

SECOND THOUGHTS

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



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one another and the world
around us.*

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Dear Friends,

Is it just me, or are New Year's Eve and Day celebrations more low-key than they used to be? It could be an age thing, as staying up until midnight seems less exciting, and the college football bowl games are spread out all over the calendar. Whatever the reality may be, the turning of the year still invites reflection for many of us, looking back and assessing and looking ahead with hope and determination. Our "Happy New Year!" cries may be made from a place of wistful, wishful thinking or with hopeful energy, but either way, a new year's beginning gets our attention.

The word of the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah, "Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" It is a text I used as the slogan for a major building campaign in another church. It speaks to those who long for a fresh start, a break from what has come before. It speaks, perhaps, in a troubling way to those who are happy with the way things are and fear the possibility of change. It puts God's work in either/or terms – you can hold on to the past or embrace this new reality that's like nothing you've experienced before.

But there's another way to think about the "new" that God is bringing. I've just finished a brilliant book by the philosopher and theologian Jamie Smith, who was a guest at Second four or five years ago. Jamie's book is entitled *How to Inhabit Time* and reflects on a Christian understanding of Time, of past, present, and future. He comments toward the end of the book that the future that God is bringing, the promised new creation, isn't about rejecting what has come before, "sweeping away a past." Instead, he puts forward the image of the past – our own past and the past history of creation – as broken fragments collected by a God who is a "mosaic artist" and who creates a new work of art from those fragments, which creates a future without leaving behind the past.

We need not abandon what has come before or try to erase who we have been. Nor are we held hostage by the past and limited by the way things are today. Our God is able to take the best and the worst of this creation and our lives and use those fragments to create something new, beautiful, and wondrous. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,
Steve

Worship & Music



Thank You

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate for the Advent/Christmas season. *Chapel:* Bonnie and Larry Boram, Nancy Hubbard, and Sallye Pence; *Reception/Office Area:* Kenneth Oeth and Linda Dukes. *Sanctuary:* Mary Ayers, Cheeky Bahe, Dixie Baird, Bonnie Boram, Anne Fleming, Nancy Hubbard, Diana and Steve Jester, Susan and Eric Lehmann, Carol McCarty, Sudee Mosley, Kenneth Oeth, Sallye Pence, Jennifer Scott, Sunny Seale, Chip Snyder, Henry Snyder, Susan Snyder, and John and Bonnie Stone.



KUDOS to 2nd Act who have been sharing the joy of music and the grace of God with area senior facilities. These dedicated singers meet each week for either rehearsal or performance, and are a thrill to experience. Thanks to their magnificent director, Dr. Kay Dawn McFarland!

NEW CARILLONS! We are grateful to some special folks who have donated a lasting treasure! Because of a generous gift from members who wish to remain anonymous, we are now able to once again enjoy hearing our carillons each day. In the last two years, our digitized system and display had been faltering, but we now have a new system with new speakers installed. Each Mon. through Sat. at 12 and 6 p.m. our neighboring community will hear the Westminster chimes and the chiming of the hour followed by two short seasonal hymns. On Sunday, instead of the noon peal, you will hear the tolling of the hour at 10:55 ahead of our regular 11 a.m. service, and then our normal scheduling at 6 p.m. Stay tuned for more on how we will program the use of this beautiful way to share grace! And THANK YOU to our generous friends.



SOS!

We are in need of camera operators for our live-streamed services at 11 a.m. each week. It involves operating camera angles by computer. Training is easy! Please contact Elliott Nichols at enichols@2ndpreslou.org.



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With his appointment as Organist of France's Royal Chapel at the Palace of Versailles, Jean-Baptiste Robin was given an enviable and distinguished place in a long line of royal organists (Couperin, Marchand, and Daquin) as "court musician". Widely regarded as one of the most accomplished French organists, master teachers, and composers of his generation, Mr. Robin also serves as Professor of Organ at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional in Versailles. SPONSORED MINISTRY: West End School



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2PY Christmas Party

The 2PY Christmas Party was a success! After getting their fill of pizza and yummy desserts they stuffed over 50 stockings for Ukrainian refugee children. The stockings were delivered the next day to refugees at KRM by our youth. They also participated in a white elephant gift exchange and played some games. If you missed the fun this year be sure to make plans to attend next year!



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING YOUR "A" GAME!

Every Tuesday, 7-9pm!

family breakfast

This year we are offering breakfast, in the Youth Suite, for youth and their families every Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:00.

Resumes 1/8

Each week there will be a faith based activity for everyone to participate in.

2PY Calendar

- Tuesday 1/3 – Open Gym 7-9 pm
- Saturday 1/7 – Volunteer at Peace Presbyterian at 11 am
- Sunday 1/8 – Family Breakfast 8:30 am (Youth Suite)
 Confirmation Class 9:45 am
 Congregational Meeting
 Winter Retreat Meeting 12:30 pm (FHA)
- Tuesday 1/10 – Open Gym 7-9 pm
- Friday-Monday 1/13-1/16 – HS Ski Trip
- Sunday 1/15 – Family Breakfast 10:30 am

- Tuesday 1/17 – Open Gym 7-9 pm
- Sunday 1/22 – Family Breakfast 10:30 am
 Youth Worship Arts 12 pm
- Tuesday 1/24 – Open Gym 7-9 pm
- Sunday 1/29 – Family Breakfast 10:30 am
 Annual Congregational Meeting
 Youth Worship Arts 12 pm
- Tuesday 1/31 – Open Gym 7-9 pm

Montreat Youth Conference



Looking for a fun way to experience God and grow in your faith? Maybe a week at a Montreat Youth Conference is just what you need!

You will experience a week of worship, small group time, recreation, and back home time (time with the group from your own church). A week at either the High School or Middle School Montreat Youth Conference can be a very meaningful and faith filled experience and that's why many Second Pres. youth attend year after year.

A reflection written by one of our youth, Bella Tilford:

Through reflecting [on where I had seen God during our week at Montreat], I realized the vast amount that God intertwined himself through this week, much more than I had even thought would be possible going in. I fostered so many new connections this week both with new people in my small group and those that I had already known from Second Presbyterian but had yet to speak much with. The conversations I had this week with those I had not yet truly gotten to know, meant more to me than they could know and I'm so grateful to have gotten the opportunity to have them....

Not only did I see God's grace this week though connections made, but also in the pure beauty of the area. Gods touch was clear as I looked out to the mountains at the top of lookout mountain and when swimming in the creek. The sound of running water that surrounds most of the campus is a constant reminder that the presence and movement of God can be found all around if you take the time to listen.

Montreat showed me all that I can still do to continue fostering positive connections like the ones I had there in places where the people may not be as open to them. And as I came out of this experience, I will prioritize sharing the grace that was so graciously shared with me over the past week with others.

For more information you can visit Montreat.org, or talk to Pastor Jordan, or one of the many youth who have attended in the past.

Zooming In:

How Children Learn to Write: It Starts with Mark Making

Hayley Abell, Director

Writing emerges when children awaken to the understanding that their lines, drawings, letters, numbers, and words carry meaning. The markings they make begin to represent real objects, people, places, and ideas. Lines and curves become a form of communication that are a glimpse into a child's mind. Their cognitive processes become physical and visual. An example of this comes from a story told at the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) conference this past June. (The Reggio Approach to learning is our biggest educational influence. You can find a brief overview of its principles [here](#).) A four year old from Reggio Emilia asked a few peers, "How are leaves born?" One boy, Filipino, said he thought he knew, so his teacher gave him a large piece of paper to draw his theory. Through sweeping curves, tiny dots and a multitude of lines, Filipino carefully constructed his idea that energy from the heavens sparks life in a plant to create a leaf. Eventually, Filipino will use letters, words, sentences, and then paragraphs to share his thinking. However, his detailed drawing reflected the depth of thought he was capable of, as your children are, too.

Before fluent writing can take place, however, children must develop their fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination, balance, and body and spatial awareness. They must also have sufficient language skills and understand that print carries meaning. Emergent writing begins in older infancy and continues through early elementary by engaging in developmentally appropriate mark making experiences.

It is the consistent engagement with a variety of mark making tools that creates a comfortable relationship with writing. Our goal is for children to see drawing and writing as powerful and familiar forms of communication, as well as outlets for creative expression. [Here is an inspiration guide](#) for encouraging mark making in young children. Beyond these types of experiences, there are roles you can play in supporting your children:

- For our youngest children, providing opportunities to pinch, pull, grab, gather and other fine motor movements promotes the dexterity and hand strength needed to hold and maneuver writing utensils. So picking those Cheerios off the high chair tray or table and bringing it to one's mouth is actually great practice for eventually managing a crayon or piece of chalk.
- Once a child starts drawing with greater detail, ask, "Can you tell me about your picture?" and then write down what she says on a separate piece of paper. This allows a young emergent writer to see her story represented by words. Furthermore, when you ask a child about her drawing, you are leaving space for her to share her thoughts with you. By asking questions, your child articulates her intentions, questions and theories. You will begin to see the drawing through your child's eyes, learn a bit more about what inspires them and demonstrate respect for her point of view.
- It is important to remember that once a child begins adding a letter or two or random letter strings to their drawings, this does not mean he is ready for formal writing instruction. What it does indicate is that he is beginning to notice that letters have purpose. Continue asking questions and writing down your child's responses to reinforce the spoken word-written word connection many times over.
- Once the understanding clicks for a child that specific letters represent specific sounds in words, she will engage in inventive spelling, writing one or two sounds of a word. Your child will stay here for a while, and the time will be spent gathering data and experimenting with sounds and letters. When the inevitable question, How do you spell... comes, you can support this awakening period by prompting, for example, "What is the first sound you hear in the word h-h-hat? What is the next sound you hear in h-a-a-at?" During this time, your child will also learn that words have spaces between them, and there are rules to sentence structure and punctuation.
- Last but not least, READ to your child. Writing and storytelling are interdependent with reading. So enjoy a variety and abundance of books with your child. Do the voices, laugh at the silly parts, share what you notice in the story and cultivate a love of literature together.

Best,

Hayley Abell, Director

Director

Children

PARENTING SERIES



**A New Parenting Paradigm:
Building Relationships with
Dignity and Respect**

WEDNESDAYS | JAN 18-FEB 8 | 5:30-7:00pm

Creating strong, loving and respectful relationships with children (and others!) through reasonable boundaries and expectations, language that promotes success and connection, understanding what motivates behavior, and more!

This workshop will be offered by Kim Tabler, who is a Parent Educator and Coach trained in early childhood education, during Wednesday's Together. Childcare will be provided, and dinner will be offered from 5:00-5:30 with a suggested donation of \$5/ person or \$15/family.

RSVP through the regular Wednesdays Together links or contact Tammy Kissling at tkissling@2ndpreslou.org

SAVE THE DATE *Summer Camps*

Smiley Camp Week 1 - June 12-16, 2023
Smiley Camp Week 2 - June 19-23, 2023

VBS - July 10 -14, 2023

Project Serve - July 10-14, 2023

Registration will open January 15, 2023

More information about the camps can be found at 2ndpreslou.org

WEDNESDAYS

Together

2023 Spring Schedule: January 11 - March 29

5:00-5:30pm - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

5:30-7:00pm - Parenting Series in the Fellowship Hall

6:00-7:00pm - Adult Class in the Library

5:30-7:00pm Children's Choir & Activities: Musical and Vocal Education for Ages 3 through 5th grade with activities after choir is released.

RSVP to Tammy at tkissling@2ndpreslou.org by noon on the Monday prior

2PK on Sunday

- 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 grades will meet for breakfast in the Youth Suite beginning at 10:30am and will go to class from there. **NOTE:** there is no class the 1st Sunday of the month (communion Sunday). Children are asked to sit with their families in Worship.



January 21
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, Dec. 12 with questions and to reserve your spot!



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

Classes will resume 1/12/2023!

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. After class, by 11 a.m., a small discussion group convenes for those who wish to participate. We will provide a syllabus to anyone who would like a copy. All are welcome! Participants can attend in person (in the Fellowship Hall), or they can attend virtually via Zoom. A Zoom link is sent out every Thursday morning.

Biblical Studies

Led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr., the class meets in-person on Sunday mornings 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 at 9:45 a.m. in the 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. The Zoom link is in *Seconds to Go* which is sent out every Friday. Please come join us!

Reading the Bible

Led by Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, the class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and via 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.

2nd Sunday on the Third

The class meets on the third Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in room 251 and is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. Class members delve into topics facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. They share experiences and ideas to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families. Moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell lead the class, and childcare is available. For more information, please contact Lee Baltzell at leealtzell@gmail.com.

Sisters in Spirit

A warm, welcoming, and 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 church 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).

Sisters in Spirit will gather Tuesday, January 10, at 7 p.m. at the home of Jeanne Curtis. We will begin with chapters one and two of our new selection, [Taste and See - Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, and Fresh Food Makers](#) by Margaret Feinberg. The author's website, margaretfleinberg.com, has nice blogs, videos, and audio clips, so helpful and quite a pleasant way to embark on our new book!

A facilitator is needed for January. Please let Selina Costley know if you will help lead the discussion of chapters one and two in January - sjc@iglou.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.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

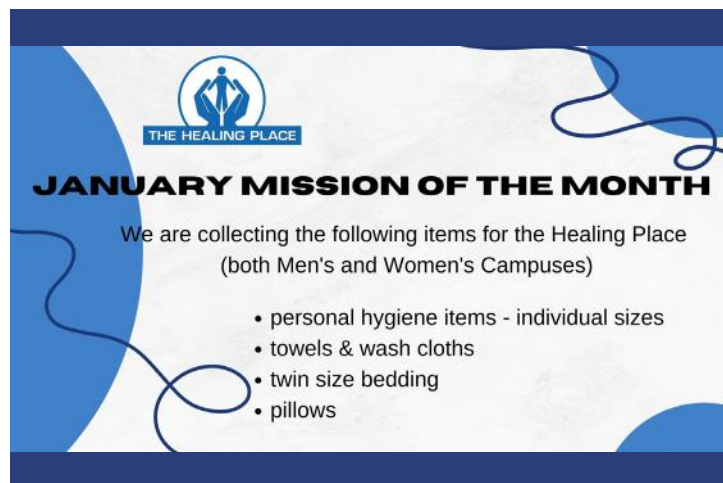
Beginning January 8, a new adult Sunday school class will begin. Retired Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Tom Sweets, will lead a four-week study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. During the season of Lent, Tom will teach on the topic "Forgiveness for Lent" focusing on the Biblical definition of forgiveness and how to forgive. All are invited to join in this wonderful opportunity to grow in our faith together. The class will meet in Fellowship Hall "B."

Mission

MISSION OF THE MONTH-THE HEALING PLACE

The Healing Place has been one of our long-time mission partners and the founder, Dr. Will Ward, has recently joined our church. New to their many services are a homeless outreach program and a veterans' program. Both are for individuals struggling with addiction and homelessness. Crews go out to known homeless camps to tell people about The Healing Place. To date, 24 beds are available for the homeless and 50 individuals have completed the program. In cooperation with the VA 70 beds are available to veterans. All of this is done at no cost to the clients.

Needed are hygiene items. With the Flu and Covid, items can't be shared so the smaller the better. Remember your last stay at a nice hotel and perhaps you took some of their complimentary toiletries home with you. Those would be very useful!



NEEDS: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soaps, Razors, Hair Brushes, Ponytail holders, Underwear (men & women), Bras(sports bras or universal sizing bras)



Billy Smith (CEO) reports that things are going well at Buckhorn, one major plus being that they have gifts ready “for all the kids” and feel like they’re pretty well-prepared for Christmas. They have been giving away a lot of gift/money cards (much of that from our Church’s recent donation) and building materials, as the HUGE rebuilding/repair efforts continue in the area.

Billy’s biggest news was that they are getting ready to hire two new positions: a Development Specialist (he feels that their “advertising” and just general outreach and dissemination of information needs to be stronger); and a coordinator for their addiction recovery program(s) which they are hoping to build up this coming year.

Again, Billy stressed the importance of broadening Buckhorn’s role as a multi-faceted center for community services in that whole area, as opposed to their former identity of mainly a residential center for children.

There are no immediate needs, but again Billy expressed his great appreciation for our support and will keep us posted.

A final note is that Billy recently heard “informally” from a person he knows in the area about a recent study of about 40 kids who have received residential services from various agencies. Apparently Buckhorn received only the most positive feedback and ratings from all the kids polled. Buckhorn is not releasing this as a formal announcement or anything, but Billy sure sounded proud that he was able to share that with his staff (and us).

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our missionaries who are faithfully serving our neighbors throughout the world for our December Mission of the Month. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.

Refugee Update

Hello Friends,

A quick update on our two Afghan families as we near the end of our formal sponsorships.

Sultani Family

Subhaan, the father, starts his job in production at GE today! He will work from 2-10 pm and ride his bike to and from work using bike lights and reflective wear for safety. He passed his written driver's permit test and will be eligible for the road test in early January.



Subhaan receives his drivers permit

Shabina, the mother, is on the mend after an ambulance ride to the ER in the middle of the night. She had stomach pains and is much better with medication. She takes online ESL classes and is progressing.

Both parents need eyeglasses, which we are in the process of procuring. The maximum cost is \$120 per pair. If you would like to contribute to the cost, please contact Jill Shiflet at 502-608-3835 or shiflet@mac.com.

Their two school-age boys are thriving in school and doing well, especially with learning English. Their 2-year-old daughter has many toys and books and enjoys her indoor scooter.

Three Afghan Ladies

The other group we sponsor are single cousins. Muska, Toba and Karima have embraced twice weekly in person ESL classes and are making progress learning English. Toba and Karima both had to have some back molars removed and are recuperating.

Finding employment has been a matter of finding the right match. Job placement has been difficult because their skills

far outweigh their English. They are eager to work, and KRM hopes to place them by mid-January. In the meantime, they have learned how to shop on Amazon and are a whiz at sewing curtains and slipcovers for their furniture.



Muska, Toba and Karima like shopping at Costco (really, who doesn't?)

All eight people have warm winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots, and all are adjusting well.

Our formal sponsorship with these two families ends this month, though we will still be involved informally.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please keep these families in your hearts and prayers, especially as we enter these cold winter days.

Your Refugee Team,

Chris Ellis, Martha Pecceu, Jill Shiflet, Kathy Oyler

Cabbage Patch Christmas Update

Dear Second Pres. Family,

What does love look like? Here is how we saw love and grace in action this Christmas:

- 12 volunteers got up Really Early one Saturday morning to go shopping with a Cabbage Patch parent to help them pick out Christmas gifts for their family.
- 100+ volunteers got to church early and helped wrap hundreds of Christmas gifts with love so people they may never meet will know the joy of Christmas morning with gifts under the Christmas tree.
- Dozens of donors gave sacrificially, so we could meet and even exceed our goal of \$20,000 to purchase Christmas gifts, Kroger cards, and money to help with utilities and food during the winter months. (Last counted, we had over \$21,000 in donations, but a few checks are still coming in. Thank you!!!)
- 64 Individuals/20 Families (40 children and 24 adults) woke up Christmas morning feeling the love of the Christ Child when they opened gifts and had their Christmas meal.

We could say we saw love in action.... that we shared grace with those around us...and we too experienced the joy of the Christmas season. We here at Second Pres. are blessed, and you have certainly been a blessing to others this year. Thank you!

We look forward to involving you next year, so mark your calendars. Remember to pray for The Patch families; sometimes life is a struggle, and sometimes it's a joy, but it's always better when we have others who help share the burdens and joys with us.

Gratefully,

The Cabbage Patch Christmas Basket Leadership
Emily Lawrence, Robyn Carsten-Cane, Tarah, and Yandell Wood



EL SALVADOR TRIP

MARCH 11-18 2023

**CONTACT PR. JORDAN AT JAKIN@2NDPRESLOU.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

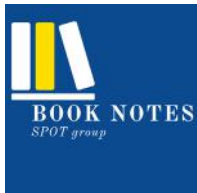


Join our community of compassionate volunteers at Hildegard House. We provide a home and compassionate care for individuals at the end of life who have no home or loved ones to care for them so that they may die with dignity and access hospice care. We are the family for our residents and care for them just like family members. Compassionate Companions commit to a weekly 5-hour shift. The next volunteer training is January 13 and 14. To learn more about volunteering and register at www.hildegardhouse.org or call Volunteer Coordinator Jana McNally at (502) 581-8267.



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

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



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



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.com



Pilates

Just a reminder for all members and non-members. We have Pilates mat class every Monday night at 5:30 in the Narthex. The cost is only \$10. I am the teacher and my name is Susan Schmidt. I've been teaching for about 25 years and own a Pilates studio.

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



Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to pray through our weekly prayer list on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in Room 251. All are welcome to pray, young and old, new Christians or lifetime believers.

Contact Alice Virginia Dodd: (502) 895-4605



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.

Contact Joan Gaston (502) 896- 8322

Additional SPOT groups on next page



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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 every Wednesday at 10:00 am and perform at various residential facilities in the area. We meet in the Choir Room on Wednesdays at 10:00 am, when we are not performing.

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

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.

Presbyterian Women of Second

The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10th, for Bible study and fellowship. All women at Second are invited 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 focuses on passages 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 5 is “Sabbath and Servitude” and the scriptures are Genesis 2:15 and 3:17-19; Exodus 31:12-18, 35:1-29, and 36:1-7. In this lesson, we will learn how work and rest coexist in our life of faith. Study books are available.

presbyterianwomen.org website 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 Amyparker158@hotmail.com (502) 897-5076 home or (502)641-9204 call or text.

Congregational Meeting

The congregation is called to meet Sunday, January 8, following 11:00 worship for the purpose of hearing and acting upon a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee regarding new classes of deacons, elders, and trustees.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Second Presbyterian Church will take place Sunday, January 29, at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we will hear the statistical report for 2022, receive and discuss the 2023 Ministry Action Plan (budget), and vote on terms of call (salary packages) for Jordan Akin and Steve Jester. A report summarizing Second's various ministries in the past year will be available both online and in print at the meeting. Join with Second Presbyterian friends for this time of celebrating how the Spirit has moved among us in this past year and looking ahead to 2023.

A Few Words From Stewardship

As we approach the close of the calendar year, the Stewardship Committee would like to thank the congregation for helping to make 2022 a very successful year. Through your generosity, Second was able to provide meaningful financial support to more than a dozen mission partners at home and abroad, as well as much-needed relief to those challenged by unforeseeable natural disasters.

If you have not done so, we remind you to fulfill your 2022 pledges and submit your 2023 annual giving pledges as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card or misplaced it and need a replacement card, call or drop by the church office, and we will be happy to provide you with another card. Alternatively, you can make your pledge by going to the "Giving" page on our church's website and scanning and emailing your pledge to us.

Again, thanks, one and all, for your generous support of the church and its mission in 2022. Through your continued generosity, let's make 2023 even better!

With appreciation,
Your Stewardship Team

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, 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 from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

PLEASE NOTE: SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY (due to Vincenzo's closing first week) AND PRICE INCREASE

TOPIC: **"2023 ECONOMIC & MARKET OUTLOOK"**

SPEAKER: **Robert R. Hawkins, CFA**

Robert Hawkins is a successful chief investment officer, investment strategist, and portfolio manager with investment expertise in information technology, media, communications, healthcare, and asset classes. He has a consistent track record in internal corporate investments and acquisitions. He has over 15 years of experience advising on and executing merger and acquisitions, private equity, and venture capitalism transactions.

Robert was ranked a 4-5 star earnings estimator for his earnings forecasting insight. His stock picking abilities earned him a place in the 2010 WSJ Best on the Street. During his side-sell career, his stock picks beat S&P 500.

Washington and Lee University, BS; Owen Graduate School of Business, Vanderbilt University



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

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: **\$25.00** including gratuity

When: **TUESDAY, January 10, 2023,** at 11:30 am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, January 9 (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):

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 (entrance 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.

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.

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We remember in prayer...

The Palmer-Ball family, especially Lawrence, Elizabeth, Helen, Virginia, Connie, and Chris, on the death of their mother, Helen, 12/11/2022

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his step-sister, Iva Gillet.

Scott Carothers and his family on the death of his mother, Dorothy, 12/9/2022

Ron Suter and his family on the death of his mother, Martha Dorsey, 12/6/2022

Rebecca, Maggie, and Johnny Brown on the death of husband and father John Y. Brown Jr., 11/28/2022

Louise & Wallace Horine and their family on the death of their daughter, Margaret Lynn Adair, 11/14/2022.

Stuart Allen and his family on the death of his mother Carolyn Allen, 11/22/2022

David, Leslie, Nancy, Susan, and the Morrow family on the death of mother Barbara, 10/31/22.

Stephanie Altobellis, Allysa, and Sergey Dunbar, Martha Hall, Sarah Parker, and the Dunbar family on the death of husband, father, and brother, Tom Dunbar, 10/30/22.

Carol McCarty on the death of her sister, June, 10/1/2022

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 in the Parlor on December 7 and December 21. 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.



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