



SECOND SHARING

OCTOBER 2026

As we plan for our ministry together in 2027, we'll be thinking of what God's mission will require from us as we seek to make a difference in the world. We'll consider an important question: **"How will our dedication to Jesus inspire us to care for one another, to grow in our ministries, and to reach beyond ourselves?"**

Our Book of Order announces good news: *"Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God."*

God calls us to a demanding mission. But God also gives us everything we need to fulfill it. **What we need is already in our hands.**

Our theme for this year's generosity focus will be ***"In Our Hands."***

In 1 Peter 4:10, we hear this invitation:

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

Soon, we will begin to explore what that means for our ministry together.

In the coming weeks, you should receive a mailing from the church office that includes information about this year's generosity focus. You'll see how our ministry plans for 2027 will require an increase over this year's budget as we anticipate the arrival of our next Associate Pastor.

Please take time to engage with the materials. Your prayers, participation, and financial gifts will be more important than ever in the coming year.

During worship on Commitment Sunday (October 25), you will have the opportunity to offer your financial commitment for 2027 as an act of worship. By doing so, you will signal your trust in God, as well as your belief in the work our congregation is doing together.

But if you can't be there that Sunday, you will have other ways to share your Commitment Card. You'll be able to do so online, through the mail, or by dropping it by the church office.

Thank you for being a part of God's mission through Second. I marvel at the profound mission God has entrusted to us, as well as placing all we need to fulfill it ***In Our Hands***.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor John



In Our Hands

2027 STEWARDSHIP

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

Member News & More

Congratulations To . . .

- **Creed Grey and Emily Dahl** who were married on September 26th.
- **Tom Eblen** who received the **Celebrate Lexington Isabel Yates Community Champion** award on September 10th.

We Extend Our Love and Sympathy To . . .

- **Matt and Julia Shane** on the death of Matt's father, Charles Shane.
- **Cindy and George Woolwine** on the death of Cindy's father, Robert Campbell.
- **Ben and Amy Crittenden** on the death of Ben's father, Roger Crittenden.
- **Jorene Terry** on the death of her father.
- The family of **AliceAnn Sanders** who passed away on September 24th.

October Birthdays

3. Cindy Pennington, Becky Eblen, Gail Brumett
4. Merrill Reece, Sam Varner, Chasity Hunt
5. Ann Verner, Pat Case, Dorothy Brockopp
6. Weesie Douglass, Stephanie Gilbert, Clair Yeiser
7. Colette Crown, Eleanor Boyd
8. Jackson Gray
10. Darlene Steele
11. Georgia Drake, Reagan Briggs, Ed Reeves, Roland Case, Katie Baird
13. Shelley Dickson, Sarah Bryant
14. Teresa Polites, Bill Hoyt
15. Lachley Bensing, Will Adams
16. Jason Stone, Russ Green
17. Amy Powell, Sandra Varellas, Linda Rush, Debbie Hancock
18. Jerry Huddleston
19. Jeff Bryant
20. Susan Carroll
21. Victor Chewning, Alex McIntosh
22. Julie Swords, Elizabeth Edelman
23. Cindy Pigman, Robert Stinson
26. Mackenzie Stallard, Nathan Reid, Mike Harrell
28. Peggy Henderson, Carly Repass
29. Robin Bryant
30. Mary Louise Fisher, Rebecca McCloud
31. Ada Kalu

Happy Birthday

Capital Campaign Update



WHO WE ARE BECOMING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thank you to all who supported the Capital Campaign in so many ways. We were able to not only complete the originally budgeted projects, but a few additional ones that were not initially anticipated. Also, we have a significant amount of funds remaining to add to the endowment that will continue to support the building if and when a major expense arises in the future. As we are aware, with a one hundred year old sanctuary, this is bound to happen. The outside and inside of our beautiful church building have taken on a new life and we are continually grateful for the generosity of our members.

As of the end of August, below is a summary of the major projects and the amount anticipated to go towards growing the building endowment:

Endowment payback	217,471
Restricted funds	163,284
Gifts Received	<u>2,105,862</u>
	2,486,617

Projects Completed

HVAC	1,037,103
Organ Renovation	429,975
Organ Travel not budgeted	33,788
Wall Repair & Painting	
Throughout Bldg. Including Sanctuary	85,703
Replace Carpeting Throughout Bldg.	54,658
Sanctuary Upgrades, i.e. light & sound, equipment, etc.	45,686
Building upgrades inside, i. e.,	
LED lighting, server to cloud, etc.	20,656
Youth & Children's & Office Furniture	22,212
Upgrade Kitchen with New Appliances	3,570
Fellowship Furniture and Fixtures	26,133
Outdoor Lighting and Irrigation	19,368
Building maintenance outside,	
i.e., tuckpointing, etc.	26,830
Financing expenses, i.e., LOC interest,	
CC fees, bank fees	75,689
Mission Component disbursed	<u>50,000</u>
Total expended	1,931,371

Endowment payback	217,471
Restricted funds prefunding	
(to go to Endowment)	163,284
Surplus of Receipts Over Expenses	<u>196,620</u>
Endowment estimate	577,375

Mission Component to be allocated	155,799
Remaining to be allocated	733,174
Current Bank Balance	733,174

Restore 2026

**Sunday, November 8th
12:30 pm- Idle Hour CC**

Restore 2026 is the theme for the annual **Brunch and Silent Auction** to benefit **Buckhorn Children and Family Services**.

Buckhorn is a longtime mission of Second Church, and the agency suffered a severe loss in January when the Dessie Scott campus school in Wolfe County burned to the ground. We will gather to celebrate Buckhorn's past successes in healing suffering children and families and to support their efforts to restore services for the future. Join Second Church members and friends at **Idle Hour Country Club on Sunday, November 8 at 12:30 p.m.** for the brunch and auction. **Registration is \$40 - Scan the QR code below** or visit the Gathering Place before November 2nd.



BUCKHORN
Children and Family Services

BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION

**Sunday
12:30 - 2:30
November 8**

\$40

Idle Hour Country Club 1815 Richmond Road, Lexington

Easy
Registration & Payment—use QR code

For non-members of Second Presbyterian, register as a "Guest"

Indicate desired table group & church in the memo prompt



For questions contact:
Nettie Wilkinson nettie_d.wilkinson@gmail.com

Registration Deadline November 2nd

RESTORE 2026

For The Health Of It

*Discretion will protect you,
and understanding will guard you. Proverb 2:11*



Every parent wants their child to grow up healthy and strong in the place where they deserve to feel safest: at home. The good news is there are simple and easy steps to follow to keep your children protected.

Safe sleep for infants:

- A - Alone-** stay close but sleep apart
- B - Baby** sleeps on the back both for naps and at night until about 1 year of age.
- C - Crib** is clean and clear for every sleep
- D - Dress** - Dress for baby is a wearable blanket, sleep sack, or onesie. No loose blankets that risk covering airways or making baby too warm.

The Lexington Fire Department provides free 10 year lithium battery smoke alarms and safety inspections for homes in Fayette Co. Call 859-231-5662 to set up an appointment. I recently did this and it took about 15 minutes to replace every alarm in my house! Professional, courteous Firemen made the task simple and eliminated a risk (and incessant beeping) from my home. A great service.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse



May our Second Church hospitality flourish welcoming and WALK'ing with our Central KY family and friends, **Sunday, October 11th.**

The Greater Lex. CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk, is the only 'grassroots' WALK in KY addressing both global and local hunger justice issues. 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%.

Reg./Check in begins at 3:00 p.m. Angelica and Ann Marie, God's Pantry, will accept the canned foods: chicken, tuna, salmon, veggies and fruit, peanut/almond butter, boxed milk, whole grain cereal you bring to donate at their station. An on-site 'children of all ages' activity will create more excitement and fellowship! FUNdraisers for sale--WALK T-shirts and McAlister's Tea Passes will be available to purchase. **3:20 Send-off/blessing.** The 2.7 mile WALK via Ashland Park and Kenwick neighborhoods begins promptly at 3:25. Refill your water bottle & visit the educational stations at Ashland Elem. School From all those for whom we will WALK, abundant gratitude for sharing your gifts: www.crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky.



Children & Youth



OCTOBER EVENTS

- **October 11:** 12:00 -1:30p.m. - Alight Children's Fellowship (4th-5th Grades)
- **October 11:** 3-5 CROP Walk (all youth)
- **October 18:** 11:00 a.m. - Children Sing during the 11:00 service
- **October 18:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. - DYG (Second Host: 6th-12th Grades)
- **October 22:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age 3yrs-5th Grade)
- **October 25:** 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat & Youth Chili Cookoff (all ages)
- **October 29:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age 3yrs-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.



Thanks to those who participated in our Communion Class on September 16th. We look forward to welcoming them in worship on communion Sundays!



Our Middle School youth did a great job packing for Backpack Buddies on September 13th!



Downtown Youth Group (DYG) is an ecumenical collaboration between five congregations: Central Christian, Christ Church Cathedral, Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian. DYG is proud to be a space where all are welcome! **All 6th-12 graders are invited to come as Second is the host on Sunday, October 18th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Invite a friend!!



Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals begin this month! Our Pageant will be held during the 11:00 worship on December 20th. All children 3yrs-5th grade are welcome be a part of the pageant!!

Our first rehearsal will be held **Thursday, October 22nd from 6:00-7:00 pm** in the Children's Music Room (3rd floor), with the remaining dates below. The evening of our first rehearsal, parents/guardians will be asked to fill out a short form about their child's participation in the pageant (if they want a speaking/singing part, what role they want to play, etc.)

**October 29: 6-7 * November 5: 6-7 * November 12: 6-7 * November 19: 6-7
December 3: 6-7 * December 10: 6-7 * December 17: 6-7 * December 19: 9:30-11am (Full Dress)**

Opportunities to Serve

Below are various opportunities where we could use your gifts of **time and talent!** Scan the QR code below and visit our LinkTree to sign up. Please contact the church office with questions (859-254-7768)



Host Coffee/Donuts

- We need you (or your family) to host between services on Sundays. Donuts are delivered to the church on Sunday mornings...all we need is your smile! **Open Sundays: October 4, 25, November 8, 22, 29 and more!**

Provide a Meal for Alight & Youth Fellowship

- We are looking for members of our congregation to provide lunch after the 11am worship service for our **Alight, Middle and High School Youth Fellowship.**



Volunteers Needed for Packing God's Pantry Sharing Thanksgiving Boxes

On **November 7**, volunteers are needed to help the anticipated 4,500 plus individuals/families across central and eastern Kentucky who will receive a God's Pantry Sharing Thanksgiving box.

If you would like to be a part of God's Pantry Lexington's Basket brigade, go to <https://www.godspantry.org> and then click on the Take Action button; click on Attend an Event and when that opens, click on Lex Basket Brigade....it will give you info about the shifts available, jobs available and any specific details you would need to know before signing up.

CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Adult Pathways: Sundays (9:40-10:40 am)

- **Bible Explorers** (Room 202)
- **Women's Gathering** (Room 205)
- **Forum Program** (Forum Room-1st Floor)

October 4: Rachel Cook from Trees Lexington

October 11: Ashley Holt, community engagement manager for Bluegrass Care Navigators

October 18: Jubilee Jobs: Former Second associate pastor Erin Rouse and Bill Rouse

October 25: Jyre Richardson, founder of From Here to There and president of the new Boys and Girls Club, and Anthony Summers, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area

- **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 thing 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.** Hope to see you there!
- **Monday Beth Wachs Circle - All Presbyterian Women of the church** are welcome to join us for a light snack followed by the lesson on **October 12th at 1:00 pm (Forum Room).** Contact Sandra Harrison (lsharr64@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Join others in our church on the **3rd Tuesday of the month** to knit and crochet. We meet at the church in **room 204 at 1:00 p.m.** If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, please contact Jackie Graves (jacqgraves@live.com) or call the church office.
- **Women's Saturday Book 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** - The Men's Book Study group has been meeting weekly for over 25 years. The format is an open discussion of a book, including theological scholars, historians and other authorities on religious topics and experiences. Open forum discussion is welcome and we provide everyone with respect appreciation of differences and commonalities. **We meet virtually via Zoom on Wednesday morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m.** Contact Shawn Caudill for zoom link (859-608-6662 or timothy.caudill@uky.edu).

Music Ministry

We have a Busy, Musical October!



October 8: The Covenant Choir invites you to support our choir and church by attending a concert of early American hymns, Shaker tunes, and gospel hymns as part of the city-wide *In One-A Chord* sacred music festival. **The concert is on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.** Please use the Ransom Street or Old Vine Street entrances (the front door will be locked). This concert will feature some of the favorite anthems (*Will the Circle Be Unbroken* and *God Is Seen*) we have sung in worship recently and some Shaker tunes arranged by Donna Phillips, our former handbell and children's choir director. Please consider joining us for this free concert, supporting our church and the *In One-A Chord* sacred music festival.

- **October 18:** Kids for Kingdom Choir will sing at the 11:00 service.
- **October 25:** Carillon Handbell Choir will ring at both the 8:30 and 11:00 service. Invite your friends and family as we welcome our new director, Julianna Nitz.



The Lexington Chamber Chorale will present a concert, *The Human Touch: Music of Life, Loss and Love*. Under the leadership of the new Artistic Director, Josh Hamilton, we hope you will come and invite a friend!

- **When:** Sunday, October 11
- **Where:** Second Church (Sanctuary)
- **Time:** 5:00 pm

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

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

Mission News

Justice Ministry

And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote LOVE and GOOD WORKS. Hebrews 10:24

This is an open invitation to our church family and friends to join one of the **October Justice Ministry House Meetings**. Please contact Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) to attend her **Thursday, October 8th from 10:30 a.m.-Noon at Second Church** (Campbell Memorial Room) OR **Sunday, October 18th, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at her home**. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu) to attend his **Monday, October 19th meeting from 6:00- 8:00 p.m.**, gathering at his home (his October 7th meeting is full).

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. The stories/concerns we share are essential with identifying the 'new' most urgent problem BUILD will research and take to Action next April. Justice is possible when we serve together with our BUILD community for the common good of ALL our neighbors in Lexington. Please RSVP to Shawn or Judy asap which House Meeting works best for you. Bring a friend or two! Thank You!



October Food Drive for Cardinal Valley Elementary

The Mission Committee is hosting a **food drive for our Backpack Buddies partner, Cardinal Valley Elementary, during the entire month of October** to stock the shelves of the food pantry located in the outer office of the Family Resource Center there at school. A table will be set up in the Gathering Place with a listing of items needed for the pantry; (only families with a student at CVE are eligible to select items from the pantry in an emergency situation and no more than once a month after they have first been referred to God's Pantry). Items especially needed include **canned meats, bagged white rice, dried or canned black or red beans, canned fruits, tomato sauce, granola breakfast bars, soups, peanut butter and saltine crackers**. For questions, contact Evelyn Kramer (ebkramer55@yahoo.com).

Calendar

Thursday, October 1

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 6

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

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

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

1:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

5:30 p.m. APNC Meeting (202)

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

10:30 a.m. BUILD House Meeting (CMR)

7:00 p.m. One-A-Chord Concert (Sanctuary)

Friday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Senior Outing

Saturday, October 10

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

10:00 a.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

3:00 p.m. AliceAnn Sanders Memorial Service

Sunday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:40 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Alight

12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

3:00 p.m. CROP Walk

5:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Concert

Monday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

1:00 p.m. Beth Wach Circle (Forum)

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

Tuesday, October 13

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

5:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee (zoom)

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

Wednesday, October 14

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

1:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15

5:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:40 a.m. Confirmation Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Session (Forum)

5:00 p.m. DYG (Second Host)

Monday, October 19

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 20

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

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 21

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

1:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22

6:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:40 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 26

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 27

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

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 28

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

1:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum)

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

6:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 31

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



Thanksgiving Dinner Wednesday, November 16th 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars and join us for this wonderful tradition at Second on Wednesday, November 16th in the Fellowship Hall.

Look for details and registration coming soon!



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TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25 | 5-6:30 pm

- **Chili and Hotdog Dinner**
- **Balloon Animals**
- **Cupcake Decorating**



Get your costumes ready and your trunks dressed to impress! Our Trunk or Treat is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a spooktacular success!

- **Want to host a trunk?** Decorate your car trunk and hand out goodies!
- **Make a pot of your favorite chili** to share!
- **Calling All Bakers** - Plain cupcakes needed for decorating!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!!

