SECOND THOUGHTS

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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 Rev. Steve Jester has served our congregation as pastor/head of staff with joy, great humor, and faithful care for fifteen years. His preaching, teaching, pastoral care, love of Christian fellowship, focus on mission, and administrative abilities have been Christ-centered. He has used his gifts and talents for ministry to the glory of God throughout his ministry. His wife, Diana,



has graced us. A working spouse, she has also devoted herself to our congregation. They, along with their son, David, have enriched all of us.

Steve has wisely steered Second Presbyterian Church through many societal concerns and issues, not the least of which was the global pandemic of 2020-2021. His calm strength, kindness, ability to listen, and his leadership have made an enormous difference both within and outside the walls of our congregation. The dignity and majesty of our worship services, frequently spiced with Steve's gentle humor, the unparalleled strength of our music program, and the quality of his scholarship manifested in his preaching and teaching are hallmarks of his ministry. Our church was chartered in 1830. For 194 years, we have been led by biblical scholars who have been, in essence, theologians in residence and pastors at heart. For the last fifteen years Steve has exemplified the best of this tradition.

From a grateful congregation, thank you, Steve! May your retirement be joyful and blessed.



Worship & Music



Morship in JUNE 2024

June 9: Third Sunday of Pentecost Rev. Andrew Bowman, preaching; Hymn Sing

June 16: Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

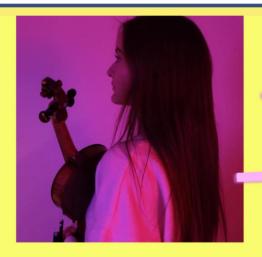
Rev. Wayne Steele, retired pastor of

Peace Presbyterian Church, preaching; Hymn Sing

June 23: Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Rev. Dr. John Odom, General Presbyter, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery; Hymn Sing

June 30: Sixth Sunday of Pentecost Rev. Jordan Akin, preaching; Summer Choir





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SUN., JUNE 16 6:30 P.M. CHAPEL CIRCLE

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JOIN SUMMER CHOIR 2024!

High Schoolers and older - FUN, UPBEAT MUSIC!

We sing 4 Sundays in June/July & ONLY 3 REHEARSALS!!

Wednesdays June 19, 26, & July 10 at 7 p.m.

Contact Jim at 502.645-2256 if interested!

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.

Biblical Studies

Led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr., the class meets in-person on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Room 252.

The Biblical Studies Class will begin a special summer series on Sunday, June 9, 2024. The topic will be "Mark and John Emphasize Nazareth, Matthew and Luke Say Bethlehem Regarding the Messiah." 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.

Pathways

Pathways is on a break for the summer; 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 9:00 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. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session.

Raising Our Faith

Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets is leading a class that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall B.

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 June Sisters in Spirit meeting is Tuesday, June 11 at the home of Martha Nichols-Pecceu at 7:00pm and will be a time of fellowship. Please RSVP to Martha at mnpecceu@yahoo.com if you are able to attend.

New Members



Glen and Sally Chaney are transferring from First Presbyterian in Paducah, KY, where they were very involved in the life of the church. They are retired physicians – Glen a pediatrician and Sally an Ob-Gyn. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Dennis Dolan is joining by reaffirmation of faith. He has been involved in various ways with Second Pres for several years, but decided to take the step into membership.



Ali Scinta is joining by reaffirmation of faith. Ali is a pediatric occupational therapist. She is married to Clay Scinta, a member of Second Pres. Ali grew up in Owensboro, KY, and she and Clay have two dogs.



Henrietta Connor is transferring from Southeast Christian Church. She is the mother of Kathryn Wright, who is also joining. Henrietta is a retired nurse and social worker, and lives in New Albany.



Jack and Hannah Feist are joining by reaffirmation of faith. They have one son, Rocky, 18 months old. Jack is a third-year medical resident at U of L, and Hannah is a fitness instructor and stay-at-home mom.



Brad and Lori Williams are transferring from Anchorage Presbyterian. They have four children: Nolan, Ben, Graham, and Genevieve. Lori is an ophthalmologist and Brad is a radiologist.



Walter Crutcher is joining by reaffirmation of faith. He is married to member Cheryl Cooper. Walter keeps busy with property management, commercial real estate and antiques. He has four adult children.



Gil and Remy Lamphere are joining by reaffirmation of faith. They moved here from New York City and have two young children: Sutton, aged 2, and Hicks, 5 months.



Kathryn Wright is transferring from First Presbyterian in Jeffersonville, IN. She is an engineer with Ford. Kathryn is married to Eric Wright, an ordained Presbyterian pastor who works as a Hosparus chaplain. They have two children, William and Ava.

New Members Continued

Not pictured:

Ken Herrington is joining by reaffirmation of faith. He is a financial advisor and a retired Marine colonel, and has two adult daughters.

Nick and Shelby Hertzman are joining by reaffirmation of faith. They have one son, John, who is nearly two. Shelby is a marketing manager with Zillow, and Nick is CEO of a software startup. They recently moved from Seattle, but have lots of family in Louisville.

David Rummler is transferring from Menlo Park Presbyterian in Menlo Park, CA. David is a management consultant, and has joined the Chancel Choir. David has one daughter and five grandchildren who live nearby.

Weekday School Update

Dear 2nd Pres Community,

2nd Presbyterian Weekday School is the place that lit the spark for teaching in me 20 years ago. It is where I first learned of the Reggio Approach which showed me the beauty, depth, and respect that could exist in education. It was at 2nd I realized I wanted to teach kindergarten. And this is the space where my own children were nurtured and supported as learners and humans. It has been a privilege to care for the school I owe so much to as Director. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served in this position the past 5 years, and I am thrilled for Karla Wright to become the next director of the Weekday School beginning June 4.

I have worked with Karla since 2019. She is a strategic thinker, a knowledgeable educator, and a leader committed to the mission and vision of 2nd Presbyterian Weekday School. Her love for the school and dedication to its success run deep. She honors the magic of 2nd Pres and advocates for best practice in the education we provide the children in our care. I am excited for how the Weekday School will continue to evolve under her leadership. Please join me in welcoming Karla as Director of Second Presbyterian Weekday School!

Our school is a special place because of what we believe about children, the quality of our early childhood education, and the commitment of our community. Thank you to the church for supporting the Weekday School's work, the parents for your trust and partnership, the faculty and staff for your passion and excellence, and the children for being our delight and inspiration. Thank you for my time at 2nd Presbyterian Weekday School. I wish you and yours all the very best.

In gratitude, Hayley

Hayley Abell,

Director

June 2024

Saturday, June 1

Pastor Steve Jester's Retirement Party (Great Hall)

Sunday, June 2: Holy Communion & Jesters Celebration

9am - Adult Faith Formation (251, 252, Parlor)

9am - HS Montreat meeting (YS)

9:45am - Special Prelude Music (Sanctuary)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 4

10am - SPOT: Walkers (offsite)

5:30pm - SPOT: Book Notes (Parlor)

Week of June 3-7

9am - 2pm - Willow Art Camp

(This camp is full and registration is closed)

Friday, June 7

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Sunday, June 9: Third Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemondae (Playground)

11am - SPOT: Busy Needles (Parlor)

Monday, June 10

4pm - Caregiver's Group (Zoom)

Week of June 9-15 - High School - Montreat

Wednesday, June 12

10am - SPOT: Prayer Group (Room 251)

11:30am - Hope and Healing While Grieving (Parlor)

Friday, June 14

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Week of June 10-14

9am - 2pm - Smiley Camp

Sunday, June 16: Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemonade (Playground)

6:30pm - Vespers@Second:

Blakely Burger Bluegrass (Chapel Circle)

Week of June 17-21

9am - 2pm - Smiley Camp

(This camp is full and registration is closed)

Tuesday, June 18

10am - SPOT: Walkers (Offsite)

Wednesday, June 19

7pm - Youth hang out at Graeters

7pm - Summer Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, June 21

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Sunday, June 23: Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary) Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemonade (Playground)

Wednesday, June 26

Youth - Holiday World, \$40/person

7pm - Summer Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, June 27

11pm - SPOT: Busy Needles

Friday, June 28

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Sunday, June 30: Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemonade (Playground)

July 2024

Tuesday, July 2

10am - SPOT: Book Notes (Parlor)

10am - SPOT: Walkers (offsite)

Thursday, July 4 - The church office/building

will be closed in observance of the 4th of July

Friday, July 5

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Sunday, July 7: Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Week of July 8-12

9am - 12pm - Vacation Bible School

(volunteer opportunity)

Week of July 8-12

9am - 12pm - Project Serve

Monday, July 8

4:00pm - Caregiver's Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 10

7pm - Summer Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, July 12

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Sunday, July 14: Eight Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemondae (Playground)

11am - SPOT: Busy Needles (Parlor)

6:30pm - Vespers@Second:

Praise, Worship, & Revival

Tuesday, July 16

10am - SPOT: Walkers (offsite)

Wednesday, July 17

10am - SPOT: Prayer Group (Room 251)

Friday, July 19

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Sunday, July 21: Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemonade (Playground)

Thursday, July 25

11pm - SPOT: Busy Needles (Parlor)

Friday, July 26

7am - Men's Weekly Bible Study (Room 251)

Saturday, July 27

10am - Presbyterian Women Conference (FHA&B)

Sunday, July 28: Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

9am - Adult Faith Formation (252, FHB, Parlor)

10am - Service for the Lord's Day (Sanctuary)

Children's Church

11am - 2PK Cookies and Lemonade

Week of July 29-31

5:30pm - 8pm - Summer Music Blast

(volunteer opportunity)

Mission

June Mission of the Month



Monetary donations can also be made, and will be used to purchase food through Dare to Care at a discount.

Clothes Closet Needs:

- summer clothes for men, women, and children
- new or gently used shoes for men, women, and children

Donations can be dropped off in the mission closet



Refugee Update & Closing Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 22nd, members of the refugee committee and others from Second Presbyterian Church gathered at the home of Mteme Lusakanya, and his family. This "closing ceremony" was a chance for us to celebrate Mteme, his wife Sela, and their four children, and recognize their perseverance in overcoming many challenges since their arrival in Kentucky. Joseph Caminiti, of Kentucky Refugee Ministries, led the ceremony in which he thanked our refugee committee for their tireless efforts in helping Mteme and his family acclimate to their new life in America. KRM and the Mteme family are so very grateful to the congregation of Second Pres for their donations of funds, furniture, and clothing. They are especially grateful to the refugee committee for their tireless work, which included teaching the family about our school system and transportation, celebrating the Christmas and Easter holidays with them, addressing medical issues, handling finances and securing adequate housing. Joseph recognized that while the Mteme family is grateful for our support, the committee and others are Second are grateful for our time spent with this lovely family. We know that our lives are enriched by learning more about other cultures, and by expanding our knowledge of the world beyond our own.

So, it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye and good luck to Mteme and his family. We know that their positive attitude and strong work ethic will take them far in their new homeland. While this ceremony ends our formal relationship with the family, we ask that you continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Their journey is sure to be both challenging and rewarding in the months and years ahead!

With gratitude,

The Refugee Committee

Kathy Oyler, Beth Blythe, Chris Ellis, Ritu Furlan, Jill Shiflet











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



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



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



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



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,



Prayer Group

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



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 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.

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.

SPOT: Book Notes

Book Notes will meet at 5:30 pm on June 4th, in the Parlor and on Zoom. All are welcome.

Our book for our June 4th meeting is MIDDLESEX: A NOVEL by Jeffrey Eugenedies published in 2002. The author was awarded the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for this novel.

"I was born twice: first, as a baby girl, on a remarkably smogless Detroit day of January 1960; and then again, as a teenage boy, in an emergency room near Petoskey, Michigan, in August of 1974. . . My birth certificate lists my name as Calliope Helen Stephanides. My most recent driver's license...records my first name simply as Cal."

So begins the breathtaking story of Calliope Stephanides and three generations of the Greek-American Stephanides family who travel from a tiny village overlooking Mount Olympus in Asia Minor to Prohibition-era Detroit, witnessing its glory days as the Motor City, and the race riots of 1967, before they move out to the tree-lined streets of suburban Grosse Pointe, Michigan. To understand why Calliope is not like other girls, she has to uncover a guilty family secret and the astonishing genetic history that turns Callie into Cal, one of the most audacious and wondrous narrators in contemporary fiction. Lyrical and thrilling, Jeffrey Eugenides's Middlesex is an exhilarating reinvention of the American epic.



SAVE THE DATE!

Support Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center at Louisville's Premier Home & Garden Tour! This year's tour features FIVE beautiful gardens and TWO beautiful homes for you to view and peruse at your leisure, and even talk to Master Gardeners!

The Garden Tour is the major fundraiser for the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, a ministry of Second Presbyterian Church. All proceeds benefit the Kilgore Samaritan Fund to provide counseling services to all members of the community regardless of their ability to pay.

BUY TICKETS TODAY at KilgoreGardenTour.org

Presbyterian Women

PW Mid-KY will hold our annual Bible Moderators' Conference led by Rev. Janice Catron on Saturday, July 27th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Second. 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. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Make checks payable to PW Mid-KY and send to: JoAnna Overstreet, 4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 40218. Contact Amy Parker at (502)641-9204 or amyparker158@hotmail.com for information. The conference provides a wonderful opportunity for Bible study and fellowship with Presbyterian Women in our region.

The 2024 Presbyterian Women Worldwide Gathering "Do Everything in Love" will be held in St. Louis, MO, on August 8 – 11. For more information or to register online, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

The Presbyterian Women's Circle at Second meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. from September through May. All women are welcome to attend.

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...

Micheal, Claire, Wilson, Lachlan, and Sylvia Masick on the death of Michael's father, John Joseph Masick, 5/21/24.

The family and friends of Suzanne Whaley on her death, 5/15/24.

Carl Gilford and Stephanie Renner, and Trevor and Sara Gilford, on the death of son, brother, and grandson, Jordan Gilford, 5/12/24.

The family and friends of Sarah Hughes on her death, 5/7/24.

Lynn Gant and her family on the death of husband, Gene March, 5/2/24.

Carol Gray and ther family on the death of her brother, John Belton Taylor, 4/18/24.

Jennifer and Stuart Ferguson, and their children, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise, on the death of Jennifer's mother, Joyce Kneisley, 4/3/24.

Jean O'Brien and her family on the death of her husband, John O'Brien, 3/30/2024

Becky and Amy Peer on the death of mother and grandmother, Jane Spires, 3/7/24

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, June 12 and August 7. 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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