

# 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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Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening... (1 Samuel 3:9)

Dear Friends,

The word “discernment” doesn’t get much airtime these days. It sounds overly formal, even archaic, to modern ears. But there is a long history of discernment among people of faith, both Jewish and Christian. The root of the word means “to sift through” and describes a process of careful and intentional listening, paying attention to what the Spirit might be saying to us right now. Discernment involves “sifting through” the many options, distractions and competing voices in our lives to discover the main thing that remains, the directions we are to take, the words we are to hear, to be faithful to the God of Jesus Christ. There are various approaches to discernment but, finally, it is a gift we ask the Lord to give us, not an accomplishment.

On Sunday, September 10, we will begin a sermon series entitled, “Sifting Through: Biblical Images of Discernment.” This series will coincide with a discernment process that the church’s ruling body, the session, is just now beginning. During recent discussion of several issues in the life of the church, the session realized that we can’t faithfully deal with these issues as separate concerns. We as a congregation need clarity of direction and a better sense of the “big picture” into which various possibilities and challenges fit. They have committed to such intentional and careful listening over the next 4-5 months, including an all-day retreat in September.

It is my conviction that making discernment the focus of proclamation in worship for a season will help all of us get involved with faithful listening to the Spirit’s prompting, not only regarding this church’s future but our individual lives, as well. What do we value? What is worth sacrificing and risking for? What are God’s priorities? What gifts has God given us and how are we to use them, here and now? If we cannot be “all things to all people,” on what are we being asked to focus our resources? Such questions are part of what the apostle Paul calls “discerning the Spirit.”

Below are the preaching texts for the seven Sundays of this series. I encourage you to read these biblical texts prior to each Sunday and to give them prayerful consideration before joining others in worship either in person or online. Discernment, whether corporate or individual, isn’t a task for the isolated individual, but for the gathered community.

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| September 10 – 1 Samuel 3:1-14            | October 8 – Matthew 7:7-11                                 |
| September 17 – Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4, 43-47 | October 15 – Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, selected verses |
| September 24 – Isaiah 55:1-11             | October 22 – Acts 15:1-21                                  |
| October 1 – Ephesians 4:1-16              |  |

Grace and peace,

Steve

# Worship & Music

## VESPERS *at Second*

Thanks to all who helped make our Vespers evenings so wonderful! Especially to our artists:

Nick Recktenwald & Band; Mike Schroeder & Band; Elliott Nichols & his clan of amazing performers!

Special thanks to our Music at Second donors who made these evenings happen! Can't wait until next Summer!



### THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER MUSIC BLAST!



**July 24–26, 2023 — See you next year!**

**Join us for children's choir until then!**

**Email [slibra@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:slibra@2ndpreslou.org) for more info.**





# KEN MEDEMA IN CONCERT

September 24  
3 p.m.

*Ken's vocal and piano  
artistry and imagination  
have reached audiences of  
50 to 50,000 people in 49  
United States and in more  
than 15 countries on four  
continents.*



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Ken will lead us in worship at 8:30a & 11am - Our children's choirs and  
Sanctuary Choir will join him at 11!

Want to donate to MUSIC AT SECOND or CONCERT SERIES?

Please visit [www.2ndpreslou.org/giving](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/giving) & find the "Music at Second" tab, OR

Send a check payable to Second Presbyterian marked either "CONCERT SERIES" or \*MUSIC AT SECOND".

A great way to memorialize or honor a loved one!





# CONCERT SERIES

Our premiere concerts for 2023-2024



## Mary-Hollis Hundley, Soprano

November 19, 2023 \* 3 pm

We proudly welcome "one of our own," soprano **Mary-Hollis Hundley**, who grew up as part of Second Pres. From her recent reprise of the role of "Jo" in *The Knock* with Cincinnati Opera, to her upcoming cover of the role of Sister Catherine in Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* for the Metropolitan Opera, Mary-Hollis is capturing the opera world. She will present a concert of American music, including two exciting commissioned song cycles.

## ARTEFACT ENSEMBLE

February 25, 2024 \* 3 pm

### CREATE.

HYMNS OF EMBODIMENT. RUIN & REBIRTH

Hailed as "seamless" and "technically flawless" (Musical America) Artefact Ensemble brings together leading vocal artists from around the country to craft immersive experiences of human connection through the transforming power of song. Artistic Director, Benedict Sheehan, is a two-time GRAMMY® nominee and American Prize-winner and has been called "a choral conductor and composer to watch in the 21st century" (ConcertoNet). They will present a brilliant program, including Copland's IN THE BEGINNING.



## Dr. Elisa Bickers, Organist

April 14, 2024 \* 3 pm

Elisa Williams Bickers (DMA, FAGO) is the associate director of music and principal organist at Village Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS. Dr. Bickers received degrees in organ performance and church music from TX Christian University and the University of Kansas, and has competed in the distinguished International Buxtehude Competition in Lubeck, Germany.

# Children

## Sunday Mornings

**Breakfast available at 10:00am**  
*for all children, youth, and their families*

**Activity Room & Game Room**  
*open for enjoyment at 10:00am*

**Youth Devotion at 10:30am**  
*for youth in grades 7-12*

**Sermon Scripture Snapshot**  
*for all looking for a preview of the day's scripture*



SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH ONE ANOTHER  
AND THE WORLD AROUND US.

**Starts Sunday 9/10!**

**Youth Suite**

Families should not feel they need to arrive at 10:00 am, breakfast will be available for the entire hour. The activity room and game room will be open for children to use but no scheduled activities will be planned. This is a fluid time for fellowship with a laid back pace to ease into the morning.



**CLUB 456**  
*Attention 4th, 5th & 6th graders & parents!*

**Please plan to attend one of the following informational Meetings in the Fellowship Hall:**  
**Sunday, 8/27 or 9/3 at 11:00am**  
**Wednesday 9/6 at 5:30**

A Preteen ministry of 4th, 5th, & 6th graders focusing on the special needs and characteristics in learning present at this age. Ultimately, helping bridge the gap between childhood and adolescence. Preteens are constantly developing, beginning to think for themselves, learn by doing & want to be a part of the planning. This ministry will address these needs in an age-appropriate way.



If you are a 3 year old by 8/1/23 or entering 4th grade, we want to present you with a Bible to begin your journey into faith formation at Second Pres. Please contact Lorie Williamson at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org) for more information.

## Bible Presentation

for 3 year olds & 4th graders

Sunday, September 10  
11:00am Worship Service





# Wednesdays Together

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## Starting September 6!



**Fellowship Dinner 5-6 p.m.**  
**Children's Choirs (Age 3 to Gr. 3)**  
**& Worship Arts (Gr. 4-6) begin 5:30 p.m.**  
**Childcare provided 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Adult Bible Study & Activities 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Watch for more information in Seconds to Go.

Dinner Cost \$5 per person/\$15 family cap  
 Reserve no later than the Monday prior  
 by emailing Tammy: [tkissling@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:tkissling@2ndpreslou.org)  
 Pay online @ [2ndpreslou.org/giving](http://2ndpreslou.org/giving) or at the door

## Weekday School

### Upcoming Events:



- First/Last Day for Students
- Inservice Day: No School
- Staff Meeting: No LB/AC
- Holiday/Break: No School
- Noon Dismissal for Holiday/Break
- Family/Teacher Conferences: No School

### 2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>AUG '23</b>	1: Home Visits Begin 11: All-Day Staff In-Service 15: Kindergarten Phase-In Begins 21: ITP & Preschool Phase-In Begins 28: Extended Day Services Begin
<b>SEPT '23</b>	4: Labor Day- NO SCHOOL 6: Staff Meeting- 12:30-3pm; No Lunch Bunch or After Care
<b>OCT '23</b>	4: Staff Meeting- 12:30-3pm; No Lunch Bunch or After Care 5: Narrative Writing Day- NO SCHOOL 6: Fall Break Day- NO SCHOOL 19: Kindergarten Open House
<b>NOV '23</b>	1: Staff Meeting- 12:30-3pm; No Lunch Bunch or After Care 6: Family/Teacher Conferences- NO SCHOOL 21: Thanksgiving Break Begins at Noon; No Lunch Bunch or After Care 22-24: Thanksgiving Break

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## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 14  
8:00pm

*Home of Becky Lyles*

Join us for conversation and community as we explore topics of interest from the High School Girls and check out what the Bible has to say about them. No preparation or homework is required and we meet for one hour once a month. We share prayer requests each meeting and fellowship dinners at local restaurants in December and May.

***We hope you will join us and friends are welcome!***

Join 2PY families

# LOU CITY GAME

Saturday, September 16

7:30pm

Lynn Family Stadium



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

# FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

FOR BOYS IN GRADE 9-12

SAVE THE DATE  
MORE DETAILS TO COME



2PY PRESENTS

## THE 2PY CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

*An event to benefit the Youth Program at Second Presbyterian Church*



September 24, 2023  
9:30am - 12:00pm

During Faith Formation & the 11am Service | Circle Drive

Need your cars washed? Get it done, all while supporting a great cause! Just drive your car to church, and we'll do the rest!



# 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](mailto:tkissling@2ndpreslou.org) or 502-895-3483.

## Morning Joy

Led by Rev. Steve Jester on Thursday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (the official class time is 9:45 a.m.). After class a small discussion group convenes for those who wish to participate. 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 9:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. beginning 9/10) 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](mailto:lingjr@twc.com).

## Pathways

We are starting back up again on Sunday, September 10, see you then!

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 9:00 a.m. (9:45 a.m. beginning 9/10) 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.

## 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.

## Raising Our Faith

Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets is leading a class that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. (9:45 a.m. beginning 9/10) in Fellowship Hall B.

## 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, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Ritu Furlan's house in Norton Commons. Please reply to [furlara@hotmail.com](mailto:furlara@hotmail.com) if you're able to attend. The book selection for October and November will be *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi: My Journey Into the Heart of Scriptural Faith and the Land Where It All Began* by Kathie Lee Gifford.

# Mission



## September Mission of the Month

### **We can support them by donating the following items:**

- lined index cards
- dry erase markers
- white-out
- paper clips
- push pins
- scissors
- staplers
- post-it notes
- rubber bands
- loose leaf paper
- composition books
- spiral notebooks
- 3 ring binders (1 and 2 inch)
- AA batteries
- AAA batteries
- Lysol wipes
- sensory and fidget items
- non-food small rewards

## Second Presbyterian is Making a Difference at West End School

Since 2014, Second Pres has been a supporter of West End School (WES) and in 2016 WES officially became one of our many mission partners. WES is a scholarship based independent school that serves boys in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The middle school students also live at the school 5 days a week. To learn more about this unique school see their website at [westendschool.org](http://westendschool.org).

Members of Second have been so generous in their support of the school in so many ways – delivering a monthly meal to the students, delivering Starbucks coffee and donuts once a month for Teacher Appreciation, presenting a Graduation Gift to each of the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders, helping to clean the school and get things in order for the returning students at the beginning of the school year, reading to the students, financial support – honestly, the list goes on and on!

WES is our Mission of the Month during the month of September, please see the list of needed supplies listed on this page. You may bring your donations to the church office, deposit them in the mission closet, or bring them to church with you on Sunday when there will be a WES table in the narthex where you can leave them.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased that the new head of WES, Dr. Gregory Ross, will join us at both services to discuss exciting new developments at the school, and how our involvement makes a difference.

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who donates in some way – you are part of the reason the WES students are thriving!



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## Build Dates

Thursday, September 14

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

Contact John Davis at [johnlouky@gmail.com](mailto:johnlouky@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up

## Thank You!

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

# Refugee Committee Update

We are excited to announce that our next family will arrive in October, and we are eager to welcome, house, feed, and nurture them! Working alongside Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) the goal is to help the family reach self-sufficiency as soon as possible.

As you may have heard, there have been some staff changes at KRM with the departure of Maha Kolko a few months ago. We are pleased to now be working with Joseph Caminiti, Co-Sponsorship and Volunteer Engagement Manager, to coordinate the arrival of our new family. Along with staff changes, there have also been procedural changes at KRM that we were made aware of during our training meeting with Joseph. We now have to submit a few more forms, log volunteer hours, and teach our families how to navigate the TARC bus system.

Since 2018, our church has sponsored eight refugee families, four from Afghanistan, two from the Democratic Republic of Congo and one each from Sudan and Syria. We were also one of the few to sponsor families during the Covid pandemic.

If you would like to volunteer or receive emails with periodic updates on our refugees, please let us know ([kathy@oyler.net](mailto:kathy@oyler.net)). In the meantime, we hope you will keep all refugees in your prayers, especially our future family.

Respectfully,

Your Refugee Team

Chris Ellis, Jill Shiftlet, Kathy Oyler







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



**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 Larry Sloan: (502) 552-3990,  
 larry.sloan@yahoo.com



**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,



**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 Mary Ayers: (502) 429-3415



**Pilates**

Pilates classes will be on Monday night in the Narthex at 5:30. Susan Schmidt will continue to teach these classes. I have taught over 25 years and own a Pilates studio, Pure Movement Louisville. If you have any questions, please email me at puremovementlv@gmail.com or call or text me at 523-5934. Pilates is for strength, conditioning, balance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, control, precision and flow. The emphasis is on the core. It will improve your posture, help prevent injury, strengthen bones and help reduce anxiety.

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



**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,  
 jgaston813@gmail.com



**Prayer Group**

Everyone is invited to pray through our weekly prayer list the first and third Wednesday of the month 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



**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.



### 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.

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPOT **GROUPS** Second Presbyterian Options Together

There's a **SPOT** for everyone!

SPOT groups are forming again this Fall. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on **September 10, 17, and 24**, for anyone interested in participating in a group.

Our current groups are listed below:

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Book Notes    | 6. Prayer Group       |
| 2. Busy Needles  | 7. 2nd Act            |
| 3. Dinner Groups | 8. Sisters in Spirit  |
| 4. Garden Spot   | 9. Walkers            |
| 5. Pilates       | 10. Men's Bible Study |

If you would like to start a new SPOT group,  
contact Sunny Seale at 571.438.8393  
or [sunnyseale@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyseale@gmail.com).



# 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:**                    **“The 1891 Kentucky Constitution in the Twenty-First Century”**  
 State constitutions are playing a major role  
 in many current political and social issues and ours is no exception



**SPEAKER:**               **The Honorable Lisabeth Tabor Hughes,**  
**Justice for the Supreme Court of KY, 2007 to January 1, 2023**

Kentucky native Lisabeth Tabor Hughes graduated from The University of Louisville with a B.A. (summa cum laude in 1977) and from the University's School of Law with a J.D (magna sum laude in 1980) where she was Executive Editor of the school's Law Review and named outstanding graduate. When in private practice, she handled a variety of business and commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. Justice Hughes has served on the Kentucky Court of Appeals (1997-1998; 2006), Jefferson County Circuit Court (1999-2007), and the Kentucky Supreme Court (2007- January 1, 2023). In 2017, Justice Hughes was named deputy chief justice. She retired on January 1, 2023. Former President Obama said of Justice Hughes, “[she] has a long and impressive record of service and a history of handing down fair and judicious decisions.”

**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, September 5, 2023,** at 11:30 am

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

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

October 3, 2023- Louisville Metro Police Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel

November 7, 2023- The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary President

**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 of Second

2023-24 The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning September 12th, for Bible study and fellowship. All women at Second are invited to join us. A Zoom option will be available.

The 23-24 Horizons Bible study is “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts” by Olive Mahabir. Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir is an ordained PC(USA) minister and has served as a pastor, on various committees, and as a denominational representative to the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches in Christ in the USA. Each lesson explores a sacred encounter with Jesus, as well as, a transformative experience for the present. Books will be available for \$10.

The Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky 2023 Annual Prayer Service will be held on Saturday, September 9th at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 101 South 44th Street, Louisville, KY 40212. We will gather for fellowship and refreshments at 10:30 a.m., and the program will begin at 11 a.m. “Play Cousins” a family collective engaged in “building a village around our children” will receive the offering. Shawnee is seeking to provide a similar program for children and families in their west Louisville neighborhood. We will be collecting new and gently used elementary-aged books to be given away by the Shawnee program.

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.

## A Message from Stewardship

“Friendly Reminder: In these slower summer months, please keep in mind that our mission outreach and church expenses continue uninterrupted. Thanks for your generous support of all we are called to do.”

- Your Stewardship Committee



# A Note From House and Gardens

## Have You Seen The Memorial Garden?



In response to an expressed desire for a memorial garden, in May of 2016, Steve Jester, pastor, appointed a task force consisting of a representative from the Congregational Care Committee, the Property Committee, and the Worship Committee. These three committees reported back to session in July 2016 for approval of their plans. The House and Gardens Committee was asked to work with local specialists to bring the design to fruition.

Long-time members, Elizabeth and Dick Clay, graciously donated funds to establish our memorial garden. And we were blessed that our own beloved member and gifted landscape designer, Mary Webb, shared her expertise with us for the last time. During 2017, shrubs were planted, irrigation was installed, benches were purchased and secured, and bronze plaques were made to order.

The Memorial Garden was created:

To proclaim God's gracious love in Christ Jesus for all people,  
to provide a meaningful place for the remains of our members and their families,  
and to provide a contemplative place of solace for those who grieve.

**To date, the ashes of 10 members/families have been scattered here, and several members have reserved locations on the memorial wall. The next time you approach the sanctuary, take a minute to look to your right (next to the steps) and notice our Memorial Garden, a garden for prayer, contemplation, and meditation.**

If you would like more information about the Memorial Garden please email [akiefner@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:akiefner@2ndpreslou.org),  
or call (502) 895-3483 ext. 216.

Sponsored by the Property Committee:



All are welcome to join us in sprucing up the church both inside and out; we have projects available for every age and ability.



## *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](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org), or Deacon Cathy Hollander.

## passages

*We remember in prayer...*

Penny Carneal and her family on the death of her brother, Lynn Phifer, 8/14/23.

Ed & Mary F. Glasscock and their family on the death of their son, Clinton, 8/3/23.

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his father, Dr. Michael Faurest, 7/17/23.

The family and friends of Ginny & Gary Buhrow on their deaths, 6/7/23 & 7/17/23.

Martha Spencer and her family on the death of her brother, Jack Blankenship, 7/15/23.

Brian and Lisa Houghlin; Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen and their family on the death of father, father-in-law, and step-grandfather, David Houghlin, 7/9/23.

Ruth Wallace and family on the death of her husband, Furman, 6/30/23.

## *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, September 20. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, [eclay@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org) if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.



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