

From the Pastor's Desk:

After Easter, the church – particularly the staff – takes a deep breath. “We made it! We survived,” we say. It seems that the work is over, our job complete. We worshipped, studied, gave something up for Lent (or added something to our lives), and walked with Christ into Jerusalem for Holy Week and then to the cross on Good Friday and out of the empty tomb on Easter morning. Take a breath, friends – we made it.

Almost; but not really. There’s so much more to do. After Easter, we may feel like we can take a breath, curl up with a blanket and let the Lord do the rest. And God will; but God loves help. We followed Christ into Jerusalem and now we’re being sent out of it with God’s help. Christ has work for us to complete.

As we enter April and prepare for a new preaching series on *Developing a YouthFull Faith* we’re going to be sent into the world to carry God’s message.

While watching the solar eclipse and doing our taxes and celebrating Youth Sunday, Earth Day, attending Spring Gatherings, worshipping on the Kirkin’ O’ Tartans Sunday with Lyon College, recognizing our Seniors, celebrating Mothers, Pentecost, and ordaining and installing Elders and Deacons, we’ll be invited to pay attention to how God calls us to engage the world youth-full-y. To that end, you’ll hear how doubt, unfettered joy, play, and raw emotions are tools in our toolbox of faith.

It would be nice to rest, wouldn’t it; it would be so delightful to let God do the work because, well, God is God and does great work! Friends, one of the gifts of faith is that God wants to be in your life, constantly inviting you to participate in the world around you. Another gift is the tools God gives us to do the work to which we’ve been called. Come explore those tools and how best to use them in worship and our fellowship events.

Don’t worry if this seems like a lot – the church has always been good at brewing coffee for energy and carrying one another forward to do the work to which God calls us!

Rest up!

In Christ,

Rev. Ben



The Church Office

will be closed

on **Monday, April 8** because of the eclipse.

DEVELOPING A YOUTHFULL FAITH

Preaching Series

April and May

Rev. Benjamin E.E. Kane



We spend a considerable amount of time prepping for what's next and saying things like, "I can't wait to grow up" or "When I'm grown up, I'll ...". What if God is inviting us to not just look ahead, but look back at our youth?

As we enter April and May, many of our worship services will be led by and focused on our youth – Youth Sunday, Confirmation, Kirkin' o' the Tartans with Lyon College, and Senior Recognition – and I'm wondering if God is inviting us to develop a youth-full faith that incorporates play, laughter, raw emotions, and unfettered joy?

Join us for a preaching series at Second Pres. that'll explore what a youth-full faith looks like and how we develop it – as children, youth, young adults, adults, and wise-r adults!

April 7: John 20:24-29, "Thomas Missed the Meeting," preached by Elizabeth Cahoon

April 14: Luke 14:7-24, "Around the Table," Rev. Ben Kane (8:30am) & Youth Sunday (11am)

April 21: 1st Samuel 3, "I Promise, I'm Listening," Rev. Ben Kane

April 28: Acts 20:7-12, "When Boredom Kills," Rev. Ben Kane & Kirkin' o' the Tartans with Lyon College

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us for this amazing course parsing the book of Revelation – it's real, deep, publicly-oriented good news away from the challenges imposed by modern fear-mongering, led by local Reformed pastors! Our schedule is thus:

April 15, led by Rev. Ben Kane: Revelation chapters 6-11 on *The Seven Seals and The Seven Trumpets*

April 29, led by Rev. Robert Lowry: Revelation chapters 12-16 on *The Great Conflict and The Seven Bowls of Plagues*

May 6, led by Rev. Ben Kane: Revelation chapters 17-20 on *The Fall of Babylon and The Final Victory*

May 20, led by Rev. Robert Lowry: chapter 21-22 on *The New Jerusalem and Epilogue*

This class is also available on Zoom at zoom.us and Meeting ID: 869 8361 7944 with passcode: second

Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 14

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, April 14** for the purpose of hearing and voting on the slate of Elders and Deacons from the Nominating Committee. In preparation for that meeting, we will send an email with biographical information about the proposed slate of Elders and Deacons during the week leading up to the meeting.

Second Hall Adult Education April and May 2024

For the month of April to May 12, Second Hall Sunday School will focus on the six most difficult, weird, offensive "what?!" words of Jesus.

Join us in person or online (contact the church office for the Zoom info) with each of our guest leaders to wrestle with where to find the good news in hard words.

April 7

Sell What You Own

Beth Sigler

April 14

Hate Father and Mother

Ben Kane

April 21

Slave of All

Lindy Vogado

April 28

Nowhere Among the Gentiles

Vernon Markham

May 5

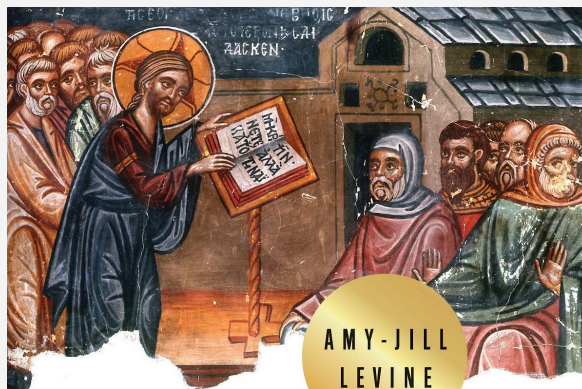
Outer Darkness

Alisa Secrest

May 12

Your Father the Devil

Lydia Wingo Kane



The
**DIFFICULT
WORDS** *of*
JESUS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HIS MOST PERPLEXING TEACHINGS

The Praeclara Ringers present a free concert on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 pm.

Please join us in the Great Hall for an hour of great music.

A simple reception will follow.



Birthday Fund

Sunday, April 14

If you have an April birthday, you may give a gift as well as receive a gift. You are invited to give a dollar celebrating each year of your age to our church's endowment fund. You may also give in honor or in memory of the birthday of a loved one. Our endowment fund supports all of the ministries of our church, such as outreach missions, youth scholarships, pastoral care, music, Christian education and more.

Celebrate your birthday at the Birthday Fund table on Sunday morning in the narthex. Birthday Fund envelopes are located at the table, at the welcome center and in the church office.



Church Wide Lunch

Sunday, May 5

The Belonging Ministry is hosting a church-wide lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of every month. **Our next lunch will be Sunday, May 5.** We will gather at the Lord's Table during worship and then gather round our Great Hall tables to enjoy a delicious meal together.



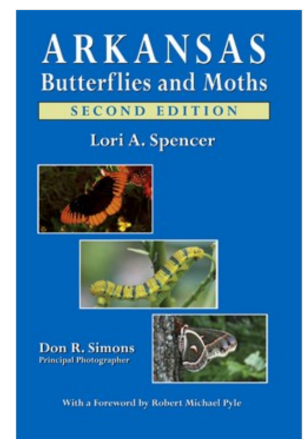
Please make a reservation using the QR code or by calling the church office. For more information, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

April 2024



Environmental Stewardship Ministry Co-Sponsoring April 18 Presentation on Monarch Butterfly Adventure

In December 2023, four Arkansas Master Naturalists — Lynn Foster, Debbie Milam, Kathy Boone and Ann Owen — journeyed to the oyamel fir forests in Michoacan, Mexico to see monarch butterflies overwintering in their natural habitat. Join us on April 18 in Second Hall — at 6:00 pm for pizza, 6:30 pm for the program — to learn about their trip, the biology of the monarch butterfly, why monarchs are in trouble, what people are doing to help, and what you can do.



At the presentation, the Ozark Society will have *Arkansas Butterflies and Moths* books for sale, and there will be monarch-related door prizes! And as with all Central Arkansas Master Naturalists meetings, there will be pizza! Please RSVP to Ann Owen at 501-960-0063 if you're planning on having pizza (and whether you have any food restrictions). Please bring your own water bottle or other soft drink.

Co-sponsoring this event are our Environmental Stewardship Ministry, Central Arkansas Master Naturalists and Ozark Society Pulaski Chapter.





New Member March 2024

Edward Drilling
(joined 3/24/24)

Edward joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.
He is married to member Paula Drilling.
Edward is retired and enjoys fly fishing.

Presbyterian Women: April 2024

Do you ever wonder, "What do those Presbyterian Women do? Really?" This month I'm sharing a personal story that brings me/us full circle - from pledge to PW to local mission to receiving back.

Presbyterian Women contribute to ministry within SPC and outside SPC. One of our local missions is Holy Sews. Based at Holy Souls Catholic church they provide layettes for stillborn and premature babies who do not survive. These are sent all over the country through affiliated churches. We give a monetary gift annually in memory of Noelle Edwards. They also receive donations of fabric and sewing supplies.

Almost 76 years ago my parents married. My mother's wedding gown was a lush ivory satin. One sister wore it later as it was made. Another sister wore it several years later after altering it to a more modern style. No future generations were interested in the dress. What does one do with something like this?

Fast forward to a few months ago. With family agreement, the decision was made to donate the fabric to Holy Sews. For us it was in memory of babies lost in my family - Ray Gearing and Ryan Carnahan. I took it directly to Holy Sews during one of their work days and met several of the women involved. I told them my story and they were thrilled to receive such elegant fabric.

I received a phone call about 6 weeks ago. Layettes were made and I was invited to the home of one of the Holy Sews women to see them. Such tiny gowns and blankets. Each gown with a tiny red heart stamped inside. I was given one of the layettes as a thank you. Full circle indeed!

Peace, Sandra Rogers

Presbyterian Women Activities in April

April 9 PW gathering, 10:00 am , Second Hall

April 12-13 Presbyterian Women Arkansas Presbytery Spring Gathering Ferncliff

April 21 Anna Circle, 4:30 pm, location to be determined

April 23 Coordinating Team, 1:00 pm, Library

April 24 Huldah Circle, 11:00 am, Presbyterian Village





Children and Family Ministries
SPRING FAMILY RETREAT
April 12-13
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center



We are excited to welcome you to this year's Spring Family Retreat at Ferncliff, April 12 -13. Rev. Ben Cane will be leading a discussion in two sessions: *The Challenges and Joys of Change: Why We Need It and Why We Fight It!* Doug Barr will be leading music around the camp fire, Friday night, and a session with the children Saturday morning. There will be lots of outdoor activities and opportunities for fellowship with your "Second" family. **Join us!**



Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2024.

Register Here



Volunteer Here



YOUTH
SUNDAY

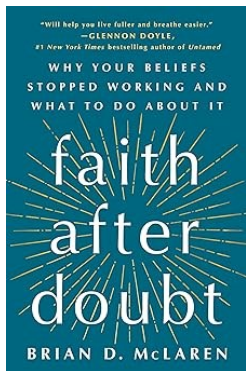
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11:00 AM

"AROUND THE TABLE"

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

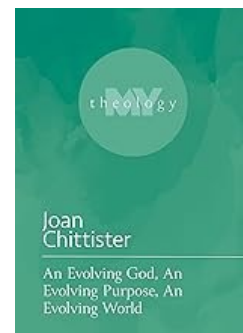
April 2024

Plant the seeds for growth by digging into these new studies.



The Seeking More Light class continues their study of the book *Faith After Doubt* by Brian McLaren; a look into deconstructing and reconstructing a meaningful faith. Copies available in the church office.

The Spiritual Nourishment Class for intimate discussion of personal faith and prayer practices continues their study of Sr. Joan Chittister's book *An Evolving God, and Evolving Purpose, an Evolving Faith*, from the "My Theology" short theology series.



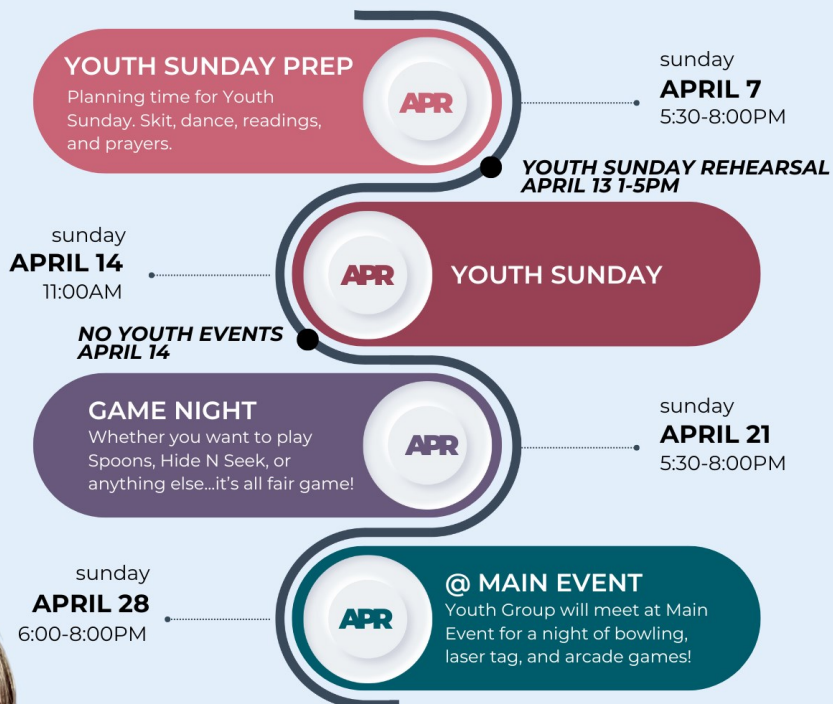
The Bible Study class shifts to a new series in *The Present Word* focused on "Examining Faith." Digital copies of the curriculum are still available. Join rotating leaders Graham Catlett, Chris Boggs and Philip Boggs on Zoom and sometimes in the Library for this rich discussion of the biblical text.



The Connections Class () is for adults with lives full of careers, relationships, and context - currently studying the selected works and quotations of writer Brené Brown to dismantle shame, lean into vulnerability, and revitalize life.

SPY APRIL 2024 TIMELINE

SEE WHAT OUR
YOUTH ARE UP TO
THIS APRIL





Facing grief this time of year? Come to the monthly Faith and Grief community support group for encouragement and listening. It is a safe place to sit and listen and a safe place to name your loved one, if you like. We meet the third Tuesday of the month (**April 16**) in Second Hall at Noon. Lunch is available. Please let us know of your plans to attend by registering through the office or at faithandgrief.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 or use the QR code to contribute to the Annual Budget, make a Memorial Gift or Birthday Fund contribution.

Missed a Sermon?

Did you miss one of the sermons? If so, you can watch recent sermons on the church website at secondpreslr.org. To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze at Howze@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000.



CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF STEPHEN MINISTRY AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN!

commissioned May, 1992



If you or someone you know is hurting and you would like more information about receiving Stephen Ministry care, please contact any of our Stephen Leaders.

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Rev. Alisa Secrest 501-227-0000

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

Jackson Hudkins, son of Jay Hudkins and Becky Latch, RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, England

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

Jonathan Johnson, grandson of Helen Scott, nephew of Clarke & Cindy Scott Huisman – stationed in CO

Daniel Jones, Marjorie Watkins' nephew, Sarah Ceja's cousin – stationed in Offut AFB, NE

Kyle Rought, Mary Ibis' cousin – stationed in Fort Hood, TX

Cogan Wade – Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune



LifeQuest Spring Term has begun!

Interested in LifeQuest, but not sure about joining? **Be our guest!**

Come try out some classes for a day, attend a lunch program, and see what LifeQuest is all about!

See the LifeQuest staff to get a temporary nametag. We're glad you're here!

**Coming in May....
Congregation Appreciation Lunch
May 22, noon - 1:00 p.m.**

ALL LifeQuest members and friends are invited to attend the May 22 Congregation Appreciation Lunch to thank our supporting congregations for endorsing LifeQuest's mission.

Guest speakers are Rev. Ben Kane from Second Presbyterian Church and Jenny Smith from St. James United Methodist Church.



Church Spring Home Gatherings Just for Fun and Fellowship

Let's Come Together

Rev. Ben Kane will share thanks and an update of our journey to meet Christ on the Mountain.
Join us in members' homes or our Prayer Garden for an evening of fun, fellowship and refreshments.

Join Us at a Home Gathering of Your Choice

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Laura & Ken Cook

Thursday, April 11

Kathryn & Brian McMillian

Thursday, April 25

Becky & Jackson Farrow

Thursday, April 18

Dora Jane & Greg Flesher

Thursday, May 2

or

Church Prayer Garden

Tuesday, May 14

Sign up using the QR Code

or call the Church Office at 501-227-0000



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Friday, May 31

We will gather at Dickey Stephens Park for a picnic, Travelers game and fireworks.

Picnic (burgers and brats) 6:05 – 8:05pm

First pitch 7:05pm

\$15/person includes dinner, seat at the game, fireworks

Tickets on sale now!



Middle School BURGER HUNT

	May 27	The Youth Building		
June 3	WHAT-A-BURGER		July 8	Way Back Burgers
June 10	Big Orange (Promenade)		July 22	Purple Cow
June 17	Buffalo Grill		July 29	Five Guys (Chenal)
June 24	David's Burgers (Bowman)		August 5	Leo's Greek Castle
July 1	Back Yard Burgers		August 12	The Root Cafe

MONDAYS 6-7PM
SUMMER 2024

Contact Elizabeth Cahoon
for any questions



High School DESSERT HUNT

	May 29	The Cove		
June 5	The Cove		July 17	Lulu's Desserts
June 12	Crumb Cookies (Cantrell)		July 24	The Huckleberry (@ Montreat)
June 19	Loblolly Creamery		July 31	Cinnaholic
July 3	Hurt's Donuts		August 7	Nothing Bundt Cakes
July 10	Community Bakery (Shackleford)		August 14	Shake's

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM
SUMMER 2024

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Young Adults

THURSDAYS 7-9 pm

- 1st Thursday
Bible Study @ Youth Building
- 2nd Thursday
Supper Club @ Youth Building
- 3rd Thursday
Game Night @ Various Locations
- 4th Thursday
Trivia Night @ American Pie Pizza



fall retreat



trivia night



scary!



alligator farm



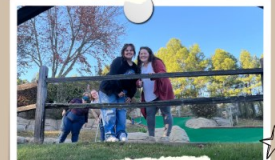
this is fun!



animal lover



considerate!



friendship



Sunday Online Worship Service

Available beginning at 11: 00 a.m. at secondpreslr.org

Pastor Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane	Assistant Director for Children and Family Ministries Maggie Kirchner	Administrative Associates Karin Howze Tracy May Carrie Johnson
Associate Pastors Rev. Alisa Secrest Rev. Lindy Vogado	Organist Adam Savacool	Food Service Manager Brenda Majors
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Director of Music and the Arts Dr. Bevan Keating	Facilities Manager David Beach	
Director of Children and Family Ministries Doug Barr		

Bulletin Board

Hospitalized (*Discharged) Pat Renfro, *Susan Douglas, *Tom Hicks, *Steve Shepherd, *Brad Wooley, *Larry Secrest, *Marion Kahn, *Alfred Williams, *Lindy Mitchell, *Carolyn Scruggs, *Pet Hollender

We **celebrate** with Somerset Sea and Bree Schmidt on their wedding on March 9; David Beach and his wife Kristen Beach who was installed as a Commissioned Minister for her role as Ministry Program Manager with the Great River Region of the Disciples of Christ Church on March 15

Our **sympathy** goes to Jill Barham and family on the death of her mother Jane Rogers; Diane McVinney in the death of one of her family members in WI; the Hobby family on the death of Jack Adams; Nancy Gann and family in the death of her brother Danny Kenner; the Portis family in the death of Richard Portis.

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 Tracy May in the church office with information, (501) 227-0000, or e-mail alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org or tracymay@secondpreslr.org. Thanks for your help!

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