



Second Sharing

Second Presbyterian Church

Dedicated to Jesus Christ, we are committed to making a difference by caring for one another, growing in our ministries, and reaching beyond ourselves.

KAIROS CORNER

April, 2024

You may remember from this space in the February newsletter that I was focusing on three consuming things then: Death, Words, and Numbers. I'm still thinking about these things.

Lent began—as it always does—with these words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” I continue to grieve those from our congregation who have died since Christmas. Nine people we have known and loved, who have journeyed alongside us in our community of faith, have died. I know your heart aches as well, for you likely knew them far longer than I did. Pray for their families as they find their way in the strange world that dawns for the living on the far side of someone's death.

I'm happy to report I was able to scratch out the Words I was searching for back in February. I completed my main writing project for my doctoral program a couple of weeks ago. The joy I experienced while hitting the “submit” button was palpable. While I would like to believe it is finished, I am now feverishly checking my seminary email to see if I'm approved to defend the project in late April. I was to hear from them by the end of March if there were major problems, so I'm watching the number of days remaining in the month dwindle with great rejoicing. (Surely, they won't wait until Easter afternoon to deliver a crushing blow!) So, barring any last-minute email informing me otherwise, I will present my project on April 23rd and graduate on April 27. I'm grateful for the time and resources you have given and covet your continued prayers.

As for numbers...I'm still praying God will enable each of us to give generously so that our giving doesn't hinder our mission. You are needed, for you are made in the image of a generous God. Your generosity makes a difference in the world. The number of new members and faces reveal our congregation's vitality, while also calling forth each one of us to do the hard and holy work of hospitality, nurture, and care. Thanks for your faithfulness.

With gratitude and joy for what God is doing among us,

Pastor John

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April 14: Marissa Carver

April 21: John P. Leggett

April 28: Youth Sunday: *One Service 10:00*

MEMBER NEWS

We express our love and sympathy to:

- * Kathy Hall on death of her mother, Norma, on March 12th.
- * The family of Stan Adkins who died on March 22nd.

Congratulations to:

- ♦ Ruth Berry on receiving the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award from the CU-NYHSN Alumni Association.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ON SUNDAY

Would you like to provide flowers for the chancel that beautify our worship on Sunday morning? If so, you are welcome to give flowers in memory and/or honor of loved ones, or in celebration of a milestone.



To order and reserve a Sunday, please scan the QR code. You can also contact Shawn Phelps (shawnp@2preslex.org or 859-254-7768) if you would like for her to place your order.

2023 SA RED KETTLE - REMEMBERING BILL FORTUNE

Second continued its longstanding tradition of supporting the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle campaign this year by ringing the bell at the Beaumont Kroger on December 21st-23rd. Approximately 35 families and individuals **raised over \$3800**. These funds support ministries as diverse such as: Religious Services, Disaster Relief, Casework and Counseling, Youth Services, Senior Centers, Human and Sexual Trafficking Advocacy, Veterans and Prison Services.



Special thanks to **Bill Fortune** — who initiated and led the volunteer recruitment from the beginning through this past season before his death. Below is a note from the Salvation Army:

"It was with great sadness that we received the news of Bill Fortune's passing. His bell-ringing recruitment and

infectious enthusiasm has left a lasting legacy. We join you in mourning his loss and celebrating his life and contributions. We also commend Elizabeth Briggs for stepping forward to continue this valuable work. Bill's spirit of giving and community service will undoubtedly live on through the efforts of all those he inspired."



BUCKHORN CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES AUCTION

Buckhorn will be hosting another spring auction on **April 6th** at **116 Buckhorn Lane, Buckhorn, KY**. It's a great time to clean out your closets, basements and garages and donate to a wonderful cause! **Please bring items by Wednesday, April 3rd** and place them on the wall in the Gathering Place. We also ask that people not leave large items, such as pieces of furniture, TVs or appliances in that space. If you are looking for some bargains, feel free to attend the event!



Staff Appreciation Week

Second Presbyterian has 24 outstanding Staff Members and 8 Choral Scholars – some you know, but others you may not. **The Week of April 14th is Staff Appreciation Week!** The Personnel Committee encourages you to think about our talented staff and the important roles they play at church. **Feel free to share a word of thanks if you see them, or you can send a note of appreciation to the church office.**

John P. Leggett	Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
David Holden	Director of Outreach and Involvement
Jen Brown-Murphy	Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Jackie Graves	Parish Nurse
Gary L. Anderson	Director of Music and Adult Choir
Martha Anderson	Organist
Donna Phillips	Handbells Director
Marissa Carver	Asst. Director of Children's & Youth
Chris Burchett	Choral Scholar
Ashley Patak	Choral Scholar
Jimmy Simmons	Choral Scholar
Emma Whitt	Choral Scholar
Brian Williams	Choral Scholar
Anazha Santiago	Choral Scholar
Paige Crain	Choral Scholar
Dylon Crain	Choral Scholar

Scarlet Hall	Director of Finance and Operations
Shawn Phelps	Administrative Assistant
Jeanette Heinrichs	Nursery
Jami Hart	Communications & Children's Choir
Carl Soper	Building Maintenance
Jerry Huddleston	Lead Security
Robert Lockard	Security (volunteer)
Delvin Logan	Meals on Wheels Cook
Kim Shelton	Director of Ecumenical Preschool
Stojanka Simic	Nursery and PMO
Ally Rogers	Preschool
Becky Baker	Preschool
Delores Tucker	PMO
Jenna Coy	PMO
Caroline Scott	Preschool

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



The Youth of Second Presbyterian Church are looking forward to leading the congregation in a single worship service on **Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 am**. Youth will greet and usher, play the music, sing, lead as liturgists and prayer leaders, and 3 of our seniors will give the message for the day through their Senior Reflections. **We will have Children at the Chancel that morning, but no WOW so children will stay in worship the whole time.** We are looking forward to the youth using their gifts to lead us in worship on April 28th at 10:00 am!

Youth Summer Mission Trip June 2-7 (Asheville NC) Spots Available – Male Chaperone Needed!



Our middle and high school youth are participate in one of AYMCo's mission immersion experience. Youth will stay at First Presbyterian, Asheville and go do hands-on work at 1 to 2 agencies each day in the area.

We will also debrief our experiences through discussion and the arts as youth connect our work with our call as Christian to help others. We have a few youth spots still available! You can register your youth in Realm. **We are also looking for a male chaperone to join us!** Chaperone must be over 21 years old and pass a background check. This is a wonderful chance to connect with our youth and to do some hands-on mission and learn alongside us. **Interested? Questions? Contact Jen Brown-Murphy, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry.**

PAINTED KINDNESS ROCKS

Out of our February intergenerational *Engage* program bubbled up a lovely conversation about giving our ourselves time and space to be quiet and to tap into our creativity. Several mentioned wanting to do some art that had fallen to the side in recent years - one of which was painting. And one of our group liked to paint kindness rocks with her daughter and place them around in public spaces for others to find. One of our participants then took some extra rocks and painted them and planted them around our church.

These beautiful rocks are meant to be a joyful and pleasant surprise and to share loving and supportive messages to the finders. You can enjoy the message and put it back...or move it to a new space for someone else to find...or take it home as a daily reminder that you are loved and encouraged by your church family!



Engage – *Touch the Earth Lightly* Wednesday, April 17th 6:30-7:30 pm

Experience the transformative power of faith and environmental stewardship at our **April intergenerational Engage** program, *Touch the Earth Lightly*.

Through hands-on activities, dynamic discussions, and scripture reflections, participants will learn about environmental concerns of our planet. We will consider, through a lens of faith and stewardship, what we can do to care for Earth, and leave with practical ways to integrate conservation into our daily lives. **Join us as we nurture our connection to the Earth, advocate for sustainable practices, and embrace our role as faithful stewards of God's creation.**

VBS—REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!



Join us each night from **June 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, for faith-building, fellowship, and fun at Vacation Bible School! We will learn that we can trust God no matter what challenges we face in life as we spend each evening engaged in summer camp inspired fun! **VBS is for ages 3 thru completed 5th grade.** 5th graders will be Group Assistants - they help the adult/youth leaders, but also get to participate in all activities with their group. **Scan the QR code to sign up your child(ren). Friends are welcome!**



JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

Do not withhold good from those whom it is due, when it is in your power to ACT. Proverbs 3:27

Everyone is invited and encouraged to unite with more than 1500 people of faith at BUILD's **Nehemiah Action Assembly, Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m., at Central Bank Center.** Thank You, Lakshman for providing bus transportation! Specific departure time(s) will be posted later. Second's Justice Ministry Members will be calling to personally invite you, your family and friends to the **Action** sharing why your presence will truly make a difference in the power of our gathering and what to expect during the assembly. Let us stand in solidarity with our neighbors to proclaim God's story of *abundance, hope, promise and love* for ALL God's children in our beloved community.

If not in the past, or currently, each one of us will encounter the issues surrounding **Elder Care**. The three themes related to BUILD's 'new' campaign issue that emerged during the plethora of research meetings are: 90% of older adults want to age in their own homes but face numerous barriers in doing so, they and their families struggle to find, navigate and access the resources currently available in Lex. and the detrimental impact of isolation on one's overall health is significant. With additional research meetings scheduled, the 'Village to Village' elder care model -which restores connections, neighborhoods and neighborliness- may be the possible solution. Once the specific 'ask' is determined, BUILD leaders will meet with the decision-makers to present a reasonable, well-researched proposal, inform them of the 'ask' and invite them to the **Action, April 30th** where we will hold them accountable to do what is *right, fair and just*. For justice is the heart of who God is and what God does. BUILD's ongoing campaigns, **Transportation/Microtransit and Housing**, will also be reviewed and updates given.

Questions? Contact one of the Second's Justice Team Leaders: Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu); Daryl Privott (drprivott@hotmail.com); Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com); Rev. David (davidh@2preslex.org).

EQUAL EXCHANGE AT SECOND



Second has given members the opportunity to buy Equal Exchange products for many years. Why? Because the olive oil is grown by small Palestinian farmers and the coffee and chocolate by small farmers in countries such as Guatemala, Colombia, and Togo. **Equal Exchange works directly with more than 40 farmer cooperatives in what is called fair trade.**

If you are not among the approximately 100 Second members currently buying Equal Exchange olive oil or coffee or chocolate bars, consider it! Our prices cover just the cost of the item and shipping so are cheaper than in stores. **Stop by the Gathering Place** to buy oil, coffee, and chocolate that taste great or visit www.2preslex.org/equal-exchange for details.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT



BURNAMWOOD
CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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Located in the heart of a 500 acre valley, in an area said to be where the *Bluegrass kisses the mountains*, **Camp Burnamwood** is dedicated to forging connections with God, learning about ourselves, building relationships, and serving others.

Through Summer camps, year round retreats, and outreach ministry, they strive to foster a transformative fellowship experience for all our visitors, campers and communities we serve. Whether you are able to join us for a week, a weekend, or a day, they look forward to you becoming a part of the Burnamwood Family.

Camp Burnamwood will have **three camps this summer** for children and youth to experience God while in nature and have fun through music, small group, recreation and worship for several days. **Miss Jen and Miss Marissa will be counselors at the 3rd to 5th grade and Middle School camps and are helping plan for all three camps.**

- **3rd-5th Grades: June 10-13**
- **6th-8th Grades: June 13-15**
- **9th-12th Grades: June 17-22**

Registration is now open! Visit burnamwood.net to sign up—*early bird discount available through April 30th.*





Sunday Adult Pathways 9:40-10:40 a.m.

- **Bible Explorers (Room 202):** Explore a new way to tell an ancient story via the Bible Project. Short videos prompt conversation about the Bible that leads to a crucial question: Where is Jesus leading me? This semester, we will start with the Gospel of Matthew, followed by a series covering topics from Jesus' ministry through Easter. Then we will discuss some Easter-flavored topics followed by Paul's first four letters following Acts.
- **Women's Sunday Gathering (Room 201A)** - We are continuing to read *Dynamite Prayer* in 2024. This class meets both in-person and online. Contact Catherine Hunt (859-327-9388 or chowehunt@gmail.com) for details.
- **Forum Program (1st Floor)** - Below is the upcoming schedule:

April 7: Mary Crowley Schmidt, Assistant Director of Aging for the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living. She will speak about the range of services offered by the agency.

April 14: Alix McIntosh, Head of Counter Human Trafficking for the United Nations' International Organization of Migration in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, who grew up at Second, and will talk about human trafficking.

April 21: Brad White, UK Football's Defensive Coordinator, will talk about the different coaching techniques working with college students after coming from the pros.

April 28: Youth Sunday: One service at 10:00 a.m. (No Forum)

SECOND CHURCH - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

Second Church is seeking to be certified as a **Dementia-Friendly Church** through **Dementia Friendly Lexington**.

One of the steps to becoming a dementia friendly church is to encourage all members to review the engaging and informative presentation that describes the nature of dementia, the ways that it impacts how people experience their surroundings and people around them, and gives practical advice for how to relate in ways that are compassionate and effective. The Deacons are leading this effort and have been trained, as well as the staff.

To view the presentation, place scan the QR code. The presentation takes about 30-40 minutes. You can stop and restart, if needed. **Once you have watched the video**, we do ask if you would please email David Holden (davidh@2preslex.org) or Tracy McIntosh (tracy@bgelderlaw.com). We are keeping a list and hope to finalized the training soon. Thank you!

**Dementia Friendly
Lexington**



*Help Second be a certified
dementia-friendly church!*

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

*Listen to advice and accept instruction,
and in the end you will be wise.* Proverbs 19:20

From the CDC: Strategies for a Healthy Spring



- Move more, sit less! Get at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week. Add in muscle-strengthening work 2x/week. Movement is medicine!
- Chose healthy foods. Include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, and low fat dairy products. Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.
- Rethink your drink. Substitute water for sugary or alcoholic drinks to reduce calories and stay safe.
- Get enough sleep. Adults need 7 hours, children 6-12 need 9-12 hours, teens 8-10 hours a night.
- Be sun safe. Use broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and wear sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays.
- Don't use tobacco in any form. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free support to kick the habit.
- Learn your health history and discuss it with your doctor.

Learn more ways to stay healthy and prevent chronic disease at www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED



The Covenant Choir has been presenting major works at least twice a year for many years. Studying and rehearsing music which challenges us; making music in collaboration with guest instrumentalists; is exciting as it enhances worship.

We are blessed to have congregational support, including financial support, for these special works. Thank you!

Current Tenors and the number of years each has sung in the Covenant Choir: **Brian Williams** (26-choral scholar); **Ross DeAeth** (22); **Kevin McCalla** (11); **Bob Hilton** (5); **Dylon Crain** (1-choral scholar).

Next month: The Basses

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barber Clark, Laura Hartley
- 2 Anne Evans Leniz, Mike Garrett
- 4 Jack Edmiston, Ben Bowzer, Mary Tebbs, Vita Carman
- 5 Kathleen Boyd, Betty Crouch
- 6 Alex Kerns
- 7 Vicki Wilson, Joe Evans
- 8 Sarah Kozlowski
- 9 Jennie Brown
- 10 Neven Gardner, Christian Champe
- 11 Karen May
- 12 Sally Malmer, Jimmy Rogers
- 14 Terri Fugmann
- 16 Blair Lee, Jackie Graves
- 17 Anne Atcher, Madeline Franklin, Sarah Nipper
- 19 Brittany Lockhart, Andy Smith, Kenny Leatherman, Carole Palmer
- 20 Carolyn Loeff, Mimi Dildilian, Martha Anderson, Cathy Rogers
- 21 David Fisher, Mac Rogers, Jennifer Davis
- 22 Leslie Rhodes, Bill Elder
- 23 Katy Breeze
- 24 Hunt Taylor
- 26 Kay Harris
- 27 Kathy Kluemper, Lee Weidner, Mary Ann Chamberlain
- 28 Karen Minton
- 29 Hendy Seelbach, Matthew DeMoss
- 30 Pat Webb, Andrew Polites, Haley McCauley, Russ DesCognets, Jana Kennelly



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING



Join other Presbyterian women at our 2024 Spring Gathering on **Saturday, April 13th at First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, KY**. Our theme this year is *Mother Earth Provides Food Security* with keynote speaker, Jim Embry. Come and enjoy fellowship as we worship together.

RSVP to Sandra Harrison (slharr64@gmail.com or 859-806-1172) **by April 5th**. Be sure you let her know if you need a ride on our church bus.

TIMELINE UPDATE

Interested in how Second Presbyterian's history intersects with the larger world? **Check out the updated timeline in the Fellowship Hall**. See if you can locate the people/events/places listed below. What else was happening at the same time?

- The Choctaw Academy just up the road in Georgetown, KY. A model for the notorious Indian Boarding Schools that sprang up across country, it was also home to a U.S. Vice President whose wife was an enslaved woman on his plantation.
- Two battles that led the U.S. to declare an end to the "Indian Wars." Government policies of "pacification" aimed at indigenous people followed.
- The first Indigenous (Tlingit) woman elected as elder in the PCUSA. She worked as a translator, civil rights advocate and missionary educator in the Pacific Northwest.
- The "Red Summer." This period of fierce attacks on Black communities persisted beyond a single summer, including the Tulsa's Massacre that destroyed much of the city's once- thriving Black community.
- The first African American woman, Katie Geneva Canon, ordained as a teaching elder. She was also the first Black woman to receive a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary.
- The first woman, Margaret Towner, ordained by the PC(USA).

Calendar

Tuesday, April 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. OLLI Class
5:45 p.m. Yoga Class

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)

Thursday, April 4

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum)

Sunday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Alight (4th-5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Jammin' with Jami

Monday, April 8

1:00 p.m. Beth Wachs Circle
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, April 9

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)
1:00 p.m. OLLI Class
5:45 p.m. Yoga

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Prep

Thursday, April 11

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum)

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
3:30 p.m. Jammin' with Jami
4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner & Session Meeting

Monday, April 15

4:00 p.m. Presbytery Bd of Pension Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Presbytery Bd of Pension Meeting
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
1:00 p.m. OLLI Class
5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (zoom)
5:45 p.m. Yoga Class
6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting (zoom)

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
11:30 a.m. Lexington Directions (Forum)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Engage

Thursday, April 18

5:00 p.m. Preschool Art Show
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room)

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
3:30 p.m. Jammin' With Jami
4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades)

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
5:45 p.m. Yoga Class

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Prep

Thursday, April 25

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum)

Sunday, April 28 (Youth Sunday)

10:00 a.m. One Worship
4:00 p.m. Youth End of Year Party

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)
5:45 p.m. Yoga
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

All ladies of the church are welcome to join our next **Beth Wachs Monday Circle** on **April 8th at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Forum Room. Please come and enjoy refreshments followed by discussion. Contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172) for details.



At the March meeting, the ladies assembled Hygiene and Feminine Kits to send to CWS (Church World Services) for disasters around the country.

⇒ Women's Saturday Discussion

Women's Saturday discussion group meet each Saturday at 9:00 a.m., in the Campbell Room. Join us as we study *Grounded: Finding God in the World, a Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass. Contact Laura Gardner (269-3283) for details.

⇒ Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast meets each **Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.)** at Bob Evans we study *What The Quran Meant and Why It Matters* by Garry Wills. Questions? Call Shawn Caudill (219-1249).

⇒ Ronald McDonald House

Did you know Ronald McDonald House provides a place for people in this situation to stay close to their child at no cost, easing their financial stress? Now imagine that you could help these folks by providing an evening meal. **Second Presbyterian provides a meal for these folks the 2nd Friday of each month.** For details and to sign up, contact Jeanette Coufal (jcoufal@gmail.com or 5693-3032).

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MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR MEAL ON WHEELS



On **Sunday, May 12th**, we honor our mothers for their devotion and care for their children. As a way to honor your mother, the Mission Committee invites you to participate in the annual Mother's Day Collection for Second Presbyterian Church's Unit of Meals on Wheels. **Monetary donations may be made in honor/memory of your loved one.** Please complete the form if you wish to have your gift acknowledged. A full listing of those honored will be published in *Second Sharing*.

Checks should be made **payable to Meals on Wheels**, notate **"Mother's Day Collection"** in the memo line, and mailed to Second Church, 460 East Main St., Lexington, Kentucky 40507.

**MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR
MEALS ON WHEELS**

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