



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

October, 2025

Can you remember spending time with a young child—whether yours or someone else's—and pointing out things they'd never seen before? If so, your heart will probably sing along with a poem by Maggie Smith. In *First Fall*, she writes from the perspective of a parent taking her new child for a walk in the early morning darkness.

*I'm your guide here. In the evening-dark
morning streets, I point and name.
Look, the sycamores, their mottled,
paint-by-number bark. Look, the leaves
rusting and crisping at the edges.
I walk through Schiller Park with you
on my chest. Stars smolder well
into daylight. Look, the pond, the ducks,
the dogs paddling after their prized sticks.
Fall is when the only things you know
because I've named them
begin to end. Soon I'll have another
season to offer you: frost soft
on the window and a porthole
sighed there, ice sleeving the bare
gray branches. The first time you see
something die, you won't know it might
come back. I'm desperate for you
to love the world because I brought you here.*

I can't fully explain it, but that poem makes me think of you. If I had to guess, I'd say it has to do with that last line. "I'm desperate for you to love the world...."

Not because I brought you here, of course. I'm desperate for you to love the church—by which I mean your faith, your discipleship, the others in the congregation—because it's here that we learn the truest thing about ourselves—that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to ourselves, but to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

October holds abundant opportunities for that truth sink deep into our hearts. From World Communion Sunday, when we recognize the fullness, the wideness, of God's welcome. To the Crop Walk by which we join our steps to so many others around the world. To worship and music that stir our souls. From the laughter of Trunk or Treat to the fellowship of the youth chili cookoff. All of it giving us the chance to deepen our love for God and one another.

We'll also begin our focus on generosity in the coming weeks. You will have the chance to consider how the ministry of our congregation makes a difference in the world—and in your life. To discover once more how God's goodness fills the world.

As always, our generosity will begin in the generosity of God. And if we pay attention in these wonderful October days to the gifts God gives through the regular ministry of our life together, our hearts will overflow with gratitude. May it be so for us.

With hope,
Pastor John

MEMBER AND OTHER NEWS

We Express our Love and Sympathy To:

- **Scott and Valorie Walz** on the death of Scott's mother, Shirley Walz, on September 12th.
- **Pamela and Jim Rucker** on the death of Pamela's father, the Rev. Gerald H. Cooper.
- **Susan Lambing** and family on the death of her husband, Mac, on September 28th.

We feel blessed and grateful for the outpouring of prayers, love and grace shown to us during Jim's emergent hospital stay. He has a long road to recovery, but he's making good progress each day. We are very thankful for the support of our Second Presbyterian church family.

With appreciation, Jim and Scarlet Hall

Congratulations To:

- **Dr. Harry Clarke**, former 10th District Councilmember, who received the **Isabel Yates Community Champion Award** on September 10th for all his work serving our wonderful city. This organization is focused on preserving and enhancing the beauty of Lexington.



Thanksgiving Dinner **Wednesday November 16th** **6:00 pm**

Mark your calendars and join us as we bring back this wonderful tradition at Second! **Look for details and registration coming soon!**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cindy Pennington, Becky Eblen, Gail Brumett
- 4 Merrill Reece, Sam Varner, Chasity Hunt
- 5 Ann Varner, Pat Case
- 6 Weesie Douglass, Stephanie Gilbert, Barbara Bowers
- 7 Colette Crown, Eleanor Boyd
- 8 Jackson Gray
- 10 Jody Bosomworth, Darlene Steele
- 11 Georgia Drake, Ed Reeves, Roland Case
- 13 Shelley Dickson, Sarah Bryant
- 14 Teresa Polites, Bill Hoyt
- 15 Lachley Bensing, Will Adams
- 16 Jason Stone, Russ Greene
- 17 Amy Powell, Sandra Varellas, Linda Rush, Debbie Hancock
- 19 Jeff Bryant
- 20 Ellie Phillips, Susan Carroll
- 21 Victor Chewning, Alix McIntosh
- 22 Becky Lyon, Julie Swords, Elizabeth Edelman
- 23 Cindy Pigman
- 26 Mackenzie Stallard, Anne McGee, Mike Harrell
- 28 Peggy Henderson
- 29 Robin Bryant
- 30 Mary Louise Fisher, Rebecca McCloud
- 31 Ada Kalu

IN ALL OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED

We have a busy, musical October as we welcome our Kids for the Kingdom Choir and the Carillon Handell Choir in worship.

October 19: Carillon Handbell Choir ringing at the Prelude and Musical Offering (8:30 and 11:00 services)

October 19: Kids for the Kingdom choir will sing at the 11:00 service

The **Covenant Choir** will begin rehearsing *Sure On This Shining Night* by Lee and Susan Dengler, a Christmas cantata for choir, chamber orchestra, narrator and vocal sololists. It will be presented on December 12 at the 11:00 service. As we begin preparations for Advent and Christmas, **this is a good time to join the Covenant Choir.**



LEXINGTON CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERT



THE LEXINGTON CHAMBER CHORALE presents
Let's Celebrate Our 35 Years!

- When: **Sunday, October 12**
- Where: **Second Presbyterian Church**
- Time: **5:00 p.m.**

The Lexington Chamber Chorale, in our 35th anniversary season, is singing songs of celebration and community. Favorite repertoire of our singers, music from past residencies with guest artists, and commissioned works combine for a reflective celebration of our 35 years.

Tickets available at the door or visit www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org.

General admission \$25.00; Students (K-12) Free

Meet Our New Members



Robert and Brooke Stinson by Reaffirmation of Faith. Robert is a retired teacher and Brooke is a teacher with the Fayette County Schools.



Liz and Jeff Oldham by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian in Owensboro. Liz is a retired speech pathologist and Jeff is a retired financial planner.



Riley Stinson by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is currently a freshman at Georgetown College.

Welcome

Not Pictured: **Dorothy and Gene Brockopp** by Letter of Transfers from Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church.

Opportunities to
**SERVE &
CONNECT**



Below are various opportunities where we could use your gifts of time and talent!
Scan the QR code and visit our LinkTree to sign up.



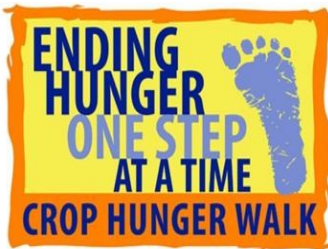
- **Host Coffee/Donuts**
We need you (or your family) to **host between services**. The donuts are delivered to the church on Sunday mornings...all we need is your smile!
- **Worship Leader (11:00 service)**
Worship is the work of the whole church, and we hope you'll share your gifts to inspire our congregation 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OCTOBER EVENTS

- ◇ **October 5:** 12:15 -2:15p.m. - Alight Children's Fellowship (4th-5th Grades)
- ◇ **October 12:** 2:00 -3:00 pm - Youth Fellowship CROP Walk (see below for details)
- ◇ **October 19:** 11:00 a.m. - Children Sing during the 11:00 service
- ◇ **October 23:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age 3yrs-5th Grade)
- ◇ **October 26:** 5:00 -6:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat & Youth Chili Cookoff (all ages)
- ◇ **October 30:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age K-5th Grade)

For questions about any of the above events, please reach out to Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org) our Director of Children and Youth.



All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for our **Youth Fellowship** at Second on **October 12th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, for hunger relate activities and poster making. Then we will head outside to join the Walk at 3:00 p.m. We will be finished by 4:00 p.m.

If your youth will be joining us, **please scan the QR to join our Youth team and/or donate!**



ALIGHT - We are excited to continue our monthly **Sunday Fellowship Group for 4th and 5th graders** ! We will gather after worship from **12:15-2:15pm (lunch provided)** for games, hands-on activities and mission projects, and learn about being one of Jesus' disciples! **Friends are always welcome!** Below are the dates and main theme for each month:

October 5: Known by Name
November 2: Showing Thanks

January 11: Perseverance
February 1: Love in Action

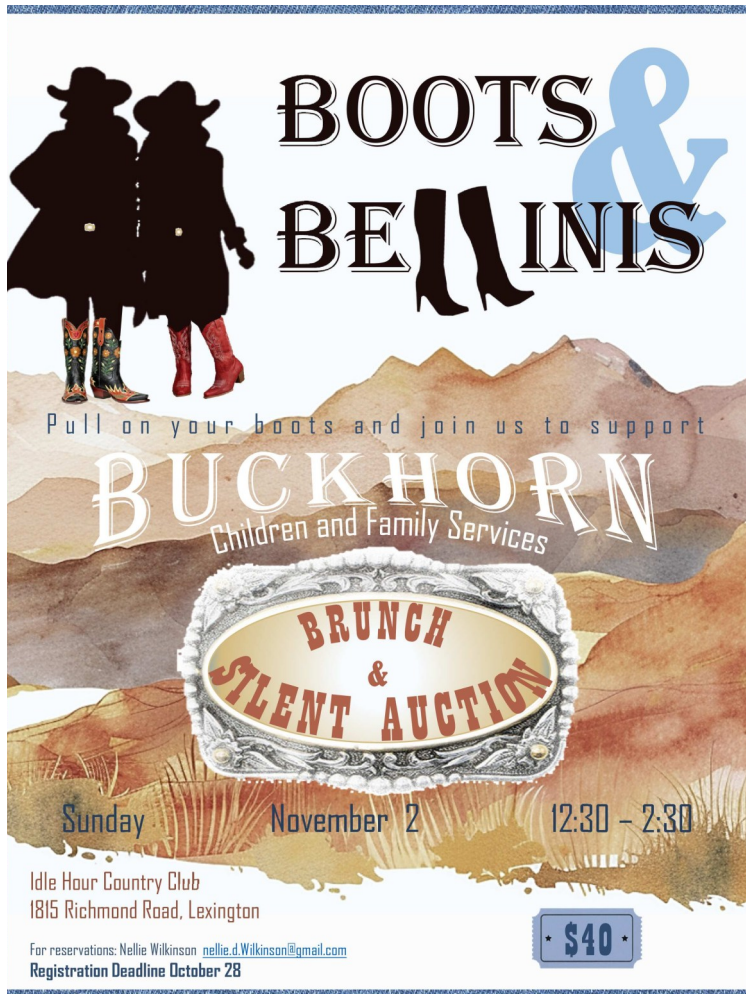
March 1: Constant in Prayer
March 29: Joy in the Lord
May 3: End of Year Party



It's time to start thinking about the Children's Christmas Pageant! Our Pageant will again be held during the 11:00 worship on December 21st. All children **3yrs-5th grade** are welcome to come! **Our first rehearsal will be held Thursday, October 23rd from 6:00-7:00 pm**, with the remaining dates below:

October 30: 6-7pm
November 6: 6-7pm
November 13: 6-7pm
November 20: 6-7pm

December 4: 6-7 pm
December 11: 6-7 (speaking parts & solos/duets only)
December 20: 9:30-11:00 (full dress rehearsal)
December 21: 11am (Christmas Pageant)



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING



Annual Fall Gathering Transylvania Presbyterian Women

- ⇒ **When:** Saturday, October 11
- ⇒ **Where:** Burnamwood Camp & Conference Center
- ⇒ **Time:** 9:30a.m. (Registration)
10:00 a.m. (Gathering)
- ⇒ **Cost:** \$15.00

What Is Happening at Buckhorn? Join us as we welcome Guest speaker: Mitch Smith, Chief Financial Officer at Buckhorn Children & Family Services

All women of the church are invited. Please make check payable to PW of Transylvania Presbytery and **mail to:** Emily Carroll, PWP Treasurer, 409 Cheyenne Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324 or contact Sandra Harrison (slharr64@gmail.com or 859-806-1172) with questions or if you'd like to ride the bus.



Annual Benefit Lunch

Join us **Sunday, November 2nd from 12:30-2:30 p.m., at Idle Hour Country Club** for brunch and browse unique silent auction items,

You will have a lot of fun, see friends, and support Buckhorn Children and Family Services. They are changing lives in Eastern Kentucky and restoring hope to so many.

Registration is limited and ends October 28th. Email Nellie Wilkinson to sign up (nellie.d.wilkinson@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom Psalm 90:12



Last week Dementia Friendly Lexington celebrated 5 years in our city. We are a place where people with dementia and their carers are empowered, supported, and included. As a designated site at our church we want to model those qualities too. One of the resources they provide is a

caregiver guide to a successful doctor's visit. **Here are some highlights:**

- ⇒ If you are going to have to drop your loved one off before parking, or if your loved one wanders, call the office ahead of the visit to let the front desk know and ask for help.
- ⇒ Write a letter with current issues or observations and give it to the person checking you in so the doctor can read it before the visit starts. If you want a private conversation, include that request in the letter.
- ⇒ Doctor's appointments can be lengthy. Pack an emergency bag with supplies if your loved one is incontinent. Bring activities to do while waiting in the waiting room and exam room. Magazines, books with photos, puzzle books may help to keep the person occupied.
- ⇒ Ask for an annual review of all medications.
- ⇒ Be an advocate for your loved one by speaking up for their needs at the doctor's office.

There are many more resources so if you would find it useful, just ask!

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

CROP HUNGER WALK



May our Hospitality flourish welcoming and WALK'ing with our Central KY family and friends on **Sunday, October 12th**.

The Greater Lexington **CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk**, is the only 'grassroots' WALK in KY addressing both global and local hunger justice issues. Due to draconian federal funding cuts inflicted upon Church World Service (CWS) and global partners, God's Pantry Food Bank and their national partners, our WALK mission this year takes on a much greater urgency than ever before in the WALK's 56 year history! 25% of what we raise will be given to God's Pantry (godspantry.org).

Church World Service (cwsglobal.org) sponsor of the national WALKS will receive 75%. When others STEP away, our Greater Lex. Community will take extra STEPS doing all things possible to continue providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to ALL our neighbors in need-- here at home and around the world! **Reg./Check in begins at 3 PM.** Andrew Gifford, CWS Community Engagement Manager, Columbus, Ohio and Laura Anderson, God's Pantry, will be our special guests. **Bring canned foods: chicken, tuna, salmon, veggies and fruit, boxed milk, whole grain cereals to donate at Gods Pantry station.** Good Shepherd Episcopal will sponsor our poster making station. Purchase a WALK T-shirt, sign the CWS '2025 Ecumenical Statement on Hunger Justice'.

3:25 PM Send-off/blessing. **3:30 PM** ~3 mile WALK via Historic East End areas. Take a rest break 'coming and going' at Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden, Midland to refill your water bottle & visit the educational stations. Our 2nd Pres. youth are planning experiential WALK activities too! Bring your family and friends Sunday, Oct. 12th! From all those for whom we will WALK, abundant gratitude for sharing your gift at crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky.

JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

....and what does the Lord **require** of you but to **do justice**, love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

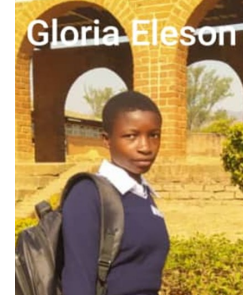
Micah 6:8

This is an open invitation to our church family and friends to join one of the next two Justice Ministry House Meetings. Please contact **Judy Maxson** (jke659@gmail.com) to attend her **Tuesday October 7th from 6:30-8:00 p.m., meeting at Second (library).** Do contact **Shawn Caudill** (timothy.caudill@uky.edu) to attend his **Thursday, October 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m., gathering at his home.**

During our sacred conversations we will reflect on the Biblical call to do justice, your hopes for our beloved city; how we can make our community healthier and more just. You will have an opportunity to share which one of the ongoing BUILD campaign issues affects you or someone you love: lack of reliable, accessible public transit, unsafe rental living conditions, limited support to live independently (eldercare). For those who missed Shawn Caudill's September 25th or Judy's September 28th House Meeting, please do come **October 7th or 9th!** Please RSVP to Shawn or Judy asap.

MISSION NEWS

Tambu Chirwa Scholarship for Girl Education in Malawi. funded **Tiyamike Ganizani** (third year) and **Gloria Elesoni**, (first year) who begin their school year on September 22nd. The scholarships are funded by contributions from Second members during Alternative Christmas on Sundays before and after Thanksgiving. *Tambu's sister, Catherine Chitedze, manages the scholarships in Malawi.*



FOOD DRIVE FOR CARDINAL VALLEY ELEMENTARY



The month of October, the **Mission Committee** will be sponsoring a food drive for our Backpack Buddies partner, **Cardinal Valley Elementary School**. The purpose is to collect shelf stable food items to fill the pantry that is only available for families of children attending that school. All requests go through the Family Resource Coordinator at the school, Carmen Cotto.

Look for the table in the Gathering Place on where you can pick up a shopping list of items greatly needed, or you can drop off your donation. For questions, please contact Evelyn Kramer (Ebkramer55@yahoo.com). Help us stock the shelves!

GOD'S PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKET BRIGADE

On Saturday, November 15, YOU can be a part of a community endeavor to pack **4500 plus food boxes for individuals/families in Fayette County who have registered to receive a food basket for Thanksgiving.** Registration to pack is now open; all shifts are family friendly and open to everyone 10 years of age and up. Bring your family, or come with a friend, and make a difference in your community!

Go to www.godspantry and click on "Take Action", then "Attend an Event", then Lexington Basket Brigade and sign up. *There is no charge to help in the packing this year.*

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE

As you begin going through your or your family's clothing getting ready for cooler weather, **please keep the families at Westminster Village in mind if you have items of clothing you or your family members can no longer wear.** Infant through adults, male and female....all (clean) items are needed!

In the Gathering space, you can drop off bagged donations in the Mission Closet; inside you will see bins marked Westminster Village. Thank you!

Calendar

Wednesday, October 1

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Discussion (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room)
2:00 pm Wedding

Sunday, October 5

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Alight

Monday, October 6

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)
5:35 p.m. Yoga
6:30 p.m. BUILD Meeting
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Zoom)
1:00 pm Community Life Meeting
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group
9:00 am Needlepoint Group
10:00 am Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Sunday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Deacons
2:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
3:00 pm CROP Walk
5:00 pm Chamber Chorale Concert

Monday, October 13

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
1:00 pm Beth Wachs Circle

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group
5:30 pm Trustees
5:30 p.m. Yoga
6:30 p.m. Finance

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Zoom)
11:30 a.m. Lexington Directions
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service (Shirley Walz)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 18

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

Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Session

Monday, October 20

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (zoom)
5:30 p.m. Yoga
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

6:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
5:30 p.m. Yoga
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Zoom)
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN
OCT 31**

⇒ **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 tscaud1@uky.edu).

⇒ **October Forum Program Schedule (Sundays: 9:40-10:40 am):**

- **October 5: Emily Jones**, legal director for New Americans Initiative, and former counsel for KY Refugee Ministries, will speak about the current state of immigration in the USA and NAI Kentucky.
- **October 12: Cofounder Rob Perez** discusses the mission of DV8 Kitchen
- **October 19: Russ Green**, Managing Director at Mackayben and Operations Officer for the Machinery Advisors Consortium, who will explain Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- **October 26: Andy Henderson** (God's Food Pantry)

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Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26

5:00-6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Trunk or Treat fun! Come in costume for some safe and spooky fun!

⇒ **Host a Trunk:** Decorate your trunk and bring 200-250 pieces of candy for the kids.

⇒ **Chili Cook-Off:** Make a pot of your favorite chili to share.

⇒ **Calling All Bakers:** Bake your favorite fall recipes for our Cake Walk.

Scan the QR code below and visit our LinkTree to sign up today!



CHILI & HOT DOG DINNER!

\$-PAY WHAT YOU CAN-\$

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FUNDING
OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP!**



COSTUME CONTEST!

TIME: 5:45PM

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL.

**FALL THEMED
CAKE WALK**
TICKETS-\$1 FOR 3
LOCATION:
FORUM ROOM



**FACE PAINTING
&
BALLOON ANIMALS**