

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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Welcoming the Unexpected...

December is so busy that we prefer not to deal with things unexpected! We keep our calendars updated with many details: when to bring out the first decorations... when to get the tree... who's coming or going and when... when to go shopping for gifts and the Christmas dinner grocery items... when music and pageant rehearsals are scheduled... when finals are due at school... when is that neighborhood party? We hope all our Christmas preparations are as orderly as an Advent calendar, where each day a neat door opens, or a flap is lifted one by one in predictable succession.

Yet, our Scripture readings for the Sundays in Advent reveal how unexpected and upending everything was leading up to the most unexpected wonder of all—the birth of Christ. Luke 1 offers two Annunciation stories—the first angel's announcement is to old Zechariah; the second angelic announcement comes to young Mary. Neither Zechariah nor Mary is prepared for the news delivered by Divine Messenger. Later, Mary and Elizabeth clasp each other in their shared surprise at how God has so unexpectedly changed their lives forever. By Christmas Eve, Luke 2 reveals how the orderly world of Quirinius and Augustus will be upended by the unexpected, too. Who could ever have imagined that God would hatch such a plan and be born among us?!

When I was in my early twenties, I had the opportunity to visit Israel with a group of seminarians. If you have also visited the Holy Land, you know that many of the sites have been developed into tourist venues so that it can be hard to feel, to find the simplicity of the stories we associate with them. This is especially true in Bethlehem. By the time we got to Bethlehem, we were seasoned travelers, maybe even jaded travelers to a degree. We rolled our eyes when they told us we could choose to visit the Roman Catholic Shepherds' Field or the Greek Orthodox Shepherds' field. We made our way past countless carvers making Olive Wood Nativity sets at various price points. The church of the Nativity, with its lighted star atop, its marbled floors, and hundreds of hanging oil lamps in shiny metals made it hard to envision a small manger at all. When I finally reached the lower levels of the church and looked into a small marble niche with a fourteen-point star to mark the spot where Jesus was born... I had pretty much had it. As I stood there not feeling the Christmas spirit, a man rushed in, prostrated himself before that star, reaching toward it with tears streaming down his face. He prayed with all of his heart in a language I could not understand yet grasped as deeply spiritual. In that moment, in that crowded place, I welcomed the unexpected. The holiness I had shut out, had missed altogether because of all of the clutter and trappings not just of brass and marble, but the clutter and trappings of my own expectations and judgments, came upon me. This man, like pilgrims through the centuries, had sacrificed much and traveled far to come to this place... to be near, to touch the most amazing and unexpected event of all: the birth of Emmanuel, God-With-Us.

I hope in the midst of all the traditions and details and clutter this season can bring, there will be a moment when the unexpected holiness of it all comes upon you and, in wonder, you bow in prayer and praise.

Christmas Blessings, Kim



Advent at Second welcoming the unexpected

December 1, 8, 15 & 22
Worship at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

We encounter with the Nativity characters the inbreaking of God to their world.

Each Sunday we are featuring special artwork. We invite you to come and see the background of each:



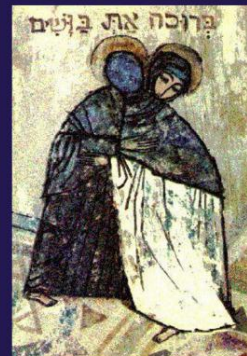
Dec. 1 - Zechariah



Dec. 8 - Mary's Annunciation



Dec. 15 - Joy Sunday



Dec. 22 - Mary & Elizabeth

Surprised by Joy

December 15

8:30 & 11 a.m.

(11 a.m. Livestream
YouTube: 2ndPresLou)

A Musical Celebration of Joy Sunday
with our Sanctuary Choir,
Children's Choirs,
Austin Handbell Choir & Orchestra



MUSIC @ SECOND

Sharing grace through utmost heart and highest art



ABENDMUSIK: *A collaboration of Alchymy Viols & Incantare*

Friday, December 20, 2024
12 p.m. in the Chapel * *Free admission*



Incantare and Alchymy Viols are back with early Advent & Christmas Music. They will perform a pastiche from the only extant piece from Buxtehude's famous Abendmusik series which took place in Lubeck and was directed by the great composer himself.

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Christmas at Second

December 24

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.

in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)

Music from The Octet & Guy Younce, organ

Lessons & Carols Candlelight & Communion Service

9:00 p.m. *in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)*

Music from The Sanctuary Choir, String Ensemble, soloists,

Louisa Woodson, harp, & organ

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

11:00 p.m. *in Chapel*

Music from Second's Musicians & Louisa Woodson, harp

December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas

One Service at 11:00 a.m. *in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)*

January 5 - Epiphany Sunday with Communion

Two Services: 8:30 a.m. *in Chapel &*

11:00 a.m. *in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)*

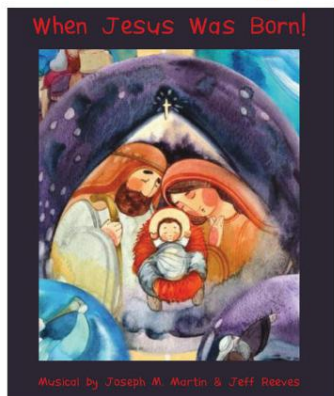
Music from our Choir & Dr. James Rightmyer, organ



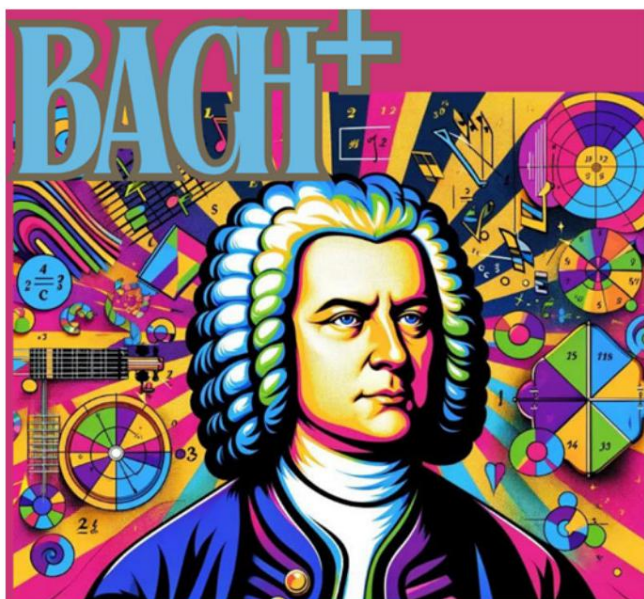
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
Music Ministries

**THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
& WORSHIP ARTS TEAMS FOR A WONDERFUL
ADVENT SERVICE!**

Special kudos to our Children's Music Staff for preparing our kids so beautifully: Ricky Case (Worship Arts)-Krista Mueller (Carol Choir) - Lorie Williamson (Chapel Choir), and to our guest pianist, Guy Younce!



VIDEO LINK @ <https://bit.ly/3VHfHPx>



**Mark your
Calendars**

January 26, 2025 * 3 p.m.

You don't want to miss this special Concert Series event! Be watching for more info!

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 8, after the 11:00 service, for the purpose of electing new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for 2025.

A Message from Stewardship

To all of you who came forward with your 2025 pledge cards during our worship services on Dedication Sunday, and to those of you who have mailed your pledge cards to the church office, THANK YOU! Your generosity enables the church to fund its mission projects, honor its commitments to our mission partners and foreign missionaries, maintain our ministerial and administrative staff, and underwrite our numerous church activities. In short, it is through your contributions that we fund our mission and our music, and keep our lights on.

If you have not returned your pledge card, please fill it out and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. (We would like to have all pledge cards returned by December 15.) If you did not receive a 2025 pledge card or have misplaced it, you may pick up a pledge card at the church office, or call the office (502-895-3483) and ask that another card be mailed to you.

Our theme this year is "ALL IN." Simply put, our goal is that everyone pledge some amount, whether large or small, for it is only through our collective effort that Second will remain the special place that we know and love.

And again, thanks for your pledges!

With appreciation,

Your Stewardship Team

A Message From Kilgore

All of us at Kilgore hope that this is a season of joy and hope for you and your loved ones. But we also know that life's problems and challenges do not just go on pause because it happens to be the holidays. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, fighting addiction, going through a divorce, loss of a job, or experiencing depression or anxiety, all these challenges remain very real and can often worsen during this time.

Finding what to say to someone who is facing challenges is sometimes difficult, which is where the gifts of love, empathy, and presence come into play. Often just being fully present and caring is all someone needs. Rather than searching for the "right" answer or advice, let them know you hear them, that they matter to you, and you believe in them.

Consider the words of Jesus in John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the Jesus we celebrate coming into this world during this season, and this is what it means to be there for each other in times of joy or sorrow. If you or someone you know needs someone to journey with them through some challenges, let us know, this is what we try our best to do at Kilgore.



Poinsettias

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the form below and send the form and your money to the church office and mark it for Poinsettia. We still have a few wreaths available for the following locations: the main sanctuary doors, the balcony in the sanctuary, and the balcony in the chapel. If you are interested in donating to any of these areas, please send your donation and fill out the form below with the information as to how you would like it stated in the worship bulletin.



Poinsettia plants are being offered to honor/remember individuals; the cost is \$20. We still have a few wreaths left (see location information above) and the cost is \$35. The last day to order is Saturday, December 14. You may write a check, leave the completed form at the reception desk, or mail it to Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40207, Attention: Church Office.

If you would rather pay online, please scan the Payment QR code listed below and click on the poinsettia tab on the Giving Page. Please complete the order form under the poinsettia tab (on the Giving Page) instead of the paper form below.

Please PRINT and fill out all information (if paying with cash or check):

Name of Donor(s): _____

In honor of: _____ OR

In memory of: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

Contact Bonnie Boram with any questions: 502-893-3355.



Payment

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.

***NEW* Young(er) Adult Class**

Led by Ronnie Seale, in Room 251, at 9:45 a.m. This newly-formed class will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month with the option of increased frequency as the class progresses. Possible focal points will be on the Bible and how it relates to life, relationships and social & historical issues of our time. On the 5th Sundays, the class is encouraged to meet with the Pathways class to expand relationships with other members of the church.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children 5 and under and in the Youth Suite for children K-6.

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 Reading the Bible

The class meets on Sunday mornings in Jester Fellowship Hall A at 9:45 a.m.

Please see *Seconds to Go* for Zoom details.

Raising Our Faith

This class is led by Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets and meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in Jester Fellowship Hall B.

The title of this months class is *Guilt and Grace: Ten Reasons Why We Should Totally Forgive Ourselves*.

The study will follow a book by the same title which can be purchased for around \$10.00. All are welcome to attend.

Morning Joy

Resumes in January. We look forward to seeing you then!

Men's Weekly 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. Specific topics/readings are assigned each week.

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 will be a social gathering on Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Dudley Ostertag.

December Mission of the Month

Make a special gift to our mission co-workers who are faithfully serving our neighbors throughout the world.

Sherri & Dustin Ellington - Lebanon

Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

Karla Koll - Costa Rica

Donations can be made to Second Presbyterian Church
Designate Mission Co-Worker Christmas fund on donation

Refugee Family Update

Immaculee Nyahumure and her sons Shema and Brian enjoyed Thanksgiving feast with many other refugees at St Agnes. On December 1st, they also enjoyed coming to 2nd Pres for the family Advent worship service and dinner.

Immaculee is searching night time employment, as her neighbors are available to watch her young sons during the night. Her English skills are steadily improving and she remains optimistic about securing a job soon.



Children Ministries Update

November was a busy month for 2nd Pres. Kids! In Children's Church, 2PK have been concentrating on the Old Testament. This month, they learned about King Saul, what traits made David a good King, and the wisdom of King Solomon. Club456 continues to make their way through learning the Bible where they concentrated on learning books of history and poetry. Kids at Wednesdays together used November to perfect the music for the Advent Service and about thirty-five kiddos chose to spend a Saturday night with us at Parent's Night Out and Club456 Meetup where we talked about gratitude for all things!



Youth Ministry Update

Likewise, 2nd Pres. youth did not slow down in November! At the outset, 2PY volunteered at Bellwood for their Harvest for Hope Fall Festival. They provided crafts and staffed the tables, helping the children there connect with their creative side! Soon after, it was time for open gym to start! Todd Lyles and Toby Nutt led close to twenty-five kids in wacky games and a half-time devotion. Lastly, we held our first ever “Friendsgiving” potluck where we made blankets for those in need.

In December, we are looking forward to the Girls' High School Bible Study's Christmas dinner, The Boys' High School Football watch party and an Advent filled with lessons from The Grinch in Breakfast and Bibles.



December Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 1

- 8:30am** Worship Service - Chapel
- 9:30am** Adult Faith Formation - Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
- 9:45am** Breakfast & Bibles - YS
- 11:00am** Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am** Children's Church - Rooms 150-154
- 12:30pm** SPOT: Sunday Singles - Hurstbourne Country Club
- 5:30pm** Advent Family Workshop Service - Chapel
- 6:00pm** Advent Workshop and Dinner - Great Hall

Monday, December 2

- 1:00pm** Monday Afternoon Club - Room 252

Tuesday, December 3

- 10:00am** SPOT: Book Notes - Filson club
- 10:00am** SPOT: Walkers - (offsite)
- 7:00pm** Open Gym - Great Hall

Wednesday, December 4

- 10:30am** SPOT: 2nd Act - Grove Pointe, Masonic Home
- 10:30am** SPOT: Prayer Group - Room 251
- 11:30am** Hope & Healing While Grieving - Parlor
- 7:00pm** Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room/Sanctuary

Friday, December 6

- 7:00am** Men's Weekly Bible Study - Room 251

Sunday, December 8

- 8:30am** Worship Service - Chapel
- 9:30am** Cabbage Patch Gift Wrapping - Great Hall
- 9:45am** Breakfast & Bibles - YS
- 9:45am** Confirmation Class - YS
- 9:45am** Adult Faith Formation - Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
- 11:00am** Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am** Children's Church & Club456 - Rooms 150- 154, 180
- 11:00am** HS Message Musings - YS
- 12:00pm** SPOT: Busy Needles - Parlor
- 3:00pm** High School Boys' Football Watch Party (Offsite)

Monday, December 9

- 1:00pm** Monday Afternoon Club - Room 252

Tuesday, December 10

- 10:00am** Presbyterian Women - Room 252
- 7:00pm** Open Gym - Great Hall

Wednesday, December 11

- 6:30pm** Dress Rehearsal/Choirs - Sanctuary

Friday, December 13

- 7:00am** Men's Weekly Bible Study - Room 251

December Calendar of Events - Continued

Saturday, December 14

5:00pm Club456 Monthly Meetup - YS
5:00pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, December 15 - MUSICAL Celebration of Joy

8:30am Celebration of Joy Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30am Adult Faith Formation - Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
9:45am Breakfast & Bibles - YS
11:00am Celebration of Joy Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00pm Youth meetup Christmas Party

Monday, December 16

1:00pm Monday Afternoon Club - Room 252

Tuesday, December 17

7:00pm Open Gym - Great Hall

Wednesday, December 18

11:30am Hope & Healing While Grieving - Parlor
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room/Sanctuary

Friday, December 20

7:00am Men's Weekly Bible Study - Room 251
12:00pm "Abendmusik" concert - Chapel

Sunday, December 22

8:30am Worship Service - Chapel
9:30am Adult Faith Formation - Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
9:45am Breakfast & Bibles - YS
11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am Children's Church & Club456 - Rooms 150-154, 180

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service - Sanctuary
9:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons & Carols & Communion - Sanctuary
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion - Chapel

Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Church Office/building will be closed for Christmas

Friday, December 27

7:00am Men's Weekly Bible Study - Room 251

Sunday, December 29 (One Service in the Sanctuary)

9:30am Adult Faith Formation - Room 251, 252, Parlor, JFHA, JFHB
9:45am Breakfast & Bibles - YS
11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary



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.



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,



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.

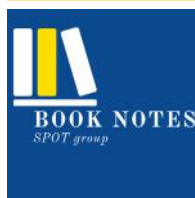
Contact Joan Gaston: (502) 896- 8322,
jgaston813@gmail.com



Mahjong Group (beginners)

This group meets in the Youth Suite (Room 168) on Sundays from 3-5 pm.

Contact Cindy Nutt c.nutt@yahoo.com (502) 551-5593



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 5:30 pm in the church parlor. We faithfully support UCHM food pantry.

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



Men Who Like to Cook & Grill

Men who like to Cook will gather for fellowship. Share wild tales of your best and worst experiences behind the stove or grill, and there may be food!

Contact Paul Ayers (502) 645-7202



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 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!

Cindy Dickman (502) 262-7323
cindydickman1@icloud.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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Spirits & Wisdom Men

Open to all men...We will meet approximately every month with an open forum to discuss anything to everything from sports, religion to politics. This real-talk will have a nucleus of spirits. The "water of life" will include a "wee dram or two" with nibbles. Dinner is possible following. We will rotate locations.

Contact Ron Ross (502) 767-4502
ross@c-graphics.com



Sunday Singles

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 the first Sunday of the month at various restaurants.

Contact Linda Watson: lindamosswatson@gmail.com



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
sbd1247@gmail.com

SPOT NEWS:

SPOT **Sunday Singles**
Second Presbyterian Options Together

We will meet on the first Sunday
after the 11 am service
at various restaurants

Contact Linda Watson if interested at
lindamosswatson@gmail.com

Book Notes:

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Parlor and via Zoom.

We will have an exclusive presentation by the author of Benefactors of Posterity, Daniel Gifford, PhD at the Filson (1310 S. Third Street). This is not open to the public. We will see some special exhibits as Dr. Gifford talks about this fascinating book regarding how the men, who fought on opposite sides of the Civil War, wanted to preserve the stories of that war. Several members of our group have already read the book and praise it highly. You can purchase the book at Carmichael's with a 20% discount if you tell them you are with the Second Presbyterian book club.

SPOT **2nd ACT**
Second Presbyterian Options Together

December Schedule:

12/4 at 10:30 am: Grove Pointe, Masonic Homes, 300 Masonic Dr.	12/11: Caroling at Osteria in Westport Village
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Presbyterian Women of Second

Churchwide Appeal: *The 25th Annual Men of Peace (Presbyterian Church) MLK Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 11th, at 11:00 a.m. at Newburg Middle School, 4901 Exeter Ave., 40218. The speaker will be Rev. Corrie Shull of Burnett Avenue Baptist Church. Suggested donation is \$20 and can be made at the door, but reservations are requested. Members of Peace have tickets. (I received this information from Norma Jean Maddox.) I'm happy to answer questions and/or pass along reservations. Amy Parker (502) 641-9204 amyparker158@hotmail.com

The Presbyterian Women's Circle at Second will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, December 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 are available for \$10. In lesson 3 "Food Justice", the Bible in Genesis, Exodus, and the Gospels, portrays the earth as capable of yielding food in abundance. We give thanks that our gracious and loving God has given us discerning minds and ethical hearts.

PW Mid-KY collected \$881.40 for the Briargate Welcome Table program at our Annual Prayer Service held at Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church in September.

The Presbyterian Women of Mid-KY continue to provide lunch at the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church Senior Café on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Our meals serve seniors in the Portland neighborhood who gather for fellowship, and they are greatly appreciated.

Zoom Link:

<https://bit.ly/3B9zSyf>

Meeting ID: 846 4826 4838

Passcode:056675

All are welcome to attend. For questions or further information, contact Amy Parker, 897-5076, or 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, or Cathy Hollander.

passages

We remember in prayer...

Tanner, Mandy, Kate, and McClain Watkins and family on the death of his grandmother, Jean Hensley, 11/26/24.

Karla Wright (Weekday School Director) and family on the death of her brother, Jay Dunn, 11/20/24.

Jack, Susan, Elliott, Wesley and Rhodes Moss and family on the death of Jack's mother, Betty Gibbs, 11/18/24.

Brian and Lisa Houghlin & Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen on the death of Brian's mother, Donna, 11/14/24.

The family of Jim Appleberry on his death, 10/21/24.

Glenda Bumpas and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Cunagin, 10/20/24.

Charles Ratliff, Liz & Jonathan Evans and family on the death of his wife and her mother, Melissa, 10/16/24.

Brooks Mayer & Sasha Björk-Mayer and their family on the death of Brooks' father, Ed, 9/22/24.

Gregg and Priss Hovious and their family on the death of Gregg's father, Bob, 9/16/24.

Hope & Healing While Grieving

We will meet on Wednesday, December 4 and 18, from 11:30-12:30 pm. We will be using the book, [A Guide for Healing from Grief and Loss: Coping with Loss and Embracing Recovery: The Comprehensive Guide to Rebuilding Your Life by Carolyn Day.](#)

Please reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you or someone you know would benefit from being a part of this group. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option.



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