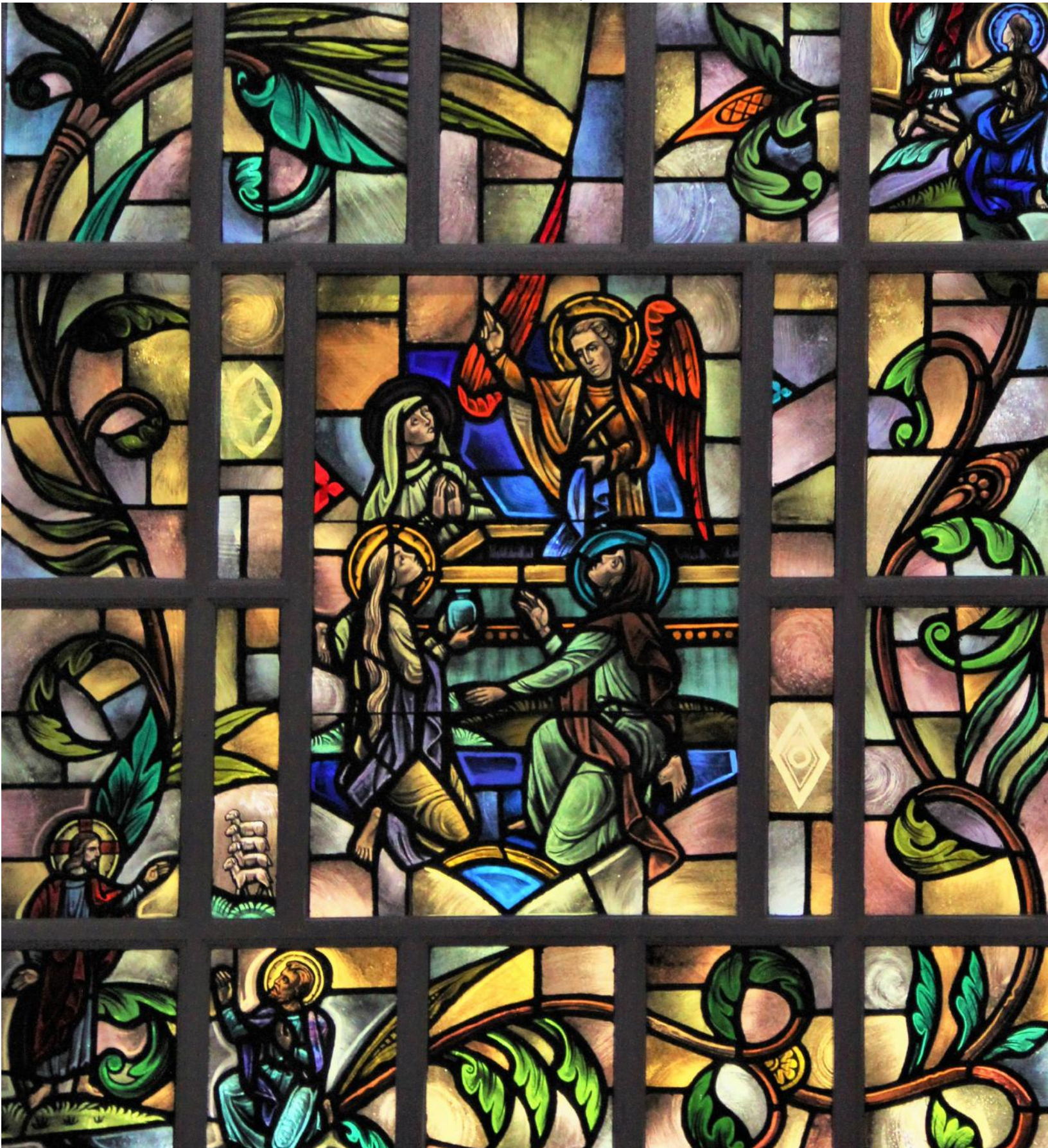


SECOND THOUGHTS

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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And be thankful...with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. (Colossians 3:15-16)

Dear Friends,

A member of Second had a question for me about prayer. Why, she asked, do we focus our prayers, most of the time, on the painful situations in people’s lives and in the world? She was quick to add that such prayer is certainly appropriate and necessary. But what about giving thanks, prayers of gratitude, expressions of joy? Her question is consistent with my experience, both personal and collective. It is easier for most of us to ask for help for ourselves and those we love or hurt for than it is to “give our thanks and praise,” as the response puts it.

I took that experience with me to my next meeting with my spiritual director, a wise and faithful man with whom I meet monthly to discuss how God is present and speaking in my life. When I told him about the question from my church friend his eyes lit up and he enthusiastically suggested that a question like that is surely one of the ways God reaches out to us and speaks to us. We went on to unpack what gratitude is in our lives and how we express it. Then he said something that grabbed my attention. Gratitude, he said, is the anchor, the foundation, for prayer. Why? Because an “attitude of gratitude” means we acknowledge that the starting point for prayer isn’t me and my needs, it isn’t the way I think the world ought to work or how God should act. The starting point for prayer is that the God of Jesus Christ is a Giver, who showers grace upon us that isn’t based on our deserving or undeserving. We are recipients of abundant gifts who simply respond with gratitude.

Not long ago I was talking with another church friend about how it seems harder for me at this point in my ministry to say “goodbye” to people I’ve formed a close relationship with and who, as is true for all of us, die. It isn’t that I have serious doubts about their new life with God. It’s just that I’m more aware of their absence, and maybe that’s a reflection of my own awareness of mortality. This friend’s response was another one of those moments where it appears God might be speaking. She said that part of her response to those losses was to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of having such persons in her life and for their witness that has touched and shaped her. Wow!

Gratitude is a gift we must pray for. It is also an attitude we can cultivate. Perhaps during your Lenten journey, you can focus first in prayer on the gifts of God, the joys and riches and deeply meaningful moments and beauty that come your way that you have done nothing to deserve and that you have not created through your own efforts. Be aware of the goodness that comes to you from the hand of God, even in difficult times, and in gratitude offer that same grace to someone who is hurting or lost. It can change the way you see God, yourself, and this world.

Grace and peace,
Steve

CHRIST BESIDE US

The Lenten Journey at Second

The Lenten Concert Series

Thursdays, March 16, 23, 30 at 12 p.m.
in the Chapel

March 16 - na Skylark Irish Trio

Back by popular request, this ensemble shares the joy of Irish and Celtic music

March 23 - Dr. Samuel Libra, harpsichord

Music of J.S. Bach in honor of his birthday

March 30 - Ricky Case, tenor;

Laura de St. Croix-Vicic, viola; Samuel Libra, piano

Music of Ralph Vaughan Williams and other composers

A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall following the concerts. No reservation necessary. Donations welcomed.

Holy Week Services 2023



Palm Sunday, April 2

SERVICES AT 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
& 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Children, youth, & families are invited to gather in the Narthex at 10:45 a.m. on April 2 to get a palm, and join the procession into the sanctuary at 11. You can march, wave the palm, and "sing along!!

Maundy Thursday *with Holy Communion* April 6 * 7 p.m. in the Chapel

with Proclamation of the Word & Music from The Sanctuary Choir & Octet, Evan Vicic on viola, and Samuel Libra on piano and organ.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 7 * 7 p.m. in the Chapel

with Congregation members reading the Passion story, stirring hymns, & Octet singing portions of music of Chilcott, Gibbons, Trotta, and Bach.



EASTER at SECOND Sunday, April 9

RESURRECTION CELEBRATIONS

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (Live streamed at 11)



JEAN-BAPTISTE ROBIN
ORGANIST
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MARCH 12, 2023
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WEDNESDAYS
Together



Second Presbyterian
CHILDREN'S
CHOIR



**Children's Choir Program &
End-of-Year Celebration, Wed., March 29**

Dinner at 5 ... Program at 5:45 ...
Celebration with CAKE at 6:15!
*Come celebrate our kids and their directors
as they sing to the Lord!*

Youth



MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 11-17
FINAL PAYMENT DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 2



Kickball
BADMINTON
Devotional
ULTIMATE SOCCER
BATTLE BALL
Volleyball
Razzle Dazzle
FLOOR HOCKEY

LAST OPEN GYM!
PARENTS VS. KIDS

Tuesday, 3/7 7-9pm!

VOLUNTEER AT PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

to assemble food boxes as part of their food pantry ministry

Saturday, March 11 10:30am - 11:30pm

 A collection of various food items including grains, nuts, seeds, and vegetables arranged in small bowls and containers.

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Please join us as we celebrate the Confirmation of 14 of our youth.

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.

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

 A collection of simple line drawings of breakfast items: a cup of coffee, a slice of bread, a fried egg, and another cup of coffee.



Zooming In: The Importance of Children's Books, Especially Those on Repeat! Hayley Abell, Director

Engaging with literature is an act of devouring for children. They study the illustrations, decipher the words that form the story, and follow the characters along their journeys. They also notice the smell and feel of the paper, how big the book is in their hands, if the pages are difficult to turn and where their favorite parts are located. They encounter these elements in a holistic way, experiencing books physically, emotionally and cognitively. Perhaps you can remember the books that especially captured your senses and mind at a very young age. My guess is you read them many times to the point you still carry pieces of them with you after all these years. Returning to the same stories is a natural part of child development when books are available. With each visit, children continue to discover new aspects of the books they are drawn to while deepening their familiarity and affection for them. Through this process, a well-worn book becomes a comfort, a friend, a safe place. Books can be tools for self-care and agency when children use them to self-soothe, create security or relate with others. When children ask their loved ones to read the same story again and again with them, they are establishing tradition and offering opportunities for connection. Through all this rereading, particularly of high-quality literature, children stretch and enrich their understanding of themselves, others and the world. Individually and collectively, we can give children time and space to immerse themselves in books, on their own and with others. As parents and teachers, it is a worthwhile endeavor to find those good stories that spark children's joy for reading and the illustrations that evoke wonder.

I have a strong connection with Gyo Fujikawa's book, *Sleepy Time*. Per my request, my parents reread this book to me during my first two to three years of life. I don't remember the moments when I took *Sleepy Time* to my parents and sat in their laps, being so young. However, I do remember returning to it when I could read independently a few years later. I came to the illustration of several children sleeping in lovely, snug beds and immediately recalled the question that had seemed so important to ask at each reading when I was younger: Which sleeping child am I? While we continue this throughout our lives, representation in literature is very important for young children whose identity development starts with self and extends to family, friends, community and world. Gyo Fujikawa intentionally included babies and children of different ethnicities. She wanted the children who would open her books to feel welcomed and loved, having watched her Japanese parents be discriminated against after World War II. With each rereading, not only did I have the opportunity to explore my own identity, I also had the chance to see children different from me. Like Gyo Fujikawa and many others, we can intentionally include stories with a variety of characters in our home and school libraries so our children see both themselves and others in the pages they turn.



And we can say yes, when possible, to rereading *Goodnight Moon*, *Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel* and *Where the Wild Things Are* for the 327th day in a row.

Children

Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
9:45 AM

MORE DETAILS TO COME



WEDNESDAYS
Together

2023 Spring Schedule: January 11 - March 29

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

March 18
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 Tammy Kissling (tkissling@2ndpreslou.org)—by Monday, March 13 with questions and to reserve your spot!



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.



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 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

February 19th was the last meeting for the 2nd Sunday class. We thank Lee and Vic Baltzell for leading this class for the last decade!

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets in Room 251 and via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. We will study the Book of Acts using the commentary, *Acts: An Introduction and Commentary* by I. Howard Marshall. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session.

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).

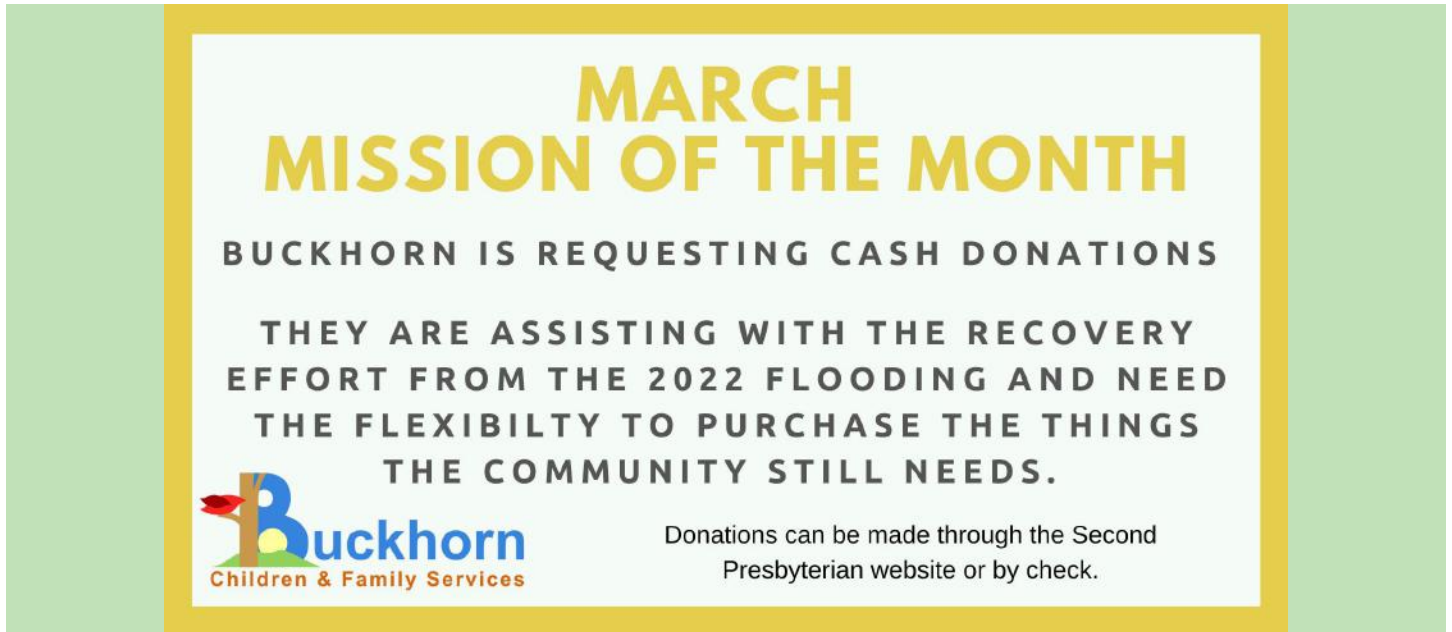
Sisters in Spirit will meet Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in Ann Fleming's home. Chapters five/six of *Taste and See - Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, and Fresh Food Makers* by Margaret Feinberg will be discussed.

Please reply to Selina Costley at sjc@iglou.com if you're able to attend.

Forgiveness for Lent

Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets is leading a class on the book *Total Forgiveness* by RT Kendall during Lent and will focus on the Biblical definition of forgiveness and how to forgive. Copies of the book can be picked up in class. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall B.


Mission



**MARCH
MISSION OF THE MONTH**

BUCKHORN IS REQUESTING CASH DONATIONS

**THEY ARE ASSISTING WITH THE RECOVERY
EFFORT FROM THE 2022 FLOODING AND NEED
THE FLEXIBILITY TO PURCHASE THE THINGS
THE COMMUNITY STILL NEEDS.**



Donations can be made through the Second
Presbyterian website or by check.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Dr. Maha Kolko to leave KRM



Many church members have come to know Maha Kolko through our partnership with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Maha has tirelessly encouraged Second Pres and other churches to sponsor refugee families and also served as a mentor to our refugee team. She helped us to understand our role in helping our refugee families to become self-sufficient and to refrain from solving problems the families can work out for themselves. Sometimes it feels like tough love, but it is a successful formula. We are grateful to Maha for becoming our friend and also teaching us how to be the best sponsors possible.


After eight years at KRM, Maha has decided to find employment more in line with her background. Dr. Kolko has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. She was a professor at the University of Damascus when she found out the Syrian authorities were pursuing her for refusing to change her curriculum. She managed a harrowing escape past armed border guards and came to the US in 2013. If you or a friend can help Maha find a challenging new job it will be very much appreciated.

Thank You!





Thank you to everyone who donated to United Crescent Hill Ministries for our February Mission of the Month. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.



EASTER EGG DONATIONS



**We need eggs for our
annual Easter Egg Hunt
on Sunday, April 9.**

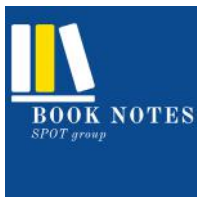


Eggs should be filled with
individually wrapped
candy and can be placed in
the donation box in the
Narthex or brought to the
church office.



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 \$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, puremovementlv@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 Eunice Shishmanian: (617) 710-8189 or Evelyn Hwang: (502) 228-8765



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



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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 10:00 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

The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14th, 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 7 is "Sabbath and Self-Care" and the scripture Luke 13:10-21.

The 2023 PW Mid-KY Spring Gathering "Behold, I Do a New Thing" will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18th at Central Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Valerie Holmes from Briargate Presbyterian's "Welcome Table" hunger program. The Offering will go to Briargate's "Welcome Table". The Carry-In Offering will be \$5-\$10 McDonald's, White Castle, or Thornton's gift cards for participants in Central's Wednesday Lunch Bunch program (Thornton's cards can be designated "No Alcohol or tobacco" at purchase). Registration is \$10 and can be mailed to JoAnna Overstreet 4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 40218.

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.

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.

TOPIC: “Advanced Directives”

SPEAKER: Carmel J. Person, MD

Dr. Person is a doctor of geriatric medicine who has been practicing for 19 years and has been with Norton Geriatrics for 15 years. She is board certified from the American Board of post-acute and long-term care medicine, which is also her specialty. She strongly believes that one’s doctor should assist patient with formulating advanced directives, which include will, trust, living will, power of attorney, and a DNR (do not resuscitate) form.



Dr. Person completed both her medical training and her residency at the University of Louisville.

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, March 7, 2023, at 11:30 am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, March 6 (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):

April 4, 2023- Paul Cappiello, Executive Director of the Yew Dell Gardens

May 2, 2023- invitation extended

June 6, 2023- Vincenzo Gabrielle, owner of Vincenzo’s

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.

Introducing Rev. Andrew Bowman

Associate Pastor for Community Life



Andrew Bowman was born outside Nashville, TN, and raised there and in southwestern Indiana, where his parents ran church summer camps. Andrew graduated from Johnson University in Knoxville, TN, with a B.A. in religion, but his path into ministry was far from direct. He worked in three or four different industries in four or five different states before answering God's call in 2014. He attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, graduating in 2018. Andrew pastored a church in south central Kentucky for four and a half years before being called to Second Presbyterian Church. His greatest joys in ministry involve welcoming all to God's table and walking alongside others on the journey of life.

Andrew and Megan have been married for almost 11 years, and they have a four-year-old daughter, Ellis. The family loves dancing, games, and getting outdoors at every opportunity: gardening, hiking, exploring, and playing with their Australian Shepherd, Yeti. In whatever spare time Andrew has left, he enjoys reading, cooking, and contemplating nature.

Andrew is thrilled to join in the journey with Second. He is impressed by the countless, amazing ways the congregation cares for one another, and for the communities of Louisville and beyond. Andrew especially appreciates the many outreach and mission opportunities that are provided and is excited to get involved with worship, faith formation, and fellowship experiences like SPOT groups. He is an enthusiastic learner and a collaborative worker, but it may be a little while before he remembers your name.

The Associate Pastor for Community Life will oversee congregational care, deacons as well as the Property, Fellowship, and Outreach committees, and technology support. They will be asked to preach several times a year along with assisting in special services. Their staff reports will include our parish associate, seminary intern, administrative support staff, facilities staff, and technology support staff. They will also coordinate the congregation's spiritual development and pastoral care in conjunction with the other pastoral staff.

The Associate Pastor for Community Life job description is part congregational care and part administrative duties. We feel Andrew is qualified in both of these areas. On the Clifton 34 Strengths Assessment, he scored quite high on empathy, which will make him a good fit for congregational care, and having been a solo pastor for 4 1/2 years gives him a solid foundation of administrative experience.

During the interview process, we were impressed by his calm and contemplative demeanor, his strong family-centric values, and the sincere empathy he exhibited when providing us with examples surrounding congregational care and leading his congregation.

Our committee has enjoyed getting to know him, and we are thrilled that he has accepted our call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Dudley Co-Chair, Elaine Duncan Co-Chair, Roy Bowling, David Dorsey, Jennifer Ferguson, James Seiler Jr., Patty West

Meet our New Members

Jane Cleary



Mentor: Miriam Ballert

Jane transferred from New Goshen Presbyterian Church where she was a Deacon and served on hospitality and sang in the choir. She is a legal secretary at Frost Brown Todd.

Ann, Doug, Jacob, & Kate Grissom



Mentors: Kelly & Joe Seiler

Ann, Doug, Jacob, & Kate transferred from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago IL where Doug was a trustee and elder. He is a retired investor with Madison Dearborn Ptrs. Ann has already joined Second's choir. They have four children and the younger two, Jacob & Kate, attend Collegiate School. The whole family are avid squash players.

Angela, Patrick, & Zach Duffy



Mentors: Sharon & Tim Clark

Angela transferred from the Presbytery of Mid-KY as she is general counsel of New Covenant Trust Co. Patrick transferred from New Goshen Presbyterian Church where he served hospitality and property. He is a food scientist with Winland Foods. They have three children, Graham, Zachary, and Hayden.

Stephen Grissom



Mentor: John Hubbard

Steve transferred from Christ Church United Methodist where he led a Caring Group. He is a retired higher education administrator from five universities, the last being admissions at Notre Dame. He has a daughter in Montana and a son Doug & his family who also joined Second Pres.

Julie & Curtis Engelstad



Mentors: Connie & Gene Smith

Julie & Curt transferred from New Goshen Presbyterian Church where Julie was a liturgist and Curt an usher. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Claire & Josh Hill



Mentor: James Seiler

Recently married, Claire grew up in St Louis MO where she attended Central Presbyterian Church and was involved in the nursery, children's & youth ministries. She is an accountant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Josh joined Second by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is a 2nd year med student at UofL and enjoys golf, football, and cooking large meals!

Meet our New Members Continued

Divya & Gustav Hoffmann



Mentors: Margaret & Josh Hayden

Divya & Gustav transferred from Park Central Presbyterian Church in Syracuse NY where Divya was involved with missions and choir. She is an adjudications officer with DHS and Gustav is in sales at Schneider Electric. They have a daughter Avani who is a pre-schooler.

Hailey Foote & Josiah Farley



Mentors: Susan & Chip Synder

Hailey & Josh met at Centre College and plan to be married in August 2023. They are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. Hailey is director of finance at Churchill Downs and Josh is a med school student at UofL. He is also the 'baby' of seven children!

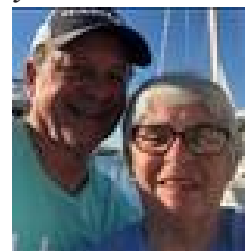
Evelyn Hwang



Mentor: Dixie Baird

Evelyn transferred from New Goshen Presbyterian Church. She was an elder at Rutgers Presbyterian Church and NYC Presbyterian where she sang in the choir and did pastoral care work. Evelyn has one son and two grandsons.

Judi & Robert Petty



Mentors: Susan & Bill McDowell

Judi & Robert transferred from New Goshen Presbyterian Church where Judi served on Session and missions and was a farmers market liaison. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

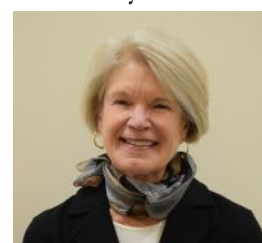
Nehemiah Maji



Mentor: Stan deVoogd

Nehemiah transferred from the Evangelical Church of Nigeria where he was ordained as clergy. He and his wife have three children, one each in elementary & high school & college.

Kay Reis



Mentor: Linda Watson

Kay joined Second by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a retired attorney and Facility Director of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She volunteers at West End School.

Meet our New Members Continued

Ann & Ron Ross

Mentors: Lee & Vic Baltzell

Ann & Ron transferred from Anchorage Presbyterian Church where Ron was an elder and served on personnel while Ann has served on hospitality. Ron is with L & R Graphics and Ann is an artist and enjoys gardening. They have three children and nine grandchildren.

Gerri Watson



Mentor: Bev Wahl

Gerri transferred from Calvin Presbyterian Church. She is a retired home economist and interested in congregational care.

Deborah Skaggs



Mentor: Martha Spencer

Deborah transferred from Highland Presbyterian Church. She is already lending her musical talents to our choir! Deborah has two grown children.

Meet our New Staff



Patty Moody

Custodian

I was born and raised in Louisville; I am the baby of a family of 10 and have four grandchildren. I love to cook, read, and watch comedies. I like helping people, and I'm blessed to work here in God's house. I love my family and friends and, above all, God, my savior.

Palms and Lilies

Palm Plants for Palm Sunday



Palm plants are available for members who wish to contribute to our floral displays for Palm Sunday. There will be six short plants and two tall palm plants. If you are interested in giving one of these plants in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact Amy Kiefner. The short plants are \$30.00, and the tall plants are \$50.00.



Please complete this order form and return it with payment to the church by Sunday, March 19, or place it in offering plates. Please make your check out to Second Presbyterian Church (specify "Easter Flowers").

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Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday



Easter lilies are being offered to members who wish to honor/remember individuals. The cost is \$50.



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Elder



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Elder



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Elder



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Elder



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Elder (Youth)



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Elder



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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.

passages

We remember in prayer...

Mary Agnes and Cecy Brewer on the death of her husband and her brother, Jon Norman, 2/27/2023

The family and friends of Alice Virginia Dodd on her death, 2/6/2023

Bob Nast and Laura Hood and their family on the death of his wife and her mother, Jane Nast, 1/15/2023.

Cathy Cole Irvin, Cole Irvin, Brittany Cartwright, and Bill Cole on the death of her daughter, their sister, and his niece, Shelley Louise Irvin, 1/12/2022.

Bob Horton and his family on the death of his wife, Rae, 1/11/2023.

Heather Campbell and her family on the death of her husband, Chris, 1/9/2023.

Becky Lyles and her family on the death of her mother, Martha Sanderson Bryant, 12/30/2022

The family and friends of Jane McAdoo on her death, 12/24/2022

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

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 Wednesday, March 22 and Wednesday, April 5. 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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