

SECOND THOUGHTS

A monthly reflection on the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville



Sharing grace . . .

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SECOND Presbyterian CHURCH

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

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Second Glance

*“...let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds”
Hebrews 10:24*

Dear friends,

So many things at Second Presbyterian are named “second” something. There’s Second Thought, Second Sunday, and so forth. For a couple weeks in a row, I kept referring to the group “Second Needles.” A couple people gave me that odd look that somehow conveys something’s amiss.

What I called second needles is the “Busy Needles” group, which meets on the second Sunday and fourth Thursday of the month. I am grateful they meet on the second and fourth, not merely the second Sunday; otherwise, my newest mistake would be thinking that second needles meet on the second Sundays and second Thursdays...you get it, the humor in so many things at “Second” having a “two” or “second” in the name. I find the “twos” an endearing trait of our life together as church.

The Busy Needles always welcome new participants and will teach new people how to crochet or knit. Last Sunday, June 19, we blessed some of their handmade prayer shawls during worship. They’ve made familiar things like lap throws and hats along with things like “twiddle nuffs,” “chair caddies,” and pocket scarfs.

These handmade items by Bev, Marcy, Karen, and others are delivered to homebound members and others as a sign of love and community. These gentle and quiet gifts bring joy and remind our siblings of our connection as church. Take a moment over the summer to remember the Busy Needles and others who serve with gentleness and kindness among us. Take a moment, and smile at God’s goodness expressed through small acts of love.

Peace,

Rev. Rich Gianzero, *Interim Associate Pastor*



Worship & Music

VESPERS *at Second*

Sunday, July 10 @ 6:30 p.m. - Chapel Circle

Bring your lawn chair!

Worship * Music * Fellowship

featuring music from

Israel Cuenca and Latin Music Ensemble!



Thank you to John Ellis for capturing some wonderful shots of our June VESPERS!

JUMP IN! 

Summer Choir

REHEARSALS
@ 7 P
JUNE 22 & 29;
JULY 13

WORSHIP
@ 10 A
JULY 3, 10, 17, 24

All High-Schoolers and older are welcome!
IF YOU LOVE TO SING, Summer 2022 is your chance!

Contact Jim Rittenhouse



GOLDEN BELLS

REHEARSALS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

If you love the sound of bells and have always wanted to learn how to ring, this is the choir for you. Golden Bells meets primarily for fun and fellowship and does not prepare music for worship.

Questions? Bonnie Boram, Director: bboram@aol.com



Update

from the Associate Pastor
Nominating Committee

We have been meeting almost weekly since late winter, seeking to discern God's will as we discussed the job description, desirable qualities in a candidate, and various ways to reach out to prospective candidates. We have completed the Ministry Information Form, which is a portrait of our church, and an outline of the job description and desired competencies. This form has been presented to and approved by both session and the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. The position is listed both on the church's website and the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection. We are now ready to begin receiving and evaluating Personal Information Forms from prospective candidates. We would appreciate your prayers as we continue in this process.

**Thank
you!**



**DERBY CITY
CHAMBER MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

NICHOLAS FINCH, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Your support of the inaugural Festival was spectacular!

We hosted close to 700 members of the community to a line-up of world-class music, and collected \$2,000 for aid to Ukraine! Special thanks to our usher force:

Mary Ayers, Bonnie Boram, Sharon Clark, Dick Clay, Jodie Goldberg, Karen Hadley, Carol Hull, Diana Jester, Eric Lehmann, Susan Lehmann, Bill McDowell, Harrison Palmer-Ball, Janet Rittenhouse, Ellen Rudd

Thank you for helping to make Second a place where the best in music and arts are welcomed and celebrated!



SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN

**SUMMER
MUSIC BLAST 2022!**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8
6-8 PM**

**MUSIC ACTIVITIES & GAMES - FOOD -
& BACK BY HIGH DEMAND ...
ICE CREAM 'N FIREHOSE PARTY!!
(BRING YOUR WATER GEAR!)**

AGES 3-COMPLETED 5TH GRADE

Children

Children be released during 10am worship and will go outside and learn about Bible stories that celebrate various aspects of God's creation. Children can be picked up at the playground after worship.

July 9
5 - 8:30 p.m.

Parent's Night Out

Need a break??

\$15 per child
\$25 Family Cap

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

Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Amy Heckmann—aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org—by Monday, June 27 with questions and to reserve your spot!



Thank you to everyone who attended our first ever Pajama Church! The worship was themed around the Creation Story and the kids were able to make a craft for each day to learn about what God had created. Thank you to Pastor Jordan & Tammy Kissling for putting together such a fun worship service!



Summer Calendar

May
May 31-June 3, 9am - 2pm - Willow Art Camp* - Art from around the world

June
June 6-10, 9am - 2pm - Willow Art Camp* - Art from around the world
June 13-17, 9am - 2pm - Smiley Camp*- Under the Sea
June 20-24, 9am - 2pm - Smiley Camp*- On the Farm
June 18, 5pm - 8pm - Parent's Night Out

July
July 9, 5pm - 8pm - Parent's Night Out
July 11-15, 9am - 12pm - Vacation Bible School* - Passport to Peace
July 11-15, 9am - 12pm - Project Serve
July 15, 6pm - 9am - 4th and 5th grade Bible Lock-In

August
August 8, 6pm - 8pm - Summer Blast
August 20, 5pm - 8pm - Parent's Night Out
August 28, 10am - 3pm - Churchwide Fall Reunion

September
September 11 - Faith Formation begins

2PY trip to Holiday World Wednesday, June 29

RSVP by Monday, June 20 Tickets - \$35

Lunch will be provided

Bring:
Bathing suit & towel
money for a locker (water park)
money for snacks and games (optional)

We will meet at 9:15am
and return at 5:30pm

2PY SUMMER CALENDAR

June

Sunday, June 5

HS Montreat meeting after Worship
(all parents and youth attending Montreat)

June 12-June 18

HS Montreat

Sunday, June 19

Youth in Worship

Wednesday, June 22

Meet at Graeters at 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 29

Holiday World, \$35 per person

July

July 11-15

VBS

Wednesday, July 13

Lunch after VBS 12:30-1:30 pm

TBD

West End School Clean Up

August

Wednesday, August 10

College Dinner for Graduated Seniors

Sunday, August 14

Montreat Reunion

Sunday, August 21

Bellewood Centerstone 4:30-6 pm

Sunday, August 28

All church celebration 10am



PASSPORT to PEACE

VBS 2022

VBS & PROJECT SERVE JULY 11-15, 9A-12P

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
HELPING PLEASE CONTACT:

LAURA OR KRISTA
VBS@2NDPRESLOU.ORG

Weekday School



While our teachers enjoy their summer break, we want to acknowledge the ways they let children know they belong and are valued at 2nd Pres Weekday School. The infant garden is one recent example. Our youngest students worked together to create a garden for their playground at their developmental level. They dug holes for plants with small shovels and scoops, spread out the dirt with hand rakes, and painted rocks to create a decorative border. The garden remained open for transformation after the initial build. The hand rakes, rocks, and shovels were left available so the children could continue engaging with the dynamic space through the end of the school year. The infant teachers also used their knowledge of child development and observation to notice the type of work, play and exploration their students were interested in to design the project. Their belief in their young students' capabilities allowed for a project the children could complete almost entirely on their own. Now, there is a garden on our campus built by children, a mark of their beautiful classroom community and the common goal they worked together to achieve.

—Hayley Abell
Director of the Weekday School



Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in Seconds to Go.

You may also contact the church office: tkissling@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Morning Joy

Spring and Fall sessions of this weekly Bible study on Thursday mornings concentrate on a specific book of the Bible. Classes meet in Fellowship Hall and are led by Senior Pastor Steve Jester, with the women and men who attend – both church members and guests—providing lots of discussion and questions.

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and the sharing of church joys and concerns. At the conclusion of each class by 11 a.m., small discussion groups convene for those who choose to participate. A syllabus of the class study will be provided in advance of Morning Joy sessions, so that attendees can familiarize themselves with what book of the Bible to concentrate on in preparation. Participants can attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall or they can attend virtually via Zoom. All are welcome!

Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and meets in-person on Sundays at 9:00 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.

Pathways

Pathways is on summer break.

Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, leads this class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom. We are now studying the book of Acts, and we would be glad to have anyone join us who is interested in such Bible study.

Film Fellowship

This group gathers on the first Monday of each month to discuss the intersections of film and faith. Each session, we discuss a different film, some familiar to many, others new to most. Join us as we explore deep questions around art, ethics, belief, and media. Contact Karen Hadley (hadley@louisville.edu) for questions or concerns.

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, led by moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell. 2nd Sunday is on summer break.

Sisters in Spirit

A warm, supportive group of ladies that enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help us grow in our everyday faith. We generally meet the second Tuesday of the month 7–9 p.m. in the home of a group member. Open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. Join us when you are able (it's ok if you have to miss a month or two, you are always welcome to come as you are able). Contact Selina Costley (sjc@iglou.com) for info.

Our next gathering is July 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Sallye Pence's. Please RSVP to Sallye.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets in Room 251 and via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session.

Mission

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

PACT is an outreach organization that serves the residents of the Portland neighborhood.

PACT Current Needs

- Peanut butter - small jars
- Applesauce
- Canned fruit & vegetables *
- Canned meat *
- Canned stew, chili, & ravioli *
- Summer clothes & shoes
- Linens - towels & blankets

*Pull top packages are preferred



Love the Hungry (photos on opposite page)

On April 23, members of Pathways (sponsored by the Mission Committee) teamed up with Love the Hungry to help assemble 12,744 meal kits to ship to Ukrainian refugees near the border of Ukraine. It took less than 2 hours. The following morning, Pathways decided to continue with this endeavor by passing the hat during their class until they have enough money to participate again, the cost is \$500. The class also discussed extending this offer to other Sunday School classes and groups (youth, choir, women's and men's group).

Love the Hungry currently has 3 primary destination requests: Haiti, Central America (Guatemala), and South Sudan. They also supply meal kits to about 29 other countries, including the USA, based on need and logistic abilities to get the kits delivered. Love the Hungry partners with a variety of faith and civic organizations to assemble the fortified meal kits.

For more information about the work Love the Hungry does visit their website at lovethehungry.org.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our May & June Missions of the Month, South Louisville Community Ministries and Portland Avenue Community Trust. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.



Refugee updates

Ukrainian Refugees

According to the United Nations, over 1 million people have fled Ukraine since the Russian invasion. Ukrainians are fleeing to neighboring countries, including Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania, Russia, and Belarus. This BBC story details how people are fleeing and what aid they are receiving. (adapted from the KRM newsletter, 2022)

Many community members have contacted KRM (KY Refugee Ministries) to ask if we are welcoming Ukrainian refugees. At this time, KRM and their national partners do not know when any Ukrainian refugees would be arriving in the U.S. or Kentucky. People fleeing Ukraine would have to go through a refugee application in order to travel to Kentucky through the United States resettlement program. If Ukrainian refugees were to be resettled in the United States, KRM and other organizations working as part of the U.S. refugee program would willingly welcome them, as they do all refugees admitted to the U.S. in need of protection and an opportunity to rebuild their lives. At Second, the mission committee is ready to welcome any family, whether they are from the Ukraine or elsewhere in the world.

About KRM and Us

Chris Ellis was invited to present on the Mission Committee's refugee resettlement work at a conference in March organized by Church World Service. Read on for Chris's great overview of the refugee resettlement process through KRM and their partnership with co-sponsors.

KRM provides a wide range of professional resettlement services to refugees and immigrants, offering stability and a sense of belonging to these future American citizens. An outstanding staff of caseworkers, interpreters, attorneys, teachers, and others work to facilitate their transition to our community. While some co-sponsors are civic or business groups, the majority are faith-based groups.

At the local level, KRM has welcomed 108 refugees in Louisville, 77 refugees in Lexington, and four refugees in Northern Kentucky this program year, from October 1 through mid-February.

Refugees come from many different situations:

1. Seeking asylum
2. Fleeing from violence, hunger, climate change, political events, etc.
3. Initiating requests for resettlement in other countries through legal means through their own state departments.

All refugees and immigrants to the US are approved and vetted by our State Department.

They are then directed to Church World Service which sends them to resettlement agencies throughout the country.

Immigrants arriving in Louisville are received by Kentucky Refugee Ministries or Catholic Services. These agencies in turn find faith communities, civic organizations, businesses or individuals who are willing to co-sponsor.

Our Mission Committee and refugee team take it one family at a time. Financially, we offer rental assistance for the first three months of the sponsorship. Self-sufficiency is the goal! Second's congregation offers aid in many ways to the families, based on their needs. We are grateful for this congregation's ongoing support and participation as we share the grace of God with all those around us.

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

May: *Better Lucky Than Good* by The Louisville Story Program Presented by Holly Gathright.

We need books for the rest of the year, so offer up your suggestions! See Seconds to Go for Zoom links.

For information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact: Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or Susanne Wright at sjwright@iglou.com.



Pilates

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



Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Valerie Dreher at (502) 618-3732 or edreher3@yahoo.com. We walk on the first and third Wednesday of each month.



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.



2nd Act

Studies show that singing with other people helps create a sense of belonging, and it triggers new neurotransmitter responses in your frontal lobe. This biological response releases chemicals that make us smarter, healthier, happier and more creative.

Who would like to be smarter, healthier, and happier? Consider joining 2nd Act. We are a group of ladies who love to get together to sing and entertain in this ministry to those in nursing and health facilities. No experience necessary. Anyone welcome. We meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. For more information, contact Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second. Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com.



Dinner Groups

Let's Socialize! A dinner group is an opportunity to make new friends and/or get to know one another better. If you're interested in joining a dinner group or starting one, please call, text or email Cheryl Cooper at 502-417-3999, cheryltcooper@gmail.com

Care for the Caregiver

Are you helping a loved one with impairments related to aging, disability, or a mental disorder? Are you taking care of someone who has a chronic illness, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, healthcare for someone who cannot perform these tasks alone? If you answered yes to any of these, then you are a caregiver.

Caregivers hold it all together or have the overwhelming feeling that they must hold it together because no one else can. Caring for your loved one can lead to isolation, depression, chronic health issues, and poor quality of life. The Deacons here at Second see how important it is to support its members who hold the role of caregiver.

The caregiver support group meets the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. These remote monthly Zoom meetings provide resources, education, guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to the challenges of caregiving. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact the office or reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, or Deacon Cathy Hollander.

Presbyterian Union

On the first Tuesday of each month people 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 some friends from different places to think about the world of work and living from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

*Mark your calendars for future meetings, usually on the first Tuesday of the month.
Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 12 (due to the 4th of July holiday).*

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

Lunch: buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$20.00 including gratuity

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 p.m. of preceding Monday (if accepting) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440

Parking: Parking is on 5th Street either on the street or across Market (one way east) at the Stock Yards parking sign on the south side of Market between 5th and 6th or at the National City Bank Building (entrances on 5th, near Main, and Main Street [one way west] on left immediately before 5th).

Payment: Please pay at door by cash or check. If you make a reservation and do not cancel before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the presentation, we must ask that you pay.

We request that all in attendance are fully vaccinated. Tables will not seat more than 6 people.

Hope & Healing While Grieving

Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on happiness but loss is a very real part of everyone's life. Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We will meet at 11:30 am on June 22, July 20, and August 10. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet at the Church on the second Tuesdays, beginning September 13th at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship. We look forward to being together, again, and welcome all women at Second to join us. A Zoom option will be available.

The 22-23 Horizons Bible study is “Celebrating the Sabbath” by Carol M. Bechtel. Each lesson will focus on a particular passage of scripture. We will be encouraged to practice Sabbath in “real and practical ways” making the Sabbath an important part of our lives in Christ. Study books will be available at our September meeting.

The Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Living Waters “Fueled to Serve” will be held virtually on June 24-25, 2022. Information and individual registration can be found on the website www.pwsynodlw.com. The PW at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church will host a local gathering for sessions on both days, at No Cost. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Parker (502)641-9204 or amyparker158@hotmail.com or Linda Garrett at (502)558-7813 or ldgarrett0447@gmail.com.

As we pray for peace and comfort in our world, may the love of Christ and the joy of our friendships be with you, now, as always, In Christ,

Amy Parker, *Moderator* Amyparker158@hotmail.com (502) 897-5076

Session Highlights

From the May 12, 2022 session meeting:

- The Chapel Organ Committee is working alongside the Worship Committee and the Music Committee to address replacement of the chapel organ.
- Financial Report Highlights: Pledge Comparison Sheet: Pledges for 2022 received in April were \$140k bringing total YTD 2022 pledge income received to \$622k including 1) pre-paid 2022 pledges at year end 2021 (\$149k) and 2) 2021 pledges not paid until 2022 (\$59k). This is ahead of the 2022 MAP (Ministry Action Plan) and the same period in 2021. Treasurer’s Report Highlights: YTD Activity through 4/30/22: YTD income is \$60,872 more than same period 2021, YTD expenses are \$33,582 more than the same period 2021. Actual activity is tracking well with MAP. Balance Sheet Highlights: Net of restricted funds, cash of \$142,299 is sufficient to cover about a month of budgeted expenses.
- Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been working to complete the forms required by the Presbytery. The MIF (Ministry Information Form) is completed and has been submitted to Presbytery. The committee will be advertising soon and hopefully will begin receiving resumes.
- The Taiwanese Presbyterian fellowship with Second Presbyterian is nearing completion. A draft property use agreement is being prepared for review by the Property Committee as well as an attorney. The Taiwanese Presbyterian Church fellowship with Second is set to begin later in June.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Clark, *Clerk of Session*



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passages

We remember in prayer...

Eunice and Rob Shishmanian on the death of husband and father, Charlie Shishmanian, 6/4/22.

Vicki, Rob, and Betsy Reuther and their family on the death of husband and father, James Reuther, 5/27/22.

Christina Recktenwald and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Ron Hunting, 5/16/22.

Bill McDowell and his family on the death of his sister, Judy Stanton, 5/12/22.

Melinda Mast and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Bob Hilgers, 5/1/22.

Trish and Patti Ogden and their family on the death of William "Baldwin" Ogden, 4/25/22.

Prentice Brown and his family on the death of his companion, Joan Muir, 4/16/2022.

Sarann Harralson and her family on the death of her husband, John Henry Harralson, Jr., 3/30/22.

Ann Bowling and her family on the death of her mother, Eva "Grace" Hall Kleinschmidt, 3/25/22.

Ellie Salisbury and her family on the death of her husband, Tom Salisbury, 3/22/22.

Selina Costley and her family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Bogard, 3/21/22.