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“The Matthew 25 Initiative”

A Special Zoom Opportunity

The Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett

President and Executive Director of the PCUSA Mission Agency



Sunday, September 27

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about our commitment to an effective, engaged practice of ministry that speaks to the call of the 21st-century church. Contact Jeannie Ford for more information, jeannieford@secondpreslr.org.

Give Online to Support the Ministries of Second Presbyterian Church

You now have the opportunity to support the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church through online giving. Visit secondpreslr.org/giving to contribute to the Annual Budget, the Second Vision Capital Campaign, make a Memorial Gift or Birthday Fund contribution.

Sermon Roundtable

Mondays at Noon
Leader: Steve Hancock

This unique Bible study is based on the biblical text being preached in worship the following Sunday. Steve Hancock leads reflection/discussion each week and provides background material, historical context, word definitions and other information helpful in interpreting the text. For more information, contact Steve Hancock, stevehancock@secondpreslr.org.

Please send your memories and appreciation for Rita Robertson and Fayrene Johnson to the church, so they can be shared with the family. In the absence of guestbooks and reception hugs, this is our best way to collect annotated photos, notes of appreciation, and anything else you might wish to share. Send to the church office to the attention of the appropriate family. We will pass along a container of your loving memories and prayers.

Two Opportunities for Women's Bible Study and Fellowship

First and Third Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

This group of women is currently gathering the first and third Monday mornings of each month at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. We check in with each other, pray together, and engage in Bible Study and theological reflection. We are currently using video resources to explore *The Forgotten Books of the Bible*, by Robert Williamson Jr. (better known to us as Bobby!). Our next gathering will be October 5 and we will begin to look at the book of Esther. Contact Jeannie Ford if you are interested in joining this group and would like to receive the links for videos and podcasts, jeannieford@secondpreslr.org. We would love to have you!

Presbyterian Women

All women are invited to be part of the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament*, led by our pastors and educators. The fall "gatherings" will be at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month and will be on Zoom. Jeannie Ford will lead our lesson on Tuesday, October 13. Each gathering includes music, prayer, and Bible Study. Contact Jeannie Ford if you would like more information about Presbyterian Women, or if you would just like the link to join us for this Bible study, jeannieford@secondpreslr.org.

Online Adult Continuing Education Opportunities

Many of our seminaries and denominational organizations continue to make webinars and online courses available and open during these pandemic days. Some are one-time events and some are longer, multi-session courses. Watch this space in the newsletter for information about upcoming events and registration information.

Pathways to Learning and Leadership Online Courses Offered by Union Presbyterian Seminary

Pathways to Learning and Leadership is an online program of nine courses offered over a two-year period to provide educational leadership development. Courses are open to all, one does not need to be pursuing to become a CRE in order to participate. Courses aim to enhance knowledge and discipleship, and each course is five weeks long. Why Pathways? To assist presbyteries in training women and men to be Commissioned Ruling Elders, AND to offer quality educational opportunities for church members in an affordable and accessible way. The cost for the courses is \$125. The Adult Education Ministry is offering scholarship assistance for members who may want to participate in any of these courses. Visit secondpreslr.org for more information about the classes and registration. You do not need to sign up for a comprehensive program to participate in any of these individual courses. Contact Jeannie Ford if you are interested.

Phase I (Foundational) Courses

Thursdays, September 10 – October 8, 2020:
Biblical Interpretation with Professor John Carroll

Tuesdays, October 13 – November 17, 2020:
Reformed Theology/Church History with
Professor Paul Galbreath (No class meeting on November 3)

Tuesdays, January 5 – February 2, 2021:
The Christian Life with Professor Cindy Kissel-Ito

Tuesdays, February 16 – March 16, 2021:
Mission and Evangelism with Adjunct Instructor Aram Bae

Phase II (Practical Ministry) Courses

Tuesdays, September 8 – October 6, 2020:
Polity and Administration with Adjunct Instructor
Carson Rhyne

Thursdays, October 15 – November 12, 2020:
Teaching the Bible with Professor Cindy Kissel-Ito

Thursdays, January 7 – February 4, 2021:
Pastoral Care with Professor Emerita Carol Schweitzer

Thursdays, February 25 – March 25, 2021:
Preaching the Bible with Professor Rich Voelz

Thursdays, April 15 – May 13, 2021:
Worship and Sacraments with Professor Paul Galbreath

Parking Lot Movie Night

Mark your calendar for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25. All ages are invited to gather in cars, bring treats from home, wave to each other and watch *The Secret Life of Bees* (based on the book by Sue Monk Kidd). Registration is required; space is limited. Register online at secondpreslr.org.



Cheeses with Jesus

This is a group for adults, between youngish and retirement. We start with a time of fellowship & sharing, then have Bible study. Until December we will be looking at passages in Exodus and Deuteronomy, charting the progress of the Hebrew people in their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. As people of God trying to cope with the pandemic, we find ourselves 'wandering' through a strange landscape, and tumultuous changes in our lives. How was God present with the Hebrews? How did they cope with 'wandering'? What can we learn from the Hebrews about our own journey of faith? We will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom during the fall. For information, contact Catherine Allsbury, catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org.

Partnering with Bale Elementary During Covid-19

Our Bale Elementary School Partnership is entering its sixth school year! Although our church will not be providing tutors and mentors to students this year, we still hope to support Bale teachers, staff, and students during this new academic year. If you would be interested in writing notes of encouragement, assembling goodie bags, or engaging in other socially distanced projects, please contact Lindy Vogado, lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.

Fall Music Opportunities

Songs and Stories with Miss Mary

Our weekly videos begin this month. Look for an e-mail on Wednesday, September 16 with a link to our first video. Videos will be e-mailed each Wednesday this fall to all SPC children birth to 5th grade. If you would like to receive the video and don't have a young child at home, (or know someone else who would appreciate this resource), please contact Mary Ibis.

Family Bells

This intergenerational, pod style music opportunity will begin mid-September. Children, youth, parents, and other family members will be invited to the church to do small group ringing. Look for registration information on Facebook, in the E-Connect and in an e-mail coming on September 14. Or, register online at secondpreslr.org.

Created to Create!

Our first workshop will be on Sunday, September 27, 4:00 p.m. on Zoom. This program is a new, interactive, virtual, multisensory, free, no registration required, opportunity that engages children in musical, artistic, kinesthetic, and theatrical play. This workshop-styled opportunity will allow participants time to explore scripture through art, including painting, clay, fabric, sculpture, mixed media, and more. We will also use music to inspire our creative time together, sometimes singing, sometimes listening to music and songs that help grow us in our faith. We will spend some time doing dramatic readings of scripture, and incorporate movement to underscore the learning and creating process. This workshop will be offered monthly. If you're unable to attend in September, please join us in October. For more information, and for the Zoom link, please contact Mary Ibis.

Adult Handbells

Ready to Ring? Our first in-person opportunity will be Monday, September 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spaces are limited to 8 ringers with strict standards and protocols endorsed and approved by the church's session. To reserve your spot, please contact Mary Ibis.

Contact Mary Ibis for more information, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

Second Presbyterian Sunday Game Nights

Gather once a month at 6:30 p.m. for Sunday Game Night on Zoom. This fun-for-all-ages time is designed for laughter, connecting and appreciating one another. Mark your calendar for October 18 and November 15. You do not need to have anything on hand to play, just connect on Zoom and we will go over game instructions.

Permanent Ongoing Sunday School Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Bible Study Class meets each Sunday during the calendar year in the church library. During these trying times, the Bible Study Class will be meeting via Zoom. If you are ready to dig into the Word of God and discuss topics that really feed the mind and soul then the Bible Study Class is for you. Lead Teacher is Graham Catlett and substitutes are Phillip and Chris Boggs, and Carol Williams. Please contact Chris Boggs if you would like to join the class.

The Seeking More Light Class will continue to meet each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and will study *Home by Another Way*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Class participants are encouraged to order this book on an individual basis. For Zoom information please contact Greg Adams.

The Spiritual Nourishment Class is studying *The Kingdom Within* by John Sanford. Participants in this class pray together and encourage one another to discern the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. For zoom information contact Nancy Hicks or Janet Carson.

The Connections Class is designed for adults ages 20 to 40ish every Sunday morning to discuss life, family, current events, and everything in the middle. It is resourced by Jen Evans and planned as a community. We discuss, learn, and grow together as we seek to live more faithfully...none of us are "experts" but we all have stories to share as we discuss our lives in the larger narrative of God's story. For more information contact Jen Evans, jenevans@secondpreslr.org.

What Would Jesus Brew?

What would Jesus brew? (WWJB) is the bi-monthly Bible study hosted by the young adult community. Adults of all ages are invited to gather (virtually) at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to explore the scriptures for the coming Sunday (as designated by the lectionary). Zoom invites are sent via Flocknote. You can text HIGOD to 84576 to join the announcement list.

Free Fridays for Young Adults

Free Fridays for young adults every week start at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Each Free Friday starts with an invitation to keep the conversation COVID-FREE so that our community can enjoy a new form of virtual fellowship. We have a game or activity scheduled for each week. Zoom invites and activity prep (if necessary) are sent via Flocknote. You can text HIGOD to 84576 to join the announcement list.



Moms Book Club

Are you a mom who is covered in lunchboxes, carpools, and crazy schedules? You aren't alone. Consider joining our Moms Book Club as we read *Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey. It is time to begin a new book so now is the perfect time to join! We will read slowly through a book together to strengthen our faith while helping us parent. For more information, contact Dania Edwards, daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

Family Fellowship

You can expect small gathering meetups, Bingo, virtual family games, and seemingly a new surprise every month. For more information, contact Dania Edwards, daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

Dads Gatherings

Bi-weekly, 8:00 p.m.

Attention dads! Since we can't gather in person to test our wit and skill at trivia, we would still like to offer the guys a chance to get together and solve the world's problems. So, order a pizza and hop on Zoom for an hour to catch up with your buds. For more information, contact Dania Edwards, daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

Moms 'Whine' Night Gatherings

Bi-weekly, 8:00 p.m.

Things are tough. We get it. Let's get through it together. Hop on and vent your frustrations, share your struggles, or just catch up with your friends and enjoy some non-work, non-kid interaction. For more information, contact Dania Edwards, daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

Moms Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Mothers with young children check in over zoom, share joys and concerns, and pray together. We may be distant but we are still holding one another in prayer. For more information, contact Dania Edwards, daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

'Family helps Family' Offerings

This group of offerings consist of the parenting workshops, videos of us reading various books, giving video challenges to families, podcast recommendations or other means of ongoing support that we give parents and families as they seek to grow in faith together and as we grow together as a community of faith. For more information, contact Jen Evans, jenevans@secondpreslr.org.

Presbyterians in the Press

Jordan Akin Ordained and Installed as Associate Pastor for Youth at Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky

Jordan was ordained and installed on Sunday, August 16, 2020, in an outdoor service by the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky. The service was scheduled to be at our church, her home church, on March 29, 2020. Due to the pandemic, her service was postponed and moved to her new church in Louisville. To replicate the laying on of hands, a shawl was created with hand prints from church members and friends to drape around Jordan during the service so she could feel our love and support (see photo). We celebrate with Jordan, Karen, Doug and Sarah Akin as Jordan begins her new spiritual journey.



Rotarians Stock the UA Little Rock Food Bank

Angie Fowler (second from left) participated in the Rotary Afterhours service project at UA Little Rock. Rotarians from nearby clubs stocked the food pantry for the University's students. The Rotarians unloaded pantry staples that were donated for the students. According to data released late last year by the College and University Food Bank Alliance, 30% of college students in the nation are food insecure.



Missed a Sermon?

Did you miss one of the sermons? If so, you can listen to recent sermons on the church website at secondpreslr.org. Click on "Worship and Music," then click on "Listen to Recent Sermons." To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze, karinhowze@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000.

Howdy Pardners and Happy Trails

With calendars awry for most of us, we Presbyterians are keeping it all in order (but out of our usual calendar order). Count on us to keep core things in focus. On September 15, we celebrated our outgoing elders and deacons who have faithfully served 3 year terms, while hearing faith statements from those our congregation just elected. The newly elected will soon join our officer pool.

With a cowboy sung salute, we thanked our outgoing officers—none of whom expected what they would see in the past six months. Thanks to Fellowship Ministry under the leadership of Jennifer Skinner. Thanks to Kim and Steve Dunnagan for a fun video happy trails salute to our outgoing pardners.

SPY Sunday School

Morning SPY for both middle and high school will be held on Zoom every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. After we share Pows and Wows and announcements for the whole group, we'll split off into a high school and middle school breakout rooms with our morning SPY teachers. Morning SPY is an opportunity for youth to be comfortable with having deeper conversations about their own faith and biblical knowledge. We were building this deeper holy space when we entered Coronatide and are yearning to reclaim that space with the help of books, videos, hands-on activities and more. The login information will be available in our e-Loop and through Flocknote reminders week-to-week.

Those Serving Our Country

Andrew Delo, Jeanne Lloyd's grandson – stationed in Charleston, SC

Taylor Douglas, son of Susan & Kevin Douglas – San Diego, CA

Jackson Hudkins, son of Jay Hudkins and Becky Latch – Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

Greer Johnson, daughter of Cory and Stephanie Johnson, granddaughter of Kelly & Judy Johnson – Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

Jonathan Johnson, grandson of Helen Scott, nephew of Clarke & Cindy Scott Huisman – stationed at Fallon, NV

Daniel Jones, Marjorie Watkins' nephew, Sarah Ceja's cousin – stationed in August, GA

Jonathan Miller, son of Patrice & Stan Miller – stationed in Fallon, NV

Kyle Rought, Mary Ibis' cousin – stationed in Wahiawa, HI

Jesse Smith, nephew of Diane Karlson – stationed in California

John Matthew Solomon, son of Mary Margaret & Alan Solomon – stationed at Fort Meade, MD

Kevin Truslow, stationed in Korea



Faith & GriefSM

A Ministry of Compassion and Connection

Navigating Grief While Distanced

Grief can shake us to our core, even when we foresaw loss as we sat bedside with our loved one in hospice care. Grief can occur when our start in the classroom isn't what we had hoped. Grief doesn't follow the rules we set. The tears aren't limited to the first few days; sometimes they can arise at inopportune times. Christian nurture and scripture can guide us through a grief journey and help us restore resilience and hope.

Second Presbyterian partners with Faith & Grief Ministries to bring grief care to our congregation and community. During this season, group grief support has moved online. The church also provides individual and family grief care, as well as a dementia caregiver support group. Contact Alisa Secrest for more information.

Here are ways to join loving, supportive grief groups during this time when we cannot share hugs with one another. Please register at www.faithandgrief.org to receive instructions. Participation is free. Jo Ann McQuade and Chris Herring are Second Presbyterian ministry team leaders.

Online Grief Support Groups

Support groups gather online each Friday at 12:00 p.m. You will gather online in a safe, loving environment with participants from all over.

Online Grief Care Book Studies

Black Widow

by Leslie Gray Streeter

Leslie Gray Streeter is not cut out for widowhood. She's not ready for hushed rooms and pitying looks. She is not ready to stand graveside, dabbing her eyes in a classy black hat. If she had her way she'd wear her favorite curve-hugging leopard print dress to Scott's funeral; he loved her in that dress! But, here she is, having lost her soulmate to a sudden heart attack, totally unsure of how to navigate her new widow lifestyle.

Book Discussion: Thursday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.

You Can't Do It Alone

by Maria Quiban Whitesell

When Maria Quiban Whitesell's husband was diagnosed with glioblastoma (GBM), a deadly form of brain cancer, she was completely unprepared. Now, after going through hell and back, Whitesell knows that she never wants anyone to feel as lost as she did. In *You Can't Do It Alone*, Whitesell teams up with licensed therapist Lauren Schneider to offer a welcoming and supportive guide to healing from any traumatic loss.

Book Discussion: Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Alisa Secrest for more information.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

But I call to God, and the Lord saves me.
– Psalm 55:16

Middle Age

Full of change, crisis, and growth. We must deal with aging parents, adult children, and our own mortality. If you are going through this crisis and need a sympathetic, trained listener, a Stephen Minister would like to be there for you.

If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend, Second Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We provide confidential Christian caregiving to hurting people. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call Associate Pastor Alisa Secrest, (501) 227-0000. Pastor Alisa will work with you to decide if Stephen Ministry will be a good fit for you and your unique situation.

Second Presbyterian Pen Pal Ministry

During this pandemic season, we continue to love and pray for members of the church who cannot gather with us. To join this ministry begun March 2020, please contact Rebecca Cate. Some young families and member households are matched up by routine phone calls and care packages with members in isolated circumstances, while others continue to share love through writing. Relationships connect Second Presbyterian member households, including those living in retirement communities—keeping the congregation united during this time of separation.



SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
Available beginning at 8:30 a.m. at secondpreslr.org

PASTOR

Rev. Steve Hancock

ASSOCIATE PASTORSRev. Alisa Secrest
Rev. Lindy Vogado
Rev. Jen Evans**PARISH ASSOCIATES**Rev. David Gill
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Dania Edwards**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF****CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
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Sharon Howard
Adam Savacool**FOOD SERVICE MANAGER**

Brenda Majors

CHILD CARE COORDINATOR

Karin Howze

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Carrie Johnson

Bulletin Board

Hospitalized (*Discharged) *Joe Henry, *Nancy Keyes, *Noah Reynolds, *Harlan Weber, Brad Wooley

Our sympathy goes to Imogene Gilmore on the death of her husband, George Gilmore; Lorraine Hannah on the death of her son-in-law, Joe Welch; the family and friends of Rita Robertson.

We would appreciate your help . . . in keeping the church office informed when there is a sickness in your family, when someone is in the hospital, or a death has occurred. Please also keep us updated on the sickness or concern so that the information we have on our Care and Concern Line is accurate. Members and friends can call the Care and Concern Line, (501) 227-6117, on weekdays to receive information about prayer concerns in our church family. We will honor all requests for confidentiality, but in order for us to offer pastoral care we need to be aware of your situation. We also want to know about the joys, accomplishments and achievements of members of the church. Please call Alisa Secrest or Sharon Howard in the church office with information, (501) 227-0000, or e-mail alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org or sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org. Thanks for your help!

Heritage Committee Seeks Second Presbyterian Memorabilia

Do you have old certificates, bulletins, newsletters, programs, or other documents for earlier days of our church? Our Heritage Committee would like to copy such to help fill in some of the gaps in our church records. Please contact Pam Luther, (501) 690-5203.

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e-mailed to:
adamsavacool@secondpreslr.org

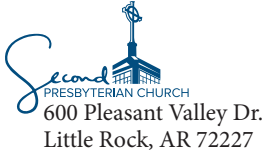


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