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# SECOND THOUGHTS

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Sharing grace ...

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# Telling the Story Through Photos

For the past year, you’ve seen the words, “Sharing grace...,” printed on the worship bulletin, the pages of this newsletter, on church stationery and emails. You’ve heard stories on Sunday mornings about the ways, especially during Covid, that Second was living out those very words. Now, we are excited to announce yet another way of “sharing” the church’s mission statement—namely through photographs.

Beginning early this month, you will find a new display of photos in the stairways and along the main hall between rooms 251 and 252. These vignettes illustrate the many ways that we, as members of this community of faith, are individually and collectively living out Second Presbyterian’s mission statement, “Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.”

The photos focus mainly on the areas of Mission, Fellowship, and Children and Youth. In the stairway leading to the children’s Sunday school area, there are photos of our youngest disciples engaged in singing, worship, and play. All the photos have been chosen to tell the story of “Sharing grace...” in a very tangible way.

In months to come, the hope is to add another display of photos illustrating how we share God’s grace through worship—from baptisms, to communion, to cherished services on Christmas eve and Easter morning, to music, to summer services in the circle.

Special thanks goes to the House and Garden Committee, chaired by Bonnie Boram, and to the members of the Property Committee who approved the project. Also special thanks to the task force members Chelsea Beasley, Robyn Carston-Kane, Chris Ellis, Nancy Hubbard, Patrice Paton, and Jennifer Scott, to Harriet Treitz for helping with the design and installation, and to John Ellis for providing many of the photos.

Patrice Paton  
Sharing grace task force



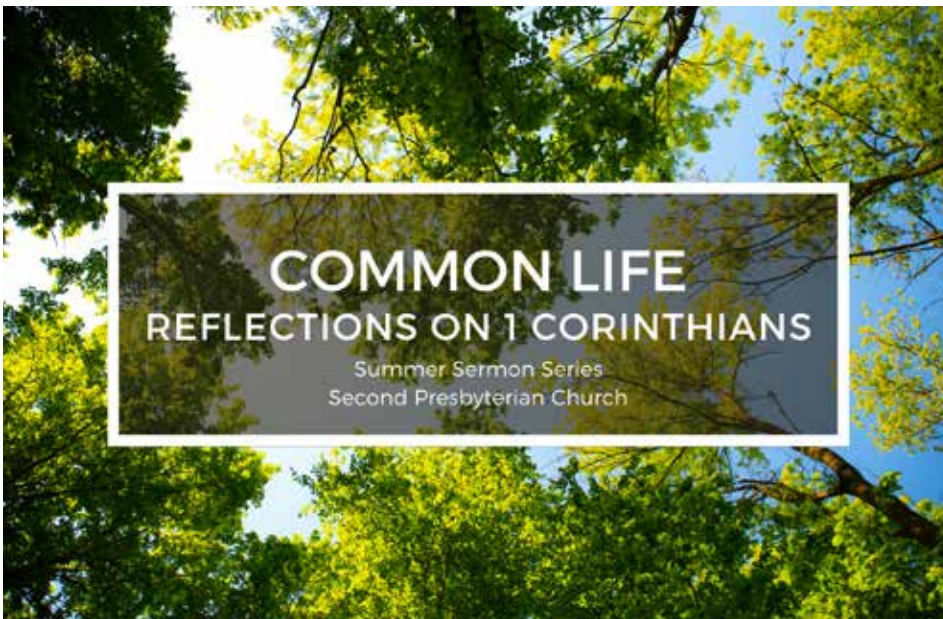
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## Our Mission

*Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.*



## Join Us in Worship This Summer



### Worship Times and Protocols Change June 13

In response to the recent CDC and Kentucky adjustments to COVID, our Sunday morning services will adjust accordingly.

### Outdoor Service Time Changes to 9:30

The outdoor early service will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Circle. Because many children may not have had an opportunity to get the vaccine, moving the time a bit later for them allows many of these families to worship. This will be in place through Labor Day. Masks are optional at this service. Please bring a chair. We will move inside in case of inclement weather.

### Fellowship in the Library

In the library after the 9:30 a.m. service, those attending either service will have the opportunity to share fellowship time with coffee and refreshments. Stay a bit longer, or come a bit early and reconnect with your Second Family!

### New Protocols for 11 a.m.

Our 11 a.m. Sanctuary Service will be mask-optional including singing hymns, and open seating is available. There will be some pews marked for those who prefer distancing. No reservations required. The service will continue to be livestreamed.

From June 6 through August 22, our pastors explore the themes found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that call us to life together as the body of Christ. Don't miss these important lessons for our "Common Life."



# music

## THE SONG GOES ON

For more information about Music at Second: [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org)

### A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!

Huge gratitude for our children ages 3 and up who joined us for our videos and our in-person fun. Second Pres. continues to offer inspiring, creative, and expert music to our children. Our church is grateful for the team of: **Christina Recktenwald, Ricky Case, Laura Atkinson, and Krista Heckmann** for their love and care of our kids. If you have not seen the end-of-year video, head over to our YouTube channel **2ndpreslou**, and celebrate with them!



### Don't Miss Our Free Children's Music Event !

**Summer  
Blast!**



**Wednesday, August 4  
6-8 p.m.**

*Kids' Karaoke \* Outside and Inside Music Games  
Food \* Ice Cream*

*Look for registration info in Seconds to Go in July*

## Pentecost @ 2nd

Thank you to our Austin Handbells, Sanctuary Choir, Octet, and Sam Libra who enlivened our worship on May 23!



### \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

August 4: Children's Music "Summer Blast" - 6-8 p.m.  
 August 18: Sanctuary Choir 2021-22 Rehearsals Begin - 7 p.m.  
 August 24: Austin Memorial Handbell Rehearsals Begin - 7 p.m.  
 August 28: Handbell Workshop with Angela Hampton - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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*Have you wanted to try out our Choir at Second Presbyterian??*



***We welcome all those high school aged and older to sing with us this Summer - only three rehearsals!***

Whether you have sung in a choir or not, come sing with us the great hymns of faith and special pieces that will inspire our worship. We begin Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Even if you cannot make all of our times, please sing with us.

**PLEASE REGISTER AT: <http://bitly.ws/dNMf>**

Instructions and more information will be sent to you after you register.

We cannot wait to welcome you to Second's Music Family!

*Jim Rittenhouse*

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# weekday school

## The Play's the Thing!



In May, the Kindergarten team found a way for the annual spring Kindergarten play to happen through adaptability and creative thinking (key ingredients to the success of this whole school year!). They recorded each student's lines and songs in the courtyard garden and

then spliced the clips together to create the complete play. When it was finished, it was shared digitally with the Kindergarten families, and the students had a cast viewing party at school.

The teachers wanted them to be able to safely experience performing live, though, so they created a sign-up for other classrooms to watch the play from three socially-distanced perches above the garden, a la Shakespearean theater. The Kindergarten students drew posters promoting the play and hung them up around the school. This garnered attention, and prior to the first show, several students throughout the building greatly anticipated the play, saying, "Tomorrow, I'm going to see the play from up there" and "My brother is going to get to see it with his own eyes!" After months of being segregated, this was something that allowed us all to be together as a school community a little bit more.

The Kindergartners performed four times over two days for the rest of the school. Siblings waved to each other, children from different classrooms sang along to songs they recognized, and at the end, the Kindergartners received big rounds of applause. We are thankful to the Kindergarten team for making the play a reality this year and bravo to the students!



## Welcome Amy!

Amy Heckmann (right) joined the childcare team in the nursery three years ago and is looking forward to diving deeper with the families of Second Presbyterian Church as Childcare Coordinator! Born and raised in Northern Kentucky, she moved to Louisville to attend the University of Louisville in 2014 (Go Cards!) and now calls Louisville home. Amy spends her week as a full time nanny and loves exploring the city with her wife, Krista, a member of the Second Presbyterian Octet.



## Childcare

Childcare is available in the nursery for children ages 4 and under for both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The nursery is located in the Infant Toddler hallway of the Weekday School. At this time, children K-5 will be asked to sit with their families during worship. A children's bulletin will be provided as well as extra resources in the children's resource room located adjacent to the Narthex during 11 a.m. Worship and on the "Worship Wagon" in the back of the circle drive during outdoor worship.

# Parent's Night Out

## Summer Dates

June 5, July 31, &

August 21

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$15 per child

\$25 Family Cap

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos join us for a fun filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Amy Heckmann at [aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org) for questions and to reserve your spot!



# children: summer ministries

Smiley Camp: June 14-18 and June 21-25 • Willow Art Camp: June 1-4 and July 26-30  
VBS/Project Serve: July 12-16



Registration Filled

*All Summer events at Second Presbyterian Church will operate according to the current guidelines set forth by our Session, the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's recommendations and current CDC and state advice, during the weeks the camp is in session and will be running at a limited capacity.*

**Smiley Camp will resume this Summer for two weeks in June.** The first week will be June 14-18 with the theme "Buses, and Boats, and Balloons, Oh My!" The second week, "Under the Big Top," will run June 21-25. Potty-trained 3's through 6 years are welcome to attend Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for one week at the cost of \$200 or two weeks for the cost of \$350.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Kim Pitchford, Director, at [kpitchford@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:kpitchford@2ndpreslou.org).



Registration Filled

**Willow Art Camp will take place again this Summer June 1-4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and July 26-30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** for potty-trained 3's through 7 years. The first week will concentrate on "Art from Around the World" while the second week will introduce children to "Famous Artists." Cost for this camp is \$195 per week.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Kristen Hayden, Director, at [kristencissell@hotmail.com](mailto:kristencissell@hotmail.com).



Space Available

**Vacation Bible School will take place July 12-16 from 9 a.m.-noon** for potty trained 3's through completed 3rd graders. "Come to the Table" invites children to see that God loves and welcomes all people and challenges them to share that same love and hospitality in their everyday lives. Bible lessons are taught through art, science, games, story and snacks making it a great week of fun and learning. Cost for the week is \$25 per participant.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries, at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org).

**Project Serve will run simultaneously with Vacation Bible School, July 12-16 from 9 a.m.-noon.** Completed 4th and 5th graders will put God's love and welcoming of all people into action with "Project Serve - Come to the Table" where they will spend the week completing service projects on campus as well as throughout the community. Cost for the week is \$25 per participant.

For more information please visit the church's website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/ministries/children) or contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries, at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org).





*Help Peace Pres organize their food pantry!*

## 2PY @ Peace Presbyterian June 14, 9 a.m.-Noon

Our partnership with Peace Presbyterian and their food distribution each month relies on volunteers from our church and Peace. On Monday, June 14, from 9 a.m.-noon, there is an opportunity to further this ministry by organizing their food storage area.

Andrea Wiggins and John Davis will be meeting youth volunteers at the church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Peace Presbyterian. We are planning to stop for lunch after the work is done and return to the church by approximately 1:45 p.m.

## Summer Calendar High School June

### June 13-June 19

High School Montreat

### Sunday, June 20

Youth in Worship

### Wednesday, June 23

Wednesday Night Chill

## July

### July 12-16

VBS from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 14

Wednesday Chill after VBS

### Wednesday, July 21

Summer Open Gym

### Sunday, July 25

College Dinner for Graduated Seniors

## August

### Sunday, August 1

Montreat Reunion



*Our sophomores enjoyed a Fiesta-themed dinner with their classmates!*

*Be on the lookout for your Fiesta with your classmates!*

## Middle School

## July

### July 8- July 12

VBS from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 14

Wednesday Chill after VBS

# adult faith formation

Unless otherwise directed, Zoom links to Adult Studies programs are found in Seconds to Go. You may also contact the church office to receive the information, 502-895-3483.

## Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and is meeting in-person Sundays at 10 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at [lingjr@twc.com](mailto:lingjr@twc.com). For more information about Dr. Ostling's class, visit the Adult Education page on our website.

## Pathways is on break until fall

Members of the Pathways Class are united in their pursuit of knowledge of biblical, historical and social issues, and all other facets that lead to a balanced Christian life. The class is also a community that has a yearly retreat, a Derby party, and a Christmas get-together along with other social events. We also have a mission component and try hard to provide a hands-on mission opportunity at least four times a year.

## Reading the Bible

The Reading the Bible Class meets on Zoom each Sunday at 10 a.m. and is moderated by Marty Soards. Please contact Marty Soards at [marion.soards@att.net](mailto:marion.soards@att.net) with questions or if you are interested in joining the class.

## 2nd Sunday

2nd Sunday is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month and deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families.

The class meets on Zoom the second Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. with moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

# pastoral care

## Caregivers Group, June 14

To "Care for the Caregiver," the Deacons have begun offering remote monthly Zoom meetings that will provide resources, education from guest speakers, and a safe space for support.

The meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is June 14 at 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Beth ([bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org)) in the office or reach out to Deacon Cathy Hollander.

## Race Matters

The "Race Matters" study group is held every other Monday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will continue to meet via Zoom in June at 7 a.m. on Fridays. The schedule for the month is as follows:

Study material: *Commonly Misunderstood Verses of the Bible* by Robert E. Van Voorst.

6/4	Intro pp. 1-10
6/11	Genesis 4:15 Ch. 1 pp. 11-16. What Is the Mark of Cain?
6/18	Genesis 31:48-49 Ch. 2 pp. 17-21. Is "Mitzpah" a Benediction?
6/25	Exodus 20:13 Ch. 3 pp. 22-28. What Killing Does God Forbid?

To join via the Zoom link, contact Beth via email, [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).

## Sisters in Spirit

Sisters in Spirit will meet at Sallye Pence's on June 8 at 7 p.m. to discuss Week 2 of Priscilla Shirer's *Discerning the Voice of God*. If you would like to attend via Zoom or need more information, please contact Ann Fleming at [annrfleming@gmail.com](mailto:annrfleming@gmail.com) or 502-553-4371. To join this study, contact the church, [bethh@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:bethh@2ndpreslou.org).

## Morning Joy

Morning Joy will take a break this summer. Look for Morning Joy in the fall.

## Grief Group Resumes in July

A new Grief Group will start in July. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, [eclay@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:eclay@2ndpreslou.org), if you are interested in joining.

## June Mission of the Month



*Kilgore Samaritan*  
COUNSELING CENTER

During the month of June, we ask that you support Kilgore in two ways. First, the 21st Annual Home & Garden Tour is June 12 & 13. Tickets can be purchased on Kilgore's website or during business hours at the church. In addition, Kilgore has requested donations for the Samaritan Fund Scholarship. This scholarship is designed for individuals who are in financial hardships to assist in partially paying for their cost of counseling and treatment. Donations can be made on our website under the giving tab. There is a specific link to give to the Samaritan Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support of this important mission partner!



## Intergenerational Mission Trip

Second Presbyterian is offering an intergenerational mission trip to Buckhorn Children and Family Services July 29 - August 1. Buckhorn is one of our mission partners located in the Appalachian mountains of Eastern Kentucky. The organization's mission is to provide a sanctuary of health, healing, and hope for at-risk children, youth, and families. Please contact Chelsea at [cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) if you are interested in attending the mission trip and for more information.





Seven Counties Services



Bellewood & Brooklawn

# 2021 Golf Scramble

to Benefit Vulnerable Youth and Families in Kentucky

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**Persimmon Ridge Golf Club**

72 Persimmon Ridge Dr. Louisville, KY 40245



**\$10,000**

### Presenting Sponsor

- Event naming opportunity (“presented by”) wherever the event is listed including all print and online promotional materials
- Highlighting of your company’s partnership through a comprehensive media campaign (may include social media, website, news releases, newsletters)
- Day-of-event benefits, including logo on items such as promotional items, banners, and programs, as applicable
- Opportunity to provide company promotional materials in participant swag bags
- Opportunity to host your executives and customers with two (2) golf foursomes at golf scramble
- Chance for your employees to volunteer at the event with company signage

### Gold Sponsor

- Logo placement as “Gold” event sponsor on all print and online promotional materials
- Highlighting of your company’s partnership through a comprehensive media campaign (may include social media, website, news releases, newsletters)
- Day-of-event benefits, including logo on items such as promotional items, banners, and programs, as applicable
- Opportunity to provide company promotional materials in participant swag bags
- Opportunity to host your executives and customers with one (1) golf foursome
- Chance for your employees to volunteer at event



**\$5,000**

### Silver Sponsor

- Logo placement as a “Silver” event sponsor on all print and online promotional materials
- Highlighting of your company’s partnership through a comprehensive media campaign (may include social media, website, news releases, newsletters)
- Day-of-event benefits, including logo on items such as promotional items, banners, and programs, as applicable
- Opportunity to host your executives and customers with one (1) golf foursome



**\$2,500**



**Team Sponsor**  
**\$1,000**

One (1) foursome at event



**Hole Sponsor**  
**\$400**

Company signage at one (1) hole



**Individual Golfer**  
**\$250**

We will match you up with a team

To sponsor or play, please visit the Bellewood & Brooklawn website or contact Missy Fountain: (502) 753-5508 or [mfountain@sevencounties.org](mailto:mfountain@sevencounties.org).

## World Refugee Day Is Sunday, June 20!

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It celebrates the strength and courage of people like Immaculee, Nedal, Genereuse, Ekyochi, and the Amiris who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to

build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

### How to Observe World Refugee Day

1. Attend an event. For ideas, go to [www.pcusa.org/refugee](http://www.pcusa.org/refugee)
2. Be a friend to refugees #leavenoonebehind
3. Help build KRM's network of jobs for refugees. This makes a huge difference! Send any leads to [mkolko@kyrm.org](mailto:mkolko@kyrm.org)
4. Sign up to help this summer with transportation (see below)

## Refugee Update

Baby Andisha is home and doing well. In the photo you will see her on the blanket made by Chris Ellis. She is precious! Even 3-year old Hamassa has now acknowledged her new sister and is quick to alert the parents when she cries.

Amiri has moved to the night shift at Walmart, and it goes well. The family van is now fully equipped with four car seats. They love the van! Many thanks to all who donated and helped figure out the safety code and fits. It took a village—and a website tutorial. Additionally, Second Presbyterian set up a van insurance fund for the first few months. Thank you for your generosity and support of this family. The Amiri are ready to roll.

For the summer, the two oldest daughters are enrolled in the "Backpack League," a 6-week, free program through JCPS for math and reading. They

are also attending two weeks of Cedar Ridge Camp – CRC graciously offered them scholarships. If you have some time this summer to give, we need transportation for the girls to Cedar Ridge and other activities as Cedar Ridge is not offering bus service this year. Contact Martha at [mnpacceu@yahoo.com](mailto:mnpacceu@yahoo.com) to get on the schedule.

We are still looking for the owner of a diamond ring that was discovered in the bottom of a bag of donated items. Contact [Kathy@Oyler.net](mailto:Kathy@Oyler.net), if it's yours!

O For a World where everyone respects each other's ways,

Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise

Hymn 372, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

May God keep you safe or *Khoda hafez* in Farsi,  
Second Presbyterian Refugee / Mission Committee



# Refugee News

## Far From the Border, Churches Welcome Refugees

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*Article and all photos by Rich Copley*

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Balloons swayed in the air, children kicked their swings toward the sky, and laughter floated beyond the fence as congregants and

States military. That work had put a target on Raees, his wife Khatul, and their three – soon to be four – children, so they had been granted a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) to come to the United States.

There to welcome them, despite fears of the surging coronavirus, were a handful of members of Second Church to start walking them through the months of making the United States their new home.

Refugee Ministries, a nonprofit organization that provides resettlement services to refugees through co-sponsorships with faith communities and other entities to help refugees successfully integrate into their new community. Since the arrival of the Amiri family, the church has helped support them by providing things such as rental assistance, clothing and housing supplies.

The ceremony on the playground meant that the financial obligation of the church to the Amiris had ended. If recent history is any indication, the friendship is far from over.

Chris Ellis ticks through the status of other people Second Presbyterian has co-sponsored with KRM since 2017. One person is now in graduate school.

Another family is trying to get their 4-year-old son in preschool. As the pandemic took hold, the congregation gathered resources to get Chromebooks for the



*The Amiri Family*

friends of Second Presbyterian Church gathered on the church's playground after one of its first in-person worship services in months.

The start of spring and signs the COVID-19 pandemic was winding down would be more than enough cause to celebrate at the Louisville church. The reason for this celebration, over popcorn and Middle Eastern treats, began months before in the darkest days of the year and the pandemic.

The chill of late fall was just setting in as the Amiri family arrived from Afghanistan at Muhammad Ali International Airport, stepping into a country they knew little about beyond what they saw on TV and father Raees' work with the United

"Before we left Afghanistan, I would worry about lots of things," Raees said to the Second Presbyterian members and staff at the mid-April event, through a translator from Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM). "But with your support, we are here today. With your support, our lives changed positively."

Khatul, just days away from giving birth to their fourth child, added, also through a translator, "Your support made our lives stable. But we cannot find friendship anywhere, so your friendship and being here means a lot to us."

The ceremony was meant to mark a milestone in Second Presbyterian's relationship with the Amiri family, which the church was connected to through Kentucky



*Charlotte Pecceu with Khatul and her daughter*



*Translator Khadija Shojar (L-R), Khatul Amiri, and Raees Amiri*

families they had sponsored since 2017 so children could continue school, and parents, many of whom had lost their jobs, could search for new work.

Ellis renewed the relationship between Second and KRM in 2017, initially approaching the organization to see how the church could help.

"We could do a few things," Ellis said. "We could assist, and we could learn along the way. By 2018, in February, we got our first family, from the Congo, and they had been 20 years at a refugee camp."

Second Church has been sponsoring families ever since with a team of members who feel called to join in the effort of welcoming people coming to the United States from other countries, often through horrendous circumstances that threaten their lives and livelihoods.

"I liked what I was hearing in the pulpit from Steve," church member Martha Nichols-Pecceu said, referring to Second Presbyterian pastor the Rev. Steve Jester. "He was reading the story of the Israelites in exile. And you know, it's a story of abandonment, and of that feeling of being insignificant, and that really touched me."

Nichols-Pecceu found that her background in French was

particularly useful working with refugees from French-speaking countries in Africa. Members of the Second Presbyterian group said that when they sensed one of the refugees they worked with from Africa was feeling isolated during the pandemic, Nichols-Pecceu organized a socially-distanced, safe lunch with other refugees from Africa and the African

community in Louisville to help make connections.

"We often think about the material possessions people have lost – loss of home, loss of jobs, and the financial needs they have," said Susan Krehbiel, Associate for Refugees & Asylum for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. "But another really, really important part of reestablishing their lives and their wellbeing is having social ties. So, the church community ... having not only that financial commitment, but that kind of friendship as demonstrated in the event that Martha just described is part of the life-saving work."

Work with immigrants and refugees is often associated with border communities in states like Texas and California. But, Krehbiel points out, refugees arrive in communities across the country, needing help to get their lives started in their new homes. With the cap on refugees being raised from historic lows to 62,500 people this year and 125,000 next, the need for churches to help is growing.

"The best way to make it work is to connect a refugee family with a faith community," says Maha Kolko, Case Worker & Sponsorship Developer for KRM.

Since she became aware there was a good chance caps would be raised, Kolko said she has been working to recruit more churches able to help welcome refugees to Kentucky. Most of the churches she works with are Presbyterian, but there are also Methodist, Lutheran, Seventh-Day Adventist and other congregations that have gotten involved. Second Presbyterian Church, she says, is one of the most active congregations and has been thoughtful coming up with new ways to address needs and help families feel at home.

"They try to think of the family before they show up, and that's so important," Kolko said.

In the case of KRM, the organization handles a lot of the clerical needs in bringing a new family to the country such as getting Social Security cards so that the adults can work. They look to the church to work with more cultural and lifestyle aspects of coming to the U.S., from setting up a home to getting to know their new city. When the pandemic is not in full swing, Second Presbyterian volunteers say they like to take new families to sites like Churchill Downs racetrack, where the Kentucky Derby is held.

With the Amiris, the Second group has helped with things like helping Raees get a commercial driver's license so he can get work similar to what he did in Afghanistan, and aiding Khatul with pre- and neonatal needs, as she has given



*Maha Kolko of Kentucky Refugee Ministries*



*Charlotte with one of the Amiri children.*

birth to a new baby daughter since that April event.

"I had a little 'aha' moment talking with one of the neonatal nurses yesterday," said Second member Kathy Oyler, who had been helping take Khatul to appointments. "I got the hairy eyebrow and, 'Who are you, exactly?' And I said, 'I'm a member of Second Presbyterian Church on the refugee team, and we're sponsoring this family,' blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And she said, 'Oh. So, they belong to your church?' And I went, 'Well, no. They're Muslim.'



*Second Refugee team members Chris Ellis, Kathy Oyler, and Martha Nichols-Pecceu with Khatul*

"It never occurred to me that that didn't matter. It doesn't matter what religion or what country or where you come from. There's a need. And that's what we learned from the pulpit."

For churches thinking about getting involved in refugee ministry, the Second Presbyterian members recommend beginning by meeting with agencies in

their area that they can work with, like KRM. Kolko said, "It's not as big a commitment as you might think." She also notes churches can often commit at a level at which they are comfortable, so they don't have to start with full sponsorship.

Second members say even if there is a core committee working on the project, they should keep the whole church informed about what they are doing through things like putting photos and stories in church newsletters. They also said the congregation can be a great resource for meeting the needs of the family.

"The more specific you can be about what you need, it



*Raees with Macie Nichols*

will come," Nichols-Pecceu said, and Oyler added, "It's like the fishes and the loaves.

"If somebody is thinking about it, just do it. It all works out. Just jump into the water."

Even as the formal part of Second's relationship with the Amiris through KRM came to a close, the relationships that have been built were obvious in the ease with which the children played, Nichols-Pecceu's daughter Charlotte swinging with the Amiris' daughter, and Raees and Khatul talked with church members and staff.

"We knew this meeting was the end of the official relationship, but we feel very good that we found good friends that still will be here," Khatul said. "We come from a completely different country, different culture, speak a different language. But still, I feel comfortable that we have them and are surrounded with them here."



# welcome new members

**Lee Best** is an interior designer who works part time at Bittners. She's interested in Adult Education and Bible Studies. She transferred her membership from Highland Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of Stephen Ministries and served on the Property Committee. She is also a member of the Weekday School Board. Lee has an interest in the care and preservation of historic homes in Frankfort and has two nieces who are like children to her. She has attended Morning Joy here at Second Presbyterian since it began.

**Morgan Crockett** works in marketing for Norton Healthcare. She married Sam Crockett last year. In her former church, in Indianapolis, Morgan worked as a children's ministry volunteer and attended women's Bible study.

**Nathan Dicken** is an accountant with Xpert Design & Construction. He married Carolyn Wells last year. Nathan is interested in Sunday school and Bible studies. Nathan grew up as a Catholic but wants to make Second Presbyterian Church his home church.

**Pamela Ford** is a former member of Second Presbyterian Church who moved to Lexington and is just now returning to Louisville and her home church. She is a realtor with Gant Hill & Associates. She is interested in adult education and Presbyterian Women. She transferred her membership from Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington KY to Second in Louisville.

**Liz Gray** is an account manager at Tandem PR. She is married to Seth Gray and reaffirmed her faith at Second Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth is interested in Adult Education and Presbyterian Women. Liz is an avid Cards fan and avid runner. She and her husband have a French bulldog named Bowser.

**Patrick Kosse** married Lucy Roth and became interested in Second Presbyterian Church. He is in accounting at EY, and is interested in church fellowship, adult education, missions, and Bible studies. He was most recently a member of Southeast Christian, where he was active in youth groups and mission activities. Patrick joined Second Presbyterian through a certificate of transfer.

**Heather Nutt** is married to Grady Nutt. She works in marketing and as a real estate agent for Crumbaugh. She is interested in fellowship activities, SPOT groups, missions, outreach, Sunday school, and Bible studies at Second. Before moving to Louisville, she was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church where she was active in fellowship activities and in the choir. Heather joined Second through a certificate of transfer.

**Dale Shidemantle** is a science teacher at JCPS. He is ordained as a deacon through Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in DeWitt, NY. He is interested in adult education and outreach. When a member of Pebble Hill, Dale was a deacon and youth group leader, and was involved in mission trips. Dale is an assistant football coach and enjoys travel. He has a wife, who is a member of St. Margaret Mary, and a young daughter. He joined Second Presbyterian Church via certificate of transfer.

**Betsy Tyrrell** was married at Second Presbyterian Church in 1978. She is related to Tom Tyrrell by marriage. She has been actively involved in Morning Joy and several of the SPOT groups for years. She is interested in outreach.



# fellowship

## SPOT

Second Presbyterian Options Together

### A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church

SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.



#### Book Notes

July 6 will be an open meeting. Please bring the book you have most enjoyed recently, so we can add to our lists.

From Walter Isaacson's *Code Breaker* to Kazuo Ishiguro's *Klara and the Sun*, we

can all benefit from new discoveries.

This summer, Jean O'Brien is stepping down as chair of Book Notes. We want to thank her for her service and welcome Larry Sloan and \_\_\_\_\_, who will co-chair the group this coming year.

Join us anytime. We faithfully support UCHM food closet. Contact the church to learn more.



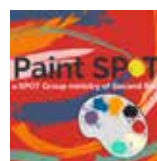
#### Busy Needles

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.



#### Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.



#### Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second.

Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330

el.wood@twc.com.



#### Pilates

Susan Schmidt (502) 523-5934  
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#### Prayer Group

Currently, the group members pray separately. To learn more about this group, contact Beth Haendiges

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#### 2nd Act

2nd Act is back! We are currently rehearsing on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. We look forward to the time that we can again sing for residents of care facilities, maybe outside in the near future. If you like to sing and think that you would like to be a part of this ministry, come join us on Wednesday morning or contact the church and someone from the group will get back to you. Second Presbyterian members are Bonnie Boram, Carole Schomer, Missy Hitt, Susan Langford, Debbe Dedman, Keltie Ferris, and Bertha Ellerbusch. Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



#### Dinner Groups

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## Session Highlights from May 13, 2021

At the May 13, 2021, stated Session meeting held over Zoom:

- Hayley Abell presented the Weekday School annual report.
- Session received the Clerk's Report, the Minister's Report, the Financial Report and various other monthly Committee Reports;
- An update on the recommendations of the Reopening Task Force was given;
- Nathan Sautter reported on Internet and phone service upgrade;

- Lorie Williamson and Jordan Akin reported on changes regarding Youth and Children's Sunday School for the coming fall;
- There was discussion of dates for future in-person session meetings.

A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark  
Clerk of Session



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## passages

### We remember in prayer...

The family and friends of Dr. Elizabeth Cressman,  
6/3/21.

Joan and Lamar Gaston, Page Penna, Edwin  
Penna, and their family and friends on the death  
of Dr. Kathy Von Roenn, 5/19/21.

Doris Flowers on the death of her father, Norman  
Berry, 5/18/21

Bette Riley on the death of her son, Charles S.  
Brunson, 5/17/21.

The family and friends of former Weekday School  
Director Beverly Fulkerson on her death, 4/25/21.