

# SECOND THOUGHTS

## *Holy Week*

*Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m., April 5*  
*Maundy Thursday Service, Noon, April 9*  
*Good Friday Service, Noon, April 10*  
*Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m., April 12*

*All services on will be loaded onto our  
YouTube Channel 2ndPresLou.  
You can also visit our website  
or Facebook page for links to the  
services.*

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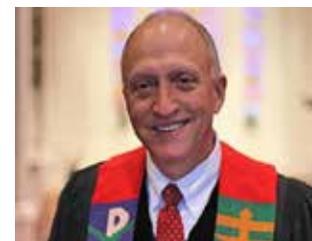
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Dear Friends,

This “stay safe at home” initiative, this “social distancing” lifestyle isn’t what any of us want, especially those who are energized by crowds and interaction with others. But it’s what must be if we are to practice real love for others in Jesus’ way – doing whatever we can to promote the well-being and healing of others, even if it’s painful or costly. My prayers are with all who have small children, older adults who are isolated from those they love because of care facility lockdowns, people who live in small or unpleasant apartments and homes, people whose jobs put them at risk of exposure, all our medical personnel, fire fighters, and police officers, and, of course, those who have been hospitalized and those coping with the death of someone they loved. How can our prayers for others become incarnated in acts of compassion and kindness for those suffering now?



As I’ve tried to settle into this new reality, I’ve been reminded of a couple of truths about myself. One is that I have a need to stay very busy, on the move, running from one thing to the next. It’s almost like a drug. The other is that I, like so many of you, tend to live my life in the future, planning for what’s coming, anticipating what might happen. In a time like this, neither of those ways of being is feasible. This pandemic is forcing us to slow down, or at least to cut back on the nature and amount of our activities. So much of the future is uncertain right now. We can’t say for sure when we will be able to “get back to normal,” or how this virus will impact all of us in the future. Living too much in the future is an exercise in frustration and anxiety.

A couple of the books I read on sabbatical made reference to a Vietnamese Buddhist monk named Thich Nhat Hahn, who influenced Thomas Merton a great deal. Two of his thoughts directly address the truths about self I’ve mentioned. The first is “I am not running anymore; I have run all my life; now I am determined to stop and really live my life.” Could it be that there is life to be found in the stopping, the slowing down and simplifying? What does it mean to pay attention to what I’m thinking, feeling, and experiencing where I am? He also said, “Life is available only in the present moment.” Oh, that’s a hard one! But it’s a true one. God’s grace is present to us here and now, not in what might happen or where we’re going next. To quote another commentator, “Whenever I find myself feeling distressed or anxious, [if] I am attentive to the Now, I am able to be more open and receptive interiorly. God is with me in the present moment.”

Best of all, let’s take to heart Jesus’ words in Matthew’s Gospel, “Set your mind on God’s kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself. Each day has troubles enough of its own.” Keep praying and love one another in whatever way you can. That’s our calling, here and now.

Steve

*Steve Jester is Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church*

# Worship & Music in Lent: A Journey of Prayer

*We are so blessed to have a group of adults, youth, and children to lead us in worship. Our Lenten season began with all of us together, to a time where our connectedness is rooted in our shared love for one another and Christ - in our own homes and "livestreamed". Glory to God for grace that covers us as we continue to lift up the Word and sing out God's love.*



## Ash Wednesday

"Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning" (Joel 2:12)

"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly" (Joel 2:15).  
"... bring a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God" (Joel 2:14).



Many thanks to John Ellis for his faithful ministry of photography!

## March 1 - First Sunday of Lent



## March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent



## March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent Livestream



Austin Handbells had a grand time at our Regional Handbell Festival. Thanks to Tim and Cathy Martin and Lindsay Cook for these great photos! We are so proud of all our ringers!





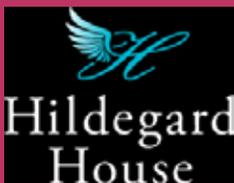
# Splendor of the Baroque

On March 12, it was decided that we had to cancel our last concert of the Season. While incredibly disappointing to many who looked forward to presenting this amazing music, and to those who had made plans to be there, it was clearly the only decision that was responsible. We have been overwhelmed with the kind response of our Second Family and our faithful donors and supporters. Thank you for your support! And my gratitude goes to the Sanctuary Choir, Paula Roberts, and our professionals who had worked long and hard . We pray that one day we will be able to make this part of our Season. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for future plans as we see our way through all of this season together.

*In the grace of Christ - Jim Rittenhouse*



*We were to collect an offering on March 15 to support the ministry of Hildegard House, Kentucky's first and only comfort care home for those who do not have wherewithal to die with dignity otherwise. Hildegard House relies heavily on community support, and like many organizations in our area, could use our assistance now especially.*



*Here is their website where you will find a button to donate if you feel so led:*

*<http://www.hildegardhouse.org/>*

*Their address is 114 Adams Street, Louisville, KY 40206.*



Welcome to our Worship and Music Assistant, Virginia Fortner. She is already a vital part of the staff here, even working part-time, as she is working the Bulletin and all things "worship," working with our Worship and Music committees as they meet and do their work, and picking up some music administration. Virginia graduated from Truett McConnell University in Cleveland, GA with a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a concentration in Worship and Church Music with Piano as her primary instrument. She moved to Louisville in December 2019 and got married in January 2020 to Levi, a Seminary Student studying Worship Leadership.

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



## Palm Sunday, April 5 - 10 a.m.

Livestreamed service; Rev. Steve Jester, preaching

## Maundy Thursday, April 9 - Noon

Gather your family for an interactive virtual worship experience based on the Last Supper. The service is available at 12 p.m. so you can experience it whenever you would like.



## Good Friday, April 10 - Noon

A Tenebrae Service following Jesus on the road to Golgotha. Our ministry staff share prayers and Scripture, and the Octet provides music. The service is available at 12 p.m.

# EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

*Our congregation joins to celebrate the Risen Christ! Join us at 10 a.m. on YouTube!*

## DAILY PRAYER PRACTICES

*Each day, a different prayer practice will be shared from our Pastoral Ministry Staff.*

**MONDAY** - We will explore contemplative prayer through the words and chants of the mystic poets. These ancient words and musical meditations create an inner sanctuary for our daily worship of God.

**TUESDAY** - We will pray "The Lord's Prayer" as a body prayer. Body prayers are great for all ages, but are excellent for the very young as they give movement to prayer that can help with focus and connection. When our bodies are engaged in prayer, we are praying with our whole person.

**WEDNESDAY** - We will practice together Imaginative Prayer. We will contemplate a familiar Gospel scene and let the events of Jesus life be present to us now. Visualizing the story as if we were making a movie, paying close attention to the details. This prayer practice allows the Holy Spirit to make present in new ways the meaning of Jesus life for us today.

**THURSDAY** - We will be using familiar scripture passages as our spiritual guide. Changing the location in which we read these texts can often help us see them from a new perspective. This prayer practice invites the Holy Spirit to engage us through the Word in new ways.

**FRIDAY** - We will practice together Visio Divina which is Latin for "divine seeing." Similar to Lectio Divina which is a method of prayer with scripture, Visio Divina is a method of praying with images or media.

**SATURDAY** - We will explore the form of prayer known as the "examen," from the Jesuit tradition, in which we review our experience of God during the day, give thanks, and prepare for the coming day.

# children



It is odd to be in a season of celebration and not be able to celebrate as we have for so many years. Traditions that we hold on to, that mark Holidays as we know them, will not look the same. It will be hard not to see the children process down the aisle with palms and not be able to hear them sing as we are accustomed to. We will miss not getting together for the annual Easter Egg Hunt that has been a staple of our community. We will live stream our Palm Sunday Service this year. We will have time to wave palms, so I ask you to start searching around your house or yard for what might serve you this year. I encourage you to have an Easter Egg Hunt of your own. Take a video and send it in that we may share with everyone.

I miss seeing you all on Sunday mornings and look forward to the day when we can all be together again. As with all learning, faith formation does not and should not stop in this time of social distancing. You will find updated Sunday lessons each week on our website under the resources tab. These lessons are easily assessable for families with fun activities, videos, conversation starters and hands on prayer practices. Choose to do the entire lesson or just certain components, the choice is yours! Faith Formation at home is the most important factor for a child's long-term spiritual life. What better time than now to help them along in their journey.



Even in these uncertain times we are still full steam ahead to Summer! Four different camps are offered this year over five glorious weeks. New to us this Summer is the Willow Art Camp. This camp is led by Brenna Tysinger & Kristen Hayden. Kristen is an experienced teacher at the Weekday School and Brenna is a nurse who loves being a part of art education. Both have been facilitating this camp for several years. We are happy to bring this camp under our wing! Smiley Camp takes off in June with two weeks under the direction of Kim Pitchford. Kim is the Director of the Extended Day Program at the Weekday School. I am so happy to have such great leadership. VBS and Project Serve will close out the summer in July. Online registration is now open for all camps at [www.2ndpreslou.org](http://www.2ndpreslou.org). While registration is open, we will not be accepting payment until May 1st. We hope to have a better idea of what the future holds at that time. Thank you for your patience.

Lorie Williamson  
Director of Children's Ministries



*Our confirmands find ways to share and support one another during this time of social distancing.*

## We're All in This Together

In today's world, feeling like you're isolated is becoming more and more of a problem across all ages. So, how do we cope with our feelings of isolation, boredom, and/or loneliness when we are told by our government, social media, news stations, and scientific evidence that we need to, on purpose, socially distance ourselves from everyone for the good of everyone around us?

This is a time where we need to act out our faith by doing what Jesus commands us to do; In the Gospel of John 13:34, Jesus tells his disciples to "love one another just as I have loved you." Yes, Todd Lyles has taught us at Open Gym that we should always be loving one another as Jesus loved instead of just when we feel like it or remember.

I would argue that it is even more important to follow Jesus's command to his disciples during this time of social distancing. We are distancing ourselves from those around us in order to keep our neighbors and ourselves safe from this virus and so that we do not overwhelm our doctors and hospitals by the number of sick people. I promise that there is an important purpose for our extreme boredom and not being able to hang out with our friends. We are following Jesus' command to love others by staying away from others. Ironic right? Social distancing can make us feel isolated at times. This feeling of isolation and seclusion is new to us. We are so accustomed to seeing our friends daily at school, sports practices, or during our free time. During this time when we are secluded from the outside world, we need to still be checking in on one

## youth

another. Facetime your friends, your grandparents, aunts and uncles. Pick up the phone and call the adults from church who love you so much and would love to hear from you. Call one of the staff members at our church. Any connection you make, even if it is a simple text saying hi, is an act of sharing the love of Christ.

Studies show that distancing yourself from social media can result in fewer feelings of isolation. Spend time with your family while you have the chance, while sports are cancelled, and while you do not have to physically go to school. This is a time of respite and renewal. We are all so busy. And suddenly, all of our commitments (besides school, church, etc) have come to a halt. We have time on our hands that we do not know what to do with.

Sometimes, it is hard to admit to ourselves or others that we are lonely and it is even harder to ask for help or ask for somebody to simply just talk with you. This is a hard and different time for all of us, and the truth is that we are all needing to reach out to people right now for comfort. We are called to be the church together, no matter if we are scattered or gathered with one another. Go, and be the church.

~ Jordan

*Jordan Akin is Associate Pastor for Youth at Second Presbyterian Church.*

### FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 19

Despite the pandemic, we are asking those interested in going to Montreat email Chelsea. If you are able, the total payment for Montreat is \$600 per youth. If you have paid the \$100 deposit, then you owe \$500. Contact Chelsea if you are unsure what you owe.

If you have not signed up, you have until April 19 to do so, please email [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) to sign up!

If Montreat is canceled or you are unable to attend due to the pandemic, a 100% refund will be issued





## The Wombats Triumph

The 2020 season for our Middle School basketball team has been outstanding (8-2). The team was led by point guard, Charlie Doyle, and outside bombers, William Lewis and Johnny Burris, Trip Campbell; the team wore down opponents with a "freak" defense (guard somebody!). Our opponents mistakenly played zone that Trip and Charlie easily penetrated, while Johnny and William consistently bombed 3's. The post-season tournament will be ours if they reschedule. Special thanks to our players' friends that stepped in to fill our team.



## Basketball Success!

This year the 2PY High School squad brought the Beargrass Basketball League trophy back home. Led by Seniors William Edwards, Graham "Foshizzle" Foshee, Patton Roggenkamp, George Buchheitt and Junior Logan Struck, the Wombats ended the Regular Season with an 8-2 record, claiming first place. A big shout out to Senior Stone "Chunk" Shiflet and Junior Stone "Lump" Wilmes for their key contributions the last two weeks of the season. We definitely couldn't have accomplished our goals without everyone's contributions!



*Pictured: Youth vs. Parents Open Gym Finale won by the Youth.*

## Open Gym

Open Gym lets our youth grow in faith through games, fellowship, and discussion. We completed our 14th Open Gym season under volunteer leaders Toby Nutt and Todd Lyles. This year 29 different youth (23 from 2PY) participated during the 18-week period. Next season we will miss senior William Edwards, who has been attending Open Gym since 4th Grade. Perfect attendance at Open Gym this year goes to Henri Pecceu and Trip Campbell.

## Grief Group Meeting

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Clay, [eclay@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org).

We will meet in the parlor or online at 10 a.m. on the following dates:

April 20; May 18

## Presbyterian Women

During our time apart, we will continue our prayers for one another and for all who are suffering the many consequences of the CoVid19 - Novel Corona Virus. May God keep us safe and grant us patience! May we see reminders of His love, in even the smallest ways, with each day that passes and until we gather, again, in His name.

We will continue to follow community health guidelines and church oversight about a delay or cancellation. For questions/information about Presbyterian Women, please contact Amy Parker at 897-5076 (home) or [amyparker158@hotmail.com](mailto:amyparker158@hotmail.com).

May the love of Christ and the joy of our friendships be with you, now, as always,

In Christ,  
Amy Parker, Moderator



Presbyterian Women

## Remembering the Church

During this uncertain time, Second Presbyterian Church is here for you.

- We are providing livestreaming of a weekly Sunday service through our YouTube page.
- We are posting news and words of wisdom and comfort on our Facebook page.
- Your pastors are here to listen and offer comfort; we are available by phone or by email.
- The administrative staff is working to ensure communication from the church does not falter.
- All members of the congregation are being contacted by phone by Deacons and other volunteers. While Children and Youth are beginning to write notes and cards to many of our homebound members.
- We are exploring the possibility of offering Bible study and other educational opportunities online. We will update you shortly on this.

We want to thank everyone who has continued to financially support the mission of Second Presbyterian and to reach out to those who may have questions about ways to give. We have the capacity to accept offerings via our website under the "Giving" tab, <https://www.2ndpreslou.org/giving/>. We can accept mailed checks, Paypal-initiated gifts, credit cards (for one-time or monthly giving) and through your checking account using ACH. If you need envelopes or other tools to help you in your giving we are glad to assist you. Please call 502-895-3483 or email Jackie at [jgrimley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jgrimley@2ndpreslou.org). Thank you for supporting the church as we seek to support you.

Peace be with you.



## mission

### Refugee News for April

Our country and community are busy meeting the challenges of the Corona virus outbreak in the last few weeks. We hope all of you are safe and sheltering in place as needed. We are checking on the well-being of our refugees and they have been carefully following directives at their places of work. All are working in various departments at UPS Worldport. The company is putting forth a strong effort to keep work areas washed down and disinfected on a regular basis. Workers are following an hourly hand washing program and are implementing other measures. Please pray for their safety.

On a cheerful note, our Congolese ladies' older sister, Judith Nyabeyi, was married January 4 to her long time fiancé, Tite. Her sister, Genereuse, sent several photos including the one pictured to the right.. They are a happy and handsome couple! Judith is scheduled to return at the end of March and we hope all goes well during this stressful time.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries has sent a communication concerning incoming refugees and support of in-country refugees. All classes, events and gatherings, and other engagements have been temporarily halted. Donation pickups and drop-offs are being halted except for case-by-case exceptions

for refugee arrivals during this period. Volunteers in high risk categories are being asked to halt home visits, airport arrival attendance, and meetings. More information will be shared as it becomes available. We are keeping constant contact with Maha Kolko, our liaison, mentor, and friend. She will advise us of changes.

Please remember our refugee friends and pray for their safety. We must all support each other during these changing times. In Christ's name we must continue to ask, "Who is my neighbor"?

Refugee Committee, Mission



## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### Update from Women's Global Cancer Alliance

I sincerely appreciate the support the Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA) has gotten from the members of Second Presbyterian Church. Being one of your designated missions is an honor for the WGCA as well as a much needed financial boost.

Many of you are kind enough to ask about the current situation in Haiti. As of now, the political unrest seems to have settled a bit but remains tense and unstable. We have been advised not to try to travel to Haiti until further tensions subside.

However, let me assure you that

the work we are doing does not stop. We set up the Gonaives Cervical Cancer Screening Clinic to operate without the need for our physical presence. Two very qualified Haitian nurses run the day to day operation. They are seeing women every day, and try to keep the Clinic open all day. Very few days are missed due to demonstrations in the street.

As of this time, 2600 women have been screened, an average of 60 per month. We feel under the circumstances, where women put their own lives in danger to get to the Clinic, this is an amazing number. When specific cancer

questions come up, the nurses simply call Dr. Bob who is able to make determinations based on a conversation with the nurses.

The Children's orphanage continues to struggle but has been able to buy critically needed rice, beans and milk because of the donations from Second.

In the next several months, we will be sending medical supplies and children's clothing to Gonaives.

Again, thank you for your support. Please keep the Haitian people in your thoughts and prayers.

## Rays of Hope From El Salvador

It was a beautiful Friday; the sun was shining, and I was so happy to return to Rosario de Mora and see so many familiar faces. We were greeted with smiles, hugs, kisses on the cheek and strong handshakes. As we made our visits to the various homes to check in on how members in the community had been, I was amazed to see signs of life, development and progress. Now the reality is there is still no clean water and food insecurity is a way of life. However, if you look between the cracks you can see light shining, the light of hope and for me that hope is Reina.



I first met Reina 5 years ago and she was a shy young woman who would always run away and hide in the home when we came to visit. Three years ago, she became involved in Proyecto Maros the women's sewing coop started by the church. Two years ago, the coop decided to send her to a technical school to learn new sewing techniques and teach them to the coop. Last year our group visited a new

ministry partner called Programa Velasco that had created a two-year Women's Entrepreneur Program that teaches business basics, self-care, provides

medical care and micro-loans for the participants. They were about to start a new cohort and we all immediately thought of Reina.

This past year Reina has been travelling the hour and a half by bus every other Thursday to participate in the program which 2nd Pres helped to fund. The change I witnessed in her this year was amazing! As we entered her house that Friday afternoon she smiled, she stood up straight and she spoke loudly with pride about all she had accomplished this past year. She even received a diploma from the local government for her work in training the other women! She shares that knowledge with the rest of the women in the project and their business is beginning to thrive. Their products are of a higher quality, with amazing craftsmanship and at a fair price. Their goal for this next year is to find a store front where they can sell their products. The light of Christ is shining through Reina and our commitment as a church to walk alongside this community has helped make it happen. I can't wait to see what Reina will have learned this next year!

~ Nathan

*Nathan Sautter is Associate Pastor for Community Life at Second Presbyterian Church.*



# APRIL

## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH



As a response to the recent pandemic, the Mission Committee has chosen two of our partner organizations: Kilgore and UCHM as our Missions of the Month. Both of these organizations are serving our community in vital ways.

Kilgore Counseling Center is reaching out through telehealth by offering individuals and families the healing and mental health services they desire and need.

United Crescent Hill Ministries is providing local emergency assistance for Louisville Community Ministries in the form of donations and volunteers.

Please give as you are able to each of these important missions during this time of crisis.

### March Mission of the Month

If you have collected a Buckhorn bag and have not yet taken it to the mission room, please keep it for now. When the church has reopened, filled bags may be dropped off in the mission room. Contact Chelsea at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) with any questions. Thank you.

**March Mission of the Month** 

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.

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- White Towels, Hand Towels and Washcloths
- White Twin Sheet Sets and Pillowcases
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Roll-on Deodorant, Hair Gel, and other Feminine Hygiene Products
- Used or New CDs of Current Music
- Used or New G Rated DVD movies
- Nerf Sports Equipment
- Scrapbook Materials
- Jigsaw Puzzles

## A Message from Director Hayley Abell

This is not the newsletter I thought I would write. For March, I was going to tell the story of how literacy develops in the early years and how we honor, support and challenge that in your children at 2nd Pres. Literacy development is very important, but right now our current situation calls for a different discussion. Our lives have changed drastically in a very short amount of time: people are panic shopping in fear that they will not have enough food and selling stocks to such an extent that our market is having extraordinary mood swings. Businesses are closing, hopefully temporarily. We are now home bound with our families so that we can protect each other from the coronavirus. Most of our children are participating in online distance learning, provided miraculously by responsive, intelligent teachers. Quickly, our lives are becoming purposely smaller as we work together to face variables out of our control.

Due to the abrupt change in daily rhythm, our home lives are going through a bit of an upheaval themselves. As we all settle into new patterns with our children, myself included, I wanted to offer some thoughts about this time, and how we might make the best of it. As we wait out the rise and fall of infection, there may truly be a silver lining in the chaos. This time could be an opportunity for those of us not on the front lines to pause and breathe, reconnect, dig in. It is a chance to be present to the awakening world on this first day of spring. It is an opportunity to slow our pace to engage in good-for-the-soul activities that we might not get to do on a regular basis due to everyday life demands. It is a time to BE with our families. Our mindset really matters right now because we act (and react) from it. It is also important because we are currently modeling for our children how to respond to a challenging time with either resilience or panic.

And this may take some recalibration and awareness of how our stress is absorbed and processed by our children. (Think diffuse not fuel.) We are being forced to stay in one place and that is tricky for those of us used to being productive, busy, on the go. It is complicated further as we deal with our own emotions of fear, stress and uncertainty. On top of that, many of us are simultaneously working, homeschooling and rationing food ("Don't eat all the quarantine snacks!"). Our kiddos are asking us to play, help with their math and resolve a conflict with their siblings while we work and plan which precious meat to defrost for dinner. In order to find the joy in this multitasking act, we must remind ourselves that what we know about innately healthy patterns for humans remains intact: rhythm and structure married with grace and connection help us thrive in any situation, no matter what. For children, expectations, routine, relationships and play are the major players that help them feel safe and loved, even when their worlds have gone topsy-turvy.

So, with this in mind, I have compiled a few practical tips below that may be helpful as we adapt to a (temporary) new normal, and establish a routine and rhythm that suits each of our families. Perhaps, we will be reminded of the most important things in life as we navigate this unprecedented time. Perhaps, we will learn through this and take some of our lessons with us as we move forward. One mother told me, "Even though this is really difficult at times, I keep thinking, 'How do I want to look back on this time? How do I want to remember it?'". Through the messiness and imperfection, let's strive to make the best of this, continuing to hold our families and each other up in love, grace and compassion during this time

### Date Postponed until June!

## 20th Anniversary Kilgore House & Garden Tour

**June 20 & 21, 2020, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. — Rain or Shine**

*6 beautiful gardens in Indian Hills & Crescent Hill, Tickets: \$35*

The Tour is a ministry of Second Presbyterian Church and St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, benefiting the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center.

[www.KilgoreCounseling.org](http://www.KilgoreCounseling.org)



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## SPOT

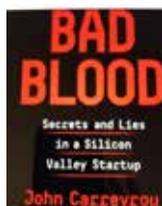
Second Presbyterian Options Together

### A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church

SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.

#### Book Notes

The April meeting has been cancelled. However, we encourage you to keep reading! Holly Gathright has suggested a book written by 34 people living and working on the backside at Churchill Downs. During the meet more than a thousand workers come to support the industry and this book gives an in-depth look into their lives. Without them, there could not be that marvelous first Saturday in May.



On May 5, we will discuss the book *Bad Blood*, written by WSJ Investigative writer John Carreyrou. The book portrays the rise and fall of Theranos, a privately held health tech company that began in 2003, and touted a breakthrough in blood testing. With dynamic CEO Elizabeth Holmes at the helm, it soon had investors

and was valued at \$9 billion. However, it was found to be a massive fraud, and she now faces criminal charges. Larry Sloan will lead us through it all.

Join us anytime. We faithfully support UCHM food closet. Jean O'Brien (502) 897-0950 or jeanobrien502@gmail.com.

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**SPOT Groups have been disrupted in late March/early April because of the health emergency.**



We are pleased to welcome our Pastoral Assistant, Lisa Bickett. Lisa is Steve's administrative support, as well as Administrative Management of the office, support to Session and Trustees, and various committees including Finance, Personnel, Property, and Stewardship. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with a concentration in International Relations, from the University of Louisville, and a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Bellarmine University. Her experience entails over 40 years in accounting, as well as office management. She is a native St. Matthews resident, environmentally conscious, and enjoys hiking, biking, and historical novels. She shares her home with her fur baby, Bodhi.



Community Life Associate Beth Haendiges has a long history of working for nonprofit organizations, most recently the Kentucky Humane Society. She holds degrees in English literature and graphic design and has worked in publishing, education, public relations and design. Beth loves the chance to talk with and help our congregation and hopes to always have a smile for you. When not helping others, Beth devotes her time to creating fiber arts and reading. A native of southern Indiana, she has spent the last 30 years in Louisville and is proud to call it home.

# Session Highlights for March 2020

By Jennifer Ferguson, Clerk of Session

At the March 12, 2020, stated session meeting, the Session:

- Received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, the February 2020 Financial Report and various other monthly Committee Reports;
- Examined the 2020 Confirmation Class and enthusiastically approved the twelve confirmands for membership at Second;
- Learned that Second is in strong financial shape, but that we need to continue to closely monitor spending given the current downturn in the economy and the market;
- Learned that our membership has generously pledged almost \$1.2 million for the 2020 budget. It is hoped that additional pledges will continue to come in;
- Gladly voted into membership the nine people that have recently completed the New Member Class offered by the Outreach Committee;
- Were updated about the new "Committee Highlights" article to be included in various church publications that will help the congregation keep abreast of the work of the congregants volunteering on various committees. This article will help convey information that used to just come out once a year in the church's annual report;
- Received a report from the new Preparedness Planning Group that will work to provide guidelines on addressing emergencies and crises that could arise at Second such as medical emergencies, tornados, fires, earthquakes, shooters etc.;
- Received a report on the February Mid-Kentucky Presbytery meeting that was held at Second;
- Approved the special offerings for 2020: One Great Hour of Sharing, the Pentecost Offering and the Christmas Joy Offering;
- Approved a motion to offer live streamed/online worship services during the current coronavirus crisis and to charge church staff in conjunction with the Worship Committee to determine when in person worship and other large events can resume;
- Discussed that the deacons and the staff will continue to offer support to our congregants during the coronavirus emergency;
- Heard a report about the recent Mission Trip that our mission partners in Costa Rica and El Salvador send their greetings and gratitude and that glimmers of generational change is occurring in these communities as new skills are developed and old systems are changed;

A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

## Committee Highlights for March 2020

### Fellowship

- Fellowship hosted a Trivia night on Friday, January 24th. 91 people participated and all enjoyed the evening.

### Worship Committee

- Worship Attendance Report: January -316, February -353!!
- Nearly 200 people responded to the Worship survey. Results will be posted at a later date.

### Outreach

- New member Class began on February 23 - 7 families
- Committee moderators will be invited to present during New Member Classes

### Mission

- Discussion on how to handle pass through donations
- Mission in Partnership commitment
- Organized Mission of the Month for April

### Music

- 160 attended the Chenault concert and \$1,178 was collected for UCHM
- Children will sing every other Sunday

### Stewardship

- Pledging for 2020 is nearly \$1,200,000. Committee members

will reach out to those who have not pledged so far this year.

- Need to focus on Stewardship Education with our youth.

### Youth

- 10 confirmands attended the Confirmation Retreat. They were interviewed and questioned by Session during the March meeting
- Social gatherings include an open house for youth and parents and the Senior Breakfast



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## passages

### We remember in prayer...

Charlie Farnsley on the death of his grandmother,  
Sissy Nash, 3/10/20.

Joyce Reibling on the death of her sister, Marilyn  
Beverly Pierce, 3/6/20.

Barbara Taylor on the death of her sister, Teresa  
Herlston, 3/6/20.

Steve Jester on the death of his mother Carolyn,  
3/3/20.

The family of John C. Everett on his death,  
2/27/20.