Beyond the Wood and Stone—Introducing Our 2024 Stewardship Journey

Beyond the Wood and Stone is the theme for this year’s generosity initiative for the 2024 ministry plan of Second Presbyterian Church. Using The Giving Path as a model, Beyond the Wood and Stone invites us to move along the path as we grow in our giving and deepen our faith. Based on biblical principles, each of us will be invited to pray, “God, where do You want me to be in my giving?” as we seek to grow in our life of discipleship.

Our journey will begin in a couple of weeks. Throughout October, you will be invited to a time of discovery and prayer. Individually and together, we will pray and commit as we discover what generosity means from a biblical perspective. We will hear giving stories from people in our congregation who are in different places along The Giving Path and learn how they have come to understand giving as an expression of their faith.

Beyond the Wood and Stone will be about the joy that comes through giving from a grateful heart to offer ministry that changes people’s lives. It is not about giving to fund the church’s budget.

When we take a step along The Giving Path, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys and deepening our relationship with God. Below is an illustration of The Giving Path.

The Giving Path

First-time Giver
Begin to give.

Intentional Giver
Plan a percentage of your income to give for the year.

Growing Giver
Increase the percentage of income toward a tithe.

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Begin to give a tithe (10% of your income)

Bountiful Giver
Give beyond the tithe.

Prayer should be the focus as you seek the answer to this question: “God, where do You want me to be in my giving?”

With joy and anticipation,
Pastor John P. Leggett
We have a busy musical October as we welcome our Kids for the Kingdom children’s choir and the Carillon Handbell Choir in worship.

- **October 15:** Kids for the Kingdom singing *I’m gonna sing when the Spirit Says Sing* (11:00 service)
- **October 22:** Carillon Handbell Choir ringing at the Prelude and Musical Offering (8:30 and 11:00 service)

The Covenant Choir has begun rehearsing *Magnificat* by Taylor Scott David, a cantata for choir, solo, and chamber orchestra to be presented on December 17. This is a good time to join or rejoin the Covenant Choir! Rehearsals are on Thursday evening, 7:15-8:45 p.m. All voice parts are welcome, with a particularly shout out to basses!

Gary Anderson, Director of Music

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**LEXINGTON CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERT**

**THE LEXINGTON CHAMBER CHORALE**

*Miniature MASSterpieces*

- When: **Sunday, October 8th**
- Where: **Second Presbyterian Church**
- Time: **5:00 p.m.**

Kentucky Bluegrass meets the Italian Renaissance (Palestrina), Swedish contemporary music (Eskil Hemberg), and *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass* (Carol Barnett). Tickets available at the door or visit [www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org](http://www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org). General admission $25.00; Students $10.00.

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**ONE SESSION MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Interested in Joining Second Church?

If so, the Inquirer’s Class for joining (or simply in learning more about) Second Church will be held **Sunday, October 22nd**. We will meet from 9:40-10:40 a.m.

Following the 11:00 worship, we will reconvene in the Forum Room (light lunch provided) and conclude at 1:00 p.m. This class will be lead by Pastor John.

Scan the QR code to RSVP or contact the church office (254-7768). 
Childcare will be provided.

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**IN ALL OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED**

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**Pace-Warren Sunday—November 5, 2023**

**Hope Is a Dangerous Thing**

**8:30 Worship—John Blase, Preacher**

Sermon—*Just Kids*

**9:40 Adult Formation Pathway—Winn Collier and John Blase**

Program Theme—*Threads of Courage in a Fearful, Cynical World*

**11:00 Worship—Winn Collier, Preacher**

Sermon—*Hope That Will Not Die*

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**Noon—Catered Meal/Program—Scan QR Code to RSVP for lunch**

Program Theme: *Words with Friends*

Join John and Winn for a free-flowing conversation around hope and the life of faith.
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Feeling constantly tired? These are stressful times and fatigue seems to plague many of us. Being tired is different from true fatigue which hangs on for months and disrupts our usual daily practices. Some causes include sleep disorders, anxiety, chronic illness or a poor diet. This is a problem to be sorted out with your health care provider. We all can be more proactive in boosting our energy levels by:

⇒ Moving More - Staying active helps maintain muscle mass and strength. Exercise increases blood flow to organs and muscles as well as cardiac reserve- the ability of your heart and lungs to pump blood and extract oxygen from it. It also releases endorphins to make you feel good.

⇒ Optimizing Your Diet - Fuel your engine with high protein options such as lean meats or fish. Eat whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Highly processed foods will plummet your energy levels.

⇒ Using Caffeine Strategically - Use any of these beverages before midafternoon to avoid sleep disruption.

Healthy eating, good hydration, and regular exercise will go a long way in making you feel better.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

October Birthdays

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

Happy Birthday

Ecumenical Preschool & Parents Morning Out

The preschool and PMO are off to a wonderful start and new friendships are being made. This year we welcomed a new teacher, Ms. Audrey, to our 2-year old class. All of our teachers are wonderful and so excited about seeing the kids grow and learn together. Thank you, Second Church, for supporting our sweet school.

Kim Shelton, Director
Engage, our Wednesday Intergenerational Pathway, meet once a month from 6:30-7:30 p.m., for all ages. Each month will have a different focus and theme of the evening to build connections and grow spiritually. Below is the upcoming schedule and themes. We can’t wait to see you!

- **October 18**: Joy in Community: Montreat & Massanetta - This month, Jen, Marissa, and the youth will be leading Engage by sharing activities and small group discussions we did at Montreat and Massanettaas, as well as sharing our experiences during our days of mission and service of the trips.
- **November 15**: Unfrozen Chosen
- **December 20**: Longest Night/Blue Worship (6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary)

Thanks to all who came to our September Engage Blessing of the Pets. We loved meeting and blessing our furry family members.
Mission Spotlight

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass

Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents also can better communicate with their child’s medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed. When your child is sick or injured, you want the best care possible – even if it is hundreds or thousands of miles away. The Ronald McDonald House allows families to access specialized medical treatment by providing a place to stay at little or sometimes no cost and families can enjoy:

- Home-cooked meals
- Laundry facilities
- 21 bedrooms with private bathrooms
- Indoor and outdoor play areas for children
- Special suites for children when needed
- Recreational activities
- Transportation to and from local hospitals

Much of the work is done by dedicated volunteers. As part of our mission, Second Presbyterian Church currently prepares dinner on the 2nd Fridays of the month. This is a fun and rewarding opportunity for a Sunday School Class or a group of friends. For more details, or to see what dates are available, contact Jeanette Coufal (jcoulal@gmail.com or 859-693-3032).

Special thanks to Nellie Wilkinson, Kay Harris, Jackie Graves and Ruth Webb Kelly (not pictured) who prepared dinner at the RDH on September 8th!

JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

This is an open invitation to our 2nd church family and friends to participate in the conversation, Thursday, October 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Campbell Memorial Room. Judy Maxson, one of 2nd Justice Ministry Team Leaders serving with Shawn Caudill and Daryl Privott, will host our 4th House Meeting. Our purpose will be to discuss the biblical call to do justice; to share our hopes and concerns for our beloved city; and to consider how we can make our community healthier and more just.

For those who missed one of the other 3 meetings held this past week, do come October 5th! Please RSVP to Judy (jke659@gmail.com) before Noon on October 5th. Thank You!
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| Sunday, October 1 (World Communion Sunday) | 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship |
| Tuesday, October 3 | 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)  
1:00 p.m. OLLI (Forum Room)  
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel) |
| Wednesday, October 4 | 6:30 a.m. Men’s Book Study (Zoom)  
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Faith That Matters Study (Zoom) |
| Thursday, October 5 | 6:30 p.m. BUILD Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal (Chapel) |
| Saturday, October 7 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum)  
10:00 a.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal |
| Sunday, October 8 | 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:40 a.m. Children, Youth & Adults Pathways  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (202)  
4:00 p.m. Alight (4th-5th grade)  
5:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Concert |
| Monday, October 9 | 12:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Bd Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Beth Wachs Monday Circle |
| Tuesday, October 10 | 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)  
5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group (Forum)  
1:00 p.m. OLLI  
5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
5:45 p.m. Yoga Class (Youth Room)  
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 11 | 6:30 a.m. Men’s Book Study (Zoom)  
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Faith That Matters Study (Zoom) |
| Thursday, October 12 | 7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel) |
| Saturday, October 14 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum) |
| Sunday, October 15 | 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3:00 p.m. CROP Walk  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 17 | 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)  
1:00 p.m. OLLI  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Zoom)  
5:45 p.m. Yoga  
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel) |
| Wednesday, October 18 | 6:30 a.m. Men’s Book Study (Zoom)  
11:30 a.m. Lexington Directions  
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Engage |
| Thursday, October 19 | 7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel) |
| Saturday, October 21 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum) |
| Sunday, October 22 | 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
9:40 a.m. Inquirers Class  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3:30 p.m. Jammin’ with Jami  
4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade) |
| Tuesday, October 24 | 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)  
1:00 p.m. OLLI  
2:00 p.m. OLLI  
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel) |
| Wednesday, October 25 | 6:30 a.m. Men’s Book Study (Zoom)  
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Children’s Pageant Rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 26 | 7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel) |
| Saturday, October 28 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room) |
| Sunday, October 29 | 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat + Chili Cookoff |
| Tuesday, October 31 | 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)  
1:00 p.m. OLLI  
2:00 p.m. OLLI  
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel) |

**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 859-219-1249) 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 (kbbloomquist@gmail.com) for zoom link.

**Monday Beth Wachs Circle**
Monday Beth Wachs Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m., on October 9th in the Forum Room. All women of the church are welcome to join us for refreshments, fellowship followed by the Bible Study from Horizons called Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172) for details.
Events
See what’s going on in Realm by clicking the Events tab!
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Need an invite? Still have questions? Please contact Jami Hart at JamiH@2preslex.org
Trunk or Treat + Youth Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, October 29 * 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Trunk or Treat fun! Invite friends and neighbors and come in costume for some safe and spooky fun and also enjoy some chili at our Youth Chili Cookoff!

Scan the QR code to sign up! We have lots of ways you can get involved!

⇒ Host a Trunk?
Decorate your trunk and bring 200-250 pieces of candy for the kids!

⇒ Other ways to help:
S’Mores  Meet, greet, welcome  Decorating
Bake Cake/Treats  Set Up/Clean-Up  Monitor/Help with Bouncy Slide

Youth Chili Cook-Off! We invite any members who would like to compete to sign-up to bring their homemade chili for the chance to be named 2023 Crowd Favorite Chili. All Trunk or Treat attendees can taste the different chili and vote with their dollars. We will also have 4 additional prizes, which will be voted on by our youth judges: Unicorn Award (most unique); Goldilocks Award (just right/kid friendly); Hot Ones (spiciest); and the Meat Lovers Award! All funds raised will go to support the youth on their summer trips to Montreat and Massanetta Youth Conferences where they will learn and fellowship with other Presbyterian youth and will also participate in a day of mission. So that we have enough table space and outlets for your chili, please email Marissa Carver to let her know you are planning to enter your chili in the cook-off: marissac@2preslex.org.