



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

July, 2026

I am delighted to share that our Session has taken the initial steps in the process of calling an associate pastor. This action comes following many months of study and prayer and is a direct result of the hopes expressed through the recent congregational survey.

Important Notice: Please join us for a congregational meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 12, following the 10:00 am worship service. This meeting has been called by the Session to hear and act on the report of the congregation's Nominating Committee to elect members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC).

Here are some of the *opening steps* in the call process ahead:

- **Session approves recommendation** to begin the process of calling an Associate Pastor. (*completed*)
- **The Pastoral Transitions Commission of Transylvania Presbytery grants permission** for us to elect an APNC. (*completed*)
- **Our congregation's Nominating Committee prayerfully discerns** church members who possess the gifts and willingness needed to serve on the APNC if elected by the congregation. (*completed*)
- **The Session calls a congregational meeting** for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee to elect an APNC. (*completed—meeting called for July 12, 2026*)
- **The congregation elects the APNC** at the called meeting of the congregation set for that purpose. (*pending action on July 12, 2026*)
- **The Pastoral Transitions Commission sets a date to train our APNC** and appoints a liaison to guide us throughout the call process. (*pending*)
- **APNC, working in tandem with the presbytery and congregation, begins their work** following the required initial training. (*pending*)

As you will see, the steps above, and those still to come, reflect how pastoral calls involve three parties—the congregation, the presbytery, and the candidate. You will learn more about the full process once the APNC is elected and begins their work.

I am confident this new call will enable us to fulfill our congregation's mission, provide more consistent pastoral care and opportunities for spiritual growth for existing members, and allow us to focus on serving our near and global neighbors.

I am grateful for the work of our Personnel Committee, especially over the past two years. They have worked hard to determine a sustainable staffing plan that addresses both the gaps and opportunities before us today. I also give thanks for the amazing insight and care you expressed in our recent congregational survey.

With prayers for the journey ahead, and with abundant hope,

Pastor John

Summer Worship

July 5th - September 6th

10:00 am

Nursery * Livestream * Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday
WOW (Worship Our Way) will not be held July 5th



Would you like to host?

Scan the QR code!



Special thanks to the Deacons for hosting Lemonade in the Courtyard on Father's Day!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations To . . .

- **Cody and Taylor Gramig** on the birth of daughter, **Logan Michelle**, born June 3rd. *Grandparents are David and Shawn Phelps.*

We Express Our Love and Sympathy To:

- **Rankin "Ranny" Blount, Jr.**, who passed away in Georgia on May 22nd.
- **Jana, Tom and Sarah Kennelly** on the death of Jana's mother, Sarah G. Jaure, on June 18th in Texas.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



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 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.



Open Sundays: August 2, August 16 and more!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—THANKS TO OUR FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS!



We had a great time at this year's **VBS Snowball Mountain Challenge!** We explored a winter wonderland while discovering how we can find strength in God to overcome any challenge! Thank you to our families for bringing your children and friends each night, and thank you to all of our incredible volunteers who made the week possible! Special thanks to **Jenna Coy** and **Katie Baird** for all they did in making this a great VBS for all!



JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.
Matthew 6:21



183 Justice Ministry Members (17 from Second Church) gathered together June 8th at Mary Queen school to **Celebrate BUILD's 23rd** year of Doing Justice.

Rev. Adam Jones, *Open Door Church*, opened the assembly emphasizing, "We represent different religions, racial and economic backgrounds. There are many differences that could divide us, but we are united around our sacred call to do justice and love our neighbor." The clever parody, 'Midnight in the Broken City: 'Standing Against Pharaoh's Narrative of Despair' written by Rev. Brian Chenowith, Unitarian Universalist, 'brought down the house!' We reflected on all we accomplished this past year; our success with **Renters' Concerns, Microtransit, Village (Eldercare)**. (Refer to June's Second Sharing newsletter for specifics) Fr. Miguel Alvizures' dynamic closing charge reaffirmed "whatever faith tradition brings you to this work, our shared commitment to justice is what makes this work possible. If we don't tell the story, no one else will."

We recognized 91 justice leaders (8 from 2nd) who fulfilled their commitment to bring 3 or more to the Nehemiah Action. Diane Monahan, *Mary Queen*, and Fr. Damian Anumba, *St. Peter Claver*, received the Kabby Akers Leadership Award. Colleen Benelli, *St. Peter Claver*, and Hailey Small, *Christ Church Cathedral*, both new team leaders received the Rising Star Award for embracing and growing immensely in their new roles. Four congregations, Consolidated Baptist, *St. Peter Claver*, *Christ Church Cathedral* and **Second Presbyterian (70)** were recognized for significantly increasing their turnout to the Action!

Each Justice Ministry Network Member was given the opportunity to **invest** in the work of BUILD. Currently with investments received and *committed pledges*, 2nd church has reached nearly 62% of our \$16,000 congregational goal. We **invest** our time and resources to sustain our independence by making our own collective decisions, to *act* on our values, to strengthen/build relationships in order to affect systemic changes, to support salaries of BUILD's organizer and part time office staff, host community events and to train team leaders. *We invite our church family and friends to help us reach our goal.* Abundant gratitude for prayerfully considering an **investment** towards improving the well-being of ALL our sisters and brothers in Lexington.

Please make check payable to BUILD with Second Presbyterian written on memo line. Either place in Sunday's offering, mail to our church office before August 20th or give to Second's Team Leaders Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uku.edu) or Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com). Abundant Thanks!

THANK YOU SECOND CHURCH!



Cardinal Valley Elementary presented Second Church with a *Certificate of Appreciation* on May 22nd.

On behalf of the entire community at Cardinal Valley Elementary, we want to express our deepest gratitude for Second's overwhelming **generosity and steadfast partnership this year!** Your support has touched our students and families in so many meaningful ways including:

- ⇒ School Supplies for Back to School Rally Kick-Off
- ⇒ Sponsored the Trunk or Treat gift prize bags
- ⇒ Backpack Buddies and Stock Emergency Pantry to ensure our students have nutritious meals on weekends and school breaks
- ⇒ Day of the Child: Second's gift allowed free food for all families attending
- ⇒ Family Resource Council: Beyond Second's material support, we are grateful for your active voice and leadership helping us steer the future of our community outreach.

You are so much more than community partners—you are **a vital part of the Cardinal Valley Family!**

• May Food Drive for CVE F.R.C. Pantry

To each of you that contributed to "stocking the food pantry" during the month of May, **thank you for your generosity.** All items have now been delivered to Family Resource Center where the shelves in their food pantry are overflowing and ready for the summer months!



- **Backpack Buddies** With the close of the 2025-2026 school year, know that each of you who helped insure that the students at CV who received one of the 100 Backpack Buddies bags of shelf ready food each week that school was in session made a **HUGE difference in the lives of those children.** To God's Pantry for allowing us to partner with them again this year in this vital ministry, to 2 Dudes Moving for so generously donating their services to pick up the food items at God's Pantry, deliver and unload at the church and to our faithful volunteers for packing and delivering the bags to CVE. If you've missed out on getting to be a part of this mission program this school year, look for info to sign up to pack for the 2026-2027 school year or contact Evelyn Kramer (Ebkramer55@yahoo.com) with questions about the program.

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED



The Summer Choir is on vocal rest during July, but it will return in August! Providing musical offerings will be the following:

- **July 5:** Kevin Tinker, trumpet
- **July 12:** Chris Burchett, baritone
- **July 19:** Jimmy Simmons, baritone
- **July 26:** Bijou Chang, soprano

PERSONNEL NEWS



WELCOME JULIANNA NITZ

OUR NEW CARILLON HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

Julianna Nitz holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Kentucky. Her teaching career has taken her from the vibrant arts community of Pittsburgh, PA to international work in Sri Lanka. She is currently in her tenth year inspiring young musicians at Bridgeport Elementary in Frankfort, KY. Julianna has been a performing member of Alluring since 2009. Outside the music classroom, she enjoys fostering kittens, tackling jigsaw puzzles and spending time reading.

I am very pleased to welcome Juliana to our music staff. I attended a concert by the Alluring Community Handbell Ensemble where she was one of the directors. She is an experienced handbell ringer and director and a delightful person. She will be in recruiting mode until rehearsals begin.



If you're interested in joining the Handbell Choir, or have questions, please come to our first meeting on **Wednesday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m.**

Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

*I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone,
Lord make me dwell in safety Psalm 4:8*



Did you know. . . Bluegrass Care Navigators can help you stay independent and safe in your home! Through simple, high impact upgrades like grab bars, lighting, and accessibility improvements the risk of falls and injury can be reduced.

If you are 62 or older, live in Fayette County, have an income at or below 80% of area median income and you own or rent, this service is for you at no cost! A licensed OT will visit your home, make an assessment, then talk it over with you to make a plan and get a contractor in to implement modifications. They are here to help, so call **Bluegrass Care Navigators** at **877-439-0262** and ask to speak to Tony.

If your income level does not qualify another agency, **Aging With Grace**, has a home improvement branch that offers remodeling, maintenance, and upgrades. **Call them at 859-787-4368.** Aging in place can be made safer and help increase mobility.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tom Kennelly
- 2 Meg Musgrave
- 3 Fon Rogers, Kristan Lenning
- 4 Alan Richardson
- 5 Richard Shore
- 6 Eddie Mesta, Abigail Dietrich
- 8 Daniel Milward
- 9 Will Chewning, Samantha Hunt
- 10 Brian Rickerd, Vinko Simic, Betsy Campbell, George Woolwine
- 13 Vanessa Wells-Gray
- 14 Roseleen Brown, Lindsay Milward
- 15 Tracy McIntosh, Jeanette Coufal, Amy Crittenden, Avery Gabbard
- 16 Paul McLaughlin
- 17 Caroline Monohan
- 18 Amy Palmer
- 19 Lois Ricketts, Jeanette Wilson
- 20 John Wilson, Caroline Baesler
- 21 Julia Shane, Kaela Phillips
- 22 Cooper Sawyer, Seth Hancock
- 23 Michael Robinson, Zachary Robinson, John Hamilton
- 24 Kathy Mark, Pat Wilson
- 25 Dwight Carpenter, Sammy Leslie
- 26 Ina Carpenter
- 27 Dorothy Clark, Stoja Simic, Danny Coy
- 28 Melanie Kilpatrick, Charles Wilkinson, Jerry Richardson
- 29 Bob Granacher, Tom Barker, Mackenzie Leachman, Sarah Kennelly
- 30 John Copeland, Sharon Mattmiller
- 31 Suzanne Irwin, Violet Harrison, David Lyons

Children and Youth

YOUTH MISSION WEEK

A big thanks to our youth who participated in the Mission Week! On June 22nd, we were joined by the Parks and Recreation and helped clean-up Shillito Park. We then came back to the church and organized the Sunday School rooms. On June 25th, we met at God's Pantry to help sort and organize their food pantry. *Special thanks to Jenna Coy, Katie Baird and Stephanie Gilbert for all they did in helping make this a great Mission Week!*



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED



We are in need of **Sunday School Teachers and Subs for 2026-2027!** Sunday School starts back on September 13th and runs through May 2nd.

We are looking for teachers for our **5th grade class and our 6th-8th grade class.**

If interested, we'd love to have you! Reach out to Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org) for details and questions.

Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for details on the below events coming in August:

- ⇒ **August 9: Blessing of the Backpacks**
- ⇒ **August 23: Youth Fellowship Kick-Off**
(12:00-2:00 pm; Location: TBD)
- ⇒ **August 30: Downtown Youth Group Kick-Off**
(5:00-7:00 pm; Faith Lutheran)

WATER POURERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY



We are looking for **children and youth** to volunteer to pour the water into the baptismal font on Sunday mornings during our **Summer Worship at 10:00 a.m.**

Participants will carry the water pitcher in from the back of the sanctuary, up the steps to the chancel, and pour the water into the font. In general, we are looking for one person each week. Siblings can carry the water together if they wish, or really young children could choose to walk in with their parent or grandparent.

We look forward to our children and youth participating in this part of worship each week! If you have questions, email Jenna at (jennac@2preslex.org).

Please check your schedule and **scan the QR code to sign up.** Thank you!



Calendar

Wednesday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 5

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 p.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

Monday, July 6

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, July 7

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

12:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

Wednesday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:15 p.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

Monday, July 13

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

6:00 p.m. Mission Committee (Room 202)

Tuesday, July 14

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

12:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

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

Wednesday, July 15

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

Friday, July 17

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 18

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

2:30 p.m. Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 p.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

Monday, July 20

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, July 21

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

12:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Room 204)

Wednesday, July 22

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

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 p.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

Monday, July 27

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, July 28

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

12:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

Wednesday, July 29

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



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, various staff members, 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!

⇒ Congregational Meeting

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held **Sunday, July 12th**, following the 10:00 a.m., service in the sanctuary, for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC).

⇒ 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. (**Note: We will not meet on July 4th**).

⇒ 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. in-person (Room 204) at Second**. Contact Kathy Blomquist (kbblomquist@gmail.com) with questions or details.

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MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels would like to acknowledge all gifts received during the recent Mother's Day Collection. The Board of MOW would like to thank all donors for their continued support of our program! **Gifts received during the 2026 Mother's Day Collection are as follows:**

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