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# SECOND THOUGHTS

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Sharing grace ...

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### Our Mission

*Sharing the grace of God  
with one another and the  
world around us.*

*“How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live  
together in unity!”  
(Psalm 133:1)*

Dear Friends,

A cherished memory from my childhood and youth is our church’s annual summer retreat at Mo-Ranch. Mo-Ranch is a Presbyterian camping and conference center situated on the banks of the Guadalupe River in the hill country of central Texas. It’s a four-and-a-half-hour drive from Dallas, but large numbers of Trinity Presbyterian



folk would make the journey and spend the weekend. We enjoyed swimming in the river, playing tennis, hiking, playing games and, of course, chowing down with a splendid barbeque feast under the trees, topped off with peach cobbler! I remember, as well, outdoor worship with volunteer church musicians providing down home gospel music and rousing camp preaching from our minister. I realized years later that what mattered the most wasn’t any of the activities, but the fellowship, being together in the Lord.

For most of us, the days of committing to a full weekend retreat are past. But we can still enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship and worship together in a beautiful setting away from the church! Sunday, August 22, is the date for the Second Presbyterian “Family Reunion” at Cedar Ridge Camp. Cedar Ridge is our local Presbyterian camping and conference center, about a twenty-five-minute drive from the church. We will offer outdoor worship under the trees, followed by a catered barbeque lunch in the dining hall. Options offered include a hymn sing, swimming, canoeing, hiking, and various games. The camp is ours until 5:00 that day. Our friends from Peace Presbyterian Church plan to join us for the celebration!

As with those long-ago lazy summer days at Mo-Ranch, the main thing is the fellowship, the being together in the Lord. After the separation and isolation of the pandemic, this is a way for us as a community of faith to reconnect, to deepen friendships, and to make new ones. I urge you to set aside this date and to make every effort to be a part of the festivities. If driving is a concern, we will be glad to help make arrangements for transportation. In case of rain on August 22, our alternate date is the next Sunday, August 29. For those of you who aren’t able to attend, a pre-recorded worship service will be offered online. There will be no in-person worship at the church that day.

The wise Psalm writer once rejoiced, “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” Can I get an “Amen”?

Grace and Peace,  
Steve

*Steve Jester is Pastor at  
Second Presbyterian Church*

# SECOND'S CHURCH FAMILY REUNION

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**CHILDREN OF GOD,  
WELCOME HOME**

**AUGUST 22, 2021 | 11 A.M. | CEDAR RIDGE CAMP**

**WORSHIP • PICNIC • SWIMMING • FISHING  
HYMN SING • CANOEING • HIKING • GAMES**

On Sunday, August 22, from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. we invite you to come together at Cedar Ridge for an all-day church reunion including worship, fellowship, food and fun! We will worship under the cedars at 11 a.m., enjoy a fellowship lunch from Mark's BBQ at Hopkin's Hall afterwards, and the remainder of the day will be open to various activities such as swimming, hiking, hymn sing, gaga ball, fishing, and canoeing on the Cedar Ridge campus. More information and the opportunity to RSVP for lunch will be sent out each week in Seconds to Go.

**A pre-recorded service will be available on YouTube, 2ndPresLou, on August 22 for those unable to attend the Reunion. There will be no worship at the church building that day.**

**The rain date for the Reunion is August 29.**

## ***Be a part of the REUNION Choir!***

We will be singing some special music with fiddle, mandolin, bass, banjo, and piano at our worship on August 22. If you would like to sing with us, we have a rehearsal on August 11, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please call or email Jim Rittenhouse if you would like to join us: 502-895-3483, ext. 212, or [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org).

## **COMMON LIFE REFLECTIONS ON 1 CORINTHIANS**

Summer Sermon Series  
Second Presbyterian Church

Through August 22, our pastors explore the themes found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that call us to life together as the body of Christ. Don't miss these important lessons for our "Common Life."

# music



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

## SUMMER MUSIC BLAST

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4TH  
6-8 PM

KIDS' KARAOKE - RHYTHM RELAY - MUSICAL CRAFT  
POP A SHOT - FOOD -  
AND AN ICE CREAM 'N FIREHOSE PARTY!!

AGES 3-COMPLETED 5TH GRADE

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LET US KNOW AGES AND IF YOU NEED CHILDCARE FOR  
THOSE UNDER 3

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Music Ministries

OUR SEASON  
BEGINS!**Sanctuary Choir - August 18****Every Wednesday, 7-8:30p.m.**

*This year, our Sanctuary Choir returns to lead weekly worship at 11 a.m., and our special programs throughout the year. Vibrant music is planned for Reformation Sunday (Oct. 31), All Saints' Day (Nov. 7) and our Musical Celebration of Joy Sunday in Advent (Dec. 12). Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols, and our Easter Celebration are pinnacles of being part of Sanctuary Choir. We will also participate in our Concert Series events, and gather for choir retreats. Special Guest Conductor for our Choir Retreat on September 25 is Dr. John Dickson, recently retired as Choral Chair at LSU, and a familiar choral staple from his days at Southern Seminary. Our season runs from August to June.*



Dr. John Dickson



Angela Hampton

**Austin Memorial Handbells - August 24****Every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m.**

*We start a bit earlier this year, and will play each month in worship throughout the year. We are always looking for players who enjoy making music, have learned to read music, and like working as a team player! See our information about the workshop on August 28 if you would like to try it out.*

**YOUTH MUSIC & ARTS FORUM**

**AUG. 8 \* AFTER 11 A.M. WORSHIP  
IN THE YOUTH SUITE**

**All Rising Middle & High School  
Students & Parents**

Join us for a light lunch and forum about possibilities for youth to be involved in the life of the church through musical and worship arts. If you have been a part of our church's children's & youth choirs or not, please consider coming to lend your voice to what opportunities there can be.

A reservation form for lunch will be sent to you by email, or just email [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org).



*Handbell*  
**WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, Aug. 28  
9 a.m.-Noon  
ANGELA HAMPTON,  
Clinician**

**9 a.m. - Open Session for  
anyone interested, plus  
Second's Ensembles**

**10:15 a.m. - Austin Bells  
Workshop**



# OUR 2021-22 SEASON

## LIVE & LIVESTREAMED!

## KALEIDOSCOPE GALA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 \* 3 P.M.



*Musicians of Second Presbyterian Church and Guest Artists*

Our opening Gala concert brings back by popular demand a brilliant cluster of vocal and instrumental works from opera (Verdi's *Recordare*), to Broadway, jewels of the art song repertoire, to a stunning finale - *Make our Garden Grow* from Bernstein's *Candide*.

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE @ 2:45 P.M. BY WUOL'S DANIEL GILLIAM

## KEN COWAN ORGANIST

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 \* 7 P.M.

Ken Cowan is regarded as one of North America's finest concert organists and praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike. A specialist at dramatically rendering orchestral works on the organ, Ken performs in major concert venues in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia. Second Presbyterian's magnificent 48-rank Casavant organ will be featured.



ORGAN WORKSHOP \* NOVEMBER 20, 10:30 AM CO-SPONSORED BY LOUISVILLE AGO

## SPLENDOR OF THE BAROQUE

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 \* 3 P.M.

*Sanctuary Choir, Octet & Musicians of Second Presbyterian Church  
Guest Soloists & Chamber Orchestra - Jim Kittenhouse, conductor*

We are pleased to announce this "resurrection" of the concert cancelled at the onset of the COVID-19 shutdown on almost the same day in March 2020. Join us for an afternoon highlighting the brilliance of Baroque composers, including Bach's "*Komm, Jesus, Komm*," Buxtehude's "*Membra Jesu Nostri*," and smaller works for voice and period instrumentation.

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE @ 2:45 P.M. BY WUOL'S DANIEL GILLIAM

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## The Outdoors Takes Front Seat at Second Presbyterian Weekday School

In March and April of 2020, as Covid was forcing all of us to rethink the ways we get along in the world, Second Presbyterian Weekday School reached out to the Bernheim Children at Play Network to see if we could help them think through a strategy for moving their classrooms outside. We met with a team of their outdoor advocates to do a walkaround of their campus with an eye toward using their existing outdoor places to engage children in play-based learning. We came up with ideas for about a dozen play/learning stations that utilized unique aspects of their church campus. They reached out to us letting us know that moving the children outside for learning and play was reviewed by both staff and families as their number one positive change. Being outdoors matters in the health and development of children and this is part of that proof. Here's what Director Hayley Abell wrote to us:

"I wanted to first tell you that the nodes we created last summer after walking the campus with you here at Second Presbyterian were a great success this whole school year. Outdoor learning was reported by both families and staff as the #1 positive change to come out of this unique school year and is something that the teachers are excited to continue. I saw so much growth in resilience and tolerance of all kinds of weather in both the staff and students. When the snow came this winter, parents packed big bags of outdoor gear each day because they knew their kids would be going outside. Of course, the cicadas were a huge hit this spring. The three major developments I observed were:



Many staff saw that challenging behaviors lessened from certain students when those children were outside and in nature;

Our students connected more with nature than ever before, and there was a monumental movement from fear to curiosity for many children, with insects in particular;

Stewardship developed, particularly in the 3s, 4s and Kindergarten students, when they noticed littering on our campus or when creatures could be hurt.

The Kindergartners wrote me a letter asking for "raw materials" to build trash cans to put around the campus, and the 3s found trash down by the creek and worked together to pick it up. This is all so important, and I so appreciate your wisdom in getting us started."

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# Faith Formation

There is no denying the year of 2020 came with many changes. Changes to the way we learned, changes to the way we were in community with one another and changes to our schedules. If nothing else, 2020 gave us the space to reflect on time and what we really want for the time that has been given to us.

After observing and having conversations with families with children and youth of varying ages, it became clear that our families are having to choose between Sunday School, Worship, various extracurricular activities, and family time on any given Sunday morning. Ultimately, the question that presented itself was how to best continue to share the grace of God through our ministries in meaningful, faithful and impactful ways for our families.

When expanding this discussion, Session recognized there are some traditional activities and events that need to shift to best further the ministry for our congregation. After many brainstorming sessions, researching the activities of similar-

sized churches, and in-depth study into the effects of today's culture on mainline churches, Session supported the following change to Sundays at Second for children and youth:

Faith formation will take place at 11 a.m. for all children and youth beginning September 12.

## Ages 3-3rd grades

Continue to begin each Sunday in 11:00 worship and exit after the "Moment for Children."

## 4th – 12th grades

**1st Sunday of the month - participate in 11 a.m. Worship**  
Our Directory for Worship states that not only is worship at the center of our common life together and inspires us to participate in ministry of the world, but it is also a place where our "children and youth bring their special gifts and are able to grow in their faith through regular participation in worship" (W-2.0202). Because of the importance of worship in our life as Christians and for our children's faith formation, they will have the opportunity to volunteer

as ushers and greeters as well as sit together in the balcony.

## 2nd-4th Sundays of the month - gather in Youth Suite at 11 a.m.

Each week we will have a large group/small group format focused on the same theme or Bible story over one month explored through hands-on, engaging activities.

## 5th Sunday of the month – provide leadership for family Worship Service, 11 a.m. in Youth Suite

During the months of October and January, there will be an opportunity for planning & leadership in a newly established "Family Worship Service" geared toward families with younger children. This is an important leadership opportunity as it begins the journey to establishing future leaders in the church.

This is an exciting time in the life of family ministry! We hope that your family will participate in as many ways as possible to strengthen community, fellowship, and faith.

In Christ,  
Ms. Lorie & Pastor Jordan

## Childcare

Childcare is available in the nursery for children ages 4 and under for both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The nursery is located in the Infant Toddler hallway of the Weekday School. At this time, children K-5 will be asked to sit with their families during worship. A children's bulletin will be provided as well as extra resources on the Worship Wagon located in the Narthex during 11 a.m. Worship and in the back of the circle drive during 9:30 a.m. worship.

## Parent's Night Out

August 21st

\$15 per child

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$25 Family Cap

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos birth - 5th grade join us for a fun filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Contact Amy Heckmann at [aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org) by Monday, August 16th for questions and to reserve your spot!

## Smiley Camp



The first week of Smiley Camp, June 14-18, was themed Buses, and Boats, and Balloons! Oh My!

The second week, June 21-25 was themed Under the Big Top. During these two weeks we had over 200 children ranging from 3-6 years participate in fun activities including music, arts and crafts, Bible stories, and outdoor events such as train rides and water slides. It was great to have Smiley Camp back in person this year!



## VBS: Come to the Table



*Come to the Table* was our VBS theme this year during the week of July 12-16. There were over 100 children and 60 volunteers who came together and learned through various activities such as baking bread, creating fish crafts, and acting out the feeding of the 5,000. Through these activities, children learned the many ways Jesus gathered people together for a meal of fellowship and how these gatherings were opportunities to exhibit grace to those participating.

Our mission component this year was to raise awareness for the food deprived in our community. Participants donated nearly 100 non-perishable items and over \$400.00 to give to "Dare to Care", truly extending the invitation to "Come to the Table" where all are welcome!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR AMAZING VBS VOLUNTEERS WHO FAITHFULLY SERVED!**



## Project Serve



Project Serve, a component of VBS for rising 5th and 6th graders, had four wonderful participants who volunteered at several non-profit organizations around Louisville. Monday was spent prepping items for crafts that the VBS groups would use later in the week; Tuesday found them beautifying a Seven Counties campus and playground. We were hosted by Black Acre Farms on Wednesday where we worked on a variety of projects in their gardens. As a bonus, we were able to see goats, horses, and cows at the end of our work! Thursday was spent at Children and Family Services making blankets for their clients. We concluded our week at Loaves and Fishes learning about the numerous factors leading to poverty and making nearly 100 PB&J sandwiches for "the economically disadvantaged" living around Loaves and Fishes. It was a great week of sharing the grace of God with others and the world around us.

# youth

## Montreat Trip 2021





## Jack Roth Award

On July 18 we presented the Jack Roth Award, which recognizes and gives thanks for the life of Jack Roth, and the ways in which he valued our young people of this church and made sure they know they mattered. This award recognizes someone who works with our youth with that same enthusiasm and commitment for journeying with our youth the way Jack did. This year's recipient, Sallie Cunningham, has been teaching the parents' confirmation class for the past few years. Sallie always shows up ready to teach the parents with a smile on her face. She brings so much joy to this important component to our confirmation process. We are grateful for the ways in which she continues to share her gifts with our youth and their parents.



*Thank you to all of our youth volunteers who helped make VBS a success!*



*Sharing grace ...*

# adult faith formation

Unless otherwise directed, Zoom links to Adult Studies programs are found in Seconds to Go. You may also contact the church office to receive the information, 502-895-3483.

## Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and is meeting in-person Sundays at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at [lingjr@twc.com](mailto:lingjr@twc.com). For more information about Dr. Ostling's class, visit the Adult Education page on our website.

## Pathways is on break until fall

Pathways will resume in-person meetings September 12, with a possible hybrid option. Members of the Pathways Class are united in their pursuit of knowledge of biblical, historical and social issues, and all other facets that lead to a balanced Christian life. The class is also a community that has a yearly retreat, a Derby party, and a Christmas get-together along with other social events. We also have a mission component and try hard to provide a hands-on mission opportunity at least four times a year.

## Reading the Bible

The Reading the Bible Class is on hiatus. Please contact Marty Soards at [marion.soards@att.net](mailto:marion.soards@att.net) with questions or if you are interested in joining the class when it resumes.

## Race Matters

The "Race Matters" Film Fellowship Group was formed in Spring 2020 after the deaths of George Floyd and Brianna Taylor, and as a response to the growing national consciousness of race and race relations. We meet to consider the ways in which racial consciousness has been represented in the 21st century and historically, back through the 20th century and beyond. We use film to mediate our conversations, keeping "focus" not on our own beliefs and opinions, but instead on what we experience and discover in watching it and exploring its context. This helps keep alive our basic goals to seek understanding, both communally and supportively. We discuss films for their subject matter and also as art, which often takes us into another (aesthetic) area of discovery. Most recently, we are beginning to explore some basic tenets of Critical Race Theory, arguments for and against, as they relate to the films we view. All are welcome to drop in anytime: currently we have been meeting by Zoom but anticipate in-person meetings as well. If you are a movie lover, stop by and join us! Meetings are held every other Monday at 7 p.m.

(contact person: Karen Hadley, [hadley@louisville.edu](mailto:hadley@louisville.edu))

## 2nd Sunday

2nd Sunday is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month and deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families. The class will meet on Zoom August 8 at 10 a.m. with moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

Second Sunday will begin meeting in-person on September 12 at 9:45 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

## Sisters in Spirit

Sisters in Spirit's next meeting will be hosted by Lindsey Hundley at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, at her home. We will continue our discussion of Priscilla Shirer's *Discerning the Voice of God*, Week Four. For more information, contact the church at 503-895-3482 or [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will continue to meet via Zoom in June at 7 a.m. on Fridays. The schedule for the month is as follows: Study material: *Commonly Misunderstood Verses of the Bible* by Robert E. Van Voorst.

8/6	Jeremiah 29:11, Ch. pp. 58-62 What Plans Does God Have for Us?
8/13	Jeremiah 31:34, Ch. 10 pp. 63-68. Should Christians Forgive and Forget?
8/20	Luke 2:7, Ch. 11 pp. 69-74. Was Jesus Born in a Manger?
8/27	Matthew 7:1, Ch. 12 pp. 75-80. Don't Judge at All?

To join via the Zoom link, contact Beth via email, [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).

## Christianity Today

What does it mean to say that you are a Christian? This is the overarching theme of the class, to discover together what it means to be a Christ follower in today's world and context. The class, which begins September 12, is led by Pastor Nathan Sautter and will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays.

## Hope and Healing While Grieving

will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month through April 2022.

While most of us will be in Room 251, there will be a Zoom option available.

Please contact Elizabeth Clay at [eclay@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org) if you are interested or have any questions.



### WEDNESDAYS

*Together*

Starting Wednesday,  
September 15, 2021

### Caregivers Group, August 9

The "Care for the Caregiver" monthly Zoom meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is August 9 at 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Beth ([bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org)) in the office or reach out to Deacon Cathy Hollander.



**Morning Joy  
returns  
Sept. 9, 2021**



## Presbyterian Union: Save the dates

The Presbyterian Union will resume meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning September 7, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Vincenzo's!

Invitations to speakers have been issued, but we have no confirmed speakers as of this mailing. The dates are always the first Tuesday of each month, so please mark your calendars for October 5, November 2, and December 7.

For those who are unfamiliar with the group—we gather downtown for the fellowship of a lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics—church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, topics of personal interest. Think of it as a quick retreat with friends from different places to think about living from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

## mission

### News from our mission partner, Women's Global Cancer Alliance in Haiti

To: Members of Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY

DATE: July 21, 2021

FROM: Edline Andre

Thank you all for your kind concern for all of us in Haiti. It is not an easy time. There are gangs roaming, especially in Gonaives, so we are very careful. In the 7 years since the opening of the Cervical Cancer Screening Clinic in Gonaives, we have stayed open 6 days a week. Since the president's assassination, we have been closed. Gangs in the street make it too dangerous for women to come to the clinic and too difficult for Marlene and me to come to work. So we have been closed for two weeks. Many women are calling us on our cell phones. You and others have helped us to build a clinic where women count on us, even when they cannot come in.

We pray each day for calm and order. We have lived through these times before, and we will get through this one, too. Your kind words and the money that you provide us have created and sustained this Clinic where even when a woman cannot come in, she knows where and how to find us.

You continue to save lives and families. We pray, as well, for you.

Gratefully, Edline Andre, Head Nurse, Gonaives Cervical Cancer Screening Clinic.



### Update from Costa Rica

The work of our mission partners continues in spite of many challenges due to Covid-19. We are grateful for the work of Mission Co-Worker Karla Koll as she teaches at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL). They are just about finished with their second academic term of the year which wraps up in August and they will have four students leaving to return to Peru after finishing their degrees. The UBL will welcome its first group from the US when a group from a PCUSA church in South Carolina visits next month. Our prayers continue to be with Karla and her husband, Javier, as they both recover from Covid-19 which sent Javier to the hospital and onto a ventilator in May. We give thanks that they both recovered and appear to have no long term impacts, but it was

a scary time for both of them. This happened in the midst of increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in the country from May through July.

We are also grateful for the faithful work of our partner church the Presbyterian Church in Tres Rios. They have resumed their weekly feeding ministry where they feed anywhere from 50-100 youth and children on Thursday nights. They have continued to worship over WhatsApp due to high Covid-19 rates in their community and lack of access to the vaccine at this time. There are several members of the congregation that have started studying at the UBL, and Raquel Huertas will be finishing her degree at the school early next year. We look forward to the visit of pastor Jose and his wife, Flor, later

this year when they visit Second Presbyterian in December and we continue to plan for a visit to Costa Rica in the summer of 2022.



*Karla Koll is a Mission Co-Worker in Costa Rica*



Bellewood & Brooklawn

## August Mission of the Month

Below is a list of hygiene items needed by Second's Mission partner, Bellewood & Brooklawn, for the children in residential foster care. Please drop off under the portico (use any type bag or box) during office hours through the week or in the mission closet on Sunday.

- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Towels
- Toothbrushes
- 3 in 1 Body wash, shampoo & conditioner
- Washcloths
- Toothpaste
- Twin sized sheets
- Shampoo and Conditioner

# Stewardship

## Call For Those Who Haven't Made Their 2021 Pledge

Last year was an exceptional year with 295 pledges surpassing the 2020 Ministry Budget by over \$16,000. To date we have 256 pledges for 2021 and are delinquent \$64,971 in reaching our 2021 Ministry Budget goal. Covid has certainly interrupted our church life, but things are getting closer to normal with actually being able to greet and hug each other in person. Reminders will be sent to everyone who made a pledge last year but hasn't done so this year and to all new members. When considering your pledge take a few moments to remind yourself how much the church does for you as well as our contributions to those in need outside our walls.

The Stewardship Committee

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6*



# 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

Welcome all readers! The Second Presbyterian Church Book Club, called Book Notes, continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. We gather in the parlor at church

and enjoy meeting with others who like to read. Our discussions last an hour. We usually read fiction and non-fiction best sellers.

In the months ahead, we will discuss the following books: August – “Klara and the Sun” by Kazuo Ishiguro; September – “Deacon King Kong” by James McBride; October – “Beneath A Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan; November – “Apeirogon” by Colum McCann

Carmichael’s offers us a discount. In December, we will have a planning meeting and select new books to read for the months ahead. If you would like to join us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact: Susanne Wright, sjwright@iglou.com, or Larry Sloan, larry.sloan@yahoo.com.

We are grateful for Jean O’Brien’s leadership of Book Notes for the past 10 years! Bravo and hurrah. *Merci beaucoup, gracias, danke, grazie* – there are not enough ways to say: “Thank You, Jean.”

Susanne and Larry



## Busy Needles

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.



## Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.



## Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second.

Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com.



## 2nd Act

2nd Act took July off, but practice continues in August. We will go out to nursing homes as soon as the show is ready. Once the schedule is determined, the group will be singing every Wednesday until Christmas. Stay tuned! Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



## Pilates

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



## Prayer Group

Currently, the group members pray separately. To learn more about this group, contact Beth Haendiges

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



## Dinner Groups

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

## Session Highlights from June 17, 2021

At the June 17, 2021, stated Session meeting held in a hybrid format, in-person and via Zoom:

- A welcome reception for Samuel Libra, Organist, will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021
- The Session unanimously approved a proposal by the Staff to have a reunion event on August 22, 2021 (rain date, August 29) at Cedar Ridge Camp. The event will begin with worship at 11 a.m. followed by a meal and activities throughout the afternoon including games, swimming, fishing, etc. Our sister church, Peace Presbyterian, will be invited to join in the reunion, celebration event. A

recorded service will be prepared ahead of time and will be available on the YouTube Channel for those who are not able, or who choose not to be at the reunion.

The Session will not meet in July, but will resume meeting in August.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Session



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## passages

### We remember in prayer...

The family and friends of Mary McDaniel on her death, 7/18/21.

Carol McCarty and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Everett Trivisono, 7/12/21.

The family and friends of Finis Gentry upon his death, 6/24/21.

Lee Ann Dorsey and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Baxter Sigler Gordon, 6/22/21.