

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A and via Zoom. Pathways is a group of folks who enjoy thinking and talking about life, faith, the Bible, and the intersection of the three. Please come join us!

#### Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards of Louisville Presbyterian Seminiary leads this class on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom. We are now studying the book of Acts, and we would be glad to have anyone join us who is interested in such Bible study. If interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please email marion.soards@att.net.

#### Film Fellowship

The next Film Fellowship gathering will be on Monday, March 7th from 7–8:30 p.m. We will discuss John Duigan's biographical film, *Romero* (1989). The film stars Raul Julia as Oscar Romero, and Richard Jordan as Romero's close friend and fellow martyred priest, Rutilio Grande. As Archbishop to El Salvador, Romero was the spiritual leader of El Salvador's Catholics and also one of the most outspoken critics of the violent military regime. Where he preaches to his flock that

"Christ is crucified in you," that "your pain and suffering will contribute to El Salvador's liberation and redemption," he too ultimately shares in the crucifixion of his Lord, shot down in a hospital chapel while lifting the Host in the Mass. Join us online for a lively and informative conversation about this deeply meaningful film and its relation to Second Church's Mission Partners in El Salvador! Our March gathering will take place on Zoom only. Contact Karen Hadley (hadley@louisville.edu) for questions or concerns.

#### 2nd Sunday

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

Our next session is March 13 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm 251 and via Zoom. Childcare will be provided.

#### Sisters in Spirit

A warm, supportive group of ladies that enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help us grow in our everyday faith. We generally meet the second Tuesday of the month 7–9pm in the home of a group member. Open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. Join us when you are able (it's ok if you have to miss a month or two, you are always welcome to come as you are able). Contact Selina Costley (sjc@iglou.com) for info.

#### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, is leading an overview of *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In his book, Bonhoeffer discusses practices of personal prayer, worship in common, work and service to others. Specific topics/readings are assigned each week.

# Join in Fellowship and Discovery with Our African American Churches









Journey with us this Lenten season as we gather at each of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's four African-American congregations. Over the four Saturdays of March, you are invited to hear the stories of each congregation, its heritage and ministry. Come and participate in this time of fellowship and renewal! Each gathering will be accessible both onsite and by livestream. Masks and social distancing are required.

<u>Church</u>	Gathering Date	<u>Time</u>
Grace Hope	Sat, March 5	10-11:30 a.m.
<u>Shawnee</u>	Sat, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.
<u>Peace</u>	Sat, March 19	10-11:30 a.m.
Westwood	Sat, March 26	10-11:30 a.m.



## Mission

### Mission of the Month

Our March Mission of the Month is Buckhorn, specifically, a part of Buckhorn Services known as Rogers Recovery House. Buckhorn no longer has children in their residential care, so Second will instead be offering items for this inpatient rehabilitation facility for adult women. Rogers Recovery House is open to adult females who have surpassed the detoxification phase and subsequently require a stabilized and structured environment to begin their recovery. These items can be dropped off in the Mission Closet on Sundays and during regular church office hours throughout the week. The Mission Committee thanks you for your support!

Toiletries and	Linens:	Arts and crafts:	Recreation:	Additional:
personal items:	»Twin size bed sheets,	»Craft paper	»Card games	»Yoga mats
»Shampoo	mattress covers, and	»Sketch paper	»Board games	»Celebrate Recovery
»Body wash	bedbug covers	»Colored pencils	»Jigsaw puzzles	(This is a Christ-
»Deodorant	»Pillows and	vCraft kits	»Books and	centered 12 step
»Toothbrush and	pillowcases	»Easels and canvas	magazines	recovery program.
toothpaste	»Bath towels (white)	»Water paint	»Sudoku, crossword	Materials can be found
»Feminine products	»Hand towels (white)	»Washable acrylic	and word search books	online. Buckhorn has
»Shower flip flops	»Washcloths (white)	paints		requested participant
	»Kitchen towels	»Brushes		and leadership
	»Laundry detergent	»Scrapbooking		materials.)
	(ALL brand,	materials		
	allergen-free)			



Relief for Western Kentucky Second has collected over \$5,000 to support our neighbors in Western Kentucky who were impacted by the tornados of last December. If you would like to contribute, give online at our Giving page: 2ndpreslou.org/giving.

First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, KY, photo c/o Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

#### Kilgore Garden Tour News

Spring is on the way, and the Kilgore Garden Tour committee is gearing up to solidify plans for the 2022 Garden Tour to be held June 11 & 12. Seven gardens have been scheduled for the upcoming event.

Ann Fleming has been working to contact former sponsors, with the result so far of \$41,250! Additional pledges should help reach the goal of \$50,000. Anyone wishing to be a sponsor can do so by contributing \$250+ to the Kilgore Center, marked "Sponsorship—Garden tour": P.O. Box 6728 Louisville, KY 40206. To be listed in the brochure, gifts must be received by April 1, 2022.



Many volunteers will be needed to help with the Tour. Sign-up letters will go out next month. Helpers may sign up for either Saturday or Sunday. Shifts are 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Volunteer cards will be available at the visitor centers, or call Joan Gaston at 502-551-0089 and leave a message.

The committee sadly mourns the death of George Gibbs, a loyal supporter of the Tour, and husband of the founder of the Kilgore Center, Betty Gibbs. The Center was founded over 30 years ago, and established as a ministry of Second Presbyterian Church. It is open to the entire Louisville community and no one is turned away. The Garden Tour is the major fund raiser for the Center.

We are happy to announce that the grounds committee has agreed to plant a bush in honor of garden tour founder Emily Willingham, who has moved away. Thanks to Larry Boram, who is donating a "home-grown" pink Crepe Myrtle, "Emily" should be blooming in July!

# one of our refugee families 15 years later

#### Meet Eh Themoo Po



Then: Eh Themoo and her sister, Lui Mu. Now: Eh Themoo will graduate from Manual.



"I am so grateful for everything that Second Presbyterian Church has done to support my family. Someday I will help other refugees like myself. God bless each and every one of you who has helped us along the way. My heart is filled with love and appreciation." —Eh Themoo Po

Can you believe 15 years have gone by since the Po family arrived in the United States?! Many of us met them at the airport on February 7, 2007, with banners, flowers, and balloons. We furnished their apartment, collected clothes and household goods, took them to appointments, and fulfilled the terms of our agreement with Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM).

MayAnn and Bill Mathis (both now deceased) were a part of the refugee team and remained faithfully committed to the Po family for many years. When people ask me why I continue to help the family, my reply is, "I don't want to lose one. Not on my watch." Soon after their arrival, we took all 10 family members (mother, father, 8 children) to the doctor's office for routine appointments. Another patient in the waiting room tugged on my coat and said, "Lady, you lost one." Sure enough, one of the kids had "escaped" and was running into the parking lot. Quickly corralled, we all settled in with books, snacks, and a keen eye on the office door. Mission accomplished.

There is a lot to celebrate in spite of a debilitating stroke which the father had in March 2021. He is completely disabled and is cared for at home by Mrs. Po. One of the boys has a two-year degree from JCTC (a local community college); another is a student at Lindsey Wilson College. Several of them work for UPS and can help with monthly expenses. Another son who suffers from a severe mental illness is living in supported housing and participates in Wellspring programs. What a challenge it has been to help this young man throughout the years – so many hospitalizations, therapists, social workers! At last -- he is stable.

Now for some more good news: the oldest daughter, Eh Themoo Po, a senior at Manual High School, has been accepted at Centre College. She was offered a very generous financial-aid package -- attending Centre is within reach. This small liberal arts college is a perfect fit for Eh Themoo. I am certain that the "village" which has supported Eh Themoo and her family in Louisville will continue in Danville, KY. There is a commitment at Centre to helping first-generation students like Eh Themoo succeed.

Eh Themoo is an excellent student and has many extra-curricular activities including Girl Scouts and community service projects. Most importantly, she is committed to "breaking the cycle of poverty" which affects so many refugee families including her own. She is interested in a career in health care – either as a nurse or a doctor. What a long way from the refugee camp in Thailand where the Po family lived after fleeing Burma! They are Karen, a persecuted ethnic minority.

The financial-aid package from Centre (including scholarships and federal/state grants) will cover everything except for \$5,000 each year. Eh Themoo is eligible for federal loans. She is also applying for outside scholarships to help with the costs. Congratulations to Eh Themoo. Your friends at Second are so proud of you and wish you well at Centre College. (Go Colonels!) —Susanne Wright



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**

Below is the schedule through May.

March: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.

April: Deborah Cohen will present her latest book Last Call At The Hotel Imperial". This is a history book about the interwar era and the correspondents from the United States who covered the evolving political scene in Europe in which fascism was born. The book can be ordered on Amazon and at Carmichael's Bookstores. It will be released on March 15th.

May: Better Lucky Than Good by The Louisville Story Program Presented by Holly Gathright.

We need books for the rest of the year, so offer up your suggestions!

We will NOT have in person meetings until Covid calms down (again). See Seconds to Go for Zoom links. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00 AM.

For information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact: Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or Susanne Wright at sjwright@iglou.com.



#### Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second. Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com.



#### **Pilates**

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



#### **Dinner Groups**

Dinner groups are currently on hiatus. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



2nd Act is back!! This singing ministry **2nd Act** reassembled in December to Christmas carol to people who have not been able to get out recently. It was a joyful

experience for the 2nd Act members as well as the recipients of many of our beloved carols!! We will be back together on each Wednesday morning at 10:30 to rehearse (again) our show of crooner tunes in hopes that we will soon be able to present it to nursing facilities! If you like to sing and enjoy the fellowship of others, please consider joining this ministry group!! Come check us out and you will not regret it!! For more information in the meantime, contact Susan Langford, toursplus@aol. com or (502) 897-3789.



#### **Busy Needles**

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.



#### Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Valerie Dreher at (502) 618-3732 or edreher3@yahoo.com. We walk on the first and third Wednesday of each month.



Our culture puts a great emphasis on being happy and joyful. During the holiday season, this is particularly



true. Sometimes we need to be able to acknowledge to ourselves and others that we aren't feeling joyous, especially during the holidays.

Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet at 11:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou. org, if you have questions or are interested in joining.

# Presbyterian Women

Due to the continued prevalence of Covid-19 in our community, Presbyterian Women of Second will not meet at the church in March. We hope to be able to resume meeting in-person at the church in April.

Please join us, in-person, for the Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky 2022 Annual Spring Gathering at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26th, in the sanctuary at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church (311 Brown's Lane, 40207) using masks and social distancing. A streaming option will be available through HBPresFacebook or HBPresYoutube. The theme is "Together, again!", and our speaker will be Rev. Cheri Harper, Global Missions Coordinator for Presbyterian Women Worldwide. The offering will go to the HopeBuss Project, connecting people in West Louisville with community services, food, health screenings, and shelter. Donation checks may be made payable to PW Mid-KY, designated "Spring Gathering Offering," and mailed to JoAnna Overstreet, PW Mid-KY Treasurer (4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 40218). PW Mid-KY offers wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service with our Presbyterian sisters-in-Christ from across our Louisville community and throughout our region. All women of Second are welcome!

The 21–22 Horizons Bible study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me by Merryl Blair, explores the women in the lineage of Jesus. The title of Lesson 7 is "Mary" in Matthew 1:18–2:23. Mary's name is the final one in the genealogy of Jesus, as Joseph is called "the husband of Mary." In Verse 1:18, the unwed Mary is "found to be with child." She is vulnerable to disgrace and ostracism from her own family and even at risk of death to preserve the honor of others. Joseph, seeing righteousness as merciful, decides he will quietly separate from her. But in verse 1:20, an angel appears to him in a dream and says, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." It continues with, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." And so, Mary, a young woman outside her social situation, vulnerable yet strong, enables God's continuing story of hope and salvation.

Prayer: "Creating and loving God, help us to remember that you have always worked through the lives of ordinary women and men, people like us, with all their faults and failings. As we bring our ordinary lives before you, transform our expectations so that we may be open to your extraordinary future." Amen.

presbyterianwomen.org has opportunities to order the Horizons Study book, subscribe to the Horizons Magazine, as well as, find information about Presbyterian Women in God's world.

As we pray for peace and comfort in our 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

## Care for the Caregiver

Are you helping a loved one with impairments related to aging, disability, or a mental disorder? Are you taking care of someone who has a chronic illness, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, healthcare for someone who cannot perform these tasks alone? If you answered yes to any of these, then you are a caregiver.

Caregivers hold it all together or have the overwhelming feeling

that they must hold it together because no one else can. Caring for your loved one can lead to isolation, depression, chronic health issues, and poor quality of life. The Deacons here at Second see how important it is to support its members who hold the role of caregiver.

The caregiver support group meets the second Monday of each month at 4 p.m. These remote monthly Zoom meetings provide resources, education, guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to the challenges of caregiving.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact the office or reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou. org, or Deacon Cathy Hollander.



# For Your Information Session Highlights

#### From the February meeting:

»Study & Discussion: Session took time to break into small groups to talk about what their vision of the future of this church looks like. Meaningful conversation took place following the breakout where thoughts and ideas were shared. This thought-provoking discussion will continue at future session meetings.

#### »Financial Report:

- Strong 2022 prepaid pledges received at the end of 2021, total 2022 pledge giving through January is \$258k vs. \$180k for the same period last year.
- YYD expenses are \$23k above same period 2021 due mainly to higher Mission spending offset by Personnel savings.
- Cash at US Bank continues to be strong, reflecting strong giving.
- Trustee/Unrestricted funds include endowment, maintenance fund, and WDS investment.
- Balance sheet shows a \$170k WDS PPP loan which was forgiven in 2021 and will be removed.
- »Election of commissioners to Presbytery: Session approved of Bill McDowell and Jodie Goldberg to serve as commissioners to attend Presbytery meetings for a term of one year. Session approved Charles Bond as treasurer, Todd Tyrrell as assistant treasurer, and Sharon Clark as clerk of session for 2022.
- » Taiwanese congregation use of our chapel for their Sunday Services: The Taiwanese congregation of approximately 25 people, who have been holding their services at Calvin Presbyterian Church, are looking for a new home due to Calvin congregation being dissolved and the sale of the building. A recommendation from the Mission Committee has been received to enter into a contract with the Taiwanese congregation to allow them to use our Chapel for their worship services. The recommendation was approved by session.
- »Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: The committee is moving forward in the search for a new Associate Pastor.A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Clark, *Clerk of Session* 

# Costa Rica Mission Trip

JULY 1 - JULY 9 \$1500 \$250 DEPOSIT DUE MARCH 13



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## passages

We remember in prayer...

James ("Scotty") McArthur, Jim and David McArthur and their family on the death of their wife and mother, Linda McArthur, 2/16/22.

Russ Dunlap and his family on the death of his sister, Betsy Dunlap, 2/16/22.

Patti Strickler and her family on the death of her husband, Frank, 2/8/22

The families of Jim and Joe Seiler on the death of their mother, Louise Seiler, 2/7/22

The family and friends of Dorothy Wilkey on her death, 1/28/22.

Nancy Helm Thomas and her family in the death of her sister, Louise Helm Bessire, 1/25/22

Betty Gibbs and her family on the death of her husband, George, 1/23/22

David Wood and his family on the death of his sister, Becky DeCamp, 1/14/22.

Patty Dailey and her family on the death of her sister-inlaw, Vickie Wimsatt-Dailey 1/12/22 and mother-inlaw, Nanette Dailey 1/23/22.