



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, 2026

Three things are on my mind as I write these words. And, since those three things invite your response, I suppose that makes you the fourth thing on my mind—though you remain first in my heart...

1. **Holy Week and Easter**—We will have services for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we make our way through this Holy Week. The Maundy Thursday service will be April 2 at 6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. We'll gather for a service that will include a simple meal, scripture, song, reflection, and prayer, as well as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. On Friday, April 3, we'll gather in the sanctuary at 12:30 pm for a brief service of prayer and meditation as we remember the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday we will have services at 9:00 and 11:00 am. The services will be the same, including WOW for our children for both. Joy and music will fill the sanctuary. And be sure to help us flower the cross near the front steps into the sanctuary. Flowers for your use will be available that morning. If you aren't able to attend in person, the 11:00 am service will be livestreamed.
2. **Summer Sermon Series**—I would love your help as I develop this summer's preaching plan. I often select summer theme to guide our thinking, though the sermons usually stand alone. Your responses to the following questions will be a great help as I finalize things.
 - a. **What is your favorite hymn?** (Bonus sub-question: What makes that hymn your favorite?)
 - b. **How would you complete this sentence: I wish the preacher would talk about....**(Variations of this include things like, "I can't stop thinking about...." "I don't know how to deal with....")
 - c. **What is one story from the Bible you believe should live in everyone's heart?** (You knew this was coming, right? Why do you think this story is one we need?)
3. **Congregational Survey**—You should have received an email with the link to the congregational survey designed to help us shape our ministry together over the next few years. Be sure to complete and return it before the deadline (April 20th). Your response will be a great gift.

May these remaining days of Holy Week fill you with an awareness of the depths of God's love. And may our joy on Easter morning spill out into this world hungering for good news.

With great joy,

Pastor John

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a lite meal, reflection, meditation and communion in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday

March 30-April 1: Noontime Worship at First United Methodist Church

April 3rd - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a service in the sanctuary.



SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



9:00 & 11:00 AM

April 5th

JOIN US FOR

EASTER

Sunday

WOW (Worship Our Way) and Nursery will be held at both services. Livestream at 11:00 a.m.



Flowering of the Cross

We invite you to help us flower the cross on Easter morning.

You can bring cut flowers from home or we will have some available.

MEMBER NEWS AND MORE

We Extend our Love and Sympathy to . . .

- **Jeff, Kayla, Clay, Katherine and Caroline Monohan** on the death of Jeff's father, Richard Monohan, on March 22nd.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING



Join other Presbyterian women at our 2026 Spring Gathering on **Saturday, April 18th at First Presbyterian Church (Lexington)**.

This year's worship leader is The Rev. Beth Herrinton-Hodge, pastor of FPC, Georgetown who will share our theme *Serving Jesus with Joy*. Come enjoy fellowship as we worship together (9:30 Registration; 10:00: Gathering + Lunch).

RSVP to Sandra Harrison (slharr64@gmail.com or 859-806-1172) by **April 10th**. Be sure you let her know if you need a ride on our church bus.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY-YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



Second Presbyterian Church is entering an exciting time of transition as we prepare to call a new Associate Pastor. We invite all members, regular attenders, and those connected to our church, including youth in 6th grade and above, to share their perspectives through a **brief congregational survey**. Your input will help guide church leadership as we discern priorities and next steps for ministry.

Scan the QR code to complete online or you can request a paper copy by contacting the church office. Copies will also be available on Sundays. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous.



Thank you for helping shape the future of Second Presbyterian Church.



Adult Pathways Sundays from 9:40-10:40 a.m.

- **Bible Explorers (Room 202):** Interested in studying the Bible with others searching for more depth in interpreting the scriptures? The Bible Explorers class offers that each week during the Sunday school hour. Using The Bible Project, we review short videos that prompt conversation about the Bible that leads to a crucial question for class discussion:
- **Women's Sunday Gathering (Room 201A)** - Women's Sunday Gathering meets hybrid-- **both in-person and online**. They are studying the book *A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai - Scientist, Convert, and Survivor of the Atomic Bomb*. For more information, contact Catherine Hunt (chowehunt@gmail.com).
- **Forum Program (1st Floor)** - A variety of topics and guest speakers. Below is the upcoming schedule:

April 5: Easter: No Forum or Sunday School

April 12: Dr. Ellen V. Crocker, Associate Professor in the UK Dept. of Forestry and Natural Resources

April 19: Joy Delisle, CEO, and Kari Bingham, Community Relations Specialist at Buckhorn Therapeutic Care

April 26: Youth Sunday: No Forum or Sunday School



Below are opportunities where we could use your gifts of time and talent! **Scan the QR code** and to sign up today!



- **Host Coffee/Donuts: We need you (or your family) to host between services.** The donuts are delivered to the church on Sunday mornings...all we need is your smile!
- **Worship Leader (11:00 service)**
Worship is the work of the whole church, and we hope you'll share your gifts to inspire our congregation to a deeper praise. We will send you the readings, instructions, and any special information before your selected Sunday.
- **Water Pourers:** Looking for children and/or youth to pour the water into the baptismal font on Sunday mornings.



Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m.
**Join us for a combined worship
service led by our youth!**

April 19: Youth Fellowship & Youth Sunday Planning
Join us for lunch, faith building, games and
Youth Sunday planning (12:15-2:15 pm)

April 26: Youth Sunday Run-Through (10:00 am)

Email Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org) for details or
questions.



We had a great group who attended the Communion Class on March 12th. We finished our time with the experience of communion together in the sanctuary.



On Sunday, March 22nd, our youth hosted the March Downtown Youth Group and had a wonderful time building relationships and growing in faith with other middle and high schoolers!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—SIGN UP TODAY!!



**Registration Opens
May 1st!**



Vacation Bible School
June 8-11
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Children age *3 years - 5th grade
**All children must be fully potty trained
and be able to use the bathroom unassisted.*

**We are recruiting volunteers! Scan the QR code to sign up
today! We need many helping hands!**

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 1200 people of faith at **BUILD's Nehemiah Action Assembly, Tuesday, April 14th, 7 PM at Central Bank Center.** We appreciate Lakshman for providing bus transportation. 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. 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.

Great Work=Good News! There will be no **Eldercare** or **Microtransit** 'ask' at this year's Action. Since last summer's 400 community wide surveys revealed transportation, isolation, home safety concerns and lack of technology skills as barriers to 'aging in place', *A Caring Place*, is now an active *pilot* Village in the Gardenside/Beaumont neighborhood. Last Dec. Lextran and City Council passed a shared \$1.2M to fund a **Microtransit pilot** to be launched this Fall in NW Lex.-- home to 26,000 residents. BUILD will be watching closely to ensure the pilot is a success.

Nearly half of all residents in Lex. are **Renters**. Unfortunately, a multitude of our neighbors endure living in unsafe, deplorable homes! Our local code enforcement officials welcomed BUILD to work with them in assessment of their systems. Engaged in the process of identifying gaps in how the system was/was not working, UK's Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence discovered several missing areas. The first step in this complex issue will be BUILD asking our city officials 'to fix the way violations are recorded.'

Need to sign-up? Need a ride? Please contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu) or Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) before **noon on Tuesday, April 14th.** Thank You!

Day of the Child Volunteers are needed to assist at Cardinal Valley Elementary School on **Saturday, April 18 from 10:45-2:00 p.m.** Our role that day is to serve in the refreshment area, wrapping and distributing the snacks and/or drinks, keeping the food station and tables, for the families attending, clean and picked up. **If you are interested in helping, please contact Evelyn Kramer (Ebkramer55@yahoo.com).**

Day of the Child is a special day to appreciate children's roles in society, emphasizing the importance of nurturing, protecting and ensuring their well being. Celebrating Day of the Child fosters a sense of community and belonging among children, making them feel valued and appreciated within their families, school community and society at large. Over 90 countries around the world have a dedicated national holiday to honor children, being celebrated at various times in different countries.

HELP US BUILD A HABITAT HOUSE!



Joining Hands for a Cause: Second Presbyterian Church is proudly joining other local faith communities in an upcoming Habitat for Humanity Build.

A Legacy of Service: For over 25 years, Second has been steadfast in its support for Habitat for Humanity. This long-standing partnership reflects the church's dedication to fostering community and providing safe, affordable housing for families.

Upcoming Build Details: The much-anticipated build will commence on **April 7th.**

Get Involved: The church encourages everyone to grab a friend and sign up to be part of this meaningful endeavor. **There are several ways to volunteer!**

- **Scan the QR code to sign up to work** on the build site. Please choose INTERFAITH BUILD when you register. Questions or need help with registering or signing up, email jordana@lexhabitat.org.



- **If you are unable to work on the build site, but would like to be a part of the build,** go to our Upcoming Events on the website, (www.2preslex.org) to sign up to **bring lunches or donate funds** for this important build.
- **A Blessing Board is located in the Gathering.** Please feel free to sign the board with messages of warmth and love for our Habitat family. This board will be a permanent fixture in the home so your blessings will be with them always!



This year's homeowner is Charysia and her three daughters – Jaizelle, Juel and Jolie. The family currently lives in a two-bedroom apartment and Charysia has been looking for an affordable house for four years. She will be the first homeowner in her family and is employed at Baptist Health. Her future plan is to enroll in a respiratory therapy program and complete her college degree.

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19



I recently had the opportunity to work with **Silver Lexington** as they helped a friend navigate the roads to housing choices for seniors. This is a service provided by experts in the field of senior living in Lexington, what services are available, how to access care, where you might fit in, and expenses you can anticipate. This is very helpful, very usable, and there is no cost to you! You can reach them at 859-351-5890 or www.silverlexington.com to start your information gathering.

In addition to placement services, they offer a seminar series that has panel discussions on topics very pertinent to the aging process. **I can highly recommend them and they are free as well.**

- ⇒ **4/15:** Healthy Aging: Mind, Body, and Community
- ⇒ **6/24:** Dementia Care: Home and Community Support
- ⇒ **9/23:** Should I Stay or Should I Go? Living at home vs Senior Living Community
- ⇒ **11/18:** Planning For The Future: Legal and Financial essentials

All these programs are held at **Lansdowne Signature Club** (3256 Lansdowne Dr). Registration is at 10:00 a.m., event at 10:30-12:00. Contact Silver Lexington to register. All of them are worth your time!

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barber Clark, Laura Hartley, Megan Lyons
- 2 Anne Evans, Mike Garrett
- 4 Jack Edmiston, Mary Tebbs, Vita Carman, Wells Moore
- 4 Kathleen Boyd, Betty Crouch
- 5 Alex Kerns
- 6 Vicki Wilson, Joe Evans
- 7 Sarah Kozlowski
- 8 Kathleen Richardson, Jennie Brown
- 11 Karen May
- 12 Sally Malmer, Jimmy Rogers
- 14 Callie Keller
- 16 Blair Lee
- 17 Anne Atcher, Sarah Nipper
- 19 Brittany Lockhart, Andy Smith
- 20 Carolyn Loeff, Mimi Dildilian, Martha Anderson, Cathy Rogers
- 21 David Fisher, Mac Rogers
- 22 Leslie Rhodes, Bill Elder
- 23 Katy Breeze
- 24 Hunt Taylor
- 26 Kay Harris
- 27 Kathy Kluemper, Lee Weidner
- 28 Karen Minton
- 29 Hendy Seelbach, Matthew DeMoss
- 30 Andrew Polites, Haley McCauley, Russ des Cognets, Jana Kennelly



MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR MEAL ON WHEELS



On **Sunday, May 10th**, mothers around the globe are celebrated...from the U.S. to the Republic of Poland, Australia to Malawi, Mother's Day is a day that focuses on celebrating and honoring mothers or maternal figures for the positive effect they have made in our lives.

Meals on Wheels invites you to remember your mother, grandmother or a special loved one who has made a difference in your life by making a donation to their program. Gifts made to Meals on Wheels in connection with Mother's Day will help provide funding for clients who find themselves struggling to pay the nominal fee for the 2 meals a day, 5 days a week service we provide. All those honored will be listed in *Second Sharing*. Honor your loved one with a gift to Meals on Wheels that WILL make a difference in someone's life!

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

THIS DONATION IS MADE IN:

___ HONOR OF ___ MEMORY OF

NAME

PRESENTED BY

PLEASE SEND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO (ADDRESS):

Calendar

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Holy Week Worship (Faith United Methodist)

Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship + Lunch (FH)
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 3

12:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group

Sunday, April 5 (Easter)

9:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, April 7

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 8

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

Thursday, April 9

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

Saturday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting (202)

Monday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
1:00 p.m. Beth Wachs Circle (Forum Room)
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, April 14

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
12:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)
5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group (Forum Room)
5:30 p.m. Finance (zoom)

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:40 a.m. Confirmation Group
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 20

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
12:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Group
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies

Thursday, April 23

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group

Sunday, April 26 (Youth Sunday)

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Session Meeting w/ Confirmands

Monday, April 27

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
12:30 p.m. OLLI Group (Forum Room)
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal



Coffee & Conversation - Do you need any of these things? A chance to connect with others. A safe place to talk about your faith or your fears— or even the mundane things of your life. If so, join Pastor John and unknown others in the congregation **each Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am (or so) in the Gathering Place**. There is no agenda, other than talking together and sharing life. **Note: We will not meet on April 6th.**

⇒ **Beth Wachs Monday Circle** - All ladies in the church are welcome to join us on **Monday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m., in the Forum Room** for refreshments and Bible study.

⇒ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Come and join others who knit and crochet together on the **Third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at church in room 204**. Questions? Contact Kathy Blomquist (kblomquist@gmail.com).

⇒ **Women's Saturday Discussion** - Women's Saturday discussion group meet **each Saturday at 9:00 a.m.**, in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

⇒ **Men's Book Study** - Meet virtually via Zoom on **Wednesday morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m.** Contact Shawn Caudill for more information and the zoom link (859-608-6662 or timothy.caudill@ky.edu).

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STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!



Second Presbyterian has 23 outstanding Staff Members and 7 Choral Scholars – some you know, but others you may not. **The Week of April 20th 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	Scarlet Hall	Director of Finance and Operations
Jenna Coy	Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Shawn Phelps	Administrative Assistant
Jackie Graves	Parish Nurse	Jeanette Heinrichs	Nursery
Katherine Redmond	Parish Associate	Stoja Simic	Nursery & PMO
Gary L. Anderson	Director of Music and Adult Choir	Carl Soper	Building Maintenance
Martha Anderson	Organist	Jerry Huddleston	Lead Security
Donna Phillips	Handbells Director	Robert Lockard	Building Maintenance & Security
Katie Baird	Assistant Children's & Youth Ministry	Delvin Logan	Meals on Wheels Cook
Abigail Royal	Children's Choir Director /Choral Scholar		
Chris Burchett	Choral Scholar	Kim Shelton	Director of Ecumenical Preschool
Bizhou Chang	Choral Scholar	Leah Rogers	PMO
Jimmy Simmons	Choral Scholar	Becky Baker	Preschool
Alexandra Thibault	Choral Scholar	Cara Hall	Preschool
Brian Williams	Choral Scholar	Caroline Scott	Preschool
Elpida Zavitsanou	Choral Scholar	Karissa Ball	Preschool