

April 2018



Dear Friends,

How do we speak of the resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection life God promises to us? It is something completely new and unprecedented, something far beyond what we could ever imagine or expect. The claim that the all-powerful love of God takes what is truly dead and hopeless and creates a new and eternal life is baffling, even mind-blowing!

The Gospel writers struggle to find adequate words to proclaim this transformative news. Each of the four Gospels contain the basic story, but each writer puts his own particular stamp on the narrative. We have been preaching through the Gospel of John all winter and it is John's version of the Easter story that

will guide proclamation on Easter Sunday. It is John's version that is, perhaps, most beloved, containing the scene of Mary in the garden weeping, not recognizing the risen Jesus until he calls her name. John, who emphasizes our relationship with the risen Christ throughout his Gospel, ends with this and several other stories proclaiming a continuing relationship with God in Christ that not even death can disrupt!

On Easter Sunday, I look forward to sharing with you the earth-shaking, life-changing news: "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

Grace and peace,

Steve

*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*



sharing resources. 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 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.

SECOND THOUGHTS

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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
- *9th—12th Grades, Room 168*
John McCarthy, Todd Smith, Tricia Wainscott, Nathan Sautter

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

Thank you for your support to United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM). You are a compassionate, generous, and steadfast congregation, and you have been and continue to be a tremendous partner and advocate for our mission of serving our neighbors in need and building a better community. I am grateful for the privilege to be a part of your vast missional efforts.

UCHM has three focus areas. First, emergency assistance is provided to individuals and families in our service area through financial help. We seek to prevent homelessness by assisting with rental funds, utility funds to prevent disruption of service or re-connect services in the home, prescription assistance for medications for individuals, and other various financial assistance needs. UCHM provides emergency food assistance to those who simply cannot make ends meet and need to provide food for themselves or their families.

The second program area targets individuals who are 60 and over. UCHM partners with KIPDA and Louisville Metro Community Services' Senior Nutrition Program to offer Meals on Wheels to homebound residents or those unable to cook for themselves. In addition to the Meals on Wheels, each week-day UCHM provides a meal on-site for individuals interested in participating in

community and gathering for a congregational meal. UCHM has education programs, exercise, and other opportunities to build community.

The third program is our youth program now called United Learning. UCHM offers after-school programs and a six-week summer camp. United Learning has been reshaped to be an enrichment focused program to enhance and develop youth. The after-school program has Orff instrument lessons, yoga, reading, drama, and STEM activities. The summer camp will be six weeks from 9am to 4pm and is themed each week from STEM camp for girls to reading to visual arts to cooking healthy.

Your support through volunteering your time, donating food to our pantry, and providing monetary donations allows us to serve our vulnerable neighbors. Thank you for all you do for those in need and please feel free to contact me at mhowell@uchmlouky.org or 502-893-0346 if you need more information or would like to be involved at UCHM. Our website is www.uchmlouky.org if you want to see more about programming or to volunteer.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Mark Howell



Library/Coffee Room News

While you drink coffee and visit, notice that the books in the library have been rearranged. A map is provided on the periodical stand. You will find the books in an order that indicates how we now use our collection.

Check out books by filling out the cards in the back of the books and dropping them in the basket at the librarian's station. The books are due two weeks after they are checked out.





For the first time in many years, the Session of Second has formed a committee tasked with reviewing and updating the church's membership rolls. If during this time you receive a card asking you to update your information, please complete it and return it to the church. For most members, we have up to date information so not every member will receive a card. This review should be complete by early summer. Beginning this fall, church information and emails such as Second Thoughts and Seconds to Go will be sent only to church members on the revised church rolls. Should you experience an interruption in church information that you receive and you would like to be returned to our church rolls, please contact Ally Condra in the church office at acondra@2ndpreslou.org or 895-3483.

Session Highlights:

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

Examined the 17 members of the 2018 Confirmation Class and received them into the membership of Second Presbyterian Church;

Examined seven members of the newly elected Board of Deacons and approved a motion to ordain and install them into active service during the 10:50a worship service on March 25, 2018;

Received the Minister's Report, Staff Reports, Committee Reports, the Clerk's Report, and the February Financial Report;

Received a report from the Church Membership Roll Task Group;

Received an update regarding the Church Directory; and

Reviewed a list of committee assignments for ruling elders in active service.

Board of Deacons at Second Presbyterian Church

We wish to congratulate the following deacons who were ordained and installed in our worship services on March 25, 2018.

Second Presbyterian Church is starting a Board of Deacons in order to improve our capacity to provide connection, care and companionship to our members. Similar to elders, deacons are elected by the congregation and ordained to office. The primary function of Deacons is to be attentive to significant occurrences in the lives of our members (births, deaths, illnesses, job changes, home moves, extended absences from church, etc.) and to identify how the church can support our people during these seasons of life. Each deacon will serve approximately 30 families grouped by geographical proximity. These families will be invited to support one another in times of joy and need. Additionally, the deacons will identify and recommend ways in which our congregation can reach out to the larger community around us with Christ's love.

Within the next couple of months, you will be hearing from your deacon. Take that time to ask questions, voice concerns and to make a new friend at the church. They're responsibility lies with the congregation—to help celebrate the good when there is occasion and to offer support in times of need.

Marybeth Beard	Jean Groskreutz	Nora Moloney	Beth Scinta
Robyn Carsten-Kane	Bob Horton	Cindy Nutt	Susan Snyder
Tim Clark	Nancy Hubbard	Rosemay Palmer-Ball	Emily Willingham
Rebekah Davis	Lindsey Hundley	Mark Reynolds	
Stan deVoogd	Debbie Kelsey	TJ Rogers	<u>Youth Deacons:</u>
Bruce Dudley	Todd Lyles	Jane Roth	Mary Claire Duncan
Elaine Duncan	Tim Martin	Bryan Russell	Jayla Johnson
LaMar Gaston	Mary Miller	Cheryl Russell	



HYMNODY OF EARTH

MALCOLM DALGLISH

Hammer Dulcimer Player,
Vocalist, Composer

Settings of the poetry of Wendell Berry

with special guest Mary Berry, The Berry Center

Featuring the Choirs of Second Presbyterian

SUN., APRIL 22, 2018 * 3P



Second Presbyterian's final concert of the 2017/18 season is an Earth Day Celebration- **Hymnody of Earth** - featuring **Malcolm Dalglish, members of the Choirs of Second, percussionist John Harris, and Paula Roberts, piano.** *Hymnody of Earth* is a song cycle inspired by the words of Kentucky sage **Wendell Berry.** Our concert will feature a portion of the nearly 90 commissioned works of Mr. Dalglish for the cycle. Our special guests will be **Mary Berry,** of the Berry Center (and daughter of Wendell) and Mrs. Tanya Berry, Wendell's wife. Admission is free – be sure to invite your family and friends for this extraordinary afternoon! For more information, contact Jim Rittenhouse, jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

A Word from Malcolm Dalglish:

Over 25 years ago when the power lines had succumbed to an ice storm in subzero temperatures and while huddled around a fireplace reading Wendell Berry's book of poems entitled *Sabbaths*, I came upon these words:

*Slowly, slowly, they return
To the small woodland let alone:
Great trees, outspreading and upright,
Apostles of the living light.*

The words rose off the page and sang themselves into what has become a life long and ever changing work, ***The Hymnody of Earth.*** The poetry of Kentucky writer Wendell Berry continues to be the inspiration for this living and growing group of songs. For over six decades his writings have given vision to a way we might live in harmony with nature, each other, and a holistic understanding of our deepest connections with the earth that sustains us.

The hammer dulcimer is a singing and dancing drum of strings which informs the way I put together songs with a physicality in which words play through the mouth, movement and the imagination. Folk music does this. These Wendell Berry poems do the same. It is a great joy to bring words of such resonance into song and into this community. Wendell once said "words remember song." These songs are a way to remember his words.

Sanctuary Choir Presents at Regional Conference – Kudos!

The Sanctuary Choir represented Second Presbyterian Church and the Louisville area in being one of three featured choirs at the Southeast Regional Conference of the American Choral Directors Association for its Worship and Music event. ACDA is the premier professional organization for choral music in the US, and is comprised of choral conductors, professionals, and scholars throughout the world. Our choir worked long hours in rehearsal over several weeks, and especially on Wed., Feb. 21 and Thurs., Feb. 22 at the Cathedral of the Assumption, where

we presented individual anthems, and joined the other choirs in mass singing of special worship music. Paula Roberts was featured on one of our anthems as accompanist, and was key in our preparation for this prestigious event. Our Choir sang masterfully, and many in attendance made a special effort to let us know how much they appreciated our music, our commitment and our choral sound. I hope you will also thank them for their dedication, not only for this event, but for their work each week.

Humbly, Jim Rittenhouse

Children's Choir Celebration Wednesday, April 18 – 5:15p

We have had a wonderful year, with new experiences and great choirs and leaders – this will be a wonderful time to hear their music, celebrate achievements, and recognize those who go on to new choirs next year!

The program is at 5:15p in the Chapel, and the meal at 5:45p in Fellowship Hall. Children in the choirs are asked to gather at 5p for warm-up. The meal is complimentary for singers and parents. All others, \$5 adults/\$2 children. **Everyone** needs to RSVP to Ally by calling the church, or contact her at aconda@2ndpreslou.org no later than Monday, April 16.

Weekday School News

Our Annual Grandparents Day(s) brought over 300 grandparents to the Weekday School to share in the day of their 3, 4, 5 or 6 year old grandchild. The visiting relatives filled Fellowship Hall and listened to Director Lisa Warner focus on two areas.

Lisa discussed the book “Have you Filled a Bucket Today?” by Carol McCloud , and how we can be “bucket fillers”. This concept was first introduced in the 1990’s when an expert in infant brain research said it was helpful to think of every infant as being born with an “invisible bucket” (the bucket representing mental and emotional health). ***It is our job as parents, grandparents, and teachers to fill a child’s bucket - - when you hold, nurture, sing, play, read, provide attention...you fill your child’s bucket!***



Lisa emphasized the importance of exposing children to more nature to counteract “nature deficit disorders” and the brain research evidence that points to the overuse of screen time (TV, smart phones and iPads) as a major contributing factor. Grandparents Tammy and Greg Coats challenged the group to help the school meet its goal of refurbishing the existing outdoor classrooms . The current space needs to be upgraded to meet health and safety standards , and align more with best educational practices and national standards. Grandparents donated close to \$3,000 to move us closer to the outdoor classroom/playground of our dreams!

After spending time in the class rooms, we wrapped up the day with Chapel time. Pastor Steve, Lori and Paula used the theme of bucket fillers as it related to the New Beginnings of the Easter season.

All spiritual life begins with a sense of wonder, and nature is a window into that wonder.

Richard Louv, 2008

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30a Worship 9:30a Congregation Continental Breakfast 10:50a Worship	2 Office Closed 4p Presbytery COM	3 10a BookNotes 11:30a Pres Union 12:45p Golden Bells 2p Staff Meeting 4p Property Cmte 5:30p Personnel Cmte 6:30p Deacon Mtg	4 9a SPOT Walkers 10a SPOT Prayer Group 11:30 2nd Act @ Oak- lawn Health & Rehab Center 5p Stewardship Mtg 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5 8a Finance Committee 1p Paint SPOT 5:30p Pilates	6 7a Men's Bible Study SPOT	7
8 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:50a Worship 12p SPOT Busy Nee- dles 12:15p Youth Choir	9 1p Monday Afternoon Club 5p Music Cmte 5:30p Pilates	10 10:30a PW Circle 12:45p Golden Bells 2p Staff Meeting 7p Austin Memorial Bell Choir 7p Building Hope	11 10a SPOT Prayer Group 11a Second Act @ Altenheim 5p Children's Choirs Supper 5:30p Cherub Choir 5:30p Chapel Choir 5:30p Carol Choir 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12 1p Paint SPOT 5:30p Pilates SPOT 6p Session 6:30p City of Rolling Fields	13 7a Men's Bible Study SPOT	14
15 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:50a Worship 12p Children's Teach- ers Meeting 12:15p Youth Choir	16 10a SPOT Busy Nee- dles 5:30p Pilates	17 10a Stephen Ministry Supervision Group 12:45p Golden Bells 2p Staff Meeting 4:30p Adult Ed Cmte 5:30p Children's Min- istry Team 7p Austin Memorial Bell Choir	18 9a-SPOT Walkers 10a SPOT Prayer Group 10:30a 2nd Act @ Christian Care Health Center 1p Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries 5:15p Children's Choirs Celebration Program 5:45p Children's Choirs Celebration Dinner 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	19 1p Paint SPOT 5:30p Pilates SPOT	20 7a Men's Bible Study SPOT	21 Pathways Retreat 8a Rehearsal for Con- cert Series
22 8a Senior Breakfast 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:50a Worship 12:15p Youth Choir 3p Concert Series 4:30p Reception for Concert Series	23 5:30p Pilates 7p Youth Committee	24 12:45p Golden Bells 2p Staff Meeting 7p Austin Memorial Bells	25 10a SPOT Prayer Group 5p Children's Choirs 7p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	26 11a SPOT Busy Nee- dles 1p Paint SPOT 5:30p Pilates SPOT	27 7a Men's Bible Study SPOT	28
29 8a 2PY Carwash 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:50a Worship 12:15p Youth Choir	30 5:30pm Pilates					

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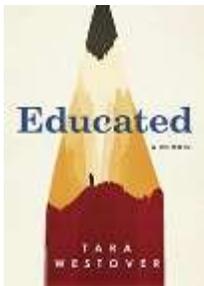




Second Presbyterian Options Together, known as SPOT, is an intentional group of people who share a common interest or cause meet together to deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.

Book Notes	Tuesday 4/3 at 10a—Parlor	Jean O'Brien 897-0950 or jeanobrien502@gmail.com
Busy Needles	Sunday, 4/8 at 12p—Parlor	Mary Ayers 429-3415 marywayers@aol.com & Bev Wahl 423-9271 bevwahl41@gmail.com
	Monday, 4/16 at 10a—Parlor	
	Thursday, 4/26 at 11a—Parlor	
Dinner Groups	Meet throughout the year	Debbie Kelsey debbiekelsey@me.com
Men's Bible Study	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 puremovementvl@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	4/10 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

Book Notes—



Our book for the April 3 meeting is Educated by Tara Westover. Sharon Stern chose this story of a courageous young girl who was raised in the beautiful mountains of Idaho, by survivalist, anti-government parents. She suffered abuse from her father and brother, was denied an education or medical care and forced to work with siblings in a dangerous environment. A complicit mother added to the dysfunction of the family and undermined her hopes and self-worth. Yet, this young woman leaves and ultimately earns a PhD from Cambridge University. Her story will amaze you!

For May, we are anticipating a surprise from Betsy Tyrrell and Glenda Neely, more on that next month.

We support UCHM food closet.



Sisters in Spirit will meet on April 10 at the home of Diana Jester to enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help them grow in their everyday faith.



Second Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, April 10th at 10 a.m. for coffee & fellowship and at 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study.

Our lesson will be "In Community with the Household of Faith". The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women "Arise, shine, your light has come!" will be held at the Galt House, Louisville, on August 2 - 5.

Our faith gathering will provide opportunities to hear inspiring speakers, study ways to live out our faith, build friendships, and much more. Additional information is available and reservations are open on line, with daily options included, at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. (Register by May 1st for a reduced rate.)



Kilgore Town and Country Garden Tour



MAY 19 and 20, 2018
10a to 5p—Rain or Shine

The 2018 Tour expands our boundaries into new territories. Extending from Indian Hills to Prospect, to Crestwood, Persimmon Ridge and East Middletown, lovely gardens await our patrons.

Garry and Cindy Harris will share their Northwind Road home and garden. A great deal of effort by Garry has gone into the hillside garden, complete with pond and sculpture by Mary Dennis Kannapel. Inside renovation includes a fabulous closet for the traveler, and a University of Kentucky room full of memorabilia.

In Prospect, tour the 1861 home of David Power and Bruce Hardy on Covered Bridge Road. Original Olmsted gardens have been restored, as well as the home which has been loved by several prominent Louisville families.

The Breeden home in Crestwood has been designated a National Wildlife Habitat since 2002. Gardens surround the home and include a tea house built by the owner. Guests will

enjoy the koi pond, chicken coop, and Robert's antique cars!

The "Tee" garden bordering the golf course at Persimmon Ridge makes fabulous use of its surroundings. Terry and Gary Burkhead have added a large variety of blooming trees and annuals to their choices of garden sculpture by local artists, along with several pieces of decorative iron work.

A 1-1/2 acre quarry lake, highlighted by a fleur-de-lis fountain and two waterfalls will greet guests on South English Station Road in East Middletown.

"Monet's garden" inspired the bridge to multiple walking paths, and seating areas surrounded by native plants.

Tickets for the tour are \$30 and will be on sale in April in the church office as well as between services.

Be sure to buy a raffle ticket for a one-week stay in a condo on Sanibel Island. Tickets are \$25.

All proceeds of the tour go to the Kilgore Counseling Center Samaritan Fund to provide scholarships for those unable to pay the full fee of counseling.

Kilgore Korner

Barry Winstead M.Div., M.A., LMFT
Clinical Director, Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center

First, Kilgore would like to extend a big **"THANK YOU"** to all involved in our recent endeavor into new fundraising territory through our first ever style show. It was a sold out success! However, I'm told the fashion world was just not prepared for the new talent discovered in Pastor Steve Jester, and designers are scrambling to have him wear their clothes. Good luck to Steve in managing the demands of being a Pastor/Model!

Resilience

What is a healthy family and what makes them able to withstand disruptive life challenges? A tough question with a lot of complexities and layers, but one I believe worth asking ourselves and one another as we strive to be healthy and create healthy communities. Froma Walsh, a professor at the University of Chicago, focuses on the subject of family resilience, and has some important findings to offer us. Over the next few months I will be unpacking some of what she has discovered.

For this issue, I would simply like to introduce you to the three domains she has identified as "Key Processes in Family Resilience," and let you chew on them a bit before we unpack them one at time in subsequent issues. The first is a shared system of beliefs that characterizes how people in the family make sense of the world and adversity. The second key process involves organizational patterns such as how close, supportive, or distant people feel towards one another and their extended family and the larger community. Lastly, the process of communication and problem-solving involves how effective, meaningful, and efficient communication and problem-solving is in the family.

Clearly there is more to be said, and I hope I have at least stimulated your appetite to learn more. On a more concrete day-to-day level we engage in these key processes with families every day here at Kilgore, and it is your support that allows us to do so. Thank you for your support of Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center! Feel free to call us at (502) 327-4622, or email me at bwinstead@kilgorecounseling.org for more information or to get connected with help.

Peace, Barry

Mission of the Month for April



“We strive to create an environment in which every person who receives our services feels cared for, safe, empowered, respected, and accepted.”- *Ricky Creech, Buckhorn Children and Family Services (BCFS) President/CEO*

As professionals and concerned citizens, we strive to provide competent, caring treatment, education, and advocacy services to Kentucky’s most at-risk kids. Our campus communities are dedicated to serving kids and strengthening families as they work to overcome a variety of life crises, including chronic and severe abuse and neglect.

Located in the scenic Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky, our residential campuses in Buckhorn and Pine Ridge offer secure, compassionate, and therapeutic communities to our kids. Here they will know that they are someplace safe, different, and special.

BCFS is known for taking on the most challenging kids, building a personalized program that works for each one, and sticking with them all the way through the treatment process. Through our system of evidence-based, trauma-informed care, the staff at BCFS assists the child/youth and families in rebuilding their lives. At BCFS, we are dedicated to providing our clients the very best treatment, education, and services that are child-centered, family-focused, and community-based.

Please bring donated items needed to the church Mission office. Financial Donations are accepted as well. Please make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church and note in the Memo line: "For Buckhorn."

White Towels and Washcloths
Twin Sheet Sets
Dish cloths
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Deodorant
Shampoo, Conditioner
Adult Size socks and Underwear
Body Lotion
Journals (without wire spiral)
Pencils

Thank you for your support, your Mission Committee. Contact Larry Sloan (larry.sloan@yahoo.com) or Bev Wahl (bevwahl41@gmail.com) with any questions.

Refugee Project Update



Genevieve Ndora, our young woman refugee from Congo and Burundi, is thriving since her arrival on February 22. She is settled in her apartment and has completed all her legal requirements for settling here under the auspices of Kentucky Refugee Ministry (KRM). Afternoon English classes and future classes at the downtown library will occupy much of her time. Still, there is time for fun and getting to know some of us while enjoying time with a few family members who are in the area.



Some volunteers have had the opportunity to meet and chat with her; more will get that chance soon. A recent meeting to pick her up after classes at KRM afforded us the chance to speak at length with Napoleon, her caseworker. He has great things to say about her grasp of English which promises a faster track toward a job and adaptation in the community than some refugees have. She has completed high school and additional higher courses in Burundi, so the chance to advance here is good. A recent visit to her apartment was filled with laughter, snacks and shared family stories.

She is anxious to learn about Louisville. We would like to plan visits around town to give her a taste of this exciting city. The Zoo, the Big Four Bridge, Churchill Downs and the Derby Museum, Speed Museum, and other ideas are being explored. Some will be more fun to visit on warmer days, but we hope to get some of this underway soon. She also looks forward to meeting more of us by visiting our worship services. Updates about plans will be sent to our list of volunteers and will be in Seconds to Go. If you wish to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Chris Ellis at chriscellis215@aol.com

Thanks, Second, for making this project possible. Your time and patience with changing plans and schedules are much appreciated. Enjoy this adventure!

Refugee Committee/Mission Committee



Children and Tweens

The Power of Play-Lucy Roth *Director of Smiley Camp & Preschool VBS*

It's easy to see that parents are always striving to provide and offer the best for their children. Ultimately, they want their children to do well in school, get good grades, end up successful and happy. How do we do this. How do we provide our children with the best opportunities to grow and develop to their full potential? Quite simply. We let them play.

Research shows that in a child's first few years their brain will develop faster than any other time in their life—forming more than one million new brain connections every second. This is an extremely critical time period, full of no ordinary moments! Children are constantly taking in new experiences and learning through their daily interactions. While cognitive development is certainly important, the emotional and social abilities of children offer the foundations for development. Through play,

children are able to strengthen these skills.

As a 3's teacher at 2nd Pres Weekday School, I see firsthand the growth potential of learning through play as children are challenged to problem solve, think creatively, and collaborate. They learn how to translate experiences into information they can use to regulate their thoughts, emotions and behaviors. They get dirty and excited about the wonders around them, eager to discover and learn. This is what we should be providing our kids, the chance to be kids!

With summer quickly approaching, Smiley Camp and Vacation Bible School are just around the corner. Give your children the opportunities to play, learn, and grow in faith alongside their friends at these fun summer day camps. After all, we do want to do what's best for them, right?



SMILEY CAMP
June 18-22, June 25-29
9a-2p 3-6 Years



SHIPWRECKED VBS
July 9—13 9a-12p
(Potty-trained 3's—completed 3rd grade)



PROJECT SERVE
July 9—13 9a-12P
(Completed 4th & 5th grades)

Online registration begins April 15 ~ www.2ndpreslou.org

Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?



Everyone benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care benefit from the prayers and support they receive during the crisis they face through one-on-one Christian Care. The Stephen Ministers themselves benefit through the spiritual growth they receive from a meaningful ministry they feel called to serve. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at Second Pres is expanded and more members receive the one-on-one care they may need.

A Stephen Minister receives 50+ hours of training to equip them to be a listening ear of Christian care. They are lay volunteers, not professional counselors, therapists, pastors or physicians. They will walk beside you through a tough time.

The Stephen Leader Team of Second is looking to identify members who may feel God's calling to this special work. We have already received some applicants and will begin training (hopefully this Spring) as soon as we have enough people to establish a successful training class. If you have questions or need more info, please contact Frank Parker, 897-5076 or Ruth Fitzwater, 327-8556. We encourage you to give this prayerful consideration.



Student Sightings

Confirmands and Mentors

Youth Ministry at 2nd

HS MONTREAT
Final Balance
Due April 1st

New Financial Policies
 2017-2018

If final payment is made after the final due date, (April 1, 2018) the cost of the trip increases \$100.00. No refunds will be issued after the balance due date.

April

April 1 No Cafe 917:
 Happy Easter!

April 8 No Cafe 917:
 Spring Break

April 15 Cafe 917
 Uspiritus 4:30-6pm
 Meet at Bellewood

April 22 Final Cafe 917
 Senior Recognition
 Senior Breakfast

April 29 Car Wash!
 Anyone attending
 Montreat is required
 to help

May

May 7 No Cafe 917
 See you in August!

May 20 Uspiritus 4:30-6pm
 Meet at Bellewood



MS Basketball Team



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We remember in prayer ...

Melissa Gernert and family on the death of her mother, Suzanne Turney,
3/12.

Allison Collins and family on the death of her grandmother, Eleanor
Simpson Smith, 3/4

Lisa Robeck and family on the death of her grandfather, Frank Wiesner,
3/1.