

# SECOND THOUGHTS

## *June Sunday Services*

*Outdoor gathering for worship  
(subject to weather), 9 a.m.*

*Live-streamed service: 11 a.m.*

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*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' (Psalm 122:1)*

Dear Friends,

It's been a while since we, as a community, have been able to go to the house of the Lord. We've traveled virtually for eleven Sundays now to that worship space so many of us find awesome and inspiring. We've discovered that we can worship in new and different ways.

Some of us, despite our Presbyterian DNA, may be shocked by a newly found flexibility and openness to change. That's a healthy and positive result, a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds of this pandemic. But, still, I find something missing, something that is at the core of worship. That "something" is you.

When I was a kid I remember singing, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together; All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes we're the church together." The song continues, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple..." That's correct theology. I know that God doesn't "live" in magnificent, awe-inspiring structures more fully than God lives in rented storefronts or on soaring mountains. I know that the church is "wherever two or more are gathered in my name," as Jesus puts it, living and witnessing to the way of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Intellectually, I support one writer's insistence that the primary mission of the church is what each of us does in our daily lives when we're away from these buildings.

My heart, though, longs to gather with you in our chapel, sanctuary, fellowship hall, library and classrooms to look each other in the eye, embrace, laugh and cry together, learn and struggle together, pray and praise and sing together, listen together for the life-giving Word of God, gather around the Lord's table and experience together the wonder and hope of a baptism.

We will be able to do that at some point and in some way. As we wait and plan for that day, I'm excited and hopeful about a new worship experience beginning Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 a.m. as we come together - outdoors - to pray and praise and listen for God's Word to us. There is much we won't be able to do that we normally associate with worship. Many of you may not be comfortable with being around others even with precautions. Some of you may not like the informality of this service. That's why we will continue to live stream worship from the sanctuary. But it's a beginning, a small step toward reclaiming the great gift of community offered to us by the Holy Spirit.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, your masks and wipes. Bring open hearts and minds. Bring the joy of being God's people...together!

Grace and peace,

Steve



*Steve Jester is Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church*



## HOLY WEEK

Through prayer practices, and our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services online, we shared the journey of the Passion....



## EASTER - April 12

Our church gathered for glorious worship online - with our steeple and Austin Bells, our children and church family, and our musicians and pastors proclaiming that "Christ Is Risen Indeed!" *Thanks to the countless hours put in by all contributors, and our technical team - Beth Haendiges, Virginia and Levi Fortner, and Soren LaRue.*



## Our Music Ministry on the Web!

Thanks to the gift of internet technology, our music ministries continue to gather for fellowship, instruction, worship leadership, and fun. We are committed to continuing the good work of our volunteers and professionals to help us proclaim the Good News of God's grace.



Children's Choir Celebration, March 23



Austin Bells play for Pentecost Service



Sanctuary Choir Rehearses on Wednesdays!



Our Octet recorded anthems for worship.

# worship

## Regarding Church Services in June

May 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce the beginning of a different kind of worship experience on Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 a.m.

We will gather outdoors on the church property, in the grass and asphalt oval in front of the chapel doors and beside the library. This will be a simple form of worship with prayers, Scripture readings, instrumental music, and a shorter sermon. Based on best information from infectious disease experts and other officials we will, at least initially, not celebrate Holy Communion, enjoy the Passing of the Peace, or pass the offering plate, though there will be places to leave your gift. Perhaps the most difficult omission is congregational singing. Even wearing masks, singing is unfortunately a highly effective way to spread the virus.

We will continue the live streaming worship service from the sanctuary, but with a different time. Beginning June 7, the streaming service will begin at 11:00. We do not yet have a date for resuming in-person worship in the sanctuary. Worship at 9:00 will continue through the summer.

To care for one another, please take note of the following information and expectations for anyone attending the 9:00 outdoor worship experience. These restrictions are for the initial weeks and may change based on best information.

- We all will wear masks, including children. We will have a few disposable masks available each week but encourage you to bring your own.
- Feel free to bring your own chairs, lawn chairs, or blankets. We will have a few available if bringing a chair is a difficulty for you.
- Worship bulletins will be emailed to you before Sunday to print.
- We will sit at least six feet apart from each other. Of course, couples and family groups may sit together more closely.
- We will continue best practices of social distancing and, however much we may want to do so, refrain from hugging, shaking hands, etc.

- Parents are expected to bring materials to occupy their children and to monitor their children and not allow this to become a group play time.
- Parking will be in the lot nearest the playground.
- There will be no access to the building, including restrooms. The lounge/restroom in the Chapel will be available only for emergencies.
- Please practice love of your neighbor by doing a "self-health" check on Sunday mornings. If you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, or are just not feeling well, worship with us online from the safety of your home.
- In the event of inclement weather, or its strong possibility, worship will be cancelled no later than 7:00 on Saturday evening and you will be contacted by email or telephone.

We realize that many of the aspects of "normal" worship are missing in this new experience. It is simply one way for us to begin to be together again physically while being responsible and loving in our actions. Like you, we are feeling our way into this new reality.

These recommendations and expectations come from conversations between our church staff, Worship Committee, and the Worship and Health Task Group composed of members of the staff and representatives from the Property and Worship Committees. Final approval was given by session on May 14.

Grace and peace to all the saints of Second Presbyterian Church!

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church





## Online VBS June 21-July 24

### Rocky Railway Goes Online!

*Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through.* What a wonderful reminder our Rocky Railway VBS provides for the times in which we find ourselves. As we move into the Summer Season, I am sure we are all aware that it will look quite a bit different this year. There are a lot of unknowns: what will vacation look like this summer, what will childcare look like this summer and will all

## children

summer camps really be cancelled? While we at Second have decided to cancel all in person opportunities this summer, we will continue with VBS online!

I'm not sure we could have had a better theme than *Rocky Railway* for these uncertain times! This Summer your child will learn the power that comes from fully relying on God. The five daily bible points will be stretched over five weeks of the Summer this year starting June 21<sup>st</sup> and lasting through July 24<sup>th</sup>. Instead of rotating through 5 stations each day as we normally would do in a weeklong VBS, we will expand those rotations throughout each week.

The week starts on Sunday mornings with a children's lesson during worship that corresponds with the scripture of the week. Each day of the week you will receive an email with instructions regarding the rotation for that day. All supplies for the week will be available for pick up from the church on Sunday morning. Please be sure and register through the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org](http://www.2ndpreslou.org). I look forward to our adventure on the Rocky Railway!!

Lorie Williamson  
Director of Children's Ministries

### IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS\*...



**Fever**



**Dry Cough**



**Shortness of Breath**



**Sore Throat**



**Unexplained Muscle Aches**



**Loss of Smell or Taste**

**\*FEVER, DRY COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SORE THROAT,  
UNEXPLAINED MUSCLE ACHES OR SUDDEN LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE**

**\*PLEASE STAY HOME & SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION**

# youth



**Isabella Bianconcini**  
Ballard High School  
University of Kentucky



**Abby Davis**  
DuPont Manual High School  
Wake Forest University



**William Edwards**  
St. Xavier High School  
Wofford College



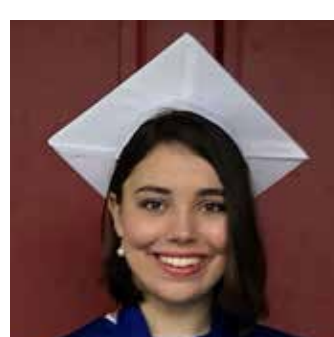
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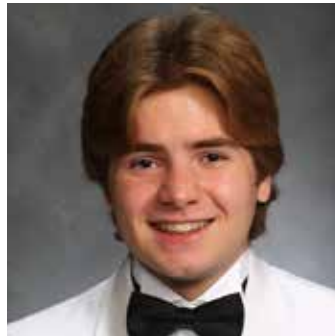
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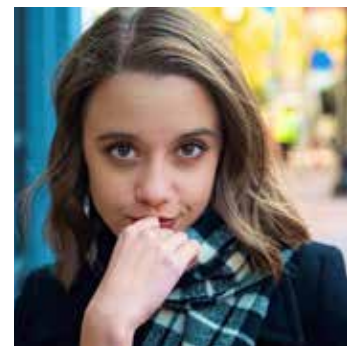
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College of Wooster



**Elise Williamson**  
DuPont Manual High  
School  
Yale University

**Not pictured: Samuel Allen, Carter Kannapell, Spencer McCarty**



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

artwork by Sam Parker

# Congratulations College Graduates!

## Maggie Brown

*Elon University*

B.S. in Music Performance and Recording Arts

Maggie will be starting at the New School in NYC fall 2020 for a Masters degree in Media Management

## Thomas Crockett

*University of Kentucky*

BA Business and Organizational Communications

## John Cromer

*University of South Carolina*

BA from the Darla Moore School of Business

John is moving to Atlanta to work for Collabera

## Lee Ann Cunningham

*Rice University*

BA in Political Science

BA in Policy Studies

BA in Spanish

Lee Ann plans to attend Duke University Fuqua School of Business for a Master's degree in Managerial Science

## Clayton Ellington

*Stanford University*

B.S. in Bioengineering

Clayton was the recipient of Fulbright to do research at the Institute Pasteur in Paris

## Caroline Fleming

*Furman University*

B.A. Politics & International Affairs and Communication

Caroline moved to Washington, DC to be a Media Assistant at National Media

## Sarah Hall

*Washington & Lee University*

BA in Strategic Communications

Sarah landed an internship at ZubTitle after graduation

## Annie Harrison

*University of Alabama*

Bachelors in Hospitality with an emphasis in event planning.

Annie is currently seeking employment.

## Austin McCarthy

*Furman University*

B.A. in Communications

Austin plans to work in public relations in Nashville

## Henry Owen

*University of Virginia*

B.S. in Commerce and B.A. in Economics

After graduation, Henry will be an Analyst at Guggenheim Partners in New York City

## Henry William Snyder

*Centre College*

B.S. in Economic/Finance

In June 2020, Henry will be a Business Leadership Rotation Program analyst at Churchill Downs Inc.

## formation

### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet via Zoom at 7:00am on Friday mornings. Currently, Marty Soards, Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary is leading an overview of the New Testament using An Introduction to the New Testament, Abridged Edition by Raymond Brown.

The topics for June include:

- June 5 - Letter to the Galatians
- June 12 - Letter to the Philippians and Letter to Philemon

- June 19 - Second Letter to the Thessalonians
- June 26 - Letter to the Colossians
- July 3 - Holiday, No Class

To Join via Zoom

Topic: Men's Bible Study

Time: Fridays, 07:00 AM Eastern Time

For Zoom link, contact Beth at [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org) or see Seconds to Go

### Morning Joy

Pastor Steve will continue to have Morning Joy for the duration of the pandemic. The classes occur every Thursday from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. as a Zoom meeting. All are welcome and invited to be a part of this class.

To receive the link to enter the Zoom meeting, please see Seconds to Go, Wednesday Grace, or contact Beth at [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).





## Refugee News for June

Our refugees are weathering the pandemic fairly well. They are still working and completing online classes. Four used laptops generously donated by congregational members are making a big difference in their lives. Schoolwork and processing papers for work and KRM have gotten much easier. Everyone sends a big thank you for your support!

KRM is being challenged by fewer refugee arrivals and revenue loss. They are trying hard to help refugees in Louisville as they face job losses and food insecurities. Your participation in Second's Covid 19 Emergency fund means a lot. It helps KRM cope with needs for the refugees, programming, and employee salaries.

We are now co-sponsoring a young mother (Ekyochi, pictured left) and her 3 year old son (Juma). They arrived from Congo in February and we began our sponsorship May 1. This sponsorship has been "Covid style". All communication and interaction has been online or by interpreted phone calls. Since they arrived just before our pandemic shutdown, they have been coping in a small apartment. Furniture and household items were supplied from storage at KRM. Your refugee committee has provided rent/ utilities, some clothing for mother and child, kitchen items, Kroger cards, and books and toys for Juma. Dare to Care will supply food starting in June. Any

donated items must be mailed first to KRM; they will deliver to the home. If you have small items, contact me and I will arrange "no touch" pickup outside the church so I can box them to mail.

KRM is in need of furniture donations. They will arrange to pickup large items from your house with appropriate social distancing. If you wish to try this, let me know.

Thanks for all you do to support refugee sponsorship. We are all in this pandemic together!

Refugee Committee, Mission



## Come Out and Enjoy Five Fabulous Gardens



The Kilgore Home and Garden Committee is proud to present the 20th annual garden tour on June 20 and 21. In order to respect "social distancing" we will not have a home on the tour this year. The gardens are located in Crescent

Hill, Indian Hills, and River Road areas.

Tickets are \$35, and are available on-line at: [kilgoregardentour.org](http://kilgoregardentour.org). They will also be available at the church by contacting Beth at 502-558-8747 or [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org); St. Matthews Feed and Seed, European Splendor, and The Secret Garden in Middletown. Tickets may also be purchased at each garden on the days of the tour.

Volunteer letters have gone out to those who have helped in the past. Please return the enclosed post card. Anyone who did not

receive a letter, but would like to volunteer may contact Joan Gaston at 896-8322. Volunteers will be asked to wear masks and gloves where necessary.

Descriptions of the gardens and all other information can be found on the web site: [kilgoregardentour.org](http://kilgoregardentour.org).

# Covid-19 Emergency Mission Fund

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the mission committee at Second Presbyterian created an emergency mission fund in April to provide essential resources during the international crisis.

Due to the generous giving of our congregation members we have raised **\$30,472** and The Session set aside another \$50,000 for a total of **\$80,472** for the fund. What an amazing example of Second Presbyterian living out our mission statement of "sharing God's grace with those around us." Around two-thirds of that money has already been dispersed to meet the needs of our mission partners and the Mission Committee will continue to coordinate with our mission partners, local agencies, and other churches in the city to assess and address emerging needs moving forward.

Here is a list and brief description of our mission partners and how the money they have received from COVID-19 Mission Emergency Fund is being put to use. You can also look in Seconds to Go each week for a video from one of our partners or visit our website to learn more about our partners and their work during the pandemic. This is also the page if you would like to donate:

<https://www.2ndpreslou.org/covid-19/>



**The Healing Place**- Fundraising has been restricted due to stay at home order but they continue to see clients and provide support, encouragement and treatment for hundreds of men and women struggling with addiction.



**Kilgore Counseling Center**- Kilgore is currently accommodating current and new clients in need of mental health services through Telehealth. The organization reports their needs have increased as it has seen the importance of mental health support and counseling during this time. They have also rescheduled their Garden Tour fundraiser for later this month and encourage everyone to buy a ticket to support this vital ministry.



**Cedar Ridge Camp**- Due to a reduction in revenue and canceling of several weeks of camp they have seen an increase in costs. They are hopeful to provide some kind of camp experience for the community this summer but recognize it will look much different than it has.



**El Salvador**- We are in relationship with the congregation in Rosario de Mora a town about an hour outside of the capital of San Salvador. This community and many in El Salvador have been significantly affected by the pandemic. They were a food insecure community before, and many have been unemployed for 2 months as the stay at home order continues until the end of June in the country. There is not enough food or water and no way to make money to buy it so the money we sent will help buy food and sustenance for this community. We are also partnering with Programa Velasco an organization that works specifically with women to respond to the 75% increase in domestic violence cases the country has seen during the stay at home order.





**Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc.-** Continues to care for the Refugees that were re-settled over the last several months and are even receiving a few families over the next several months. However, they have had to decrease staff hours and resources for families which has stressed the organization both financially and strategically.



**Bellewood & Brooklawn**

**Bellewood/ Brooklawn Children's Services-** "It takes a village to raise a child." Bellewood and Brooklawn have many unexpected, additional costs due to the crisis and need additional resources such as food and staff to support the children. They also had to retrofit all the cottages with Wi-Fi for school and purchase laptops for all the children in their care.



**United Crescent Hill Ministries-**The COVID-19 global pandemic has created challenging and uncertain times for our collective community. At UCHM, they are doing everything possible to ensure that community members can get the services they need during this unprecedented crisis. UCHM continues to provide critical services to individuals and families, including emergency food and financial assistance with rent, utilities, and medication.



**Habitat for Humanity-** To respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, Habitat is launching the Power of Home Fund. Your investment in the Power of Home Fund will do two things: protect homeownership and keep critical projects moving forward. Living in a safe and stable home during this time makes all the difference.



**Colectivo Esperanz -** This organization is serving over 3,000 Latino families locally. As the country has locked down to mitigate the effects of COVID19, there is widespread understanding that our most vulnerable communities need assistance to survive. Locally, the community quickly established the One Louisville: COVID-19 Response Fund to provide cash assistance for food, rent, transportation as well as help for front-line organizations to continue providing support to those bearing the brunt of the economic shutdown, often putting themselves and their families at risk in order to earn money for food and housing.

The needs of our mission partners will continue to grow as the Coronavirus pandemic endures. Second Presbyterian is positioned to assess these needs and meet them over the next few months. But we can't do it alone. In these exceptional and desperate times, your support is needed. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support to our partners.

# weekday school

The school year did not end the way anyone expected. To say goodbye and celebrate their time together, teachers waved as parents and their children held a parade to mark the end of this school year.

We would like to share a few of our favorite photos from this celebration.





# fellowship

## 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.

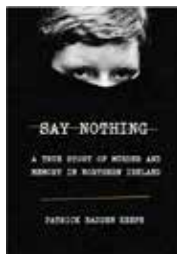


#### Book Notes

*The past in Ireland is never over; it is really never even past ...*

On Jun 2, Book Notes will hold a Zoom meeting at 10 a.m.; we are reading

"Say Nothing" by Patrick Radden Keefe. This award winning book chronicles the "Troubles" in Northern Ireland, from the late 1960s until a peace agreement between the British and Irish governments was signed in April 1998. It begins with the abduction and murder of a young Irish widow, accused of being a British police informant, by the IRA. The decades long investigation presents the terrible effect this had on her family, as well as the lingering issues endured by those responsible for her disappearance. This is a clear account of a society still haunted by its violent past. Vicki Prince will lead our discussion.



On July 7, "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Stout, chosen by Anne Stanley Hoffman will be discussed.

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



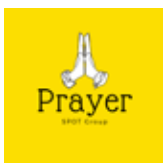
#### Pilates

Susan Schmidt, (502) 523-5934, puremovementlv@gmail.com



#### Dinner Groups

Jennifer Scott, (502) 326-3145, jscott@cabbagepatch.org



#### Prayer Group

Beth Haendiges (502) 895-3483 bethh@2ndpreslou.org



#### Sisters in Spirit

Sisters in Spirit will continue to meet this summer. June will be a virtual meeting using Zoom on June 9, 7 p.m. So order a copy of Ann Lamott's "Help, Thanks, Wow," about three essential forms of prayer. We will discuss one section each month, beginning with Help.

For more information about the group, contact Ann Fleming, annrfleming@gmail.com.



#### Walkers

Walkers will meet at a place to be determined; 3 and June 17. To learn more, please contact Sandy Bailey, (502) 429-6840, sdb1205@bellsouth.net.



#### Paint SPOT

Linda Wood, (502) 893-3330, el.wood@twc.com



#### Busy Needles

Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415, marywayers@aol.com; Bev Wahl, (502) 423-9271, bevwahl41@gmail.com



#### 2nd Act

2nd Act is meeting every other Wednesday via Zoom to practice and will continue in June, beginning on the 3rd. The group is preparing for a new show once the social distancing is less restricted. Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.

# fyi | Session Highlights for April 2020

By Jennifer Ferguson, Clerk of Session

At the April 16, 2020 stated session meeting held over Zoom:

- The Session received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, Deacon's Report, the Financial Report and various other monthly Committee Reports;
- The Finance Committee reported that Second is in good financial shape due to the continuing financial support and ongoing monetary donations given by our congregants. The endowment has decreased with the drop in the market and will continue to fluctuate during the COVID crisis;
- The Youth Committee and other youth ministries continue to reach out to church youth in various ways such as Zoom ;
- The Children's Ministry Committee is offering a variety of online content to families including Sunday School lessons, stories read online with discussion questions and church related challenges like learning the Lord's Prayer. The committee is also reviewing the Child Protection Policy;
- The Outreach Committee continues to offer the Second Cup coffee time by Zoom following Sunday worship;
- The Fellowship Committee is working to revamp the calendar of events for Second;
- The Adult Education Committee noted that many groups continue to meet online, including Morning Joy, Pathways, Men's Bible Study and Sisters in Spirit. Additional offerings are being considered;
- The Mission Committee remains in contact with Second's mission partners both locally and overseas;
- The Stewardship Committee is appreciative of the pledges and donations that have been received during this challenging time and encourages members to make additional donations if possible, especially to cover the presbytery per capita fee that the church must pay annually for each member;
- Session approved a motion cancelling communion on May 3 as in person worship will not take place on that date;
- The Preparedness Planning Group continues to work on developing protocols that can be used during emergencies that the church may face;
- Gratitude was expressed to the church staff, volunteers, and the congregation for all the hard work and continued support during the COVID crisis;

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

## Committee Highlights for April 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 April Mission of the Month

### 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



## Session Highlights for May 2020

*By Jennifer Ferguson, Clerk of Session*

*At the May 14, 2020 stated session meeting held over Zoom:*

- The Session received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, the Financial Report and various other monthly Committee Reports;
- The Trustees gave their annual report and noted that, after the endowments were up almost 15% at year- end 2019, the funds fell by almost 12% as of the end of April 2020 given the current market volatility. Markets are predicted to be volatile as the pandemic crisis continues.
- The Weekday School presented their annual report: 196 students were enrolled during the 2019-2020 school year, the staff has been providing families with distance learning since March 16, 2020 and conservative budgets are being done for the 2020-2021 school year. The staff spent time this year working on vision crafting and community building and continued to encourage innovation and collaboration by staff to ensure the best early development for the children and their families.
- The Weekday School and the Finance Committee reported that Second received approximately \$170,000 in funding from the federal Paycheck Protection Program that will be used for school salaries, utilities and pensions and that will help the school avoid a deficit for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The Finance Committee reported that Second is in solid financial shape despite giving income being down and the investment income being in flux. Expenses have also been down overall and are being monitored closely. The continued giving of the congregation has been vital in avoiding a deficit to date. The Finance Committee will work on preparing a revised financial projection for the 2020 church year;
- Session passed a motion from the Reopening Task Group in conjunction with the Worship and Property Committees to add an outdoor service beginning on June 7. Guidelines for this service will be sent to congregants. The online service will also continue in the future;
- The Property Committee reported that the church has been disinfected and many maintenance projects are being completed;
- To date, Second's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund has received gifts totaling approximately \$24,000. These funds have already been distributed to our Mission Partners who are on the front lines of addressing the community needs precipitated by the pandemic. The generosity of the congregation is deeply appreciated;
- Session approved a motion to provide additional funding through our COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to our Mission Partners. These funds will come from various discretionary accounts as well as from the current endowment. The initial draw of this funding could total up to \$50,000. A called meeting of Session will be held to consider future funding of the COVID -19 Emergency Relief Fund.

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## Committee Highlights for May 2020

Children's Ministry - Via Zoom

Plans are still in place for Smiley Camp.

VBS and Project Serve will run simultaneously July 13-17

Worship Committee - via Zoom

Streaming is going well and the number of views is being counted (457 on Easter Sunday.

Jim has done a wonderful job providing music at a social distance and the choir is "zooming" right along.

Steve announced the tentative plans for in-person worship beginning June 7. A re-opening task group is being formed.

Youth Committee - via Zoom

Montreat is still on schedule



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## passages

### We remember in prayer...

Betsy Byrnes and her family on the death of her husband Terry, 5/26/20.

The family of Anne Mobley on her death, 5/26/20.

The family of Bill Mathis on his death, 5/16/20.

Rev. Steve Jester on the death of his father, Don Jester, 5/8/20.

Sandy Curth on the death of her sister, Gretchen Barth, 5/7/20.

The Kalmbach family on the death of Elsa Kalmbach 4/24/20.

Missy Hitt and her family on the death of Missy's sister, Susan Hayes, 4/22/20.

Sarah Middleton and her family on the death of her husband, Ken Middleton, 4/21/20.

Garry Harris on the death of his mother, Sarah Elizabeth Harris, 4/15/20.

Martha Nichols on the death of her brother, John Richard Clay, 4/8/10.