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SECOND THOUGHTS

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Sharing Grace . . .

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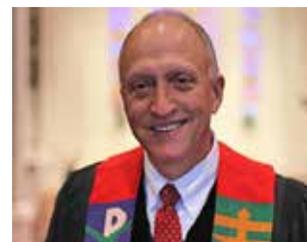
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Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

Dear Friends,

During my first year of seminary, I met someone who had a profound influence on my journey of faith. He was older than me, a former monk who had left the monastic life as he discerned a call to serve as a hospice chaplain, ministering to the dying and their families. He had a bushy, coal black beard, a smile on his face most of the time, and a joy about life that was infectious. He was a brilliant student and I envied his vast storehouse of knowledge.



One day I asked this wise disciple to share the most important truth he had learned throughout his journey. Without hesitation he said, "The only thing that lasts is relationship." I think he meant that the core of what it means to be human, our ultimate priority, is to tend to our relationship with God and others. Everything else is secondary. Our purpose is to receive with gratitude the grace, love, and acceptance that God offers us in Jesus Christ and to extend the same to all God's children.

His conviction has particular relevance in the time in which we are living. It is humbling to discover that, for some of us, it takes losing what we've known to fully appreciate the great gift of community. The pandemic, with its lockdowns and distancing, highlights the precious gift of, and our profound need for, physical closeness to and spontaneous signs of affection. Always being on guard takes its toll on us as relational beings. How I miss singing favorite hymns with you - without a mask and holding nothing back, even if off key!

We are facing serious challenges as a community of faith, as a city, and as a nation. Anxiety is the order of the day, carrying with it fear, defensiveness, and self-righteousness, all of which separate us even further from one another than we already are. Often, our anxious reaction is to make other things primary - political ideology, group identity, our particular worldview - and to invest ourselves wholeheartedly in that which doesn't last, in that which is secondary.

Christian faith and life are, at root, about the gift of a relationship that heals, makes whole, and brings abundance of life. It is about acceptance and favor offered to the undeserving, love lavished upon us as we are, not withheld until we're who we "ought" to be. "I am with you always, to the end of the age," promises Jesus. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus," writes the apostle Paul. "The only thing that lasts is relationship," says my long-ago friend. In this age, and in every age, those are words to live by.

Grace and peace,
Steve

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Our Mission

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

upcoming events

Popcorn & Pumpkins

*A Halloween Family Movie Night
featuring Coco*

at Second Presbyterian Church

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25,
5:00-7:30 P.M.**

**Kids!
Wear Your
Costumes**

This will be an all outdoor event with fun fall activities and a casual picnic style meal for families to participate in together

RSVP for dinner by emailing Chelsea at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org or call the church, 895-3483.

According to CDC guidelines, we ask all participants to wear a mask.

In case of rain, this event will be cancelled

music

Sanctuary Choir



We Met Out Under the Stars and the Trees on September 9!

Our Octet and Choir continue to rehearse, keep our voices strong, and share in fellowship. We alternate weeks of Zoom rehearsals with outdoor (weather permitting, and safely distanced.) If you are interested in joining us, give Jim Rittenhouse a call!

Austin Memorial Handbells

We continue to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. We played in worship (outside and in) on September 20!

Come join us!



Paula Roberts Organist Emerita

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church, upon recommendation of the Music Committee, conferred on Paula S. Roberts the honor of "Organist Emerita" at the September 17 meeting. This rare accolade is offered to her for her nearly twenty years of excellence as musician, director, and minister at Second. *Congratulations, Paula!*

Find yourself a place in our music ministry... Second continues our strong commitment to using our gifts to share the grace of God in Worship and in our Community!

For more info: Jim Rittenhouse, 645-2256 or jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org



children's music

Fall Breakout

wednesday, october 21 * 6 pm
(during Wednesdays Together)

Our children's choirs, and all children are invited to meet outside for fun musical games, rhythm, and safe singing!

**RSVP to Virginia: vfortner@2ndpreslou.org
and let us know who will attend and if you need dinner
reservations, *no later than Oct. 19, 12 noon.***



Through a Glass ...

A Virtual 2020-2021 Season

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020, 3 P.M.

KALEIDOSCOPE

A brilliant array of vocal and instrumental works from Schubert, to opera, to Broadway - all recorded live at Second. You will hear Verdi's epic Quartet from *Rigoletto*, Villa-Lobos' enchanting *Bachianas Brasileiras*, jewels of German lieder, and selections from musicals such as *The Light in the Piazza*. Our professional Octet is featured, along with special guest performers and collaborators.

Spotlight Mission Offering:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021, 3 P.M.

RADIANCE OF TWO

Louisville's many radiant musical couples will be featured in beautiful chamber music. Among the artists are Gabriel Lefkowitz (Concertmaster/L.O.) and Julia Noone (Assist. Concertmaster/L.O.). A highlight will be the viola transcription of José Elizondo's sumptuous *Otoño en Buenos Aires* performed by Evan Vicic (Assistant Principal Viola/L.O.) and Laura de St. Croix (Vicic).

Spotlight Mission Offering:



Recorded Live Performances will be aired on YouTube: [2ndpreslou](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ndpreslou)

Interested in supporting the Series?
Give online at [2ndpreslou.org/giving](https://www.2ndpreslou.org/giving)

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Children of God, Welcome Home!

In-Person Worship Begins October 4

Morning Prayer Service at 9 a.m. - Great Hall (Gym)

- *We will enter Door 6 near library. Chairs provided.*

Worship Service at 11 a.m. - Sanctuary

- *We will enter Door 3 under the portico.*
- ***The 11 a.m. service will also be live-streamed on YouTube***

Reservations for both services are required to comply with CDC guidelines. A link for online reservations will be sent out via email each Monday beginning September 28 and will be added to the home page of our website. Those who are unable to access the online form can call the office beginning at 9 a.m. on Mondays. (Please no email reservations.) All reservations must be in by Thursday of each week, 4:30 p.m.

So that we can keep all safe in this process:

- Masks are required;
- Names will be checked in and temperatures taken;
- Please do not participate if you have any symptoms, or are immunocompromised.

Please refer to the **complete re-opening protocols** found at our website: **2ndpreslou.org**.



children

Learning Together

It was so wonderful seeing kiddos again as we started back to Wednesdays Together. We had a great time as we learned a lesson coinciding with the sermon series, "Stories I thought I knew." We learned about the Wisemen through story, craft, and games keeping socially distanced all the while. I would love to see more of the faces I so miss. Dinner each Wednesday can be enjoyed in the gym or on the circle lawn picnic style. All children's activities are held outside in groups of eight or less. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be taken inside to large rooms where social distancing can still take place.



Sunday School & Moana – "Do you know who you are?"

Children's Sunday School for the month of October kicked off on September 25 during our "Family Movie Night" with a viewing of the Disney movie *Moana* and distribution of *Moana* Sunday School bags. *Moana* has many incredible faith lessons but focuses overall on the theme of identity. Identity is rooted in family, the physical space of home, and traditions of the past. Each week in October, we will focus on one aspect of identity and discover the parallels in Moana's search for identity and our own identity in Christ.

Moana Sunday School bags can be picked up under the portico of the church Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The bags contain materials that relate to a video lesson that will go out each week via Seconds to Go and will be posted on the church's website.

Be sure to look for future "Family Movie Nights" to kick off Sunday School for November and December. A viewing of *Coco* will take place on October 25. *Coco* Sunday School bags will be available at that time. *The Grinch* will play on November 20 with Sunday School materials for December available at that time. All movies will be outside and will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

*Lorie Williamson is Director of Children's Ministries
at Second Presbyterian Church*



How Long?

Friends,

2020 seems as if it is a never-ending year of bad events happening one right after the other. On a recent trip driving to Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP), we were hit with 90-degree weather and smoky air. The smoke was so bad that the beautiful mountains were barely visible hours away from the fires. It started raining ash when we were about two hours away; it looked like a peaceful snowfall. All day, in a city close by, the sky was dark and there was this beautifully radiant orange - like a sunset that filled the sky.

The fire closest to RMNP doubled in size in less than 24 hours, as we were driving toward it. It had spread from 40,000 to 100,000 acres making it the the fifth largest fire in Colorado history. That same night, after a day in the 90s, it started **snowing**. In the valley, it snowed about 7 or 8 inches...in early September!! This snowstorm was the talk of the town because of the hope it created. This precipitation not only helped the firefighters, but it also pushed the smoke out of the air making it safe for everyone to go outside again.

2020 has been kind of like that for a lot of people....a lot of waiting, watching Covid case numbers rise, and hoping to see a glimpse of the light at the end of what seems to be a never-ending tunnel. We are

all hoping for a theoretical snowfall that will just magically put out this fire that is Covid-19. How long, O Lord, before our country gets some relief? MLK Jr. asked the question "How long, O Lord?" during his sermons and speeches in reference to Psalm 13; the crowd present responded with "Not long!"

When the fire is finally extinguished, it will not be long, as little as 24 hours, before new life springs up from that which was destroyed by flames. And when society comes out on the other side of this huge disruption, it will not take long for us to create a new normal and find a new appreciation for old parts of our lives like going to school with no masks, going to concerts or movies, eating at restaurants.

We are a weary people who seem to be stuck in a never-ending cycle of receiving bad news, and we are tired. Where is God in the midst of all of it? Where is our snow? How long, O Lord, will it be before we see snow falling on the multiple fires (both literally and figuratively) in our country? As we wait for that snow to come, may you find peace in the knowledge that this too shall pass.

Peace,
Jordan

Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth at Second Presbyterian Church

Sunday School

6-7th grade class: Our first day of at-home curriculum was on September 20. It is sent out in the 2PY Newsletter. We will be having a monthly get-together on the last Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Suite.

Confirmation: Class is each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.; both youth and adult mentors will meet in the Youth Suite for no more than 45 minutes.

9th-12th grade class: Sunday, September 20 at 12:30 p.m. was the first time we met in the circle lot of the church. Wear casual clothes, bring your Bible, a lawn chair, face mask, and water bottle! We have a plan if it rains!



Calendar

High School Girls Bible Study - 10/19

Ski Trip - RSVP by emailing Chelsea to save your spot by 10/4

Open Gym - TBA

Confirmation Class with Bibles that were presented Sunday, September 27

formation

WEDNESDAYS Together

We will be holding Wednesdays Together in person as we move forward together this fall.

2020 Fall Schedule

September 16–November 11; 5:30-7:00 p.m.

5:30-6 p.m. Dinner in the Great Hall

Dinner will be served individually packed as boxed meals in the Great Hall. We will be eating dinner in family units, and there will also be some tables available for those who come by themselves to sit among one or two friends.

Reservations are needed by Monday at noon of each week. Contact Chelsea at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org to make a reservation.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal.

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adult Classes

Two adult classes will be offered this season:

Morning Joy at Night taught by Pastor Steve in the Library

Life Together taught by Pastor Nathan in the Great Hall

5:45-7 p.m. Youth Classes

5:45-6:20 p.m. Music Together (youth 6th-12th grades) are invited to gather in our own "safe space" - Fellowship Hall A - to play handbells and other instruments. We will also try a bit of singing outside (all activities masked and at appropriate distance). Youth can then join their friends at Journeying Together. If interested in joining, please RSVP to Jim Rittenhouse at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

6-7 p.m. Journeying Together (youth 6th-12th grades) class will be a rotation of mission, games, and thoughtful conversation.

6-7 p.m. Children's Class- Learning Together

Learning Together (children ages 3 years to 5th grade) will be arranged in small group stations involving an interactive lesson, craft and fun games.

Children's Choir Is Virtual for the Fall!

Wednesdays Together is still our home, but because of safety protocols for larger groups and singing, we will be online.

Each Wednesday we will offer two videos - one for ages 3 to 1st Grade and another for Grades 2-5. Our Choir leaders will provide 10-minute videos packed with musical lessons and songs. And we will have an outside music and movement event on October 21 (weather permitting). See page 5 for more information.



Children with their hula hoop spacing guides enjoy time outdoors.



Activities included races, bean bag tosses, and other games to stretch bodies and minds.

Adult Faith Formation



Reading the Bible

The Reading the Bible Class meets on Zoom each Sunday at 10 a.m. and is moderated by Marty Soards.

Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies class deals with historical, critical scholarship related to the Bible. The class will begin meeting in Room 252, in person, on October 4 each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Race Matters

The Race and Faith Film Discussion Group will continue to meet this fall by Zoom. The class will meet on Zoom on alternate Mondays at 7 p.m. and is moderated by Karen Hadley.

The group will next meet on Monday, October 5, at 7 p.m. We will discuss Daniel Petrie's *Raisin in the Sun* (1961), starring Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee. The film is based on Lorraine Hansberry's play of the same name, the first play by an African American woman to be performed on Broadway.

2nd Sunday

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

The class will meet on Zoom each second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. with moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

Transforming Your Relationships Using the Enneagram

One of the subjects mentioned in the worship survey was a need for more and varied adult education. With this in mind, we are holding an 8-week Enneagram course, entitled Transforming Your Relationships Using the Enneagram.

Nina Maples, former pastor, now a therapist and a certified Enneagram teacher, will lead this eight-week course for our church which began Sunday, September 13 through and including November 1. Each class will run 1:30-3 p.m. and be held via Zoom. For questions, contact Sharon via email sharonstern502@gmail.com or text (502) 741-5857.

Pathways

Members of the Pathways Class are united in their pursuit of knowledge of biblical, historical and social issues, and all other facets that lead to a balanced Christian life. The class is also a community that has a yearly retreat, a Derby party, and a Christmas get-together along with other social events. We also have a mission component and try hard to provide a hands-on mission opportunity at least four times a year.

The class meets on Zoom each Sunday at 10 a.m. with moderator Elizabeth Clay. Interested in joining the class, please email Elizabeth at eclay412@gmail.com.

Morning Joy

The Bible study Morning Joy meets each Thursday at 9:45 a.m. on Zoom. Steve Jester leads this study, entitled "Word Written, Word Proclaimed." The study will explore the biblical text that is the basis for the following Sunday's sermon. Afterwards, there is a breakout discussion group, Reflections, that meets to discuss the study.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will continue to meet via Zoom in October at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. The schedule for the month is as follows:

Oct. 9: First Letter of Peter – Brown 260-266
 Oct. 16: First Letter of Peter – Brown 260-266
 Oct. 23: Letter of James – Brown 267-273
 Oct. 30: Letter of Jude, Second Letter of Peter – Brown 274-283

To join via the Zoom link, contact Beth via email, bethh@2ndpreslou.org or find the link and topic in the weekly *Seconds to Go* email.

Greetings, Presbyterian Women of Second

Since we are still facing the challenges of Covid-19, we will not be meeting in October. We will continue to pray for one another and for healing and peace in our community and the world.

The Horizons Bible study "Into the Light" by P. Lynn Miller Lesson 2 "Lamenting Together" scriptures are Psalm 137 and Romans 12:4-5. In verses 1-4, the Psalmist's lament is communal for Israel's exile in Babylon, weeping as they remember Zion. Under the charge of their captors, they have no temple for worship and find no comfort from songs. In verses 5-7, the Psalmist moves to an individual lament remembering Jerusalem and promising faithfulness to God. Verses 8-9 suggest the desire for revenge coming from the Psalmist, not from God. The Israelites struggle to hold onto the life they had known and to keep their commitment to God while awaiting God's response to their sorrows. In Romans 12:4-5, Paul affirms our individual purpose and unique gifts which each of us contributes to the collective body of Christ. May we rejoice when one of us rejoices. And may we bear one another's burdens, when one of us laments.

The presbyterianwomen.org website has opportunities

to order the Horizons Study book, subscribe to *Horizons Magazine*, view a Webinar introduction to the 2020-21 study by the author, follow a blog with insights to the study, as well as, find information about Presbyterian Women in God's 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



Presbyterian Women



Join One of Our Grief Groups

Traditionally, when we think of grief, we think of the feelings of loss, anger, and denial we have when someone close to us has died. But grief can come from many other losses - retirement, physical limitations due to aging or medical conditions, divorce, caring for a loved one who is ill, and many others.

We have launched two separate grief groups, one for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one and a separate group for people experiencing grief from life's other losses.

Each group will meet once a month for six to eight months. At least in the beginning, we will meet via Zoom.

We will talk about the stages of grief and many of the feelings and thoughts people have as they work through grief. There is no "right" way to grieve. Everyone grieves in their own way, but it can be helpful to share with others who are traveling the same road.

If you are interested in joining either group, contact Elizabeth Clay, (502) 409-3230 or eclay412@gmail.com.

A Good Summer for Ekyochi!



From left to right, Ekyochi and her son, Juma; Martha Pecceu, Macie Nichols; Kathy Oyler; Larry Sloan; and Chris Ellis

Our unusual summer has been successful for Ekyochi and her son Juma. In spite of Covid 19 restrictions she has started work, opened a bank account, and will be starting ESL classes. Her job is at Cushman and Wakefield commercial real estate agency, where she cleans every weekday. Opening the bank account has introduced her to personal financial independence. Four laptops have been donated by generous Second Presbyterian supporters. As a result, Ekyochi has been introduced to the world of computing and online English Second Language classes. Thanks for your thoughtful gifts! She is a cheerful young lady and her son Juma, 3 years old, is a charmer. He's full of energy and ready to meet any challenge.

Ekyochi and Juma were present at the 9 a.m. prayer service Sunday, August 30. Martha and Eric Pecceu brought them to the service, and they were able to



From left to right, Eric and Martha Pecceu; Ekyochi and her son, Juma; and Associate Pastor Jordan Akin

meet Pastors Nathan and Jordan afterwards. When they visit again we hope you will have an opportunity to meet them. Mother and son have also had opportunities to visit Kroger for shopping adventures. Look for photos of Martha Pecceu and Kathy Oyler as they navigate aisles of fresh veggies and other goodies.

On Sunday, September 13, Ekyochi, Juma, Maha, Byishimo (KRM interpreter) and members of the refugee team met on the back lawn at church for the exit meeting concluding our official co-sponsorship. Ekyochi is well on her way financially and is gaining independence in many other ways. We look forward to continuing our friendship. Wish her well and pray for her secure and successful future!

Refugee Group, Mission Committee

Kilgore News

The Kilgore Garden Tour Committee is pleased to report receiving \$55,223 income from the 2020 Tour. An additional donation of \$4,000 increased the total to \$59,223. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help!

The Garden Tour is the primary fund-raiser for the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center,

a mission of the Second Presbyterian Church, founded by our member, Betty Gibbs. The center is open to the public and is located at 815 Ormsby Ave.

The committee is in the process of contacting sponsors and garden owners for the 2021 Tour that is scheduled for June 12 & 13, 2021. For more information check out the website or call Joan Gaston, (502) 896-8322.



The Peace-Second Partnership: We Want You!

Interested in hands-on assistance to people less fortunate? Please consider joining the Peace-Second Community Partnership team!

This is an important mission which Second generously assists – through mission funds as well as arms, legs and grateful spirits. We are fortunate to be embraced by and partnered in service with Peace Presbyterian, one of the four Black PC(USA) churches in town. As we together help people in need, especially with food, we also become acquainted with our gracious brothers and sisters at Peace.

How it began

In response to PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 initiative, the program began in January, when our Mission Committee chartered a small task force to recommend how to serve more people in Louisville's Black neighborhoods. The group, comprised of Jodie Goldberg, Karen Hadley, and Sue Rogers, determined that food was the foremost necessity and an achievable mission.

During their research period, Rev. Wayne Steele, pastor of Peace Presbyterian, said he hoped to expand Peace's food program, established a year earlier. Volunteers at Peace joined discussions, as did District 2 Metro Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin, who arranged Dare to Care cooperation. Then our Mission Committee agreed to double Peace's distributions,

from once to twice a month. The funds may go toward other areas, too, as Rev. Steele sees community needs.

The work

Through September we have now participated in three distributions, which occur on two Mondays each month at Peace, 4210 East Indian Trail. Cars line up in the Peace parking lot, and about 75 families (150-250 people) receive boxes of fresh vegetables, canned food, frozen meat, and packaged goods. Three zip codes are served: 40213, 40218, and 40219.

Peace's volunteers are organized, efficient and number between 10 and 15. We supplement Peace's group with five volunteers on Monday mornings, and with three helpers on Friday afternoons to prepare the boxes.

Our people

Second's volunteers so far are Jordan Akin, Keltie Ferris, Ann Fleming, Jodie Goldberg, Karen Hadley, Sarah Hunter, Cathy Martin, Melinda Mast, Amy Parker, Linda Rudloff, Nathan Sautter, Larry Sloan, Martha Spencer, and John and Bonnie Stone.

Because this is a long-term program, we need more people on an ongoing basis! Please email or call Jodie Goldberg to learn more and offer interest or help: 303jodie@gmail.com or (502) 330-0053. Thank you!



The food ready to share with those in need in the community



Preparing to distribute the donated food

Supporting Our Partners in El Salvador



Through our Covid-19 Emergency Mission Fund we were able to share grace with our partners in Rosario de Mora El Salvador by providing much needed food packets for families in the community.

A Message From the West End School

Our students miss school, and we miss them

We are working as hard as we can to support our young men. We know our school makes a difference, our results speak for themselves.

Of our 62 8th grade alumni:

- 100% of the 2020 class have accepted full private High School scholarships
- 31 alumni are currently attending High School
- 29 are already High School Graduates
- 15 are currently attending College
- 3 are College Graduates
- 2 are serving in the Military

When Robert and Debbie Blair started our school 15 years ago, it was a social experiment with three students. This experiment is clearly making a positive impact on our students, their families, and the communities they live in.

We are able to help these students succeed in large part through support from people like you. This support allows us to provide:

- An education to 145 students who attend the school.
- Boarding for 10 high school students during their high school education (during normal times).
- Free or reduced lunch. All of our students are eligible for this support.

As we start our first full week of classes, please consider making a gift to West End School to ensure our young men have all of the resources possible during these challenging times.



Help Habitat for Humanity Build a House

We are looking for volunteers to help hang siding. There are openings to hang siding on October 9.

Due to Covid-19, the current limit of volunteers is **eight**, which includes two Habitat construction leaders. Volunteers must also **wear masks** on site (take 2)!

Prior to signing up to volunteer, everyone will need to register as a Habitat volunteer through Habitat's Community Connect, <https://louisvillehabitat.galaxydigital.com/>. For more detail, check out the September 20 Seconds to Go.



**Harvest
For Hope**

**Farm-to-Table
Dinner**

VIRTUAL

Friday, October 16
6-9:30 p.m.
Bellewood Campus in Anchorage

Virtual Farm-to-Table Dinner

October 16, 2020; 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, this year's dinner is going virtual with an online program. Guests will receive a bountiful basket filled with locally-inspired cuisine from some of our area's favorite chefs that can be enjoyed in the comforts of home.

For more information, visit bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/harvest-hope/.



**Harvest
For Hope**

**Family Movie
Night**

Saturday, October 17
7:30 p.m.
Bellewood Campus in Anchorage

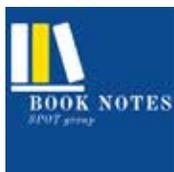
fellowship

SPOT

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.

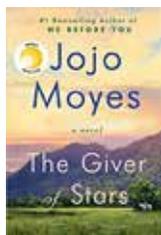


Book Notes

Our schedule through 2020, via Zoom, will be 10 a.m. on the following dates:

October 6 - *Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes

Joan Gaston has chosen *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes for us to discuss. This book is based on the true story of the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky, a WPA program and the five women who brought the magic of libraries to the mountains.



On the weekend before, Jean O'Brien will send a link to join in the meeting.

November 4 - *Prairie Fires* by Carolyn Fraser

For Tuesday, November 4, we will be reading *Prairie Fires* by Caroline Fraser. Barbara Dudley has chosen this 2018 Pulitzer Prize winner for the biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

December we will be discussing the 2021 schedule.

We hope you are all well. What a joy it is to be a reader during times like this!

Join us anytime. We faithfully support UCHM food closet. Jean O'Brien, (502) 897-0950, jeanobrien502@gmail.com.



Pilates

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



Dinner Groups

Jennifer Scott (502) 326-3145
jscott@cabbagepatch.org



2nd Act

2nd Act will prepare for a new show once the social distancing is less restricted. Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Sisters in Spirit

For our fall selection, we chose *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado. We will continue to meet at 7 p.m. each second Tuesday of the month, so mark your calendar now! (October 13, November 10, December 8).

If you have thoughts about what you'd like to see with this group (community service, prayer list, fellowship), please let Jeanne Curtis know, jeannecurtis@bellsouth.net.



Busy Needles

Busy Needles members are gearing up for their next project!

To get directions and supplies for this new project, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or

bevwahl41@gmail.com.



Paint SPOT

Linda Wood (502) 893-3330
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Walkers

Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. on Oct. 7 and 21. To learn more, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.



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Session Highlights from September 17, 2020

At the September 17, 2020 stated Session meeting held over Zoom:

- The Session received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, the Deacons' Report, the Financial Report and other monthly Committee Reports;
- Committees were asked to bring a written report to the November Session meeting detailing how the committees are living into (enacting) the church mission statement of "Sharing the Grace of God with one another and the world around us";
- Session approved modification of the church rolls to reflect the recommendations of the deacons after contact with various church members;
- The Finance Committee reported that Second ran a deficit in September as is typical for this time of year. It is anticipated that if members will continue to fulfill their 2020 pledges, the deficit will in all likelihood be eliminated;
- Committees have begun work on the 2021 Ministry Action Plan (MAP/budget);
- Session conferred upon Paula Roberts the well-deserved title of Organist Emerita;
- The Mission Committee is seeking additional volunteers to aid Second's support of Peace Presbyterian's food distribution program on Mondays and Fridays;
- Kudos to Hayley Abel and the Weekday School staff for orchestrating a COVID responsible school opening; and
- Session approved a called congregational meeting for November 15, 2020 for the purpose of electing ruling elders, deacons, trustees and the 2021 Church Nominating Committee. The format of that meeting is under discussion.

A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ferguson,
Clerk of Session



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passages

We remember in prayer...

Sharon Owens on the death of her mother, Ruth Kuhl, 9/19/20.

Chip Hancock and his family on the death of his father, J.P. Hancock, 9/19/20.

The Pence family on the death of their mother, Jerry Pence, 9/18/20.

Lisa Houghland and her family on the death of her father, James Bell, 9/11/20.

Sue Rogers and her family on the death of her uncle, Wayland Rogers, 9/9/20.