

From the Pastor's Desk:

Earlier this month I helped facilitate conversations at the Second Pres Family Retreat at Ferncliff. Doug Barr and I planned for this retreat to center around a driving statement that we hoped others would help us write. The statement was, *"I dream of a church..."* It was a probing question and meant to be. We'd hoped to hear from the kids as well as parents about what they thought God was calling Second to be.

The answers ranged from funny to serious, from thoughtful and child-like dreaming (these came mostly from the adults!), from simple to complex. The answers that proclaimed a desire for an open, welcoming, colorful church where God is at the center amazed me. The kids surely wanted us to consider having a petting zoo with giraffes (turns out we don't *quite* have the space or oversight for that!!), but they actually wanted us to imagine a church that nurtured their sense of wonder about who God is and who God is calling them to be. They wanted us to visualize a church with colors that invited curiosity, worship that attended to all their senses, and a sense of welcome that said to everyone, "We're glad you are here."

Turns out, the adults felt the same way – the only difference being that instead of a petting zoo, we needed a coffee shop!

When Doug and I asked that question two weeks ago, I had no idea my answer to our question would include what took place this past weekend. Never in my wildest dreams would I think we'd have such a monumental weekend of worship at Second Pres. But we did – and we did it really well. We hosted a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for a former Governor and Senator that was attended by many of the most well-known Arkansans followed by a phenomenal Kirkin' o' The Tartans Worship Service with Lyon College the next day!

What I want to say to you as one of your pastors is this – God is good and doing some amazing things here. We are well on our way to being the church God dreams of us being. But I also want to say that we have work to do. There is always work to do as disciples of Christ who are always seeking to follow Christ well in every aspect of our lives. As I reread the dreams of our Second Pres. kids and families, I'm aware of what our call is to do next. But before that, I wonder what you might add to the dream when I ask you to fill in this statement, *"I dream of a church..."*

In Christ,
Rev. Ben



Preaching Series
Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
May 2024

I recently heard that, “We don’t rise to the occasion, we fall back on what we practice.” Those words reminded me of this preaching series, *Developing a YouthFull Faith*. A hope with this series is to aid members and friends of Second Pres in developing good practices. In May, we’ll look at how clothes can provide a window into how we live our faith, we’ll confirm a wonderful group of Eighth Graders, and learn what the most powerful boat in the sea is and how it helps us understand how God calls us into ministry. I’m looking forward to worshipping God with you in the weeks ahead.

May 5

Senior Recognition Sunday

Colossians 3:12-17, 20

The Clothing Trend That’s Lasted Centuries

May 12

Confirmation Sunday

May 19

Pentecost & Ordination and Installation of Elders

Acts 1 & 2

The Hardest Part of A YouthFull Faith is Waiting



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 last two meetings before summer break are **May 6 and May 20**. We meet in Second Hall at **9:30 am**.

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

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. Menu: chicken spaghetti, green beans, pineapple carrot cake and rolls!

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



Second Hall Adult Education May 2024

For the first two weeks of May, 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.

May 5

Outer Darkness

Alisa Secrest

May 12

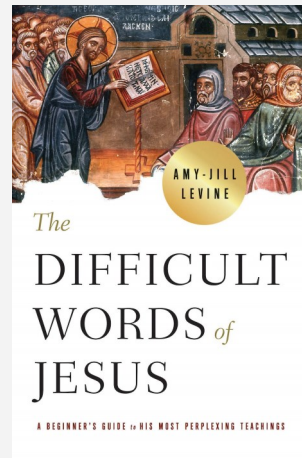
Your Father the Devil

Lydia Wingo Kane

May 19

Being Queer in Arkansas

Panel discussion by Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell and the Queer Collective, new worshipping community of the PCUSA. The changing landscape of gender, sexuality, language, and culture leaves many of us with questions about definitions, pronouns, experience, current laws, and how to be an ally to our queer friends and family. This friendly panel of LGBTQIA+ persons offer a quick primer on the experience of being queer in Arkansas today, and answer your questions. Look for a "Questions Box" in May to gather your questions!



May 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Tour and reception at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center. This museum has recently undergone a huge remodel. We'll tour the new exhibits and enjoy a brief talk with Adult Education and Interpretive Specialist, Brian Rodgers, who also serves on the LifeQuest Curriculum Committee. The tour will be followed by a wine & cheese reception. A shuttle will leave Second Presbyterian Church from parking lot at 2:45 p.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. Reservations for the shuttle are first-come, first-served by calling the LifeQuest office: 501-225-6073.

May 22, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

We'd love to have two representatives from your church **staff** attend the **Congregation Appreciation Lunch** on May 22. Rev. Ben Kane from Second Presbyterian Church will speak as well as Jenny Smith from St. James United Methodist Church. The menu is veggie lasagna, and your two meals are complimentary. This is our opportunity to gather with our supporting congregations to say "Thank You" for all you do for LifeQuest and our members. We look forward to seeing you there!





YOUTH SUNDAY 2024



SECOND PRES THROUGH THE ERAS

Officer Appreciation 2024!



Celebrating Second Pres officers coming, going and moving forward as we celebrated the eras the church this year! Many thanks to Vic Fleming for puzzling our minds as we reviewed the history of Second Church ministry. And much appreciation from your church staff who really loves their new t-shirts!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!



FRIDAY, MAY 31 2024

DICKEY STEPHENS PARKPICNIC & TRAVELERS GAME +
FIREWORKS!

PICNIC 6:05-8:05 P.M. | FIRST PITCH AT 7:05 P.M.

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Presbyterian Women: May 2024*"So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones. Genesis 50:21*

We celebrate May in several ways. PW will share a Birthday Offering which helps fund mission projects that improve the lives of many. This year's offering recipients are: Advocates for Community Choice, Marthasville, Missouri and Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. We also celebrate with Church Women United on Friday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. the Celebration of World Friendship, which will be held at Pulaski Heights UMC.

May is busy as it is when we Install our new officers for the coming 2024-25 year. It is a great time of celebration as we continue the PW legacy. I personally will close a chapter as PW Moderator, but look forward to supporting PW in other ways. I firstly want to thank our Leadership Team, our church support staff and others who have been there for our group of ladies and myself these past two years. It has been my honor to share in this leadership role. The scripture in Genesis reassures us, as Joseph spoke kindly to his brethren. We are reassured that God will continue to provide as he did in the beginning and will until the end. Thank you, Lord. It is our hope that May is a memorable month of many celebrations, graduations and gatherings.

God bless,

Pam Babb
Outgoing PW Moderator

UPCOMING DATES:

Church Women United, World Friendship Day, Friday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, 4823 Woodlawn Drive

PW Gathering, Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. at Second Hall (*notify circle leader to confirm lunch reservations*)

Anna Circle, Sunday, May 19, 5:00 p.m., place TBA

Huldah Circle, Wednesday, May 22, 1:00 p.m., Presbyterian Village, Library



Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 2024.

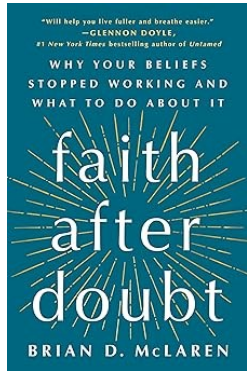
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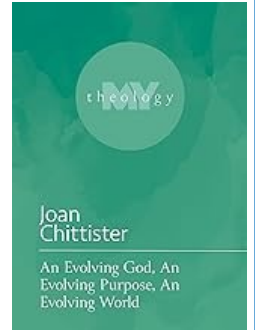


Adult Education Classes May 2024



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.



Birthday Fund May Birthdays



If you have a May 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.

Use the QR code or the Birthday Fund envelopes at the welcome center and in the church office.



Our Endowment at Work: Scholarship Opportunities

May-Deal Scholarship

The May and Deal families blessed our church by giving planned gifts to be used as scholarships for higher education. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the May-Deal Scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year. The requirements are as follows:

- Applicants shall be residents of Arkansas.
- Applicants shall need financial assistance for higher education.
- Applicants shall not be on full scholarship.
- Undergraduate applicants must be full-time students.

The application process is competitive for a fixed pool of scholarship funds. Usually, incoming freshmen applicants need to be in the upper 20% of their high school class. Those already in college must be in good standing and on schedule to graduate with their freshman class.

Hancock Scholarship

Steve and Missie Hancock established the Hancock Scholarship Fund to financially support seminary students from Second Presbyterian Church, to lower financial barriers for seminary students to become effective pastors, and to support Steve's passion for excellent pastoral leadership. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Hancock Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applicants shall be seminary or divinity students who are members of Second Presbyterian Church.

The application deadlines for the 2024-2025 school year is June 3, 2024. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered. Applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be submitted to Aileen Moore.



We are a dynamic community, bridging the gap between 'young adulthood' and retirement with grace and zeal. Our doors swing wide to welcome newcomers and beloved long-time members alike. We start our meetings with a time of fellowship and libations/food followed by study. Meeting in a member's home, we transcend the ordinary embarking on a journey of connection and spiritual growth. Contact Justin Villines or Catherine Allsbury for more information.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Sunday, April 28





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 (**May 14**) 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@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000.



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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

New Members (joined 3/31/24)



Karen Mize joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She has two children Raegan and Corbin. Karen is employed at Premier Gastro. She enjoys reading, artwork spending time outside and fishing.

Ralph Doty joined by Transfer of Letter from Lakewood Methodist in North Little Rock and **Jane Doty** joined by Transfer of Letter from Parkhill Presbyterian in North Little Rock.



Youth Ministry

**THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING US!**



April 14, 2024



Senior Recognition Sunday
May 5 @ 11:00 AM

Information for Seniors and Family:

Congratulations!! You are almost there! Second Presbyterian Church cannot wait to celebrate with you as we recognize your accomplishments! All Seniors of the Class of 2024 are invited to participate in this worship service. We have personalized gifts, prayer shawls and a special blessing for each of you.

Please email Elizabeth Cahoon your after graduation plans for next year. We would like to let the congregation know where you are headed or what you plan to do after this big day!



Confirmation Sunday
May 12 @ 11:00 AM

Information for Confirmands and Mentors:

The Confirmation Dinner is May 7 from 6-8PM in the Great Hall. Please bring your Statement of Faith to read with an Elder. After dinner we will practice in the Sanctuary the moving parts of Sunday's service. On Sunday May 12, please arrive at 10:00AM in the Sanctuary for a class photo, final notes, and seating order.

SPY End of the Year Party
May 19 @ 6:00-8:00 PM

Students and Parents:

Who's ready to party!! Come join in on all the fun as we celebrate another amazing year at Second Presbyterian Church. As always there will be a giant water slide, great food, and paper plate awards. We will recognize our graduating Seniors and welcome in the 5th graders! Parents are invited to join in on the fun too!



For more information: elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org

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





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 Families Ministry 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
Parish Associate Dr. Robert Williamson	Business Administrator Aileen Moore	Child Care Coordinator Karin Howze
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Elizabeth Cahoon	Director of Planned Giving Malinda Kirchner	Sexton Guy Howze Logan Humphrey
Director of Music and the Arts Dr. Bevan Keating	Facilities Manager David Beach	
Director of Children and Families Ministry Doug Barr		

Bulletin Board

Hospitalized (*Discharged) *Pat Renfro, *Sue Williamson, *Marti Rouby, *Ed Rogers, *Maury Mitchell, *Mark Norwine, *Bill Hilles, *Lucy Abraham, *Elizabeth McGuire, *Amelia Walters, Phillip Boggs.

We **celebrate** with Nick and Lisa Rule and Beth Nyhus in the birth of granddaughter and great granddaughter Chloe Jane Rhae Dehaven on March 30; Mike and Carrie Johnson on the wedding of their daughter Maggie Johnson and Sam Phillips on April 26.; Tracy May, Lynne and Bill Minix, and Jim Hunt in the birth of a new granddaughter and great granddaughter, Winifred "Winnie" Ray Fatheree. Parents are Cassie and Hunter Fatheree.

Our **sympathy** goes to the family of Richard Portis who died March 31; John Yocum and Julie Honeycutt in the death of mother and aunt of Beverly Yocum who died on April 10; Somerset Sea and family in the death of her uncle Randy Oates on April 10; family and friends of Rev. Harold Duerksen on April 11; Jim Hunt in the death of his sister Judy Ward on April 23; Edwin and Sharon Hankins on the death of Edwin's sister Ann of New York City.

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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