

April 2019

FROM LAMENT TO LIFE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday ~ April 14 8:30 a.m. - Chapel 10:50 a.m. - Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday ~ April 18 7 p.m. - Chapel

Good Friday ~ April 19 7 p.m. - Chapel Pre-service Organ Music - 6:45 p.m.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary

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Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m.

Adults:

- *Biblical Studies, Room 252* Acton Ostling, Jr.
- **Pathways, Fellowship Hall A** Elizabeth Clay
- Christianity Today, Room 170
 Rev. Nathan Sautter and
 Rev. Steve Jester
- *Reading the Bible, Chapel* Dr. Marty Soards
- 2nd Sunday, Room 251 Lee and Vic Baltzell

Youth:

- 6th and 7th Grades, Room 171
 Jill Shiflet, Chris Parks and
 Patrick Farnan
- 8th Grade Confirmation, Room 166 Scott Carothers and Kathleen Mayfield
- 9th 12th Grades, Room 168 John McCarthy, Todd Smith and Tricia Wainscott
- Confirmation Parents, Room 240
 Sallie Cunningham

Sunday Children's Ministry

Childcare:

- Infant to Two Years Old, Room 117 (8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
- 3 years through 5th grade, Room 179 (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.)

Children:

10:50 a.m. - 12 p.m. Begin in worship, pick up in classroom.

- *3 through 5 years*, *Room 151* Donna Church, John and Bonnie Stone
- *K through 1st Grade, Room 152* Maggie Faurest and Whitney Watt
- 2nd and 3rd Grades, Room 153
 Patti Ogden
- *4th and 5th Grades, Room 180* Susan Irving and Jean Groskreutz

Reflections

Dear Friends,

In an article I read recently the author quotes an American philosopher who opines, "Religion is an attempt to find meaning in events, not a theory that tries to explain the universe." I might quibble with some of the assumptions of that statement but agree with it in general. My experience is that most of us aren't interested primarily in explanations, having everything figured out, when we worship, pray, read Scripture, or serve others. We're looking for assurance and confidence that all of this somehow makes sense. that there is a purpose and meaning to our lives in a world that often appears random and impersonal.

Nowhere is this more the case than when we confront death. It may be the death of a dream, of a relationship, of a way of life, of a community or organization we love such as a church. Most powerfully, perhaps, our longing for meaning and purpose appears when we confront literal death, of ourselves or of those to whom we are close.

Over the decades I have presided at and participated in several hundred funerals and memorial services. Consistently, there is a difference in tone between those where the family and friends have a significant relationship with the church and those where they have a casual relationship with the

church, or none at all. That's not to say that religious folks suffer less or grieve less. Instead, there is less of a sense of despair, of feeling lost, and more of a sense that there is something beyond and bigger than the pain and loss we feel as we desperately try to hang on to what was.

That something is what we call resurrection life. As we move through Lent toward Easter, it's important to name our particular hope, the trust that doesn't explain but provides meaning and purpose even in the darkest times. The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is the proclamation that love finally is the greatest power of all, triumphing over all other powers - hate, violence, betraval, and death itself. The resurrection of Jesus shouts out that life is the last word, not death, and that even when we declare that we're at a dead end, God can provide a new way. Resurrection life, Easter, is living in the confidence that God's love is sovereign and that our lives and all of creation are held in that loving intention both now and forever.

A blessed Easter to you all, an Easter that isn't only once a year, but guides your feet and lights your path every day!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Steve Jester

Easter Happenings

Easter Sunday, April 21

00

Egg Hunt - 10 am - Outside • Continental Breakfast - 9.45 am - Fellowship Hall B Please bring one dozen filled eggs for each participating child

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 Scinta'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, April 12. Please print clearly.

Name of donor(s):_

In honor/memory of:_ (Circle one)

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

Communications

Communication Committee's

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who filled out our Communications Survey. The responses have been extremely helpful as we work to improve and streamline our communications at Second. We've shared some of the feedback below. Be on the watch over the next few months for changes based on your feedback. 345 MEMBERS 25% filled out the survey

Do you find Seconds to Go, the weekly email sent on Friday, valuable?



How much communication do you feel you receive from Second Presbyterian Church?



Do you find Second Thoughts (monthly newsletter), valuable?



If you are having trouble receiving church communications via mail or email OR if you would like to update how you receive church communications, please contact Ally Condra in the church office at (502) 895-3483 or acondra@2ndpreslou.org.

AND THE WINNERS OF THE AMAZON GIFT CARDS ARE...

Charlie Farnsley Connie Smith Sharon Clark

Contact Ally in the church office to pick up your prize!

Stewardship

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Our financial gifts support Second Presbyterian and the abundant blessings we all experience here. Opportunities for even greater growth and service are rich, if we give generously in gratitude for our church.

Many thanks to the 252 families who have already made a pledge to the 2019 ministry action plan.

Pledges received so far = \$1,086,546.

There are 86 families who pledged in 2018 who have not yet pledged for 2019. There are approximately 200 additional families who have not pledged in 2018 or 2019.

To fully fund all that we need and hope to accomplish in 2019, pledges need to equal at least \$1,300,000.

Per Capita giving is much less than budgeted as our church has only been reimbursed \$5,000 and our payment was \$30,000. As a reminder we are asking each family to reimburse our church \$25 per confirmed member.

If you have never pledged or given systematically, challenge yourself to make that commitment this year and trust God to enable your giving.

If you have not increased your annual gift in a while, try a 3% increase or challenge yourself to put \$10 in the collection plate each Sunday, in addition to your pledge.

Experience the joy and the power of living and giving generously!

You can pledge by returning the pledge card that was mailed to you or by contacting Jacob Hein at 895-3483 or jhein@2ndpreslou.org. You may also give on-line at 2ndpreslou.org/giving. If you will type in the word "pledge" in the box under "specific campaign", it will count as your pledge. If you are making a gift for per confirmed member, please put "per capita reimbursement" in the box.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of our ministers, Jacob, or a member of your Stewardship Committee.

Thank you!



Thank You, Thank You!!!

The Second Party Committee wants to thank all 50+ of you who worked on every aspect of making An Evening in Paris such a fun party. For the more than 260 of you who came, you seemed to enjoy the delicious meal, the camaraderie of friends, the bidding for terrific trips, events, adventures and the many wonderful baskets you took home. The most important aspect was that it brought all of us together. And it was a huge success for funding Second's many projects, missions and bottom line. Thank you for contributing and participating!

Top Photo, taken before a skit (I to r): Martha Pecceu, Larry Sloan, Brad Hume, Sharon Stern, Melinda Mast

Some of those who wrapped baskets (I to r): Susanne Wright, Linda Rudloff, Mary Mulder, Anna Gray Slagle



Congratulations to our Chapel Choir Members Scott Davis, Hadley Dierking, Will Dierking, and Samantha Rogers for singing at the **Chorister's Guild CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL**

March 2, 2019 at Christ Church UMC.



Special thanks to their parents, and to Christina Recktenwald for preparing them!



MARCH MUSIC & WORSHIP ... a gift!







Ash Wednesday, March 6

Austin Bells, March 3



AUSTIN MEMORIAL HANDBELLS Come hear our Austin Handbells!

9:

Handbell Celebration & Mass Ring Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church 2000 Douglass Blvd. in the Highlands

The handbell ensembles from Second Presbyterian Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, and Beargrass Christian Church will lead musical worship, including mass bell pieces, choral/bell pieces, and solo rings.

We would love to see you in the congregation!

CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR CELEBRATION

Second Presbyterian

& AWARDS NIGHT

Wed., April 24, 2019 5:30 p.m. - Program in Chapel 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Everyone Welcome!

Reservations are required for Dinner. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 family cap. Please reserve no later than Manday, April 22 at noon by emailing Denise Scinta at dscinta@2ndpresiou.org, or calling 895-3483, est. 218.

Music at Second Serving Christ with Humility of Heart and Highest Art





Second Presbyterian hosted a near-capacity crowd of more than 500 for the second Concert Series event on March 10. The Choirs of Second Presbyterian and St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal were joined by members of the Louisville Orchestra to present the monumental **A German Requiem** of Johannes Brahms - a collaborative experience that will not soon be forgotten. Dr. James Rightmyer, former Director of Music at Second,

conducted the concert, and was key in this partnership between our churches. Our soprano soloist, Christina Bouras Recktenwald, sang the soaring lines of the 5th movement with elegance, and Jim Rittenhouse sang the deeply meaningful baritone role. We were able to collect more than \$4,000 for the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, our joint ministry with St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church!

We are grateful to so many for making this day happen, including:

- All our concert patrons, including recent and additional contributors:
 Richard and Elizabeth Clay Charles and Diane Gossett Helen Palmer-Ball Martha Rankin Bob and Ann Colbert Wade David and Rose Ann Wagner Kaaren Westlund Martha Dupps
- *St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church Music Ministry for supporting this concert with time and resources.*
- The Mission Committee and Rev. Nathan Sautter for their partnership in connecting our Series and Second's mission.
- The Concert Series Committee for their year-long commitment and support: Bonnie Boram, Jeanne Curtis, Jodie Goldberg, Acton Ostling, Jim Recktenwald, Paula Roberts.
- **b** Lorrie Conway and the Music and Concert Series committees for assistance with our reception.
- *ken Fleming, Executive Director, Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, for assistance with promotion.*
- Maria Miller for photography of the concert, and John Ellis for capturing our dress rehearsal.
- Daniel Gilliam and WUOL 90.5 Classical Music for featuring this concert in their programming.

tuesday, may 21, 2019, 7 p.m. Paul Jacobs, Organist

An extraordinarily expressive performer and an intensely intelligent musician, Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs is helping the King of Instruments retake its rightful place in classical music.

"Paul Jacobs is one of the great living virtuosos he is utterly without artifice" - The Washington Post

Missions



2019 KILGORE GARDEN TOUR

Spring is here, and the committee of the NINETEENTH ANNUAL KILGORE GARDEN TOUR is working hard to make this the best event ever!

We are grateful to those who have chosen to be Sponsors this year. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, a joint ministry of

Second Presbyterian and St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal churches.

The 2019 Garden Tour will include five gardens, with three of the homes open for touring. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, rain or shine. Tickets are \$30. SAVE the DATE cards may be found at the welcome centers, as well as VOLUNTEER cards for anyone wanting to help with this worthy cause. These can be placed in the KILGORE mailbox.

Tour details

26 EASTOVER COURT–Enter by the "2nd oldest ash tree in the country". Bordered by azaleas and hosta, the walk leads to a lovely garden and patio with outdoor fireplace, beautifully designed by the owners.

633 UPLAND ROAD–Discover an amazing cascading water feature and expansive use of native plants at this charming oasis. Notice the elegant exterior architecture, a signature home of Stratton Hammon.

577 UPLAND ROAD*– Designed by Stratton Hammon, this owner literally "wrote the book" on Stratton Hammon homes. He invites us to tour his home, view his unique art collection, as well as the mature shade garden, unique patio and decks surrounding it.

7303 WOLF PEN BRANCH* –This large log home sits on five acres of woodland and open areas with mature native trees. While touring the home, enjoy a view of the woods, wildflowers and creek below, and take time to tour through meandering stone paths with native shade gardens.

10010 HYDRANGEA WAY*–Discover what the imagination of an engineer can accomplish when she designs her own home and gardens. An antique chandelier spans three feet in the sitting room crowned by a tray ceiling painted to look like the night sky.

RAFFLE Prizes include a week in a condo on the beach on Sanibel Island; two cases of table wine, one red and one white; gift set from Steepleton, and many gift cards. Raffle tickets are \$25.

TICKETS will be on sale between services beginning April 28, and at the reception desk during the week. There will be a booth at the Locust Grove Gardener's Fair May 10, 11 and 12.

*These homes are open for touring.

Look us up on the web at: www.kilgoregardentour.org



Missions



April Mission of the Month

2nd Presbyterian is collecting items for the Food Pantry at PACT, a part of Portland Presbyterian Church. Their goal is to provide charitable services that respond to individual and family needs for people in the Portland neighborhood. FYI: Food stamps do not pay for non food items such as dish soap and toilet paper, so there is a great need for these items.



Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dish Soap
Shampoo

Cereal Peanut Butter Canned Fruits Canned Vegetables

*There is always a great need for men's shoes in the PACT Clothes Closet. Donated shoes can be placed in the mission room.

Volunteer Opportunities at UCHM

-Food Pantry Helper: Helping package and directly serving our donated food goods to those in need.

-Meals on Wheels: Help needed in the kitchen preparing the meals for seniors as well as an extra driver to pick up senior citizens who can not make it to lunches and other activities on their own.

-Donations Pick-up: Driver needed on Wednesday mornings to pick up donated food from local supermarkets (Kroger and Lucky's) and bring it back to UCHM for our food pantry.

-Youth Program: More volunteers are always needed in the after school youth program to help supervise and enrich the youth.



If you're interested in volunteering, please contact David Demanget, Community Engagement Coordinator at UCHM at 502-893-0346 or ddemanget@uchmlouky.org.

Missions



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Opportunity to help those in need

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Disaster Relief-U.S. Flooding (DR000191)

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and enables members and congregations to support the PC(USA) response to episodes of flooding within the United States. Funds into this account will help communities overall relief and recovery efforts associated with flooding to include assessments, clean-up efforts, and rebuilding. Your prayers and faithful giving are deeply appreciated.

PDA Giving Options:

Online - https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/# **By check** - please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Easter Mission Opportunity BELLEWOOD CAMPUS CENTERSTONE EASTER EGG HUNT

PM - APRIL 20 - 11103 PARK ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KY

Centerstone (Bellewood Campus) is asking volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. There is also a need for donated eggs stuffed with candy/ small toys for this event.

Please bring donated items to the mission room by Wednesday, April 17th. To volunteer at the Easter Egg Hunt, sign up with Chelsea Beasley at cbeasley2ndpreslou.org or 895-3483.



2nd Act

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Prayer Group Ally Condra acondra@2ndpreslou.org

Walkers

Sandy Bailey sdb1205@bellsouth.net



Book Notes will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, to discuss Candice Millard's third book, Hero of the Empire.

This is an in-depth description of the Boer War in South Africa, with young Winston Churchill as a war correspondent, escaped prisoner of war and ultimately a brave leader, who would use this success in his campaign for Parliament. Beautifully written, and so readable, this is a great choice by Vicki Prince.



Next month will be the acclaimed "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

*We faithfully support the UCHM food closet, a lifesaver for many families.



Sisters in Spirit is a warm, supportive group of ladies who enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help them grow in their everyday faith. The SPOT group is open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. This year our book of study is "Love Does" by Bob Goff.

We hope to see you on April 9 at the home of Ann Fleming, 2000 Camargo Rd, at 7 p.m. Please contact Jeanne Curtis, Jeannecurtis@bellsouth.net, if you have questions.



2nd Act is a growing group of faithful women who are dedicated to the mission of bringing joy through music to those less fortunate than themselves, those who are confined to health care facilities. In 2018, the group presented the program "America on Broadway", a patriotic Broadway tribute to our service men and women at twenty-six facilities from April through November and performed three programs of Christmas music in December. 2019 promises to be even more exciting with the addition of new members to this Second Presbyterian musical mission group.

2nd Act, Choir Room Each Wednesday at 10 a.m.

BookNotes, Parlor Tuesday 2, 10 a.m.

Busy Needles, Parlor Sunday 7, 12 p.m. Monday 15, 10 a.m. Thursday 25, 10 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, Room 251 Each Friday at 7 a.m. **Painting, Youth Suite** Each Thursday at 1 p.m.

Pilates, Room 154 Each Monday at 5 p.m.

Prayer Group, various Each Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Sisters in Spirit, Offsite Tuesday 9, 7 p.m. *Location: Ann Fleming's home 2000 Camargo Road

Walkers, Offsite

Wednesday 3, 9 a.m. Wednesday 17, 9 a.m. *Location varies based on weather



Upcoming Events

Presbyterian Union

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

Speaker: John Koehlinger, Executive Director and selected refugee

Title: From Welcome to the Wall: American Narratives on the Merits of Refugees and Immigrants

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

When: Tuesday, April 2, at 11:30 a.m.

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 by 4 p.m. Monday, April 1 at adschell@bellsouth.net or 894-8440





Second Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet at the church at 10: 30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

This month's lesson is "God with Us as the Holy Spirit" from John 14:1-31. God's ancient promise "I will be with you" became flesh and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ. And now, God's promise of presence comes as the Spirit - the abiding, indwelling, eternal presence of God to the community of God's people. Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus. All women of Second and guests are welcome to join us for our monthly friendship and Bible study circle.

MEMBERSHIP

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, May 5, 12 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor & May 19 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall B

Are you interested in learning more about 2nd church? Would you like to meet more members? Come to the New Member Inquiry Class! RSVP to Ally at 895-3483 or acondra@2ndpreslou.org

Upcoming Events

sunday, may 19 Car Wash

All proceeds go to Montreat Youth Trip and Costa Rica Mission Trip

> SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Food Network Star Chris Cakes! Food Network Star Chris Pancake Toss Guinness World Record Holder for Pancake Toss PANCAKES & PANCAKE

All You Can Eat Pancakes & Sausage

\$5 Per Person (Adults or Children)

Pay day of event, no reservation required

Bring the whole family and watch the pancakes fly...fun and yum for all ages!



Lenten Workshop

Palm Sunday

April 14th

All ages are welcome to participate in the palm-waving procession into the sanctuary during the 10:50 a.m. service. Meet in the Narthex at 10:45 to receive palm and participate.



Easter Egg Hunt April 21st, 10 a.m.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held for all children through 5th grade. It will take place on the toddler playground, the preschool playground and the lawn connecting to the preschool playground at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Children and parents please gather outside at the Preschool playground gate. The hunt will be moved to the Great Hall in the event of inclement weather.

Please bring one dozen filled plastic 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 on Palm Sunday or can be brought to the receptionist's desk anytime prior to Easter Sunday.



Smiley Camp

June 17-21, July 22-26 (Due to the JCPS extended school year, we have had to change original dates of Smiley Camp. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.)

VBS/Project Serve July 8-12

Register online now!



See website for more information: www.2ndpreslou.org

Student Sightings

Upcoming Deadlines

- Montreat: Balance due April 14.
- Senior Recognition Sunday: Seniors RSVP and submit photo and plans for upcoming year by April 17.

<u>April</u>

April 7	No Café 917 (Spring Break)
April 14	Café 917
April 21	No Café 917 (Easter Sunday) Brunch in Fellowship Hall between services
April 22	Church Closed
April 28	Senior Recognition Sunday/ Senior Breakfast/ Breakfast Café 917

Do You?

mation Class 201

Trusting in the mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior trusting in his grace and love? Will you be Christ's faithful disciple and be a faithful member of this congregation? Do you? These are the questions that our 10 Confirmands answered in worship on March 24 to become full members of this congregation. More importantly these questions represent these young people wrestling with their faith and coming to understand that God loves and cares for them and that they in turn are called to love and care for the world around them. It was a moment of great joy in the life of our congregation as we witnessed the faith of these young people. It always inspires me and invites me to answer, in my own life, these questions of faith. So I invite you to think on these questions as well... so do you?

Grace and peace, Rev. Nathan Sautter



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passages

We remember in prayer ...

Ricky Case and family on the death of his uncle, Gary Case, 3/20.

Jess Wright and family on the death of his mother, Marion Wright, 3/17.

Dixie Baird, Niels' son Chris and daughter Elizabeth and family on the death of Niels Ortved Ewing, 3/10.

Jayne, Shannon, and Tim McGuire on the death of their nephew and cousin, 3/1.