



# March 2018



## Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday—March 25 ~ 8:30a Chapel, 10:50a Sanctuary  
Jamie Monck, Classical Guitar ~ 3p Chapel

Maundy Thursday—March 29 ~ *Service with Communion* ~ 7p Chapel

Good Friday—March 30 ~ 7p Chapel

Easter—April 1 ~ 8:30a Sanctuary, 10:50a Sanctuary

## **Lenten Series on Life and Death**

Wednesdays during Lent ~ 5:30-6p - Dinner ~ 6-7p - Program



### **March 7: Being the Body of Christ During Times of Crisis**

Come hear **church members** offer testimonies about the importance of fellowship in the community of faith during times of crisis. In addition to exploring the difference that having a church family can make and the benefits of building relationships, we will also discuss the question, "What do I say in times of tragedy and grief?" Because some of the old clichés can be more hurtful than helpful, we will come away equipped with tangible things to say and do as we seek to be the Body of Christ.

### **March 14: You Can't Schedule It, But You Can Be Ready**

**Rev. Steve Jester** will discuss the "nuts and bolts" issues of how to respond at the time of a death, negotiate the options with a funeral home, and plan for a Service of Witness to the Resurrection. Forms will be available that individuals and families can use in starting to plan their own memorial services.

### **March 21: Planting Seeds that Will Long Outlive Us**

What kind of legacy do you hope to leave? How do you want to be remembered? Certainly our accomplishments and assets are part of our legacy. When we die, our legacy also continues through the love we shared and the life we led. This session will explore how we measure the sum of a person's life, discuss ways we can be remembered and memorialized, and provide inspiration for continuing to become the people we wish (and God intends for us) to become.

Please register for the evenings you plan to attend, so that we can plan for meals. The cost for dinner is \$5.00 per person (or \$15.00 per family). Please register by emailing Ally Condra at [acondra@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:acondra@2ndpreslou.org). Please direct any questions about the program to Melanie Hardison at [hardisonmelanie@gmail.com](mailto:hardisonmelanie@gmail.com).

## Sunday School Classes 9:30a

### Adults:

- *Biblical Studies, Room 252*  
Acton Ostling, Jr.
- *Great Courses, Room 216*  
Scotty and Linda McArthur
- *Living Our Faith, Fellowship Hall B*  
Rev. Dr. Dianne Reistroffer
- *Pathways, Fellowship Hall A*  
Elizabeth Clay
- *Reading the Bible, Chapel*  
Dr. Marty Soards
- *2nd Sunday, Room 251*  
Lee and Vic Baltzell

### Youth:

- *6th and 7th Grades, Room 171*  
Jill Shiflet, Kelly Gant, Beth Blythe, Laura Edwards
- *8th Grade Confirmation, Room 166*  
Susan Snyder and Scott Carothers
- *9th—12th Grades, Room 168*  
John McCarthy, Todd Smith, Tricia Wainscott, Nathan Sautter
- *Confirmation Parents, Room 170*  
Sallie Cunningham

### Children:

- *18m to Two Year Olds, Room 120*
- *3 Year Olds through Kindergarten, Room 149*  
Donna and Mark Church  
Nonee Logan and Patti Ogden  
John and Bonnie Stone  
Whitney Watt and Susan Carpenter
- *1st through 3rd Grades, Room 151*  
Francis Scholtz and Betsy Reuther  
Bryan and Cathy Russell  
Brian and Amanda Hayden  
Terry Wells and Melinda Mast
- *4th and 5th Grades, Room 172*  
Susan Irving and Emily Lawrence  
Maggie Faurest and Jean Groskreutz  
TJ and Kristen Rogers  
Martha Nichols and Eric Peccue

# reflections

*“When Jesus saw the sick man lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’” (John 5:6)*

Dear Friends,

A number of years ago a friend introduced me to Louise Penny, author of a series of murder mysteries set in the Canadian province of Quebec. Her main character is Chief Inspector Armand Gamache who is himself a mystery, a multi-layered, complex individual. Since then I have read every one of Penny’s novels, finding in them not just quality entertainment, but wisdom for living.

In one of the books Gamache is in conversation with a colleague about the ingredients of a life of integrity. Penny puts on his lips a kind of creed I have shared previously with this congregation in sermon and conversation: a life of integrity involves being able to say, and to live out, “I’m sorry, I was wrong, I don’t know, I need help.” That statement, along with other clues scattered throughout her work, made me wonder if Ms. Penny is intimately familiar with twelve-step programs, perhaps in recovery herself. An interview I watched online confirmed that suspicion and made me respect her even more.

Though I am not addicted to alcohol or other drugs and do not come from parents with that disease, many of you are aware that the twelve-step approach to life and recovery, the twelve-step spirituality, if you will, has been powerfully

influential in shaping my understanding of the Christian life. I’m not sure why that is, but something about it rings wise and true.

Gamache’s “I need help” touches me personally. Many of us who are high-achieving, responsible types live with the illness-inducing illusion that we can, even must, make it on our own, solve our own problems, fix those around us, and transform the world through force of will and competence. It seems silly reading such audacity and it might be amusing if it weren’t so dangerous and destructive. The genius of AA, and even more the gospel of Jesus Christ, is that to be whole we must recognize and accept that the power of evil and our internal darkness is too big for us, too strong for us, to handle on our own. Only the grace of God in Jesus Christ, and the expression of that grace through those around us, can set us free from our compulsions and make us well.

Jesus asks the sick man if he wants to be made well. I believe he asks you and me the same question. Lent is traditionally a time to give up something we value as an act of discipline and commitment. But Lent is also a time to take on a discipline. For me, this Lent, I’m focusing on saying to my brothers and sisters in faith and to the God who calls and loves me, in various ways, “I need help.” How about you?

Grace and peace,

Steve



March 1, 2018

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We thank everyone for their patience this year as we worked diligently to get our new website launched.

We hope you enjoy the convenience of our site!



## **RESTORE ME TO LIBERTY Concert Series Event a Success!**

A crowd of 225 gathered on February 11 to witness a beautiful offering in our second Concert Series event. Our Sanctuary Choir, Octet, Paula Roberts on organ, and the amazing NouLou Chamber Players were all masterful. Special thanks to Pastor Steve Jester for his remarkable insights into Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and to our Concert and Music committees for tireless work for the day to go so smoothly, including ushering and a lovely reception. Bravo tutti!



### **Lenten Recital ~ March 25, 3p**



The Music Ministry is pleased to welcome Jamie Monck, classical guitarist, in recital on Sunday, March 25 at 3p in the Chapel. Jamie is a familiar face to us at Second, and will share music by composers Ponce, Rodrigo, Giuliani and Bach.

Despite being raised in Lexington, classical guitarist Jamie affectionately considers Louisville his home. Jamie graduated in May 2017 from the University of Louisville, completing his degree with High Honors. He is now pursuing his Master's at the New England Conservatory where he is in the studio of Eliot Fisk. In his free time Jamie can be found admiring the beautiful dogs of Boston or watching too much soccer.

### **Easter Lilies**

Easter lilies are being offered to members who wish to honor/remember individuals. The cost is \$20. Please complete this order form and make your check out to Second Presbyterian Church (specify *Easter flowers*). Leave the form and check in Denise's mailbox in the office reception area; or, you may mail it to Second Presbyterian Church, Attention Denise, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 23.

Please print clearly.

Name of donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one)

*Don't forget to pick up your lily after the 10:50a Easter service.*





## Refugee Sponsorship Update



Next Thursday, Feb. 22, we will welcome a young woman from Republic of Congo, Genereuse Ndora. This is happening quickly. Though we had expected a family, this experience will be a wonderful way to get back into the co-sponsorship business. She was born August 30, 1996, and speaks "some" English according to her file. She also speaks good French, Kirundi, and Kiswahili. She has a distant cousin here in the States who lives in the area, though she won't be living with him. She has already been allocated an apartment. As soon as KRM has keys to the apartment, we can get started setting it up. At that time, we'll ask for help with moving and setup. All incoming information will be shared with you immediately. Thanks for being so supportive!

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## Mission of the Month for March



United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) is a community ministry sponsored by 19 churches/religious institutions, businesses, and individuals within Crescent Hill, Clifton, Clifton Heights, and Butchertown for the purpose of providing vital social services to these communities and beyond.

For the month of March we are asking for donations of the following items: canned vegetables & fruit, shelf staple milk, low sugar cereal, dry pasta and spaghetti sauce

Please bring all donations to the mission office, room 245.

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## Second Presbyterian Church is Celebrate Freedom Award Recipient

Second Presbyterian is recipient of the Celebrate Freedom Award from The Healing Place. This is the highest honor given by The Healing Place to those who go above and beyond to further the mission of reaching men and women suffering addiction, providing the tools for recovery, and restoring productive lives. Previous award winners include Louisville Metro Council in 2016 and Dare to Care in 2017. Thanks to all those from our congregation who have given so much to make this award possible.

## One Great Hour of Sharing—Sharing Resources and Changing Lives

Through this longstanding, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love by giving to ministries that provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

32% Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)

Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.

36% Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program)

Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

32% Partnering in Progress (Self-Development of People)

Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

*The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 1.*

# Children and Tweens

Tweens (4th & 5th)

Meet at Lakeside for pizza & swimming!

Friday, March 16th

6—8:45p

2010 Trevilian Way



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held for all children through 5th grade on March 25. It will be held on the playground after the 10:50a worship service. Children and parents please gather outside the playground gate until all children have arrived. The hunt will be moved to the Great Hall in the event of inclement weather.

Please bring one dozen filled eggs for each participating child. Eggs may be filled with individually wrapped candy, stickers or small toys. Eggs may be placed in the children's resource room off of the Narthex prior to the 1050a worship service.



Children ages 3 through 5th grades are welcome to participate in the palm-waving procession into the sanctuary during the 10:50a service on March 25. Meet in the Narthex at 10:45a to receive your palm and participate.

## Summertime

Registration begins April 15th

### Smiley Camp

9a-2p

June 18-22

June 25-29



### VBS—Shipwrecked

3 years-completed 3rd grade

9a-12p

July 9-13



### Project Serve

Completed 4th & 5th grades

9A-12p

July 9-13



## 2PY

### 2 PY Upcoming Events for March

March 5 and 19 ~ Girls' Bible Study  
Heine Brothers at Holiday Manor

Tuesday, March 13 ~ last Open Gym

Sunday, March 18 ~ Confirmation Sunday

Uspiritus for March ~ Service Project  
March 18  
4:30—6p  
Meet at 11103 Park Road



Uspiritus

# PRESBYTERIAN UNION

A monthly discussion group sponsored by Second Presbyterian and Highland Presbyterian Churches

Speaker: Dr. Jason Abbott

Topic: Insights and Observations on North Korea

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

When: Tuesday, March 6, at 11:30a

Lunch: Buffet salad and entree, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$16 including gratuity; please pay at the door by cash or check

RSVP: Please contact Ann or Ivan Schell at [adschell@bellsouth.net](mailto:adschell@bellsouth.net) or 894-8440 by Monday, March 5.



## ***SESSION HIGHLIGHTS***

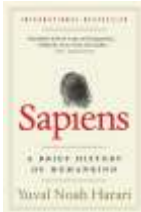
At the February 15, 2018, stated session meeting, the Session:

- Received the Minister's Report, Staff Reports, Committee Reports, the Clerk's Report, and the January Financial Report;
- Welcomed the Ruling Elder Class of 2021;
- Approved a motion to adopt the Ministry Action Plan for 2018 as recommended by the Finance Committee;
- Approved a motion to waive the self-payment of \$21,700 for one year, thereby extending the full re-payment of the loan over a ten year period rather than the original nine years.
- Approved a motion to fund the 2017 deficiency of income over expenses with unrestricted investments in the amount of \$75,577;
- Received an update regarding the Church Directory, and a report from the Membership Roll Task Group;
- Elected Scott Carothers, Susan Ochs, Joy Sautter, Bill Stites and Tom Tyrrell commissioners to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery for a term of one year;
- Elected the following officers of the church for a term of one year:
  1. Church Treasurer—Charles Bond
  2. Church Assistant Treasurer—Dan Russell
  3. Clerk of Session—Sandy Bailey
- Approved a motion to change the date from Sunday, April 1, 2018, to Sunday, April 8, 2018, for the service of Holy Communion at the 8:30a and the 10:50a worship services;
- Approved a motion to elect Todd Smith as a member of the Personnel Committee;
- Received a review from the Personnel Committee regarding compensation for staff members;
- Received an update from the Mission Committee regarding the refugee project;
- Approved a motion to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during worship services on Sunday, April 1, 2018; and
- Received a report regarding the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery meeting of February 10, 2018.

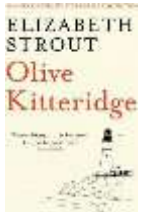


Second Presbyterian Options Together, known as SPOT, is an intentional group of people who share a common interest or cause meet together to deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.

Book Notes	Tuesday 3/6 at 10a—off site	Jean O'Brien 897-0950 or jeanobrien502@gmail.com
Busy Needles	Sunday, 3/4 at 12p—Parlor Tuesday, 3/12 at 10a—Parlor Thursday, 3/22 at 11a—Parlor	Mary Ayers 429-3415 marywayers@aol.com & Bev Wahl 423-9271 bevwahl41@gmail.com
Dinner Groups	Meet throughout the year	Debbie Kelsey debbiehkelsey@me.com
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Fridays 7a Room 251	John Mulder 896-4787 johnmulder1111@gmail.com
Painting	Thursdays 1p Youth Suite	Linda Watson 895-2233 or lindamosswatson@gmail.com
Pilates	Mondays 5:30p & Thursdays 5:30p Narthex \$10/class	Susan Schmidt 523-5934 or puremovementlv@gmail.com
Prayer Group	Wednesdays 10a Parlor	Lisa Robeck 895-3483 or lrobeck@2ndpreslou.org
2nd Act	Every Wednesday 10a—Choir Room	Susan Langford 897-3789 or toursplus@aol.com
Sisters in Spirit	3/13 at 7p—meetings are held in the home of a group member	Jennifer Scott jscott@cabbagepatch.org
Walkers	9a - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month	Sandy Bailey sdb1247@gmail.com



On Tuesday, March 6, Larry Sloan will lead our discussion of Yuval Noah Harari's excellent book, *Sapiens*. Covering all aspects of our human history, Professor Harari discusses the "Revolutions" that have affected humans, and contends that Homo Sapiens were so successful because they believed in shared fictions, the bond that made communities work. A fascinating, stunning perspective of our evolution, to be sure!



The book for April 3 will be *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, chosen by Sharon Stern..



Second Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at the church for Bible study and fellowship at 10:30a on Tuesday, March 13 in Room 251. All women are welcome to join us for our monthly friendship and Bible study circle.



Sisters in Spirit will meet on March 13 at the home of Kitty deVoogd to enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help them grow in their everyday faith.

## Second Act News

# America on Broadway

Second Act is on the road entertaining nursing/senior living facilities with a new program called "America on Broadway" created and led by Kay Dawn McFarland, the new director of our group. We would like to share a thank you note we received from Louisville East following a recent visit.

*Dear Second Act Singers,*

*WOW! Thank you so much for the fabulous performance you presented on Wednesday, January 31 at Louisville East. Your love of music and entertaining was reflected in your spirit and enthusiasm! The music and memories were amazing. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us! See you next time!*

*Much appreciated,*

*Angela Bailey*

*And the residents of Louisville East*



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# passages

## We remember in prayer ...

Karen Hadley and family on the death of her father, James Warren Hadley,  
1/31.

Delise (Dee Dee) Bilharz Campbell, Brian and Amanda Hayden and family  
on the death of their sister and aunt, Leslie Bilharz Nouri, 12/26.