



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

August, 2025

Later in this newsletter, you will find some pictures from the celebration we enjoyed on the 25th Anniversary of ministry by our Parish Nurse, Jackie Graves. Part of our celebration that morning included praying a litany of thanksgiving for who Jackie is, and for what she offers among us. I hope that you'll continue to find ways to give thanks to God for Jackie, as well as for the many others who serve among us, whether as a member of the staff or a volunteer from the congregation.

Litany and Blessing in Thanks of Jackie Graves

Calling God, twenty-five years ago Jackie Graves began her ministry among us as our congregation's Parish Nurse. With joy, we celebrate this milestone in order to give thanks and to bless her continuing service among us. As we remember the myriad ways she gives herself to us because she has given herself to you,

we give you thanks, O God.

For simple conversations made holy because of her tender care,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the prayers she offers in worship, in hospital rooms, and in our homes,

we give you thanks, O God.

For her compassion revealed in early morning rides to the hospital, in phone calls to check in, or in her often-asked question, "What can I do to help?",

we give you thanks, O God.

For the thousands of heart-crafted cards Jackie has made and sent, especially the ones that seem to show up at just the right time,

we give you thanks, O God.

For her passionate following of UK Basketball in which we see a glimpse of her full humanity—from the thrill of victory to the agony of defeat,

we give you thanks, O God.

For her careful guidance of our Board of Deacons as they deepen the congregation's care for one another,

we give you thanks, O God.

For her attention to every age within our congregation—from hospital visits to newborns, to teaching in the 3rd and 4th Grade Sunday School Class, to serving as a Confirmation mentor, to celebrating the young at heart as we age,

we give you thanks, O God.

For health fairs and newsletter articles and workshops designed to help us be the healthiest people we can be,

we give you thanks, O God.

Through Jackie's ministry, you love us well, O God. May you pour out your blessing upon her as she continues to show up, to point us toward you in all she does, and to offer the compassion and care that make her one of your greatest gifts to us.

May our gratitude to you and for Jackie increase in the days to come as we marvel at the ways you love us through her. Amen.

As these final days of summer wind down, may God continue to surround you with love, and may God continue to call you to share your gifts with the world.

With joy,
Pastor John



Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In-person in the Sanctuary
or by Livestream



**Regular Sunday
Schedule returns
September 7**

8:30 a.m. (Communion)

11:00 a.m. (1st Sunday Communion)

Information about our Fall schedule will be included in the September newsletter.



Would you like to serve as a worship leader for an upcoming Sunday worship 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.



Check your schedule and **scan the QR code to sign up**. We will send you the readings, instructions, and any special information before your selected Sunday.

Open Sundays: August 24; August 31; September 7; September 14; September 21 and more!

AUGUST MUSIC

Make a
joyful noise
to the LORD
Psalm 100:1

The Summer Choir will sing on August 17, 24, and 31. Join us in the choir loft at 9:30 a.m., to prepare for the 10:00 service. **All are welcome.** Music and folders will be available.

- **August 3:** Chris Burchett, baritone, will sing a solo in worship.
- **August 10:** Abigail Royal and Alex Thibault will sing a duet.

In preparation for our return to two services in September, **the Covenant Choir will resume Thursday evening rehearsals on August 21st, 7:15-8:30 p.m.** New members are very welcome! Questions? Contact Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music, (ganderson@transy.edu or 859-317-3353).

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!



Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, staff members, and anyone involved in education are invited to bring your backpack, or other tools of your office, to worship on **Sunday, August 10th during the 10:00 worship.**

We will pray for our schools and universities and all who learn, teach, or serve within them. And we will send those gathered at the front into their places of learning to live as a disciples of Jesus Christ by loving, serving and living in peace. **Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! And don't forget your backpack!**

MEMBER AND OTHER NEWS

We Extend our Love and Sympathy To:

- **Linda Levstik** on the passing of her son, Jeremy, on June 30th.
- **The family of Lenoard Bowers** who passed away on July 8th.



Would you like to provide flowers for the chance 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.

FINANCE NEWS

Thank you for your financial support during the summer months as we continue to maintain our ongoing service to our community and each other.

Please note 2nd quarter statements have been sent out and if you have any questions, please contact Scarlet Hall, Director of Finance (scarleth@2preslex.org).



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CELEBRATING JACKIE GRAVES!

Thanks to all who joined us in celebrating Jackie Graves on her 25th year of being our Parish Nurse! We appreciate her dedication and commitment to our congregation.





We hope you all have had an amazing summer! With the start of the new school year upon us, we have a lot of information to share about our upcoming Children and Youth Ministry events in August and early September.

This year we need additional Sunday School teachers and additional adults to be Youth Leaders (previously known as youth sponsors). If you feel called to teach, or would like to know more about these roles, email Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org). *Note: August 24: Training after worship*

- **August 5:** SS Room Cleaning (12:00-2:00 pm)
- **August 7:** SS Room Cleaning (8:30-10:20 am)
- **August 10:** Blessing of the Backpacks during 10 am Worship Service
- **August 17:** WOW children hosting Lemonade in the Courtyard
- **August 17:** Youth Fellowship Kick-Off at Urban Village ➡
- **August 24:** Downtown Youth Group Kick-off at Jacobson Park (Shelter # 4) from 5:00-7:00 pm

September 7: Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from **9:40-10:40 a.m.** (Grades Pre K-6th grade will depart for Sunday School from here)

Youth T-shirts for Sale! \$5 on all past youth t-shirts. Stop by the Gathering Place to purchase one and help us clean out our Youth Room closet!

Youth Fellowship Kick-Off!

When: Sunday, August 17th

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Where: Urban Village (Nicholasville)

All rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to our first Youth Event of the year at Urban Village (201 S 1st St, Nicholasville, KY) on August 17th from 2-4pm.

We will play fun nerf games and group games then we will end our time with treats and vote on our Youth theme for the year! You can meet us there or if you need a ride, meet at the church at 1:30 to ride the bus. Youth who ride the bus will return to the church around 4:30.



Scan the QR code to RSVP and let us know you are coming and comment if you will be riding the bus.

A waiver must be filled out for youth to participate. You can print and bring it with you or email it back to jennac@2preslex.org

It will be a great time to welcome our rising 6th graders and connect after summer!

Children's Ministry

Information about opportunities for Sunday School, WOW (Children's worship) and more were mailed to the home of our families and available on our website soon! We look forward to continuing to offer fun ways to connect and grow spiritually with our children this year!

Please email Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org) with questions.

JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works. Hebrews 10:24



If you missed the June 23rd VILLAGE Town Hall gathering at 2nd church, you've another opportunity! We are hosting the **August 12, Tuesday, 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall.** The UK research team will assist you with completing your needs

assessment survey, educational 'health and safety' stations will be staffed by professionals, a keynote speaker will focus on **Transportation Needs**, specific info re: the VILLAGE concept and potential for 2nd church to become a 'Circle within the Village' will be shared; food and fellowship a bonus! 3rd District CM Hannah LeGris and/or Leg. Aide Hannah Eiden hopefully will join us again to share their support in helping shape the next steps. All 2nd church members and visitors, please plan to attend; bring a friend or two with you! *Once again, all Deacons and Justice Ministry Members are encouraged to attend to welcome our neighbors and assist with set-up and take-down.* Please RSVP Judy Maxson, jke659@gmail.com, before Aug. 10th if you are available to assist. Thank You!

As Second's Justice Ministry Team nears the end of our congregational investment drive, we are also planning for our **Sept.-Oct. House Meetings**. The purpose of these gatherings is to build and strengthen relationships within our church family, tell the Biblical story of justice, reflect together what community problem(s) impact us or those we love and how justice is possible when we serve together for the common good of ALL with our BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lex. through Direct Action) community. Our concerns, our stories, our experiences are imperative as BUILD continues the **Microtransit, Renter's Concerns and Villages** justice campaigns! Over the next few weeks, Shawn Caudill and Judy Maxson will be inviting you into our homes for these sacred conversations. If we miss connecting with you, please contact one of us!

For every \$1.00 invested in BUILD in 2024, our community received \$300 in resources, services and support! Since 2003 we have affirmed the many positive returns on our investments; affordable housing fund, whole school restorative practice program in FCPS, healthcare for the uninsured, drug treatment program for women in Fayette CO jail (men had this service for years!), etc. **Justice Ministry Members:** please turn in your investments promptly. Abundant gratitude to our church family and friends considering an investment towards improving the well-being of ALL our neighbors. Please make check payable to BUILD with 2nd Pres. on memo line. Before Aug. 15th, either mail check directly to **BUILD, PO Box 21874, Lex, 40522 or give your check to Shawn Caudill or Judy Maxson.** Thank You! for investing in the well-being of ALL our neighbors in Fayette County.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Backpack Buddies is a program designed to combat weekend hunger for children who rely on school meals during the week. Second Presbyterian partners with God's Pantry to be Backpack Buddies with students at Cardinal Valley Elementary School.

Each week that school is in session, 100 bags of shelf- stable food items are packed from products that are delivered to the church by 2 Dudes Moving; individuals, families and groups pack at church or from their homes insuring that those children most at risk of being food insecure through a weekend or over school breaks, receive food that is shelf-stable, easy to open and prepare. Delivery of the packed bags are made to the Family Resource Counselor directly to the school. **If you have questions, or would like to sign up for a week to pack and deliver**, please contact Evelyn Kramer (Ebkramer55@yahoo.com).



Second Church provides dinner for those staying at the RDH every second Tuesday of the month. Thank you to the following who have been so generous in giving of their time by preparing and serving a meal.

May: Robin Haden and her son, Robert, served a barbecue style meal for 50 family members

June: Ladies group from the Greek Orthodox Church

July: Second's Men's Breakfast group led by Dale Meenach

Below are the dates we are looking to fill. Groups generally consist of 4-5 volunteers and are needed for no more than 3 hours. Please contact **Robin Haden** (robinhaden14@gmail.com or 859-361-0545) to sign up. We look forward to our past groups continuing to serve, as well as new volunteers. *This is a fun and rewarding event for families as well!*

- **December 9, 2025**
- **January 13, 2026**
- **February 10**
- **March 10**
- **April 14**
- **May 12**
- **June 9**



Greater Lexington CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk will be held **Sunday, October 12th from 3:00-5:00 pm.** Plans are underway for a jubilant gathering of our interfaith walk friends at Second. If you'd like to help with this year's walk, please contact Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com).

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Start a child off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6



Here's the toxic truth about e-cigarettes....they contain: nicotine, propylene glycol (think antifreeze), chemical flavoring, carcinogens and heavy metals.

A single Juul pod contains 20 cigarettes' worth of nicotine. This is highly addictive and can harm brain development up until mid-20's. Using nicotine in the teen years harm the part of the brain that controls attention, learning, mood and impulse control. Children can be poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through their skin or eyes. Nationally, about 50% of calls to poison control centers for e-cigarette are for kids 5 years old or younger.

In this country, youth use e-cigarettes, or vape, more than any other tobacco product. WE ALL - parents, caregivers, educators, health care providers, and community partners - have an important role in protecting youth from these products. Keep those products out of reach of young children or don't have them in your home at all! Young children should know this is not candy or a treat. Most tobacco use starts and is established during adolescence. Have this conversation with any young person in your life today and spare them exposure to toxins and possible addiction. *Source: UK Health Care and Safe Kids Fayette County*

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Annie Deitz
- 2 Chris DeHoag
- 3 Marilee Varner, Charlie Smith, Russ Coffey
- 4 Martha Deener
- 5 Kathy Coyer, Kayla Monohan
- 7 Betsy Strong
- 8 Lynn Reynolds, Jane Justis
- 9 Bill Barr, Jon Chait
- 10 Rachael Gilbert, Carson McCloud, Berkley Reed
- 11 Nathan Lee, Alice Thornton
- 12 Tari Keller
- 13 Carrie Dycus, Walker Hancock
- 14 Beth Phillips, Larry Simpson
- 17 Suellen Ferraris
- 18 Andy Henderson, Margaret Johnson, Tom Eblen
- 19 Joy Aten
- 20 Lana Singleton, Isobel Chewning, Shelby Chapman
- 21 AliceAnn Sanders, Rebecca Edwins, Erin Shainfeld, Larry Stull
- 22 Debbie Beckett
- 23 Kathie Eads, Bob Blake, Jack Evans, Jenny Walker
- 25 Chris Briggs
- 27 Lenn Harrison
- 29 Laura Edwins, Isobel Pedersen, Nancy Heckman
- 30 Janice Leake
- 31 Seth Stallard, Chloe McIntosh, Cathy Cooper-Weidner, Mitchell Edelman

ECUMENICAL PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS!

- **June camp was all about Gardening, especially Plants and Bugs!** The campers had so much fun watching their beans grow, painting with worms, making flower art, and so much more! It is always good to see the friendships that have been built through the year grow even more!
- **July camp was all about Dinosaurs!** Dinosaurs are always favorite topic for a preschooler. They played all kinds of dinosaur games, sang dinosaur songs, read LOTS of dinosaur books, and learned how to draw dinosaurs. It was so fun to see everyone coming to camp in all of their favorite dinosaur clothes!



Calendar

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

Monday, August 4

9:30 am Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, August 5

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)

12:00 pm Sunday School Room Cleaning

5:30 p.m. Yoga

Wednesday, August 6

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

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10 (Blessing of the Backpacks)

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting

Monday, August 11

9:30 am Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 am Sunday School Room Cleaning

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)

5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group (Forum)

6:00 p.m. Justice Ministry Town Meeting

Wednesday, August 13 (Fayette County School Begins)

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

Tuesday, August 12

11:00 a.m. CPR Class Preschool (Forum)

Saturday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

11:15 a.m. Session Meeting

2:00 p.m. Youth Kick-Off (Urban Village)

Monday, August 18

9:30 am Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Zoom)

5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 20

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

Thursday, August 21

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

11:00 a.m. Teacher Training

5:00 p.m. DYG Kickoff (Jacobson Park)

Monday, August 25

9:30 am Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, August 26

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)

5:30 p.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. CROP Walk Meeting (Forum)

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 30

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

Sunday, August 31

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard



Coffee and 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. A time to unwind with others as you begin your week. If so, then join Pastor John and unknown others from the congregation each **Monday morning from 9:30—10:30 am (or so) in the Gathering Place**. There will be no agenda, other than talking together and sharing life. Hope to see you there!

⇒ 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

Men's Book Study meets each **Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.)** by zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662) for zoom instructions and details on the book they are discussing.

⇒ Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** group will knit or crochet together on the Third Tuesday of the month at **1:00 p.m. by Zoom**. Contact Kathy Blomquist (kblomquist@gmail.com) for zoom link or details.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR WESTMINSTER VILLAGE



It's not too late....school supplies are still needed for the children/youth at Westminster Village!! If you would like to help, **below are the items most needed.**

Please place donations on the table in the Gathering Place. In place of shopping, you can also make a donation to the church, and note that it is for school supplies, and someone will do the shopping for you.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large backpacks for older youth• Small to medium backpacks• Zipper pencil pouch that will fit in a 3 ring notebook (mesh or clear front)• Personal size pencil sharpeners• Paper Towels• Full size box of Kleenex | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full size bottles of hand sanitizer• Black (ONLY) fine Tip dry erase marker• Soft bristle toothbrushes• Toothpaste• Deodorant for Males• Deodorant for Females |
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