

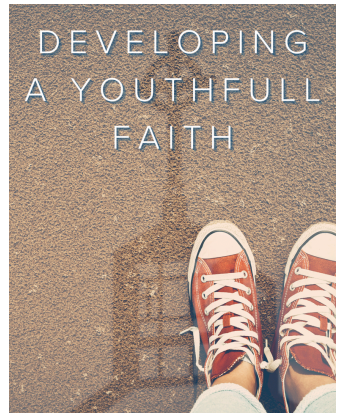
Ways to Get Involved Preaching Series

DEVELOPING A YOUTHFULL FAITH

Preaching Series for May

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.



Second Hall Sunday School Series

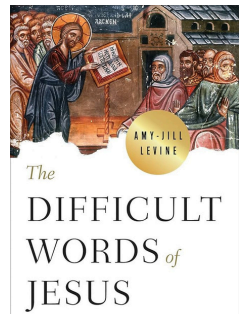
SUNDAYS AT 9:50 a.m.

The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginners Guide To His Most Perplexing Teachings
by Amy Jill Levine

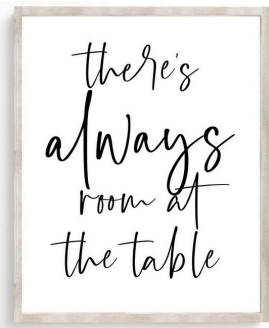
MAY 5 and 12

This six session video-and-book series invites us to explore some of the hardest and most confusing sayings of Jesus. Trusted Jewish scholar

Amy-Jill Levine illustrates how these difficult teachings sounded to the original audience, and how we might interpret them now as part of Christ’s Gospel of love and reconciliation.



There’s Always Room at the Table!



Our next church-wide lunch will be taking place on Sunday, June 2, after the 10 am service. Brenda’s brunch menu will be served! These meals have been a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship with members of all ages and stages, and we hope you will join us once again.

Summer Worship

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 26 when Second Pres will shift to “Summer Worship” and have one service at 10am in the Sanctuary. Summer Worship will last from May 26-August 4 and we invite you to join us for great summer of worship.

May Adult Education Classes

The Seeking More Light Class (room 67 and Zoom) 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 Connections Class (room 62-62) 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.

The Bible Study Class (Library and Zoom) is a classical course of biblical study using the spring edition of the unified bible study series *The Present Word*, focused on "Examining Faith." Digital copies of the curriculum are still available.

The Spiritual Nourishment Class (Heritage room and Zoom) 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. For any Zoom meeting room information please check out the Second Connections email on Thursdays or contact Rev. Lindy Vogado, Associate Pastor for Belonging and Outreach.

TODAY Second Hall 9:50 am

Being Queer in Arkansas

Panel discussion by Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell and the Queer Collective, new worshipping community of the PCUSA. 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!

Church Spring Gathering

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us in the Church Prayer Garden for an evening of fun, fellowship, and refreshments:

Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Make a reservation with the QR code or by calling the church office at 501-227-0000.



Men's Group Ministry



TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 7-8AM / SECOND HALL & ZOOM

If you like to laugh, hear a good word from God, talk about the upcoming preaching scripture with Rev. Ben.

Join us in person or on Zoom. For more, contact Vic Fleming (judgevic@gmail.com) or Vernon Markham (vmarkh3@gmail.com) for further details.

Monday Morning Bible Study

FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS AT 9:30AM

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 final meeting will be **May 20** and then we break for the summer. This class is also available on Zoom at zoom.us and Meeting ID: 869 8361 7944 with passcode: second

Presbyterian Women

GATHERING IN MAY

P.W. Gathering will be held this Tuesday, **May 14**, 10:00 a.m. in the Second Hall. Our final Bible Study entitled *People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples* will be led by Elizabeth Cahoon. We will have an installation of our new 2024-25 Officers and Leaders. We plan also to give financially towards the Birthday Offering. There will be lunch provided at \$10 per plate. It is our hope that you will plan to join us and we encourage all past and future officers and Circle Leaders to come that we may show our appreciation and installation.

Save the Date For Circle Meetings:

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

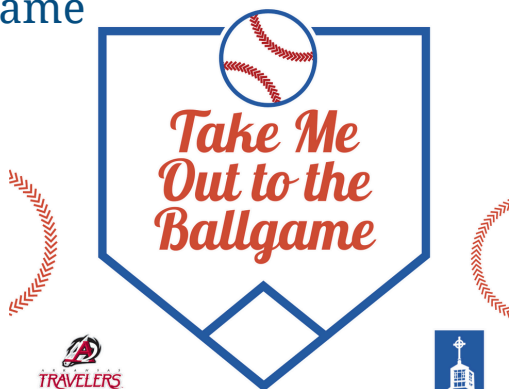
Huldah Circle, Wednesday, May 22, 1:00 p.m., Presbyterian Village, Library

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

SAVE THE DATE. Take me out to the ballgame May 31 evening when the Arkansas Travelers play Amarillo at Dickey-Stephens Park. We'll picnic at the park, sit together for the game and enjoy the after-game fireworks. This will be fun for all ages.

Tickets on sale now at \$15/person including dinner and the game.

Scan the QR Code to the right to sign up for this fun event!



FRIDAY, MAY 31 2024



Cheeses With Jesus



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. We transcend the ordinary embarking on a journey of connection and spiritual growth. Both of our meetings in May will be at 4800 Gooch Drive 72223 (Jill's home). Meeting dates and time:

May 8 and May 22, 7:00 p.m. New friends are always welcome! In June we will begin meeting at favorite restaurants and 'watering holes' instead of member homes. For more information, contact Justin Villines or Catherine Allsbury.

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, in-coming 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.

Children & Family Ministry



Vacation Bible School

JUNE 10-14

Join us for an unforgettable week of fun, faith, and celebration at Vacation Bible School! From June 10th to 16th, immerse your children in the joy of **Start the Party: Celebrate the Good News** theme.

Through engaging activities, music,

and lessons, they'll discover the incredible message of love and hope that the Good News brings us.

Don't miss out—register your family now using the QR code and let the festivities begin!



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

JUNE 10-14

This summer you have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of children in our community through volunteering at Vacation Bible School. Without volunteers this incredible experience would not be possible. Scan the QR code to sign up and for more information.



Youth Ministry

Calendar:

Sundays 9:50-10:50 Sunday School & Confirmation

5:30-6:30 MS Youth Group

6:30-7:00 Dinner

7:00-8:00 HS Youth Group

Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 MS Girls Bible Study

7:00-8:00 HS Small Group @ The Cove

Young Adult Ministry

THURSDAYS FROM 7-9PM

Join us for the following

Young Adult weekly gatherings:

First Thursdays Bible Study

at the Youth Building

Second Thursdays Supper Club

at the Youth Building

Third Thursdays Game Night

at various locations


Fourth Thursdays Trivia Night


at American Pie Pizza


Email Elizabeth Cahoon, elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org for more information.




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 **Website** visit www.secondpreslr.org

 **Give Online** visit www.secondpreslr.org/give

 **Church Office** at info@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000

 **Instagram** follow us at @secondpreslr

Calendar for the Week

SUN MAY 12

Confirmation Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

5:30 p.m. Middle School SPY YB

6:30 p.m. SPY Dinner YB

7:00 p.m. High School SPY YB

MON MAY 13

1:30 p.m. Monday Pastoral Care

3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 Stephen Ministry

7:00 p.m. Volleyball GH

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

TUES MAY 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. PW Gathering

1:00 pm. Card Making

6:00 Fellowship Ministry

WED MAY 15

5:30 p.m. MS Girls Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

THURS MAY 16

6:00 p.m. Spring Gathering

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Trivia *Offsite*

SUN MAY 19

New Officer Ordination/Installation

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

4:30 PW Anna Circle *Offsite*

5:30 p.m. Middle School SPY YB

6:30 p.m. SPY Dinner YB

7:00 p.m. High School SPY YB