

# 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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### The Next Steps in the Interim Process

A Message from;  
John Odom, General Prebyter with Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

Ever since Elijah passed his prophetic mantle to Elisha as he was taken up into the heavens by fiery chariots and horsemen (2 Kings 2), God has provided for leadership transitions for God’s people.

Second Presbyterian Church finds itself in a season of leadership transitions with both the retirement of head-of-staff pastor, Steve Jester, in June, and the imminent departure of associate pastor for faith formation and mission, Jordan Akin, as she follows a new call to hospital chaplaincy.

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry has appointed Rev. Mark Baridon, pastor of Briargate, and Elder Robert Charles, Peace Presbyterian Church, to work directly with you throughout the process of finding new pastoral leadership. This transitional process can be lengthy—averaging at least one month of transition for every year of the prior pastor’s service.

The length of the process is due to several factors:

- First, the congregation needs significant time to work through five distinct and necessary developmental tasks of the interim period: coming to terms with history and processing emotions; discovering a new identity apart from the former pastor; allowing and empowering new leadership; renewing linkages with the presbytery and denomination; and commitment to new leadership and a new future.
- Second, the potential pool of experienced, large-membership head-of-staff pastors and experienced associate pastors is relatively limited.
- Third, there is vetting of all potential candidates in a variety of ways.

Although the above process may appear overly slow and protracted, there are several immediate actions that can propel you on your journey, let me suggest:

- Trust that God has uniquely brought the specific constellation of pastors, staff and congregation at Second for such a time as this, and that God uses those called for the blessing of the church and the world.
- Look within the congregation for members, leaders, staff, parents to step up in new and creative ways, both volunteer and paid. Look outside the congregation to the resources of the presbytery like the wealth of pulpit supply pastors for worship leadership, the presbytery’s fall youth retreat for 3rd-5th graders, UKirk for college students and other shared activities. Look to the wisdom of the Commission on Ministry that regularly walks with congregations through transition. We are better sharing ministry together.

## The Next Steps in the Interim Process (Continued)

- Support Second's session and personnel committee as they weigh options and discern ways forward with a variety of choices that may include some or all of the following— hiring temporary ordained or non-ordained staff, searching for an interim associate pastor, or searching for a new called and installed associate pastor, or delaying an associate pastor search so that the next head of staff pastor can be part of staff building. Each option has pros and cons, and most are not mutually exclusive. That's why faith is a journey and not a recipe.
- Pray without ceasing for the interim/transitional head of staff search committee, that they move from a short list to a finalist who might begin in the near future.
- Keep showing up, turning out, and being the people and the church that Christ is calling you to be, relying on the goodness of God who is the way and the truth and the life.

As Second journeys through the interim period, faithfully commit yourself to the Presbyterian process of new leadership discernment and remember to breathe and live abundantly as Jesus admonishes. While this transition process likely won't conclude with heavenly pyrotechnics, as was the case with Elijah and Elisha, it will bring, in due time, the spark of new pastoral leadership to ignite the spiritual energy of God's people at Second Presbyterian Church.



## *Worship in* AUGUST 2024

Aug. 4: Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost - Communion  
*Rev. Andrew Bowman, preaching; Octet singing;*  
*Rev. Jordan Akin's Last Sunday*  
*Cong. meeting & reception to follow*

Aug. 11: Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost  
*Rev. Dr. Corey Miller, Exec. Dir. of Cabbage Patch,*  
*preaching; Octet singing; Dr. Sam Libra, harpsichord*

Aug. 18: Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
*Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Pastor,*  
*Covenant Community Church, preaching;*  
*Octet singing; Cong. meeting to follow*

Aug. 25: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
*Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, Dir. of Humanitarian &*  
*Global Ecumenical Engagement, PC(USA); Octet singing;*  
*Kickoff for Year/Committee Celebration to follow (Great Hall)*

## Farewell Reception for Pastor Jordan Akin Sunday, August 4, in Jester Fellowship Hall

The Fellowship Committee will host a farewell reception for Pastor Jordan Akin on August 4 after the 10 AM service and congregational meeting in Jester Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to attend to extend best wishes for her new life journey as a Chaplain at Baptist Hospital. Jordan will make a wonderful Chaplain. Refreshments of lemonade, tea, coffee, and cookies will be served.

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## Per Capita 2024 - The little blue envelope!

Earlier this year, Second Presbyterian paid \$30,296 to help shoulder the annual costs of the presbytery. As before, we are asking you to contribute \$25 per family member to help offset this expense. Please return all checks and monies to Second Presbyterian Church. You may place them in the offering plates on Sunday, drop them by the church office, or mail them to: Second Presbyterian Church 3701 Old Brownsboro Rd. Louisville KY 40207. Or pay online at the church website. If you have any questions, please call Diane Jackson directly at 502-883-0924 or send an email to [diane.jackson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:diane.jackson@2ndpreslou.org).

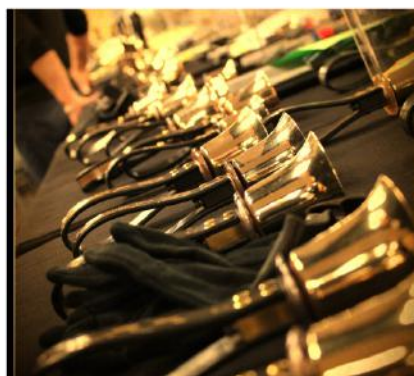
# Worship & Music



## JOIN OUR MUSIC FAMILY @ SECOND!

Contact Jim Rittenhouse 895-3483 x212

*Find yourself a place in our music ministry ...  
Second continues our strong commitment  
to using our gifts for God in Worship  
and in our Community!*



### Sanctuary Choir

**Every Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Begins Wednesday, August 21**

*High School age and up are welcome to sing each week as we lead worship at 11 a.m., and for our major church observances: Reformation Sunday, Advent (Joy) Sunday, Christmas Eve, Holy Week & Easter. In 2024-5, we have opportunities to sing with guest artists, and will present a beautiful work on Palm Sunday evening. Sign up on our Music Page at [2ndpreslou.org](http://2ndpreslou.org) or call Jim!*

### Austin Memorial Bells

**Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.**

**Begins Tuesday, September 3**

*Come join our handbell ensemble that leads music 4-6 times a year in worship and participates in area and regional handbell workshops. It helps to be able to read music, but is not a requirement. A handbell festival for 2025 is in the works! Call Jim for more information. This group likes to have fun as we learn about and make music!*

### Golden Bells

**Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.**

**Begins Tuesday, Sept. 3**

*Director Bonnie Boram leads this ensemble for those who love music, want to learn handbells, and enjoy the fellowship as a team. This ensemble does not regularly play in worship. Contact Bonnie at [bborame@aol.com](mailto:bborame@aol.com).*

### 2nd Act

**Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.**

*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 perform at various residential facilities in the area. Our ensemble is directed by Dr. Kay Dawn McFarland. 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](mailto:toursplus@aol.com)*



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# VESPERS

at Second

## ACORDÉ Latin Ensemble



Bring the whole family - Ricky Case will be leading, and we will break out the rhythm instruments. We are collecting items for Bellewood & Brooklawn, too!

(See next page)

SUNDAY AUGUST 11

6:30 P.M.

CHAPEL CIRCLE

## Kickoff to the Year & Committee Celebration

August 25, 2024

after the 10 a.m. Service

Great Hall

Come learn about plans for children, youth and adult classes, music and fellowship and how you can help .... by being a part of a committee. There will be a bouncy house for the kids and refreshments for everyone! Join us!

# Mission

## AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bellewood & Brooklawn

They are requesting **FULL SIZE** personal hygiene items for boys and girls.

- deodorant
- shampoo
- conditioner
- combs & hairbrushes
- body wash
- shaving cream
- body lotion



Bellewood & Brooklawn

# EL SALVADOR TRIP

## SEPTEMBER 20-26

CONTACT TAMMY KISSLING AT  
[TKISSLING@2NDPRESLOU.ORG](mailto:TKISSLING@2NDPRESLOU.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



# Adult Formation

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

*You may also contact the church office: [tkissling@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:tkissling@2ndpreslou.org) or 502-895-3483.*

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## **Biblical Studies**

Led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr., the class meets in-person on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (switches to 9 a.m. beginning May 19) in Room 252. We will not meet on May 26th.

The Biblical Studies Class will begin a special summer series on Sunday, June 2, 2024. The topic will be "Formation of the Bible." Did you ever wonder how the Bible as we know it was put together? How and when was sacred scripture determined? It turns out to have been a process more interesting, complex, and less organized than you might imagine. Classes will be based on a book of the same name by Lee Martin McDonald. McDonald is Professor of New Testament Emeritus at Acadia Divinity School in Nova Scotia. How the Bible was formed is his area of expertise, and he is considered to be perhaps the major scholar in telling this story. His book "Formation of the Bible" is intended for general reading based on his more esoteric work for his colleagues. All are welcome to join us.

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).

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## **Pathways**

Pathways is on a break for the summer; we will see you in the fall!

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## **Reading the Bible**

The class is led by Rev. Marty Soards and will resume Sunday, September 8 at 9:45am.

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## **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study meets in Room 251 and via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session.

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## **Raising Our Faith**

This class is led by Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets and meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Jester Fellowship Hall B.

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## **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).

The next Sisters in Spirit meeting is Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00pm and will be a time of fellowship.

Please bring some school supplies for the students at The Cabbage Patch to start their year off right!

Allison Duncan is hosting so Please RSVP to her at [allisonduncan17@gmail.com](mailto:allisonduncan17@gmail.com)

August 2024		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>4</b>  <b>9:00am</b> Adult Faith Formation (252, JFHB)  <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service - Sanctuary  <b>11:00am</b> Called Meeting - JFH  <b>11:30 am</b> Farewell Reception for Rev. Jordan Akin - JFH  <b>12:00 pm</b> SPOT: Singles on Sundays - Mesh</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>10:00am</b> SPOT: Walkers - Offsite  <b>5:30pm</b> SPOT: Book Notes - Parlor</p>
<p><b>11</b>  <b>9:00am</b> Adult Faith Formation (252, JFHB)  <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service - Sanctuary  <b>11:00pm</b> SPOT: Busy Needles - Parlor  <b>6:30pm</b> Vespers @ Second - Latin Ensemble Acordé</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>4:00pm</b> Caregiver's Group - Zoom</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>18</b>  <b>9:00am</b> Adult Faith Formation (252, JFHB)  <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service - Sanctuary  <b>11:05am</b> Called Congregational Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>10:00am</b> SPOT: Walkers - Offsite</p>
<p><b>25</b>  <b>9:00am</b> Adult Faith Formation (252, JFHB)  <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service - Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>

	1	2 7:00am Men's Weekday Bible Study - Room 251/ Zoom	3
7 10:00am SPOT: Prayer Group - Room 251 11:30am Hope & Healing While Grieving - Parlor	8	9 7:00am Men's Weekday Bible Study - Room 251/ Zoom	10
14	15	16 7:00am Men's Weekday Bible Study - Room 251/ Zoom	17
21 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room & Sanctuary	22	23 7:00am Men's Weekday Bible Study - Room 251/ Zoom	24
28 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room & Sanctuary	29	30 7:00am Men's Weekday Bible Study - Room 251/ Zoom	31



Second Presbyterian Options Together

A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church  
SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships



**Book Notes**

Each month since 2011, a member of our group selects a book, researches the author, reviews the book, and then the group discusses it at our monthly meeting. We meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 am in the church parlor. We faithfully support UCHM food pantry.

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



**2nd Act**

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Contact Susan Langford: (502) 897-3789,



**Busy Needles**

We meet twice a month in the Parlor: second Sunday after church, and the fourth Thursday at 11:00 am (see church calendar). Our consistent projects are Prayer Shawls and Throws for our members, their family and friends. But, we also work on other projects for various groups and organizations both locally and worldwide. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Contact Mary Ayers: (502) 429-3415



**Prayer Group**

Everyone is invited to pray through our weekly prayer list the second 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



**Spot Walkers**

The SPOT Walkers meet the first and third Tuesday 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 Sandy Bailey: (502) 550-9019



**Garden Spot**

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

Contact Joan Gaston: (502) 896- 8322,  
jgaston813@gmail.com

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.



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### Singles on Sundays

Calling all singles—all ages welcome! Would you like to have friends to enjoy brunch with following services on Sundays? If so, please join us. We plan

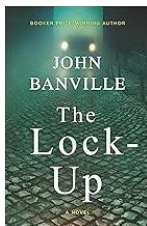
to meet on Sunday, August 4th, at Mesh Restaurant around noon. From there, we can discuss how the group would like to go forward. Meeting on the first Sunday of the month following communion is one suggestion.

Contact Linda Watson: [lindamosswatson@gmail.com](mailto:lindamosswatson@gmail.com)

## SPOT: Book Notes

We meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at **5:30** in the church parlor and Zoom. All are welcome. **Note the change in meeting time.**

The book for the August 6 meeting is - *The Lock-Up* by John Banville



Note: There will be no meeting in September

#### Zoom Info:

Meeting ID - 750 864 7027

## New SPOT

# Singles on Sundays

Calling All Singles - All Ages Welcome

We will meet Sunday, August 4th,  
 at Mesh Restaurant, at 12 pm.

Please contact Linda Watson if interested.  
[lindamosswatson@gmail.com](mailto:lindamosswatson@gmail.com)



# Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Circle at Second will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, beginning on September 10th, at 10 a.m. at the church for Bible study and fellowship. An option to join us on Zoom is available! All women are welcome to attend. The 2024-25 Horizons Bible Study "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" is written by Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull, AB Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at LPTS. Books will be available for \$10.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84648264838?pwd=aEROQjUvZG9PQnV0NG9hZkFRUWdrQT09>

Meeting ID: 846 4826 4838

Passcode:056675

The 2024 Presbyterian Women Worldwide Gathering "Do Everything in Love" will be held in St. Louis, MO, on August 8 – 11. An option is available for participation on Zoom. For more information or to register online, visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).

The Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky will host an Annual Prayer Service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 7th, at Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. Their Men's Quartet will provide the music. All are welcome to attend.

For questions or further information, contact Amy Parker, 897-5076, or [amyparker158@hotmail.com](mailto:amyparker158@hotmail.com).

## *Care for the Caregiver*

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

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

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

## passages

*We remember in prayer...*

Lynn Dunbar and children Sergey and Allysa  
on the death of thier mother and grandmother,  
Patricia Cieskiewicz, 6/29/24.

Betsy Helm and her family on the death of her  
mother, Kay Hampton Helm, 6/15/24.

Stan and Jeanne Curtis on the death of his brother,  
Greg, 6/10/24.

Sarah Middleton, Brian Lewis, Margaret Witt, and  
their families on the death of mother-in-law and  
grandmother, Anne Lewis, 6/8/24.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his  
grandmother, Nora M. Barnes, 6/5/24.

## *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, August 7. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, [eclay@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org) if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.



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