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# SECOND THOUGHTS

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Sharing grace ...

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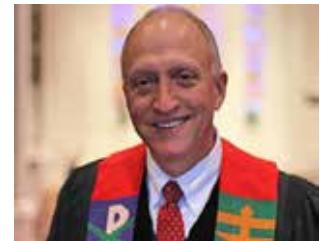
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*He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice (John 15:4).*

Dear Friends,

I don't know a thing about sheep or shepherding. The only experience I've had with sheep has been in petting zoos when David was little and when Diana and I stayed at a B&B in Scotland that was on a working farm with dozens of sheep.



But I do know that the Bible is filled with references to sheep and shepherds, with sheep as metaphor for the lost and wandering people of Israel and shepherds as metaphor for human rulers, God, and Jesus himself. "The Lord is my shepherd," famously begins Psalm 23. Last Sunday Jordan preached from the tenth chapter of John in which Jesus declares, "I am the good (model) shepherd."

As one commentator points out, it was the case in Palestine that the shepherd went ahead of the sheep, calling to them by name to keep them moving, alert to dangers on the way. It is my understanding that in places such as Europe and Great Britain, the practice is for the shepherd to follow the sheep, driving them forward, keeping a watchful eye on what is going on ahead within, and just ahead of, the flock.

Both approaches have their strengths, it seems, but they have one thing in common. In the Palestinian version of shepherding, the sheep can see the shepherd, but from a distance, and only from behind. They can't see what's ahead beyond the shepherd. In the European version, the sheep can't see the shepherd at all, aren't sure what's ahead but keep moving forward in trust, listening for the familiar sound of the shepherd's voice. In both instances, the sheep journey along an uncertain path, trusting that the shepherd wants them to be well and safe, listening intently for the shepherd's voice.

In my faith journey right now, the image of the shepherd leading from behind is a powerful one. In a time of tremendous upheaval and change, sensing the call to be faithful to Jesus in new ways, I struggle to see Jesus clearly ahead of me or to rest assured that he's clearing the path of danger and leading me to familiar, still waters. Instead, he is the sure presence urging me forward, a sure presence I cannot see, the faithful one calling to me, encouraging me, giving direction. My job is to listen for that voice above all others.

I believe the same is true for Second Presbyterian Church and, perhaps, for you in your journey. The way ahead is not obvious. Familiar landmarks and road signs may not be as helpful as they used to be. We may be tempted to quit moving, lie down, and stay put. The promise that guides us, the promise to which we cling, is that the risen Lord Jesus has our backs, is keeping a watchful eye upon us, and still speaks to us, lovingly calling us by name. We know his voice. Will we listen for it?

Grace and Peace,  
Steve



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### Our Mission

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

# worship

## In-Person Services Continue at 9 and 11 a.m.

We begin our Outdoor Service on Sunday, May 2, in the Chapel Circle. We will hear the Word proclaimed and be led in music by our Octet, Sam Libra, and our Musical Ensembles, along with guest musicians (see schedule on page 5). No reservations are required to attend. We simply ask that you bring your comfy folding chair from home, and wear a mask. (There will be a few chairs available each week for those who need assistance). If we will be prevented from having the service outside due to weather, a message will be sent well ahead, and we will meet in the Great Hall. You will be asked to sign in as you arrive. Chairs will be provided if we are in the Great Hall. Thank you to our Worship Committee and Usher Team under the leadership of Connie Smith who continue to help us enter our services on Sunday safely, and with joyful spirits! We are still

requiring reservations for our 11 a.m. Service of the Lord's Day in the Sanctuary. Reservations open the Monday prior, and close the Thursday prior to each Sunday. The 11 a.m. Service will continue to be live-streamed. Our church staff and Re-opening Task Force have reviewed the guidelines set by our Session, the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's recommendations, and current CDC and state advice in making the decision. We will be following all the current protocols including required reservations for in-person services, properly wearing masks, and spacing 6 feet or more. Per the recommendations of the Presbytery and CDC, we will continue to discourage singing in the Sanctuary.

## Outdoor Morning Prayer Resumes May 2



We meet again at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Drive beginning May 2. No reservations needed.

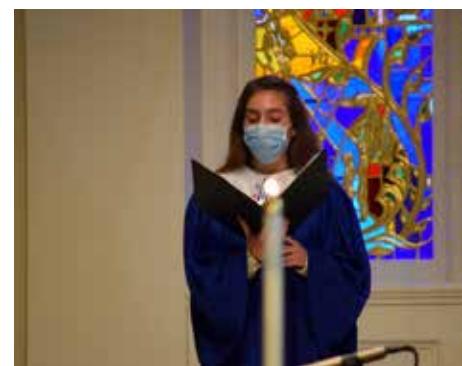
# music

# THE SONG GOES ON

For more information about Music at Second: [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org)

**A Word from Jim ...** My deepest gratitude for all of our music and worship family who have graced our lives with their weekly commitment to serve God with their highest art, and humblest heart. Our **Sanctuary Choir** members, who have met only rarely in body together, but who have made the commitment to be together in spirit and voice over Zoom ... to **Austin Bells**, which has met every week since July in person, on Zoom, or both ... to our **Golden Bells** members who have gathered for community and music, and to their director, Bonnie Boram who cares so much for this special crew ... to our **Second Act** family who has not let our need to be distanced keep them from rehearsing on Zoom, singing for folks in our area, and looking for the day to be able to sing for our senior communities in Louisville (thanks to Kay Dawn McFarland and her wonderful work) ... to our **Children's Choir family** who have joined by videos to sing God's praise and learn about the importance of sharing music in the church and the world (thanks to Miss Christina, Mr Ricky, Miss Krista, and Miss Laura!) ... to our **Octet**, which has faithfully carried our song for us, each voice helping us to know God's good purpose for all of us ... to **Sam Libra** who has brought his magnificent gifts to us, both musical and collegial, and leads us to give our highest praise ... and to those who help us technically with our sound and our livestreaming ... **Evan Vicić, Virginia Fortner**, and camera "people" **Nick Moloney, Chelsea Beasley, and Kurt and Will Dierking**.

**Second Presbyterian is blessed by you all for helping us "keep the faith!"**



*Summer Hymn Sing Returns in June! Stay tuned ...*

## MUSIC IN MAY

May 2 - Octet, Craig Wagner, guitar

May 9 - Sanctuary Choir (9); Octet; Austin Bells; Kathy Karr, flute

May 16 - Ascension Sunday - Octet

May 23 - Pentecost - Sanctuary Choir (9); Octet; Austin Bells

May 30 - Memorial Day Weekend - Sanctuary Choir (9); Octet

# JOIN US FOR SUMMER CHOIR!

FUN SINGING - GREAT FELLOWSHIP

**REHEARSALS:  
JUNE 9, 16 & JULY 7 @ 7P  
OUTSIDE IN THE CHAPEL DRIVE**

**SING IN 9 A.M. WORSHIP  
SUNDAYS, JUNE 20-JULY 25**

We will sing hymn-based music, spirituals,  
and some great music from American  
composers such as Aaron Copland ...

**High School age and up!  
Special women's & men's pieces!**

**Questions?  
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# weekday school

## Outdoor Education Nodes

Our outdoor nodes (places of interest around our campus) change with the seasons, offering new intrigue for our students. A 3s class took the "Secret Passage" to the Nature Trail in early April, taking their time as they explored the surprise they found there: springtime flowers. The children began touching, smelling and collecting the little purple flowers to give to each other, their teachers and their parents. Their teachers encouraged them to look closely at the flowers like scientists and artists, noticing the details in the petals and leaves. "I see stripes!" one child exclaimed. When they spied a whole section of yellow flowers, a student pointed and shouted to her friends, "Look! More yellow flowers over here!" Several children ran together to pick them and sit on the hill, spending time together exploring and collecting more flowers. One student found some things that did not seem to match the rest of the environment: an old, rusted flag, a large aluminum can, a plastic carry-out bag and a toy bird. The child's face was indignant, and she called to her teacher, "Ms. Meg! Come here and

see!" as she pointed to an offending piece of trash. One of her classmates told her, "That's litter." Some students decided to gather the trash to throw away while others tested the "steep" hill, running up and down, assessing their risk by slowing down when their legs took on too much speed. They heard birdsong, warily eyed bees and lit up with excitement as they spotted butterflies. At the end of this nature walk, the class visited Miss Mary in the Fairy Tree. She was there, waiting, and one child left a small violet with her as a gift. Within these 20 minutes of outdoor exploration, the Green Room students demonstrated compassion, curiosity, stewardship, kindness, adventure and healthy risk assessment. They bonded even more as a classroom community through the experience, and from that joyful place, freely gave love to the land and others. As children engage positively with each other and the environment, their desire to connect with and care for living things is reinforced



# children

## Sunday School

May's Sunday School will be based on the Disney/Pixar movie, *Brave*. *Brave* tells the story of Princess Merida, a red-haired Scottish tomboy, and how she has the courage to go against tradition to choose a life of her own. This story speaks to the value of courage, communication, and family – three things that are important in life as well as faith. Craft bags will be available in their usual spot underneath the portico beginning Sunday, May 9. Videos will be sent out each Sunday through the Children's newsletter, 2PK, and will be on the church's website the following week under the resource tab.



## Welcome to the Family of God and to Christ's Ministry



Three children were baptized during the month of April! From left to right: Elizabeth Bahe, Sadie Bugh, and Charlie Phelps

## Childcare for 4 and Under

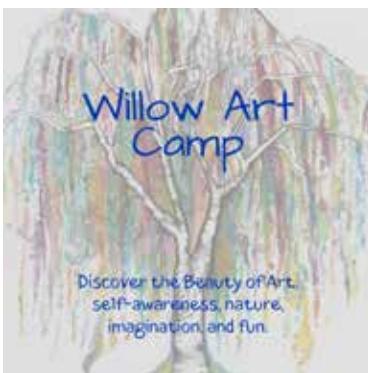
Childcare is currently available for children ages 4 and under. Registration is a must and can be done when registering for the service you will be attending. At this time, children K-5 will be asked to sit with their families during worship. A children's bulletin will be provided as well as extra resources in the children's resource room located adjacent to the Narthex during the 11 a.m. service and in the back of the circle during the 9 a.m. outdoor service.

# children: summer ministries

Smiley Camp: June 14-18 and June 21-25 • Willow Art Camp: June 1-4 and July 26-30  
VBS/Project Serve: July 12-16



Registration Filled  
waitlist available



Registration Filled



Space Available

*All Summer events at Second Presbyterian Church will operate according to the current guidelines set forth by our Session, the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's recommendations and current CDC and state advice, during the weeks the camp is in session and will be running at a limited capacity.*

**Smiley Camp will resume this Summer for two weeks in June.** The first week will be June 14-18 with the theme "Buses, and Boats, and Balloons, Oh My!" The second week, "Under the Big Top," will run June 21-25. Potty-trained 3's through 6 years are welcome to attend Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for one week at the cost of \$200 or two weeks for the cost of \$350.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Kim Pitchford, Director, at [kpitchford@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:kpitchford@2ndpreslou.org).

**Willow Art Camp will take place again this Summer June 1-4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and July 26-30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** for potty-trained 3's through 7 years. The first week will concentrate on "Art from Around the World" while the second week will introduce children to "Famous Artists." Cost for this camp is \$195 per week.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Kristen Hayden, Director, at [kristencissell@hotmail.com](mailto:kristencissell@hotmail.com).

**Vacation Bible School will take place July 12-16 from 9 a.m.-noon** for potty trained 3's through completed 3rd graders. "Come to the Table" invites children to see that God loves and welcomes all people and challenges them to share that same love and hospitality in their everyday lives. Bible lessons are taught through art, science, games, story and snacks making it a great week of fun and learning. Cost for the week is \$25 per participant.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries, at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org).

**Project Serve will run simultaneously with Vacation Bible School, July 12-16 from 9 a.m.-noon.** Completed 4th and 5th graders will put God's love and welcoming of all people into action with "Project Serve - Come to the Table" where they will spend the week completing service projects on campus as well as throughout the community. Cost for the week is \$25 per participant.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries, at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org).

**youth**

## Senior Recognition Sunday



On Sunday, April 25, we recognized the accomplishments of the young people in our congregation who have successfully completed high school during this strange senior year and are beginning a new stage in their lives. We thank God for their participation and contributions to this church, and we recognize that their talents may be used in far-reaching places as they move into adulthood. We pray that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and we pray they will always remember their church family who will continue to pray for and support them in their life after high school.

In photo, from left to right: Kate Wiggins, Henry Doyle, Sims Wilson, and Olivia Zimmerman

**2PY**

**FIESTA**

CLASS REUNION DINNERS

**SUNDAY, MAY 16- SOPHOMORES**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23- JUNIORS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6- FRESHMEN**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9- 8TH GRADERS**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE YOUTH SUITE FROM 6-8 P.M. FOR TACOS AND FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CLASS!**

RSVP to  
Chelsea-  
[Cbeasley@2nd  
preslou.org](mailto:Cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org)

**PARENT AND YOUTH INFO MEETING**

**MANDATORY FOR ALL ATTENDING MONTREAT**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6 @ 12:30 P.M.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# Celebrating Our Senior Class



**Davis Blythe**  
Collegiate  
Tampa University



**William Caudill**  
Saint Francis HS  
Centre College



**Van Clements**  
Walden HS  
Bellarmine University



**Henry Doyle**  
Trinity HS  
Western Kentucky  
University



**Isabella Eddins**  
Presentation Academy  
Undecided



**Samuel Hancock**  
Collegiate  
Undecided



**Nicholas Moloney**  
duPont Manual HS  
University of Louisville



**Ensley Ogden**  
Kentucky Country Day  
University of Kentucky



**Lucy Owen**  
Ballard HS  
Centre College



**Elli Tilford**  
duPont Manual HS  
Florida State  
University



**Kennedy Vinson**  
Sacred Heart  
Miami University,  
Oxford, OH



**Kate Wiggins**  
North Oldham HS  
University of Arizona



**Sims Wilson**  
Kentucky Country Day  
Cornell University



**Olivia Zimmerman**  
Assumption HS  
Western Kentucky  
University

# adult faith formation

*Unless otherwise directed, Zoom links to Adult Studies programs are found in Seconds to Go. You may also contact the church office to receive the information, 502-895-3483.*

## Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and is meeting in-person Sundays at 10 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](mailto:lingjr@twc.com). For more information about Dr. Ostling's class, visit the Adult Education page on our website.

## Pathways is on break until fall

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.

## Reading the Bible

The Reading the Bible Class meets on Zoom each Sunday at 10 a.m. and is moderated by Marty Soards. Please contact Marty Soards at [marion.soards@att.net](mailto:marion.soards@att.net) with questions or if you are interested in joining the class.

## 2nd Sunday

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

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

## Race Matters

The "Race Matters" study group is held every other Monday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

## Men's Bible Study

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

Study material: *An Introduction to New Testament Christology* by Raymond E. Brown

5/7	Pages 185-195 - Appendix 3, Did NT Christians call Jesus God? continued
5/14	Pages 196-204 - Appendix 4, Christology in the Gospel of John
5/21	Pages 205-213 - Appendix 4, Christology in the Gospel of John, continued
5/28	Topic to be determined

To join via the Zoom link, contact Beth via email, [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).

## Sisters in Spirit

We will meet in person (with a Zoom option) on May 11 at 7 p.m. on Ann Fleming's porch (2000 Camargo Road) to discuss days 2-5 of week 1 of Priscilla Shirer's *Discerning the Voice of God* (white cover). It was suggested to try journaling or using the "1 Second Everyday Video Diary" app to record where you are hearing God speak to you. To join this study, contact the church, [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).



## Morning Joy

Morning Joy has begun a new 7-week study examining "I Have Seen the Lord": Exploring the Resurrection of Jesus."

The class will meet every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. for seven weeks, ending on May 27. We will continue to meet through Zoom, but we are also inviting anyone interested in meeting in person to email Chelsea at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org).

# Presbyterian Women of Second

With the continued challenges of Covid-19, we will not meet in May. We will pray for one another and for healing and peace in our community and the world.

The final lesson for the *Horizons* Bible study, "Into the Light" by P. Lynn Miller, is "The End of Lament." We must wait for God's time to see the end of lament. Isaiah 25:6-10 reveals that God will "make for all peoples a rich feast" and will "wipe away the tears from all faces." "This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation." Revelation 21:6-7 tells us, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life...I will be their God and they will be my children." God walks beside us, daily. He hears our cries and answers our calls. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings to us a new life and a new creation. As we participate in God's project of renewing our world today, we recognize what is wrong, cry our laments to God, call on God to act, and trust that God hears our prayers. As followers of Christ, we are led to find hope in the midst of suffering. In 1900, poet James Weldon Johnson wrote a poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, made it a song. The lyrics tell the story of lament and hope, "Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won" and "thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray."

## pastoral care

### Caregivers Need Care, Too!

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 or disease, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, health care for someone who cannot do 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 have to hold it all together because no one else can. Caring for your loved one can lead to isolation, depression, chronic health issues, and poor quality of life for the one providing care. The Deacons here at Second Pres see how important it

is to support its members who hold the role of caregiver.

So, to "Care for the Caregiver" the Deacons will begin by offering remote monthly Zoom meetings that will provide resources, education from guest speakers, and a safe space for support.

The meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month, beginning May 10 at 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Beth ([bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org)) in the office or reach out to Deacon Cathy Hollander.

Prayer: "God of heaven and earth, you created this world and called it good. There are things in this world that are still good and there are things that will not be fully good again until the day your kingdom comes." Give us patience as we await that day. Amen

The Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky Annual Spring Gathering offering collected \$770 for Beulah Presbyterian Church's "Open Table." Thanks to all who contributed to this hunger relief program.

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is collected annually in May. The Birthday Offering supports such mission programs as an Education Center renovation in Des Moines, Iowa and a Mission Health Center clinic in Malawi. Contributions can be made by sending checks to Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky c/o JoAnna Overstreet, PW Mid-KY Treasurer, 4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 40218.

The website [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) has opportunities to order the *Horizons Study* book, subscribe to the *Horizons Magazine* and 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,

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Presbyterian Women



### Grief Groups Taking a Break

A new Grief Group will start in July. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, [eclay@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org), if you are interested in joining.

# mission



## May Mission of the Month

Below is a list of most needed items for Habitat. Donations benefit Habitat's ReStore on Hikes Lane. Please drop off under the portico (use any type bag or box) any time Sunday or during office hours through the week.

- Hammers – Fiberglass handle, at least 16 oz.
- Utility Knives, retractable
- Tape Measures – 16 ft. and 25 ft.
- Carpenter Pencils
- Black and Red Sharpies – medium point
- Dust masks, disposable
- Circular Saw Blades, 7 1/4 in.
- Paintbrushes 2 1/2 inch, regular and cut-in brushes
- Paint roller covers, 9 in.
- Small paint rollers, 6 in.
- Blue paint trays
- Small paint trays
- Paint tray liners, 11 in.

Lowes and Home Depot gift cards are also needed. Gift cards need to be dropped off during office hours to the reception desk. Do not leave these under the portico. Thank you!



### Graphing TI-84 Calculators Needed for WES 8th Graders

There are 10 graduating 8th graders in need of these devices and other related supplies to help them succeed in high school.

Calculators cost  
\$100 each

The Second Pres WES Committee asks that you prayerfully consider helping to purchase calculators and related supplies during the month of May to assist our mission partner in this effort.

## Mission Update

This past month the Mission Committee began studying together our understanding of Mission as partnership in the Missio Dei or the "Mission of God" the idea that God is a missionary God. We will continue thinking theologically about this and how it might impact our work with our mission partners. We will also begin exploring where else God might be calling us to partner in our local community and how we can deepen our relationships with our current mission partners.

The Committee took action to send Covid-19 Emergency Relief funds to our partners in Costa Rica and El Salvador who have been particularly hard hit with the pandemic and several tropical storms this past year. We sent \$3,000 each to both the Latin American Biblical University (UBL) in Costa Rica to buy more equipment to expand online learning and to the Reformed Church (IRCES) in El Salvador for mental health counseling outreach within the communities they work.

In our next meeting we expect to hear from other Mission partners who are concerned about declines in their fundraising and opportunities to help with summer programming with other partners.

We are so grateful to the faithful and generous response from the congregation to our Mission of the Month for Buckhorn Children's Home! Several members of the committee took those items to Buckhorn in late April to visit the children and get an update on the care and ministry there.

We are grateful for all the ways we as a congregation are able to share God's grace with the world around us through your generosity each and every month!

Larry Sloan, Moderator

## Second/Peace Presbyterian Partnership

Our Peace Presbyterian Partnership continues. Thank you to all who provide help to ensure others do not go hungry. To date, our partnership has helped feed hundreds of families, and more are coming each time families can pick up food. We could use help both prepping the food and handing it out. Please contact Chelsea at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) if you are interested. Thanks for your support!



# Refugee News

As our co-sponsored families transition out of confinement, Second Presbyterian's refugee team has managed some in-person meetings. Calls, Facetime and e-mails fill in the rest. The baby shower for Khatul Amiri was one highpoint of the month.

Raees Amiri began his new job at Walmart on April 19. He will pass his driver's license test this month and receive the keys to a super family van donated by the Hunter family! We are coordinating with KRM to secure insurance for the van—it's the last step in the process to get this family up and moving. Oh, the places they will go! If you would like to contribute to the insurance fund, please contact Kathy Oyler (kathy@oyler.net, 502-777-1757).

The Amiri family is now equipped for their baby! ETA May 25. The shower, hosted at the Oylers' home, provided a time for celebration and fun. We had an amazing response by our church to the call for help. Thank you. Members in our congregation handmade several gifts—the Busy Needles group knitted a precious hat with matching booties. Chris Ellis made a beautiful, pink baby blanket. These gifts and expressions of care delighted all. During the gathering, the big sisters galloped around the yard with balloons, hula hoops and bubbles. Kent set up a super screen to host both in-person and Zoom attendees. We learned about some of the traditions surrounding child birth in Kabul and practiced our Dari. Khatul said that she is feeling happy to be here. Her goal this summer? To learn to drive.

The Refugee Team is glad to be getting slowly back into actual meeting opportunities. The Amiri Closing Ceremony with KRM was held Sunday, April 25, in the Church parking lot. Thank you to all who attended.

As always, thank you for your support, kindness and care.

Refugee Team, Mission Committee



*Everyone had a wonderful time at Khatul's baby shower.*

## You Made a Difference!



The March Mission of the Month was Buckhorn Children and Family Services. Buckhorn is one of our long-standing mission partners located in eastern Kentucky offering a variety of therapeutic services for children in the community. Children referred to Buckhorn's programs are survivors of chronic and frequently severe abuse and neglect. They are children from families that suffer from drug addiction, domestic violence, poverty, and a lack of education and parenting skills. They are challenged with mental disorders, developmental delays, and educational shortfalls. Many of them have faced the unimaginable and often come to Buckhorn after a number of failed placements or when no other residential treatment program in the state has the capacity to accept them.

A central service provided by Buckhorn is the Campus-Based Residential Treatment Program serving boys and girls ages 13-17. In March, 2PY collected items such as small toys and treats and assembled 16 Easter bags for each teenage girl residing at Buckhorn. In addition, the Second Pres congregation collected a large quantity of needed supplies for Buckhorn. These supplies were delivered by some of the members of the Mission Committee: Larry Sloan and Ed McShane. Thank you to all for your generous support of this important mission partner meeting important needs in eastern Kentucky!





## Mark your calendars...Flower School 101 is coming to Kentucky!

Friday, June 11 at Second Presbyterian Church  
benefitting Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center



Flower School 101 features a 2-hour lecture and demonstration where Michael will create ten arrangements. Additionally, there is an opportunity for 50 people to attend a 2-hour class where Michael will show you how to create three of your own arrangements.



Michael Gaffney is Executive Director of American School of Flower Design. He is an author of three books including his latest, "American in Paris". He's a designer, inventor and expert on the art of flower design. He's appeared on The Today Show, NBC, CBS and is a featured regular on Hallmark Channel. He lectures in museums worldwide on his "Da Vinci code" of floral design. Michael will reveal all his secrets to perfectly gorgeous flowers every time, how to get fresh flowers to last for weeks in your home, as well as share inside stories behind the scenes from Hollywood to Park Avenue. When not designing flowers, Michael is an avid horseman and polo player.

Check out Michael at [www.flowerschool101.com](http://www.flowerschool101.com) and [www.MichaelsFlowerGarden.com](http://www.MichaelsFlowerGarden.com).

Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road

Lecture	9-11 a.m.	\$75
Lecture and class	9-11 and 1-3 p.m.	\$150
Lecture and class + weekend garden tour ticket		\$175
Box lunch from A Full Plate between lecture & class		\$20

Arrangements made by Michael during demonstration will be available for purchase, as well as his bestselling books and Flower Crazy design kits

Space is limited so don't wait! To register, go to <https://kilgorecounseling.org/home-garden-tour/the-tour/>



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

for



## KILGORE HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

June 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Contact: Joan Gaston 502-896-8322 or  
[jgaston813@gmail.com](mailto:jgaston813@gmail.com)

*Volunteer letters have gone out to past helpers—please return the enclosed card.*

*Others who want to help may contact Joan.*

<https://kilgorecounseling.org/home-garden-tour/about-us-and-upcoming-events/>  
or <https://bit.ly/3xb5Va8>

# fellowship



Second Presbyterian Options Together

## A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church

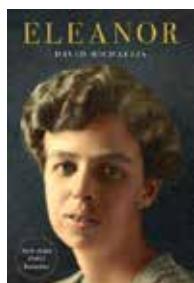
SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.



### Book Notes

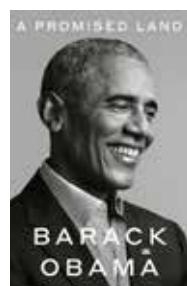
Our book for the May 4th meeting will be *A Promised Land*, by Barack Obama. We will convene at 10 a.m. in the lower level, as we did for our April meeting.

Sharon Stern will present this latest memoir, an acclaimed best seller. The first of two volumes, it covers the former President's early life, through 2011.



On June 1, we will have read *Eleanor*, by David Michaelis, a tribute to our longest serving First Lady.

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



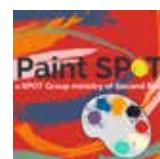
### Busy Needles

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or [marywayers@aol.com](mailto:marywayers@aol.com); or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or [bevwahl41@gmail.com](mailto:bevwahl41@gmail.com).



### Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or [bevwahl41@gmail.com](mailto:bevwahl41@gmail.com). New walkers are encouraged to join.



### Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second. Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 [el.wood@twc.com](mailto:el.wood@twc.com).



### 2nd Act

2nd Act remains waiting for a time to perform again. Susan will share more if the current situation changes. Susan Langford, [toursplus@aol.com](mailto:toursplus@aol.com) or (502) 897-3789.



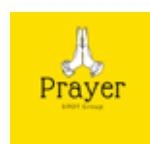
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### Prayer Group

Currently, the group members pray separately. To learn more about this group, contact Beth Haendiges (502) 895-3483 [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org)

## Session Highlights from April 15, 2021

At the April 15, 2021 Stated Session Meeting held over Zoom:

- Session received the Trustee's Report, Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report and the Financial Report.
- The Finance Committee reported that the financial status of the Church for March is good.
- The Re-Opening Task Group reported that the church will open to outside groups of 25 or more, depending on space availability, beginning May 1, 2021.

- Dates for the Session Retreat are April 23-24 at Cedar Ridge Camp.
- Session approved Sharon Clark as Clerk of Session. Ordination and Installation of Sharon as Elder will take place in the near future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark  
Clerk of Session



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## passages

### We remember in prayer...

The family of Martha Dupps on her death, 4/14/21.

Madge and Jeff Roberts on the death of husband/father Gorman Roberts, 4/11/21.

Cheryl Cooper on the death of her daughter, Courtney Cooper, 4/3/21.