SECOND THOUGHTS



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Friends,

Spring has sprung. We have had many days of sunshine and 70+ degree weather and life is good. Like all seasons, spring brings changes: trees grow leaves, flowers bloom, allergies go crazy, Louisvillians get excited that Derby season has arrived.

Here at Second Presbyterian Church, this spring brings us a couple of new staff members. We welcomed our new Director of Children's Ministry, Lorie Williamson, at the beginning of March and we are grateful for her leadership.

And at the very end of April, we welcomed our new Associate Pastor for Community Life, Rev. Andrew Bowman. Andrew is brand new to Louisville and has moved to town with his wife, Megan, their daughter, Ellis, and their dog. They have come to us from Somerset and are very excited to explore all that Louisville has to offer. Andrew has been taking in information and learning so much about life and ministry at Second Pres. He is very excited to engage with you all, our members, and work collaboratively to share the grace of God with one another and the world around us.

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It is a great joy to welcome these two wonderful colleagues onto our staff and have the opportunity to work with and journey alongside them in ministry. When you see them, please extend a warm welcome to them!

In Christ's peace, Pastor Jordan Akin

Andrew's words of welcome:

What an exciting time to be joining in at Second Presbyterian! I have been waiting a long time to finally get started, and I am so very pleased to be here. My family and I are excited to get to know all of you, and to make you a part of our lives. As I learn more about you and about the church, I encourage you to come say hello and introduce yourself. Whether you see me in the church, at the store, or out at a local park, please don't hesitate to come up! I'll be so glad to get to know you and to hear your recommendations for good restaurants and activities.

Worship & Music

Sizzlin' SUMMER MUSICI JOIN SUMMER CHOIR!

High Schoolers and older - FUN, UPBEAT MUSIC!
We sing the Sundays in July & ONLY 3 REHEARSALS
Wednesdays June 21, 28, & July 12 at 7 p.m.

Contact Jim at 502.645-2256 if interested!



JUNE 18, JULY 16 & AUGUST 20 @ 6:30 P.M.

Sunday evenings in the Chapel Circle with great worship and concerts and *goodies!* Bring a lawnchair!

JUNE 18: NICK RECKTENWALD JAZZ GROUP

JULY 16: BLUEGRASS VESPERS

AUG. 20: ELLIOTT NICHOLS EXPERIENCE





JULY 24-26 (MON-WED) 5-8 PM

Three nights of music, worship, musical games, food, and fun!

Open to **all** children 4 years old to 5th grade (or 3 y.o. if already in one of our choirs!)

We need *lots* of volunteers, too, to help with games, dinner, activities, and more.
Help for an hour, a day, or each night!
Contact Sam at slibra@2ndpreslou.org

Registration is Open!

Cost is \$25 per child, \$50 maximum per family, to cover dinner, materials, and *t-shirts!*

Register online at:

2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children/ summer-music-blast/

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON!

(as of April 23, 2023; † indicates deceased)

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DERBY CITY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

NICHOLAS FINCH, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

SEASON TWO

MAY 25, 25, 30, 2023, 7:30 PM, SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FREE ADMISSION, W/ SUGGESTED DONATION \$30 ADULTS, \$10 STUDENTS FEATURING MUSICIANS FROM THE LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA

THE ESCHER STRING QUARTET
THE MANHATTAN CHAMBER PLAYERS

AND MORE...

TO RESERVE SEATS AND MORE, VISIT - DERBYCITYCHAMBERFEST.ORG



Summer Volunteers Needed!

My father has a picture of me when I was in third grade. It is a closeup of me with a huge smile on my face. Not one of those "I'm posing for the camera" smiles but one of those natural smiles of someone really enjoying themselves. The picture is adhered to a stained piece of wood and then coated with shellac. It was from VBS that year, but not at my home church. It was a church of a friend. An honest smile from a fun week of crafts, games, snacks, and stories.

VBS turned to a mission focus as I became older. We learned the importance of doing for others and giving from the heart. This led to mission trips as a teenager and a sense of empathy and compassion. When I had children, VBS became a haven for them while I took a much-needed break. As my children got older, I returned this gift to young parents who may have needed it and enjoyed the authentic smiles of their children who were enjoying a fun week of crafts, games, stories and of course, snacks! I hope you will join me in being a blessing for all ages.

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible School

PreK - 3rd grade July 10th-14th 8:30am-12:15pm



Project Serve

4th -5th grade July 10th-14th 8:30am-12:15pm

Contact Lorie Williamson at Lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org

















May 20th Night Out \$25 Family Cap

Need a break??

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos join us for a night filled with fun! Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Lorie Williamson at Lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org by Monday, May 15th with questions and to reserve your spot!

Parent's Night Out will take a break for the Summer months and resume once again in September.

Weekday School

During our April staff meeting, the Weekday School staff participated in an active shooter/campus safety training with St. Matthews Police Department representatives. This training had already been scheduled but became even more important after the harrowing event in downtown Louisville a few days prior. A SMPD officer and a SMPD SWAT commander led the training, providing information on what to do in case the worst were to ever happen, as well as how the police would respond to such an event. The good news for all of us is SMPD would quickly respond to any need we have here at 2nd Pres and would not hesitate to get inside the building. The officer and commander also provided practical safety tips and tools for us to implement within the building. Three church staff members were present at the training, as we all want to ensure we have clear and consistent safety protocols across our building. We will pass along what we have learned to the Emergency Preparedness Task Force so we can all have this important information. We hope for change while continuing to hold our students' well-being as our highest priority.

Hayley Abell, Director

MAY 2023 23 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 30 5 1 3 6 **Playground Cleanup** Teacher **Derby Parade** Closed Appreciation Week 11:30 a.m. for Oaks 3:30 p.m. 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 **End-of-Year Party** Last Day Last Day 6-7:30 p.m. for Students for Teachers 22 27 28 29 30 31

Youth



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 11 6:30pm

Coals Pizza on Frankfort Ave

family breakfast

This year we are offering breakfast, in the Youth Suite, for youth and their families every Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:00.

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



Parent Meeting

Sunday, June 4 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall



Please make plans to be at this meeting if your child is attending Montreat.

We will go over the final details of the trip and make sure we have all of the required paperwork.

High School Montreat Youth Conference June 11-17, 2023

Youth

Lock-In

On Friday April 14th, twenty of our youth gathered for a lock-in. They spent their time playing games at the church, going to Iceland Sports Complex to play broomball, and assembling kits for PDA Disaster Relief. A HUGE thank you to our fearless chaperones & volunteers who made the night possible!







Senior Recognition Sunday





Allison Davis



Cahill Delaney



Ella Kathryn Duane



Helen Eddins



Luke English



Kaylee Farnsley



Jacob Grissom



Ellen Hancock



Audrey Kane



Lawton Logan Jr.



Henri Pecceu



Bella Tilford



Owen Zimmerman



Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in Seconds to Go. You may also contact the church office: tkissling@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Morning Joy

Morning Joy has ended for the season; we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Biblical Studies

Led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr., the class meets in-person on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at lingjr@twc.com.

Pathways

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall A and via Zoom. Pathways is a group of folks who enjoy thinking and talking about life, faith, the Bible, and the intersection of the three. The Zoom link is in Seconds to Go which is sent out every Friday. Please come join us!

We are taking a break for the summer, our last class will be Sunday, May 21; we will see you in the Fall!

Reading the Bible

Led by Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, the class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and via Zoom. We are now studying the book of Acts, and we would be glad to have anyone join us who is interested in such Bible study.

Men's Bible Study

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

Forgiveness for Lent

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

The last class will be Sunday, May 21.

Sisters in Spirit

A warm, welcoming, and supportive group of ladies that enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help us grow in our everyday faith. We generally meet on the second Tuesday of the month 7–9 p.m. in the home of a church member. Open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. Join us when you are able (it's ok if you have to miss a month or two, you are always welcome to come as you are able).

Jamie Harper will host our first SIS summer social on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Jamie will share a brief devotion for us to discuss and some of us will bring an appetizer for our social. Please reply to Selina Costley at sjc@iglou.com if you're able to attend.

Mission



Kilgore Save the Date

June 10 & 11, 2023

23rd Annual Kilgore Home & Garden Tour 10 am to 4 pm - rain or shine

6 beautiful gardens - 2 beautiful homes - 1 beautiful weekend

Glenview - Covered Bridge - Indian Hills - Westport Road

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at:

www.KilgoreGardenTour.org

Available beginning May 10 at:
Second Presbyterian Church - St. Matthews Feed & Seed St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church - Digs Home & Garden
- European Splendor & Secret Garden

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Cedar Ridge Camp for our April Mission of the Month. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Hygiene Kit Mission Project





PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Donate Supplies

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery congregations are invited to collect supplies and then assemble over 1,500 personal hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The kits are used in the United States and abroad whenever there is a disaster.

Donated supplies should be dropped off at Beulah Presbyterian Church (Bardstown Rd at the Snyder) Monday, May 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM and 6 – 7:30 PM.

- ► Toothbrushes individually wrapped
- ► Unscented, wrapped bar soaps
- ▶ 1 inch wide Band-Aids
- ► Nail Clippers
- Wide toothed combs (no picks)
- ► Washcloths

- ► Hand towels
- ▶ Zip Lock one-gallon bags
- Monetary donations are also accepted

Assemble Kits

Join with folks from around the presbytery to assemble disaster relief hygiene kits.

When: May 20, 2023 10 AM to 1 PM

Where: Beulah Presbyterian Church

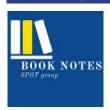
6704 Bardstown Road 502-239-3231

Thank you!



A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church

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



Book Notes

Each month since 2011, a member of our group selects a book, researches the author, reviews the book, and then the group discusses it at our monthly meeting. We

meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 am in the church parlor. We faithfully support UCHM food pantry.

Contact Susanne Wright: (502)930-7465, sjwright@iglou.com



Paint Spot

Open to all adults, our Paint SPOT is for beginners to skilled painters in acrylic. We gather on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Youth Suite to work on individual projects and fellowship together.

Contact Linda Wood: (502) 893-3330, el.wood@twc.com



Busy Needles

We meet twice a month in the Parlor: second Sunday after church, and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am (see church calendar). Our consistent projects are

Prayer Shawls and Throws for our members, their family and friends. But, we also work on other projects for various groups and organizations both locally and worldwide. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Contact Mary Ayers: (502) 429-3415



Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to pray through our weekly prayer list the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in Room 251. All are welcome to pray, young and old, new Christians or

lifetime believers.

Contact Eunice Shishmanian: (617) 710-8189 or Evelyn Hwang: (502) 228-8765



Dinner Groups

A time to share over a good meal, we have multiple groups, some meet in homes, some at restaurants. Our groups meet throughout the year. Seeking those

interested in joining a group or starting one!

Contact Cheryl Cooper: (502) 417-3999, cheryltcooper@gmail.com



Pilates

Pilates classes will be on Monday night in the Narthex at 5:30. Susan Schmidt will continue to teach these classes. I have taught over 25 years and own a Pilates studio, Pure

Movement Louisville. If you have any questions, please email me at puremovemently @gmail.com or call or text me at 523-5934. Pilates is for strength, conditioning, balance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, control, precision and flow. The emphasis is on the core. It will improve your posture, help prevent injury, strengthen bones and help reduce anxiety.

Contact Susan Schmidt: (502) 523-5934, puremovementlyl@gmail.com



Garden Spot

A new group for those interested in gardening. We will visit local gardens of distinction; invite local garden "gurus" to speak; and share ideas and experiences.

Contact Joan Gaston (502) 896-8322



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2nd Act

We believe that music is a gift from God which transcends barriers of race, gender, and language. 2nd Act has brought voices together for over 25 years, and

with joy, we take our gift to those in need of song to encourage, uplift and spur spiritual growth. We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 am and perform at various residential facilities in the area. We meet in the Choir Room on Wednesdays at 10:00 am, when we are not performing.

Contact Susan Langford: (502) 897-3789,

toursplus@aol.com



Spot Walkers

The SPOT Walkers meet the first and third Wendesday of each month at 10:00 am. Our walks are no more than two miles. When the weather is nice we walk at various outdoor spots; when the weather

is not so nice we walk inside the Oxmoor Mall. Everyone is invited! We share lots of conversation as we walk, and we continue our conversation over coffee after our walk.

Contact Valerie Dreher: (502) 552-8918

or (502) 618-3732

If you are interested in starting a SPOT group or if you would like more information on SPOT groups please contact Sunny Seale: (571) 438-8393.

Notice: Library Signouts Back in Operation

After some time in which the formal procedure for borrowing books from the Church Library has been inoperative, we are now back in operation with a new, more informal process. Here are the steps in the signout procedure for books:

- 1. Sign notebook sheets with date, title, author, and your name.
- 2. Book is due within 30 days.
- 3. Place book on desk to return.
- 4. Please do not reshelve the book.
- 5. Reference works do not circulate.

The notebook for signouts is on the desk in the library. Also, please feel free to use the Library itself for book and/or periodical browsing and reading. When you do so, please follow the same procedure for book returns. Simply place the book at the desk. A Map of Church Library Classifications can be found at the upper left top-shelf corner of the periodicals rack. Feel free to keep one if you wish. Not all shelves are labeled with classification signs.

Acton Ostling

Church Librarian

Presbyterian Union

On the first Tuesday of each month (usually), people gather downtown for the fellowship of a lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics-- church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, topics of personal interest. Think of it as a quick retreat with some friends from different places to think about the world of work and living from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

TOPIC: "Kentucky Waterways Alliance: Keeping KY's Waterways Clean" Did you know that Kentucky has more miles of running water than any other state except Alaska?

Michael Washburn, Executive Director **SPEAKER:**

Michael is the executive director for the Kentucky Waterways Alliance. He was the director of programs for Humanities New York. He has also been both the assistant and interim director for the Center for the Humanities at City University in New York, as well as the assistant director for the Cultural Policy Center at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Washburn is a writer who has written for the New York Times and Washington Post. Recently, Michael had his book *Southern Accents* published.

University of Louisville, B.A.; University of Chicago, M.A.; Writers' Institute, CUNY.



Where:

Vincenzo's, The Courtyard Room 105 South 5th Street

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$25.00 including gratuity

When:

TUESDAY, May 2, 2023, at 11:30 am

RSVP:

If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, May 1 (<u>if accepting</u>) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440

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

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

July 11, 2023- Lynn Pohl, Waverly Hills Sanatorium Author

August 1, 2023- Invitations to guest speakers have been extended

Parking:

Parking is on 5th Street either on the street or across Market (one way east) at the Stock Yards parking sign on the south side of Market between 5th and 6th or at the National City Bank Building (entrances on 5th, near Main, and Main Street [one way west] on left immediately before 5th).

Payment: Please pay at door by cash or check.

Cancellation: If you make a reservation and do not cancel before 9:00 am on the day of the presentation, we must ask

that you pay.

Care for the Caregiver

Are you helping a loved one with impairments related to aging, disability, or a mental disorder? Are you taking care of someone who has a chronic illness, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, and healthcare for someone who cannot perform these tasks alone? If you answered yes to any of these, then you are a caregiver.

Caregivers hold it all together or have the overwhelming feeling that they must hold it together because no one else can. Caring for your loved one can lead to isolation, depression, chronic health issues, and poor quality of life. The Deacons here at Second see how important it is to support its members who hold the role of caregiver.

The caregiver support group meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. These remote monthly Zoom meetings provide resources, education, guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to the challenges of caregiving. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact the office or reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, or Deacon Cathy Hollander.

passages

We remember in prayer...

Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram, and their family on the death of his sister and her sister-in-law, Jane Boram Hinkel, 4/19/2023

Jean Groskreutz and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Roger, 4/9/2023

Edith Huber and her family on the death of her brother, Mack Justice, 3/23/2023

Virginia "Sister" Stites and her family on the death of her husband, Bodley, 3/20/2023

Allison Crawford and her family on the death of her grandmother, Gwen Knott, 3/3/2023

Mary Agnes Norman, Cecy Brewer, and their families on the death of her husband and her brother, Jon Norman, 2/23/2023

The family and friends of Meredith Smythe Grider on her death, 2/11/2023

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

Hope & Healing While Grieving

Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on happiness but loss is a very real part of everyone's life. Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We will meet at 11:30 am in the Parlor on Wednesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 24. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.



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