

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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Dear friends,

I recently came across a quotation that spoke to my heart: “The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.”

We Presbyterians understand “saint” in different terms than someone who stands out as more pious, more faithful, than others. We believe that every baptized person is a saint, a member of the household of God, part of the great “communion of saints,” believers both living and dead. We also believe that the heart of the Christian life isn’t striving to achieve a kind of spiritual perfection, but responding in gratitude to the God who reaches out in acceptance to sinners like us. Nevertheless, I believe that reflection is a word to all of us who seek to follow Jesus.

The Lenten season and, indeed, this post-pandemic era—hopefully!—fosters asking the big questions of ourselves and our church. One of the most prominent, asked in various ways, is “What does it look like to be successful as a disciple and as a church?” And a related question is “What does it look like to be a failure as a disciple and as a church?” Following the norms and values of our culture, we’re likely to answer that success is being a decent person, being active in the life of the church, and being a caring and responsible person. A successful church is one that grows in numbers and participation, has plenty of money to fund its life and mission, is active in outreach to the community and world, and provides a welcoming and positive “vibe” that is contagious. Failure is the opposite of such results.

Numbers can be important and point us to important truths. Results can help us to discern our priorities. Financial resources can be a great gift and tool for ministry. Joy and gratitude are at the heart of discipleship. I’m taken, however, and challenged by the conviction of that long-ago disciple that the only real failure is the failure to strive for excellence as a disciple and as a community of faith. The only real tragedy is to settle for less as a church and as a Christian. The truly sad reality is when we waste the gifts we’ve been given—or never even discern those gifts—and leave ministry up to those who are more “qualified.”

What we’re really talking about is the old notion in our tradition of “living into our baptism.” It is the commitment, throughout our time on this earth, to become who we truly are: beloved and valuable children of God who, in gratitude, share in word and deed the message that others are also precious and beloved. Excellence in the life of faith is to live as Easter people, trusting that—by the power of the Spirit at work in fallible human beings—God brings life out of death, joy from sorrow, hope from despair.

We often settle for less as people and church, wary to claim our identity, to be more of who we’re created and called to be, to keep our eyes focused on what used to be or the challenges of today rather than the “new thing” God is doing and calling us to be a part of. As we approach that great Day of Resurrection may we pray, “Lord, by your grace and in the power of your Spirit, how can I, and we, be excellent for you?”

Grace and peace,
Rev. Steve Jester, *Pastor*



Palm Sunday, April 10

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

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

Holy Week Services 2022

Maundy Thursday *with Holy Communion*
April 14 * 7 p.m. in the Chapel
*with Proclamation of the Word &
Music from The Octet*

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 15 * 7 p.m. in the Chapel
*with Congregation members reading the Passion
story, stirring hymns, & Octet singing portions of
Chilcott's St. John Passion*



Easter Sunday

APRIL 17

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
IN THE SANCTUARY
WITH CHOIRS, BRASS,
HANDBELLS, & ORGAN



MARCH 2022
A MONTH OF
MUSIC &
WORSHIP



Lenten Series - na Skylark - Sam Libra



Proclaiming the Word - Pastor Steve Jester & Assoc. Pastor Jordan Akin



Assoc. Pastor Rich Gianzero joins our worship leadership



*Youth
Worship
Arts*



Bring a Flower for Easter

Bring a flower with you on Easter morning, April 17th, and help us decorate our floral cross to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Chrysanthemums, marigolds, roses—all are welcome to help us show the beauty of the risen Christ!



Splendor of the Baroque

Thank you to all our musicians, committees, and supporters of our March 13 Concert. We were able to raise more than \$2,400 for KRM, and had a record crowd! We could not have done it without the financial help from:

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In memory of Louise Seiler by Ellen Miller Timmons
In memory of Lewis Washington, Jr. by Lynn Thompson
In memory of Bartow Willingham by Emily Willingham

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The Rosemary Schwartzel Music Fund; The Memorial funds
of Tinsley Campbell, Katie Castner, Ellie McCandless, and
Ellington Bartow ("Bart") Willingham

Children

April 16
5 - 8:30 p.m.

Parent's Night Out

\$15 per child
\$25 Family Cap

Need a break??

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos join us for a fun filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Amy Heckmann—aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org—by Monday, April 11 with questions and to reserve your spot!

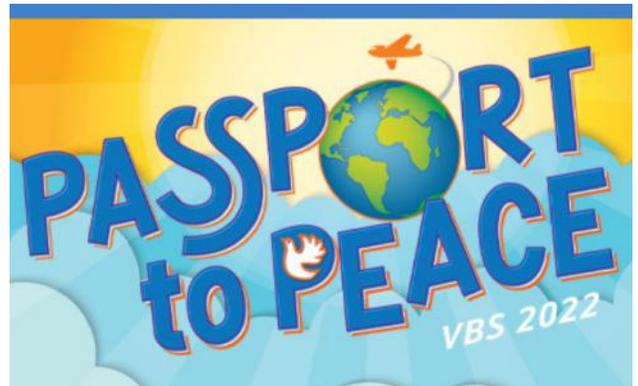


PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MEET UP

Saturday, April 9
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.




All families with children age 3 and younger are invited to meet for a time of fellowship and play in the gym. Please enter through door #1(ITP)
For more info, contact Diana Jester at djester1101@twc.com.



VBS & PROJECT SERVE

JULY 11-15, 9A-12P

2022 REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

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2NDPRESLOU.ORG/MINISTRIES/CHILDREN

FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL
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Second's children's choirs shared their gifts with our 11:00 a.m. worship service on March 20th and helped us share the peace of Christ with one another! Thank you to directors Christina Recktenwald, Ricky Case, Laura Atkinson and Krista Heckmann for leading our children in song throughout the year!

Chapel Choir: Eden Baltzell, Phoebe Church, Kyle Church, May Davis, Georgia Dierking, Lucy Farnsley, Nolan Hughes, Evelyn Hughes, Chappell Mayer, Luke McNally, Nora Steigerwalt, Briggs Tyler, Kate Watkins

Cherub Choir: Millie Baltzell, Joshua Cook, Bebe Davis, Ellie Farnsley, Isabelle Hayden, William Hughes, Juliette McNally, Patrick McNally, Miriam Ransan, Parker Saylor, McClain Watkins, Rhone Zdanow





With great joy and celebration, we welcome our newest members of Second Presbyterian! On Sunday, March 21, five confirmands professed publicly their faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God's mission in the world. Pictured from left to right: Jack Blythe, Hayden Delaney, Ceci Clay Flowers, Trevor Gilford, Charlie Lewis, Vivienne Linville, Roberts Sartor, Nolan Williams, and Anna Zimmerman.



OPEN GYM The Youth held our Annual Open Gym Youth vs. Adults Night on March 15! The youth won the opening match of Volleyball. The outcome was sealed when Pastor Rich was sidelined with a knee injury. The adults rallied and won Ultimate Soccer with goalie, David English protecting the adults' goal. The final match of Kickball went to the youth on a late inning rally with home runs by Kate Grissom and Henri Pecceu. Youth continue their dominance of adults in this annual match.



2PY Calendar of Events

- April 3 2PY stay in worship
- April 10 Palm Sunday,
2PY stay in worship
HS Montreat Final
Payment Due
- April 14 Maundy Thursday
Service at 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 HS Girls Bible Study at
8 p.m. at Lyles residence
- May 1 High School Senior
Recognition Sunday

Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in *Seconds to Go*.

You may also contact the church office: cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Morning Joy

Spring and Fall sessions of this weekly Bible study on Thursday mornings concentrate on a specific book of the Bible. Classes meet in Fellowship Hall and are led by Senior Pastor Steve Jester, with the women and men who attend – both church members and guests—providing lots of discussion and questions.

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and the sharing of church joys and concerns. At the conclusion of each class by 11 a.m., small discussion groups convene for those who choose to participate. A syllabus of the class study will be provided in advance of Morning Joy sessions, so that attendees can familiarize themselves with what book of the Bible to concentrate on in preparation. Participants can attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall or they can attend virtually via Zoom. All are welcome!

Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and meets in-person on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at lingjr@twc.com. This season, the class will be dealing mainly with seeing how the New Testament reflects the multiple Jesus movements in the first 200 years of the Common Era.

Pathways

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in 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. Please come join us!

Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, leads this class on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and on 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. If interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please email marion.soards@att.net.

Film Fellowship

This group gathers on the first Monday of each month to

discuss the intersections of film and faith. Each session, we discuss a different film, some familiar to many, others new to most. Join us as we explore deep questions around art, ethics, belief, and media. Contact Karen Hadley (hadley@louisville.edu) for questions or concerns.

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, led by moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

Our next session is April 10 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm 251 and via Zoom. Childcare will be provided.

Sisters in Spirit

A warm, 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 the second Tuesday of the month 7–9pm in the home of a group 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). Contact Selina Costley (sjc@iglou.com) for info.

Our next gathering is April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Selina Costley's home in Prospect. We will cover chapters 7/8 of *The Good Life*. See *Seconds to Go* for the address and a Zoom link to join virtually. Please RSVP to Selina.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, is leading an overview of *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In his book, Bonhoeffer discusses practices of personal prayer, worship in common, work and service to others. Specific topics/readings are assigned each week.

Mission

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

Cedar Ridge is a non-profit camp and retreat center located in southeastern Jefferson County. It is a mission and ministry of the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky serving Christ by developing and nurturing relations between people, nature, and God. There are items the camp is in need of in preparation for overnight and day camps this summer. Here's your chance to help!

Items needed

- Elmer's glue and children's scissors
- Paper plates, bowls, & cups
- Popsicle sticks
- Pony, seed, & wooden beads, & friendship bracelet string
- Crayons, washable markers, & colored pencils
- Sidewalk chalk
- Contact paper
- Paint brushes
- Tie dye kits
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Food coloring
- Tempura paint



Emergency Aid for Ukraine

The current Russian invasion that started on February 24 follows eight years of conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of people across the country are enduring bombings and assault by Russian military forces; and have lost power, been cut off from water and fuel. As people head toward the western regions, there is a shortage of food and other basic supplies.

In the midst of the chaos, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel.

Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. Our response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. The needs for the response will be great.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

A message from The Cabbage Patch

Dear church partners,

We wanted to let you know ways that your mission investment in the children and families at The Patch is profoundly changing lives. We are most grateful for your faithful and generous support. Together we are able to accomplish extraordinary things. Here are a couple examples of how lives are being changed.



January provided The Patch with a very tumultuous month amongst ice storms, school closures, and two weeks of unexpected virtual instruction. It can be difficult for children to communicate how these changes are affecting them—instead it is shown in their behavior. Some of our teen members have resorted to unhealthy coping mechanisms due to the constant state of change in which we are currently living, including an increase in experimental recreational drug use outside of The Patch in some of our members. To combat this behavior amongst our teens, we have been in communication with the Executive Director of the Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition in order to potentially provide

future programming around the topics of substance abuse to supplement additional education for staff on recognizing the signs of drug abuse, and conversations with Teen Leaders and Teen Club around violence prevention and emotional wellness. By providing education and a safe outlet to have open discussions around these issues, we hope to see our teen population improve in these problem behaviors and seek healthier ways to cope.

We pray a prayer of protection and peace over our youth. We pray that we can work with them to understand the emotions and stressors that lead to unhealthy behaviors and provide a trusted place to learn healthy and positive ways to deal with them.

We have been seeing a trend the past year of more of our clients needing to work a full-time job plus an additional job on the side. One client works full-time in a medical office, plus evenings and weekends providing daycare to an adult with a developmental disability. Another client works full-time for Humana and then delivers groceries for Instacart in her spare time. Clients have benefited from our food pantry assistance as well as utilities assistance programs. Often, it is our assistance that helps keep them from falling into debt.

We pray a prayer of blessing and hope for our families who are struggling financially. We pray for their peace and their prosperity as we shine our light by helping to remove stumbling blocks along their journey to financial stability.

We give thanks to God for our mission partners that make our work possible, and communities like Second that who have supported us for so long.

From the Refugee Team

Hello friends,

It's hard to believe, but our formal sponsorship of the Sudanese Abdulkarim family has ended. Three of the children are in school and the 4th child and father are seeking employment with the help of Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We are in the process of scheduling a meeting to help the family form a budget and streamline the bill paying process.

We also have some shocking news to report: our Afghan mother and daughter, Mohboba Akbari and Rika Anwari moved to California!

We had heard they wanted to move to be near relatives but were caught by surprise, as were our colleagues at KRM. This move was so sudden that this week's medical appointments had to be cancelled. Our interpreter managed to contact the ladies because staff at KRM needed the keys to the apartment, information regarding the contents of their apartment, as well as what to do about some bills. Before leaving, the ladies gave the contents of their apartment away to their Afghan neighbors. Many of you donated items and funds to furnish their apartment and clothe them and both Mohboba and Rika were overwhelmed by your kindness.

Our prayers now are for them to find comfort and peace as they begin a new life, so far removed from their immediate family who are still in hiding around Kabul. Life has been tragic for these ladies and we hope you will keep them in your heart and in your prayers.

Our refugee team would like to sponsor two more families in 2022, one in August and another in November. Until then, please accept our most sincere thanks for your most valuable support.

Your Refugee Team: Chris Ellis, Martha Pecceu, Kathy Oyler.

At the closing ceremony, ending our sponsorship of the Abdulkarim family, in the back circle at Second



Ajelane, mother Halima, Ikram



Father Mohammed, Furdos, Hamid



Father Mohammed, Furdos



Dr. Maha Kolko, our colleague at KRM, Pastor Steve Jester



Mission/Stewardship Report

Year	# of Pledges	MAP Pledges	Amount Pledged	Amount Received	MAP Non-Pledged	Non-Pledged Income	Mission MAP	Contributing Members	Per Capita Income
2021	279	\$1,350,000	\$1,347,185	\$1,357,215	\$95,000	\$147,729	\$250,000	588	\$14,710
2022	271	\$1,350,000	\$1,393,531	\$434,462	\$95,000	\$15,855	\$250,000	22	\$550

Stewardship Committee: We would like to express its deep appreciation to all the church members who have made pledges or otherwise made financial contributions this year. Due to your continuing generosity, we are again able to support our church and mission partners throughout Kentucky and around the world, while also funding our many music, worship, fellowship, outreach, and spiritual education programs, as well as our youth, young adult, and children’s activities here at home. In short, your support makes all our church ministries and missions possible.

So, to all of you who have pledged, we say an enthusiastic and heartfelt “thank you!” And if you have not yet pledged this year, we would ask that you consider doing so (it is not too late!). Whether you can pledge much or little, your contributions help us share God’s grace and strengthen our witness to Jesus Christ. —Brad Hume, *Moderator*

From our mission partner Cedar Ridge Camp: We have been incredibly blessed during this last two years of living with Covid. Like everyone else, we have been challenged to keep our doors open and to provide camping experiences for children.

During the 2020 and 2021 camping seasons, we were pleased to have a three-week Quarantine Camp, where we tested children twice upon arrival and then after everyone was deemed negative, we were able to unmask the kids and stay in a bubble on the Cedar Ridge Camp property. This was very effective in allowing us to have a traditional camping program without masks, and no one had Covid. It was such a delight to see campers, who had been in lockdown, suddenly able to be free to be “regular kids.”

Part of our work here is to continue to improve the camp. To that end, we have been building a chapel. Despite slowdowns due to supply chain issues, we are happy with the progress. We hope to have the building under cover by the end of the year.

Second Presbyterian Church has been a wonderful partner in developing Cedar Ridge over the years. We are so thankful for your congregation’s help in this Presbyterian ministry and mission to our community.

Thank you for your continued support, and please come by to see us some time!

Andrew Hartmans, *Director of Cedar Ridge*

Kilgore Garden Tour News

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and the Garden Tour Committee of 2022 is working to present the best Tour ever! Patrons will be treated to seven gardens and one fabulous home to visit. Locations are primarily in the Hurstbourne and Hike’s Point areas.



Volunteers will be needed at all locations, especially to help with parking. Letters will go out this month to those who have helped in the past. A return card will be included, so that helpers can sign up for the day and shift they would like to work. Shifts are three hours: 10:00–1:00 and 1:00–4:00 each day. Volunteers receive a pass to visit the other gardens. **It is very important to return the pre-stamped card, to facilitate accurate scheduling.**

Request have been made for raffle prizes. Items should be valued at \$100 or more. Gift cards are enthusiastically received! If you have something to donate, please contact Joan Gaston, (502-896-8322) or Tanner (twilliams@2ndpreslou.org) at the church.

Sponsorships are approaching \$45,000! With a few more to come in, it looks like our goal of \$50,000 will be reached. To be listed in the brochure, donations should be received by April 15.

We are very thankful, and most grateful, for all of our supporters!

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

April: Deborah Cohen will present her latest book *Last Call At The Hotel Imperial*. This is a history book about the interwar era and the correspondents from the United States who covered the evolving political scene in Europe in which fascism was born. The book can be ordered on Amazon and at Carmichael's Bookstores. It will be released on March 15th.

May: *Better Lucky Than Good* by The Louisville Story Program Presented by Holly Gathright.

We need books for the rest of the year, so offer up your suggestions! See Seconds to Go for Zoom links.

For information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact: Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or Susanne Wright at sjwright@iglou.com.

Busy Needles



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



Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Valerie Dreher at (502) 618-3732 or edreher3@yahoo.com. We walk on the first and third Wednesday of each month.



2nd Act

Studies show that singing with other people helps create a sense of belonging, and it triggers new neurotransmitter responses in your frontal lobe. This biological response releases chemicals that make us smarter, healthier, happier and more creative.

Who would like to be smarter, healthier, and happier? Consider joining 2nd Act. We are a group of ladies who love to get together to sing and entertain in this ministry to those in nursing and health facilities. No experience necessary. Anyone welcome. We meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. For more information, contact Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Pilates

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



Paint SPOT

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



Dinner Groups

Dinner groups are currently on hiatus. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

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, 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 the second Monday of each month at 4 p.m. These remote monthly Zoom meetings provide resources, education, guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to the challenges of caregiving. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact the office or reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, or Deacon Cathy Hollander.

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.

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

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – **“Russia and World Order,”** Charles E. Ziegler, Ph.D., Professor, University of Louisville, Director, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – **“Art and Spirituality,”** Peter Morrin, former Director of the Speed Art Museum

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

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$20.00 including gratuity

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

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. 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.

We request that all in attendance are fully vaccinated. Tables will not seat more than 6 people.

EGG HUNT & FELLOWSHIP TIME

In celebration of Easter, the Children's Committee will be hosting Second's Annual Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 17 at 9:45 a.m. There will also be Fellowship time with a light breakfast at the same time in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!

Fellowship time - 9:45 a.m. - Fellowship Hall B

Egg Hunt - 10 a.m. - Outside



Presbyterian Women

Good News! The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet together at the Church on Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship. We look forward to being together, again, and welcome all women at Second to join us. A Zoom option will be available.

The 21–22 Horizons Bible study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair explores the women in the lineage of Jesus. The title of Lesson 8 is “Mary in the Faith Tradition of the Church”.

Saturday, April 9, 2022 Louisville Church Women United Annual Assembly will be held on the 12th Floor at Hotel Louisville at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at 11 a.m., followed by the program: Rev. Syvoskia Bray-Pope, Disciples of Christ, on her visit to Morocco. Gently used purses will be collected for Wayside Christian Mission for Mother’s Day. Reservations can be made by mailing \$18, lunch included, to CWU c/o Peggy Arthur, 1148 42nd Street, Louisville, KY 40211.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 10 a.m.–3 p.m. CWU in Kentucky 2022 State Assembly at St. Paul United Methodist, 1800 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY. Mail \$10 Registration (includes lunch) along with name, address, CWU unit, your church denomination to: Linda Axon, 1277 Meadow Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, no later than April 1st. Beverly Hampton, Harvey Browne Presbyterian, will be installed as president.

presbyterianwomen.org website has opportunities to order the Horizons Study book, 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

Session Highlights

From the March meeting:

- Confirmands Jack Blythe, Trevor Gilford, Charlie Lewis, Vivienne Linville, Robert Sartor, Nolan Williams, Anna Zimmerman, Hayden Delaney and Ceci Flowers were examined by Session on March 17th and were overwhelmingly recommended for membership at Second Presbyterian Church. They will be received into membership by profession of faith on Sunday, March 20, 2022.
- *Financial Report*–Highlights: Pledges for 2022 received in February were \$82k bringing total YTD 2022 pledge income to \$330k including pre-paid 2022 pledges at year end in 2021. This is ahead of the 2022 MAP and slightly ahead of the same period in 2021. Additionally, prior year 2021 pledges received in 2022 now total \$40k. *Treasurer’s Report*: YTD income is \$48k higher than same period 2021 pledge income accounting treatment. YTD expenses are \$36k above same period 2021 due mainly to higher Mission spending offset by Personnel savings. *Weekday School* operations were reported for the 8 months ended 2/28/22 (fiscal year ends 6/30) with revenues of \$931k, expenses of \$791k, and a current surplus of \$139k.
- Rev. Jordan Akin will embark on an opportunity for continuing education and self-reflection in a week long CREDO program the week of March 21st.
- Traditional Communion will resume on April 3, 2022.
- A Session retreat is scheduled for April 22–23.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Clark, *Clerk of Session*

Hope & Healing While Grieving

Our culture puts a great emphasis on being happy and joyful. During the holiday season, this is particularly true. Sometimes we need to be able to acknowledge to ourselves and others that we aren’t feeling joyous, especially during the holidays. Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet at 11:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, if you have questions or are interested in joining.



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passages

We remember in prayer...

Sarann Harralson and her family on the death of her husband, John Henry Harralson, Jr., 3/30/22.

Ann Bowling and her family on the death of her mother, Eva "Grace" Hall Kleinschmidt, 3/25/22.

Ellie Salsbury and her family on the death of her husband, Tom Salsbury, 3/22/22.

Selina Costley and her family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Bogard, 3/21/22.

Heather Sexton and her family on the death of her husband, Matt Sexton, 3/11/22.

Tim Martin and his family on the death of his brother, Jerry Martin, 2/24/22.

Lisa Zaring and her family on the death of her father, Alva Ray "A.R." Sullivan, 2/23/22.

James ("Scotty") McArthur, Jim and David McArthur and their family on the death of their wife and mother, Linda McArthur, 2/16/22.

Russ Dunlap and his family on the death of his sister, Betsy Dunlap, 2/16/22.

Patti Strickler and her family on the death of her husband, Frank Strickler, 2/8/22.

The families of Jim and Joe Seiler on the death of their mother, Louise Seiler, 2/7/22.