

SECOND THOUGHTS

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



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SECOND Presbyterian CHURCH

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

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Dear friends,

Taylor Caldwell’s book *The Listener* was released in 1960 – before I was born. Some works remain timeless because in them we find someone who writes as if they knew us. *The Listener* treks alongside 15 visitors as they arrive at a simple building where someone promises to listen. No one really knows the mysterious listener’s identity. Each one finds something they need when they visit the listener - more importantly, they find someone they need.

When a loved one dies, we miss their voice, their presence, their listening, and their hearing. At Second Presbyterian, a grief group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 11:30-12:30 PM led by Elizabeth Clay. Listeners make up the group. And sharers too.

When I listen to others’ pain, laughter, and vulnerabilities, I often discover myself in others’ voices. Listening to others often helps me hear myself. When I’ve heard myself, I’m often able to then give voice to my joys and pains with the hope that another will listen to me. Giving and receiving the gifts of listening and sharing deepen our connections while helping us sort out trouble - specifically the trouble caused by the death of a loved one.

The grief group is open to everyone. Get in touch with Elizabeth if you’re interested - give the gift of listening and sharing along your journey.

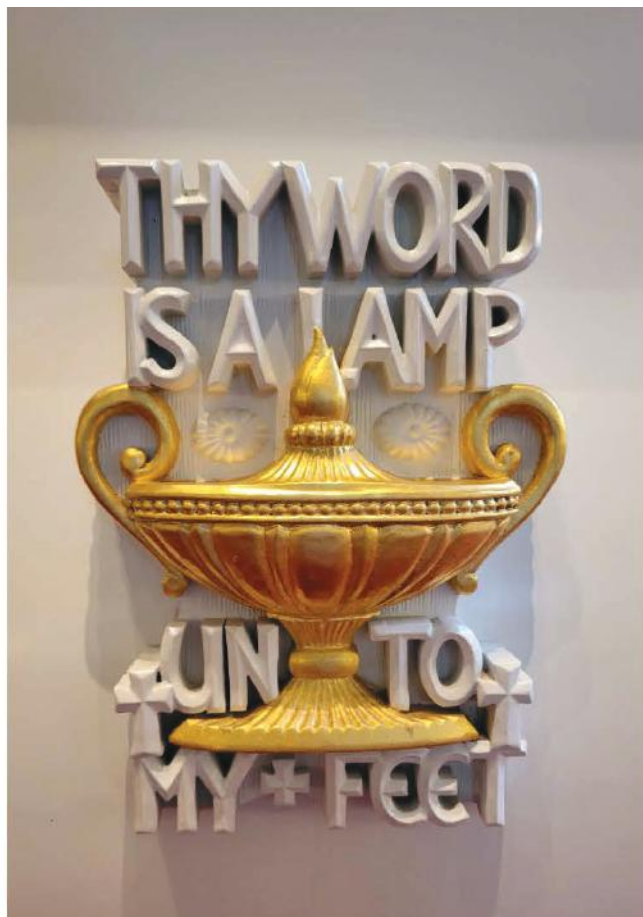
Peace,

Rich Gianzero

Hope & Healing While Grieving

Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on happiness but loss is a very real part of everyone’s life. Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We will meet at 11:30 am on September 7, September 21, and October 2. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.

Worship & Music



Worship Schedule Beginning Sept. 4

Two opportunities to worship –
Two slightly different services –
Two beautiful spaces
in which to offer God praise!

8:30 a.m. service in Chapel
11:00 a.m. service in Sanctuary
(live and live-streamed)



SERMON SERIES SEPTEMBER 4 TO OCTOBER 2

Why do we pray a confession? Why a Prayer for Illumination?
Through scripture, music, and proclamation, we will explore our
worship in a 5-week series beginning September 4.

Themes/Scriptures:

Sept. 4: Means of Grace - Isaiah 6

Sept. 11: Confession - James 5:9-16; John 20: 19-23

Sept. 18: Word and Proclamation - Isaiah 55:6-11; John 1:1-5: 9-18

Sept. 25: Prayer and Music - Psalm 98; Colossians 3:12-16

Oct. 2: Sacraments - Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26



Worship & Music this Summer!



**10 a.m Worship / Vespers Services / Renewal Series / Ellingtons ...
So much for which to be grateful to God!**

Many thanks to John Ellis for his faithful ministry of photography!

SUMMER MUSIC BLAST 2022!

On August 8, our children and families met to have some outdoor music fun, sing some 'kids karaoke', and splash in the firehose spray!

Thanks to all who helped and to our awesome Children's Choir Team! And welcome to Ms. Krista Mueller!





Youth Worship Arts

**Join us Sunday,
September 25**

12:00 Lunch

12:15 - 1:00 in the Youth Suite

Ricky Case, Team Leader: rlcase01@gmail.com
JRittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org

REGISTER AT: <https://forms.gle/7av6vXt89ZYubRN9>



**FALL 2022
Starts
Sept. 14!**



Children 3 yrs old
to 5th grade
are welcome!

**Join us for great music education each week
at Wednesdays Together!**



5:00p: Dinner*
5:30p: All Choirs
6:00p: Carol Choir (3 - K) to activities
5:45p: Fellowship or study for adults
6:15p: Chapel Choir (Gr. 1-5) to activities

Register at:
<https://forms.gle/JRJHanC9zuDhXuW8A>

or contact Sam Libra, slibra@2ndpreslou.org

**Reservations needed by Sunday before each Wednesday: tkissling@2ndpreslou.org, or 895-3483. Different meals each week - suggested donation \$5 per person, \$15 family cap. Childcare is provided, along with supervised activities for the kids! See more information in the Formations area of Second Thoughts!*

Children

September 10
5 - 8:30 p.m.

Parent's Night Out

\$15 per child
\$25 Family Cap

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, Sept. 5 with questions and to reserve your spot!



2PK on Sunday


Begins Sunday September 11

- 8:30am - childcare in room 117 for children 5 and younger
- 11:00am - childcare in room 117 for children 3 and younger
- Faith Formation classes for kids age 3 through 5th grade.
- Kids 3 - 3rd grade will be released to class from worship.
- Kids in 4th and 5th will meet at 10:45am for breakfast in the Youth Suite



Bible Presentation

BIBLES WILL BE PRESENTED TO 3 YEAR OLDS AND 4TH GRADERS



SEPTEMBER 18
11:00AM WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS Together

2022 Fall Schedule: September 14 - November 16

5:00-6:00pm - Dinner in the Great Hall

6:00-7:00pm - Adult Class

5:30-7:00pm Children's Choir: Musical and Vocal Education for Ages 3 through 5th Grade

Watch your email for more details and how to sign up



Youth

2PY Sunday:

Breakfast will be provided for youth and their families before the 11:00 am worship every Sunday. Please watch for more information regarding 2PY Faith Formation opportunities.



CONFIRMATION INFO

Important Dates

- Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 - Confirmation Orientation
- Fri. - Sat., Sept. 16-17 - Confirmation Retreat
- Sunday, Sept. 18 - Bible Presentation in 11am worship
- Sunday, October 9 at 9:45 - Confirmation Class

*Confirmation Class is on the 2nd Sunday each month

VOLUNTEER AT PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

to assemble food boxes as part of their food pantry ministry

Saturday, September 10
11:00am - 12:30pm



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
4:30PM - 6:00PM



VOLUNTEER AT BELLEWOOD

Come and hang with the youth at Bellewood!

Contact Tammy Kissling or Pastor Jordan for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.

2PY WINTER RETREAT

SKI TRIP

JANUARY 13-16, 2023



\$100 DEPOSIT DUE
October 2, 2022

Belonging Together



A Tri-Presbytery Youth Fall Retreat

When: **November 4-6, 2022**

Who: **6th - 12th Graders**

Where: **Camp Loucon Leitchfield, KY**
8044 Anneta Road Leitchfield, KY 42754

Price: **\$75**

Scholarships are available

Weekday School

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! It has been pure delight to welcome our new students and reconnect with old friends who have all grown so much over the summer. It was also my pleasure to watch the excitement build in our teachers as they intentionally prepared their classrooms for learning and connection. A school year is a special time span, and a classroom a sacred space. In a dynamic learning environment, children make meaning of the world and create bigger maps of understanding together in a relational context. Young children use their whole bodies in a hundred different ways to investigate life and what it is to be human. By honoring these processes and creating spaces and rhythms for them within the classroom, teachers reflect back to children how intelligent and capable they are.

As children transition from summer home life into school rhythms, it can take up to several weeks for some to feel comfortable with the change. This is normal and expected. Children have to build their stamina back up, adjust their sleep schedules, and acclimate to new relationships and routines. Our teachers comfort any child experiencing big emotions through the transition and guide them toward feeling safe and settled. Classmates are a big help, too, as they invite each other to play, laugh, and explore their new surroundings. Cultivating strong home-school connections unites children's two worlds and provides a sense of their families being with them in their school days, as well. We have invited our families to share their traditions, cultural heritage, talents and time in their children's classrooms and on our campus.

I am eager for the possibilities this new year offers. In June, I went to the first in-person North America Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) conference since the pandemic began. The early childhood schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy are our strongest educational influences. It was a true joy to have an immersive time with the Italian educators once again. I brought back much inspiration and excitement, particularly around the idea of learning always taking place in a relational context: with other people, the natural world and the systems that govern our planet. We also explored the importance of beauty in education and how to use digital tools for creative exploration with children. I look forward to digging into these ideas and seeing what magic arises in our school this year.

Warmly,
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: tkissling@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Morning Joy

The fall edition, "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses" will begin on Thursday, September 8.

Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall and are led by Pastor Steve Jester, with the women and men who attend – both church members and guests like providing lots of discussion and questions.

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and the sharing of church joys and concerns. At the conclusion of each class by 11 a.m., small discussion groups convene for those who choose to participate. A syllabus of the class study will be provided in advance of Morning Joy sessions. Participants can attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall 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 lingjr@twc.com.

Pathways

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings 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! Classes will resume on September 11 at 9:45 a.m.

Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, 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.

Film Fellowship

This group gathers on the first Monday of each month to discuss the intersections of film and faith. Each session, we discuss a different film, some familiar to many, others new to most. Join us as we explore deep questions around art, ethics, belief, and media. 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. 2nd Sunday will resume classes on September 11 at 9:45 a.m. in room 251.

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 on the second Tuesday of the month 7–9 p.m. 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.

Our next gathering is Tuesday, September 13, at the home of Selena Costley. Please RSVP to Selena at sjciglou.com.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets in Room 251 and via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session.

Mission

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

BACK TO SCHOOL

supply drive

- Granola Bars (chewy)
- Nutri-Grain Bars
- Slim-Jims
- Trail Mix
- Dried Fruit
- Instant Oatmeal
- Acne Soap
- Men's Body Wash
- Shower Shoes
men's sizes 6, 8, 10, 12

WES West End School
Louisville, KY

JUST A WORD OR TWO FROM THE



August 17, 2022

Dear Friends,

As you have probably seen and heard by now, the Buckhorn Community and the Agency, like much of Eastern Kentucky, have been devastated by the historic flooding that occurred in late July. We've had staff and foster families who have lost everything and many of our facilities and grounds on the Buckhorn campus sustained flood damage. We have electricity and phones, but the water system may not be restored for many more weeks.

To help our community, we have opened the campus to those in need of shelter, food, and water. In the face of perhaps the worst disaster that Buckhorn has ever witnessed, our staff has pulled together like never before and has worked tirelessly to ensure that our clients and neighbors continue to receive the care that they need.

Thank you for your donation of \$2,000.00 to Buckhorn. We couldn't do what we do without the help of folks like you. I so appreciate your friendship and your efforts to assist us.

I hope that you and your family will continue to keep the Agency, as well as our staff and clients, in your thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Billy D. Smith
CEO

Refugee updates

Second Presbyterian has partnered with Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) to welcome the Sultani family from Afghanistan. The family of five: Mother, Father, Daughter (1.5 years), and two sons (under 6), arrived in Louisville on September 1st. Donations of household items from Second Presbyterian members helped to furnish their apartment, thank you for your continued support!

The Amiri family has exciting news. Khatul's sister and two female cousins safely arrived in the US and will join them in Louisville in the next weeks. These women evacuated Afghanistan 9 months ago and have been living in a US military camp in Qatar. KRM asked us to co-sponsor this family group. KRM will handle the apartment setup, and Second Pres will handle the welcome and other needs. More to follow as we learn more.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Build Dates

Thursday 8/25 - Wall Build
Saturday 9/10 - Raise the Roof
Saturday 9/24 - volunteers needed

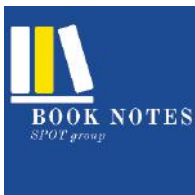
Contact John Davis at johnlouky@gmail.com for more information or to sign up

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Bellewood and Brooklawn for our August Mission of the Month. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.



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

Each month since 2011, a member of our group selects a book, researches the author, reviews the book, and then the group discusses it at our monthly meeting. We meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 am in the church parlor. We faithfully support UCHM food pantry.

Contact Susanne Wright: (502)930-7465,
sjwright@iglou.com



Men's Bible Study

Open to men of all ages with minimal homework. Our Men's Bible Study meets every Friday morning at 7:00 am in Room 251. Fellowship is offered and enjoyed, breakfast is provided.

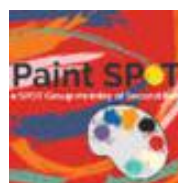
Contact Todd Lyles: (502) 643-4720, lylespt@gmail.com



Busy Needles

We meet twice a month in the Parlor: second Sunday after church, and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am (see church calendar). Our consistent projects are Prayer Shawls and Throws for our members, their family and friends. But, we also work on other projects for various groups and organizations both locally and worldwide. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Contact Bev Wahl: (502) 423-9271, bevwahl41@gmail.



Paint Spot

Open to all adults, our Paint SPOT is for beginners to skilled painters in acrylic. We gather on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Youth Suite to work on individual projects and fellowship together.

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



Dinner Groups

A time to share over a good meal, we have multiple groups, some meet in homes, some at restaurants. Our groups meet throughout the year. Seeking those interested in joining a group or starting one!

Contact Cheryl Cooper: (502) 417-3999,
cheryltcooper@gmail.com



Pilates

Our Pilates classes are held on Monday and Thursday night in the Narthex at 5:30 pm. Pilates benefits include building a strong core, flexibility, balance, focus, coordination, and concentration. Everyone is invited to join our class. Participants bring a mat and other tools will be supplied, the cost is \$10.

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



Garden Spot

A new group for those interested in gardening. We will visit local gardens of distinction; invite local garden "gurus" to speak; and share ideas and experiences.



Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to pray through our weekly prayer list on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All are welcome to pray, young and old, new Christians or lifetime believers.

Contact Joan Gaston (502) 896- 8322

Contact Alice Virginia Dodd: (502) 895-4605



Second Presbyterian Options Together

A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church
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2nd Act

We believe that music is a gift from God which transcends barriers of race, gender, and language. 2nd Act has brought voices together for over 25 years and with joy we take our gift to those in need of song, to encourage, uplift, and spur spiritual growth. We meet the first Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Choir Room and schedule performances in various locations in the area from January-May.

Contact Susan Langford: (502) 897-3789,
 toursplus@aol.com



Spot Walkers

The SPOT Walkers meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am. Our walks are no more than two miles. When the weather is nice we walk at various outdoor spots; when the weather is not so nice we walk inside the Oxmoor Mall. Everyone is invited! We share lots of conversation as we walk, and we continue our conversation over coffee after our walk.

Contact Valerie Dreher: (502) 552-8918
 or (502) 618-3732



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: (502) 608-4026

If you are interested in starting a SPOT group or if you would like more information on SPOT groups please contact Sunny Seale: (571) 438-8393.

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, and 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 on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 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.

Presbyterian Union

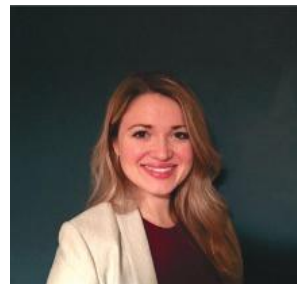
On the first Tuesday of each month (usually), people gather downtown for the fellowship of a lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics - church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, and topics of personal interest. Think of it as a quick retreat with some friends from different places to think about the world of work and living in a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

TOPIC: “**BROWN CANCER CENTER WELLNESS SOAR ON PROGRAM AND CAPTURING THE MOMENT**”

SPEAKERS: Megan Bale Nelson, M.D. Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery and Medical Director of Cancer Rehabilitation, U of L Brown Cancer Center and Laura Jones, LCSW, Manager, Oncology Restorative Health and Wellness, U of L Brown Cancer Center, Loyd Family Wellness Program and Group Facilitator at Gilda’s Club

Dr. Nelson is a physiatrist (physical medicine and rehabilitation) at the Brown Cancer Center and a cancer survivor. Focusing on the unique functional needs of cancer patients, she works with oncologists and the comprehensive cancer teams to serve patients from the initial diagnosis, throughout treatment, and after treatment. She treats the whole patient, including musculoskeletal and neurological complaints, neuropathic pain, spasticity, lymphedema, fatigue, and overall quality of life.

SOAR—“Where Strength and Opportunities for All are Realized”



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

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$20.00 including gratuity

When: **TUESDAY, September 6, 2022**, at 11:30am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, September 5 (if accepting) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440

Mark your calendars for future meetings (always first Tuesday):

Tuesday, October 4 – Richard Clay, Executive Director, The Filson Society

Parking: Parking is on 5th Street either on the street or across Market (one way east) at the Stock Yards parking sign on the south side of Market between 5th and 6th or at the National City Bank Building (entrances on 5th, near Main, and Main Street [one way west] on left immediately before 5th).

Payment: Please pay at door by cash or check.

Cancellation: If you make a reservation and do not cancel before 9:00 am on the day of the presentation, we must ask that you pay.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of Second meet together at the church on the second Tuesdays of the month, beginning September 13th at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship. We look forward to being together, again, and welcome all women at Second to join us. A Zoom option will be available.

The 22-23 Horizons Bible study is "Celebrating the Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. Each lesson will focus on a particular passage of scripture. We will be encouraged to practice Sabbath in "real and practical ways," making the Sabbath an important part of our lives in Christ. The title of Lesson 1 is "Sabbath and Celebration." The scripture is Matthew 11:28-12:13. Study books will be available for \$10 at our September meeting.

All members of Second are invited to attend the 21st Annual Prayer Service led by Presbyterian Women of Mid-KY Presbytery at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10th at Westwood Presbyterian Church, 4432 Greenwood Avenue, 40211. Our speaker will be Rev. Stachelle Bussey of the Hope Buss Project. The offering will be received for the Center for Women and Families, 927 S. 2nd St., 40204.

presbyterianwomen.org has opportunities to 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* Amparker158@hotmail.com (502) 897-5076

passages

We remember in prayer...

Beth & Blake Blythe and family on the death of her father, Stephen McDonald, 8/26/2022

Nancy Newman and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Seaver, 8/15/2022

George, David, Amy, Sarah and Jim Wombwell, Cecy Brewer, Jon and Mary Agnes Norman and their families on the death of wife and mother, Edie Wombwell, 8/9/2022

Carol McCarty, Kathryn Spencer and their family on the death of her husband, Art (Mac), 7/22/22

Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming, 7/4/22

Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo, 7/3/22

Diana & Steve Jester and family on the death of her cousin, Kirk Avant

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22

Eunice and Rob Shishmanian on the death of husband and father, Charlie Shishmanian, 6/4/22

Robin Seiler and her family on the death of her father, Jim Hornback, 6/21/22

Stewardship

Dear friends and fellow church members:

As most of you are aware, Second Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Weekday School, together, are planning a "2nd Party" for this fall. The date of the party is Saturday, October 1 (save the date on your calendar!). This will be an evening of fun and celebration, and an opportunity to raise money for both the church and its weekday school. The party will be informal, and outside with food trucks, a bluegrass band, wine and bourbon "pulls," live and silent auctions, and raffles. The emphasis for this evening will be to have fun together and to celebrate our many collective blessings; accordingly, we are calling the party "October Blest."

October Blest is a fundraiser, and this is where you can help. To be successful, we need to raise money in the form of sponsorships. In that regard, we will be calling upon many of you in the coming days to consider stepping up and becoming party sponsors. When you are contacted, we hope you will give prayerful consideration to our request, and will decide you can help us with this effort. The net proceeds of the party will be divided between the church and the weekday school, and will be used in service of the mission of both.

In the event you are not contacted, you can still become a sponsor by mailing a check to, or dropping a check by the church office for one of the sponsorship amounts: \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, or \$500, at your earliest convenience. You can also make a sponsorship pledge and payment on the church website (www.2ndpreslou.org) by clicking on the "Giving" page.

Stewardship



Join us for a beautiful fall evening filled with friends, food, and festivities to celebrate our Second Pres community!

Buy tickets online or after worship.

*** BLUEGRASS MUSIC ***

*** FOOD TRUCKS ***

*** LIVE AUCTION RAFFLE ***

*** BYOB ***



Meet our New Staff

Van Jones

Custodial Lead



Hello, I am Van Jones and I'm pleased to say that I am your Lead Custodian. I'm super excited to work with you all and I'm looking forward to meeting you all personally throughout the year. To say a little about myself, I've been married for seven years now. We have one son that is 21 years old. We have two businesses and one non-profit. We love to give back to our community by providing school shoes for kids that are less fortunate and providing meals to the homeless. Every year for my birthday, instead of receiving gifts my family and I like to celebrate with the homeless. I have many years of custodial experience and over five years of building supervisor experience. I am really big on mental health and often participate in suicide prevention events. I meditate at least once a day and I have a huge love for animals and enjoy learning more about them. I am so grateful for the opportunity and hope that I can be a good addition to the church.

Meet our New Members

Nehemiah Maji

Nehemiah joined Second Presbyterian Church in Spring 2022. He has come to Louisville from Nigeria where he was ordained in the Evangelical Church Nigeria. Nehemiah, and his wife, have three children (one is in elementary school, one is a senior in high school, and one is in junior college).



Ann & Doug Grissom

Ann & Doug joined Second Presbyterian Church in Spring 2022 by letter of transfer from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago where Doug was a trustee and Session member. They look forward to becoming involved at Second in music, mission, stewardship and adult education. Ann and Doug have four children: John who works in Chicago, Peter who is a junior at Notre Dame, Jacob who is a senior at Collegiate, and Kate who is a sophomore at Collegiate.



Stephen Grissom

Steve joined Second Presbyterian Church in Spring 2022 (along with his son Doug, Ann, and their family) by transfer from Christ United Methodist Church. Steve had a career in higher education administration, retiring as Dean of Admissions at Notre Dame. A former Session member, he looks forward to participating at Second in the areas of stewardship, congregational care, and adult education. Steve also has a daughter named Kay who lives in Missoula, Montana, with her family.



Session Update

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky

August 18, 2022 Session Meeting

Audit: The church audit was performed on sight by independent auditor, Monroe Shine. The opinion of the auditor is: “We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements”.

Financial Report: Pledges for 2022 received in July were \$116k, bringing the total collected in 2022 to \$69k. Pledges collected to date are 89% of MAP (Ministry Action Plan) and 97% of actual 2021. Total 2022 pledge income is \$779k and includes \$149k of pre-paid 2022 pledges collected at year end 2021. From the Treasurer’s Report: YTD income is \$197,788 more than the same period 2021. YTD expenses are \$48,946 more than the same period 2021. Property expense is anticipated to exceed budget by approximately \$20k. Actual activity is tracking well with MAP. Balance Sheet Highlights: Cash at US Bank includes \$522,472 in restricted funds including \$169k set aside for technology. Cash net of restricted funds is sufficient to cover less than one month of budgeted expenses. WDS (Weekday School) reserves of \$1.4MM include over \$500M of Federal Funds received during Covid and are earmarked for employee salaries and retention and equipment for WDS.

Report from APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee): The committee has interviewed and are considering 3 quality candidates for the position of Associate Pastor. They expect that the process of selecting a prospect will take approximately another month and a half.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Our committee continued to meet regularly throughout the summer. We have contacted several seminaries and presbyters seeking recommendations for candidates as well as using the potential matches provided by the PC USA Church Leadership Council website. In addition, we have purchased ads in the job opportunities section in several Presbyterian publications. To date, we have reviewed over 60 candidates and are now beginning the interview phase of those candidates that we feel may be suited for our call. We would appreciate your prayers and support as we continue in this process.



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