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Dearly beloved,

The emotions of Holy Week wash over me as I recall the first Easter. I am humbled by the courage of the women and his disciples, glorious resurrection.

Anxiety had turned knees to water and dried up desperate hope. The events of Thursday and Friday were seared on the memory of the women who had followed Jesus of Nazareth from Galilee to Jerusalem and followed him still. But hope, desperate hope came to the fore. Mary, from the town of Magdala, the town that sent dried fish to the entire Roman Empire, from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons, and Mary, Jesus' own mother and Salome, the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, had returned to Jesus' tomb to find his body gone.

Was this some sort of last final humiliation from the religious and political leaders who had betrayed him? Where had they put him, the beloved, whose body had been brutally tormented and at great cost preserved? Who had taken what had been so desperately bargained for? His mother, the mother of his closest followers and some of closest followers had guarded his body and stood as near as they could as he breathed his last breath. He had been crucified and vilified by the great men of the great powers. At great price two of his secret followers put their reputation and possibly their lives on the line to request the body of their teacher to give him a decent burial. There was no assurance that this request would be granted. In fact, there was a great reason to believe it would not be. When it was, when Pontius Pilate, against all expectation, had allowed Jesus' followers to collect his body from the cross and place him on the burial shelf in Joseph of Arimathea's newly cut tomb, it seemed as if some morsel of dignity could be salvaged from a horrific death.

Jesus' body had lain, on a shelf, in Joseph's tomb. He was wrapped, according to Jewish burial custom in a shroud. A tight piece of cloth encircled his beloved face, to ensure that his mouth and his jaw would remain closed. Jesus' detractors had sought to silence the resonate voice, that warmed the hearts of his listeners and pierced the conscience of his detractors. This morning, to complete the burial ritual, the courageous women went to the tomb with spices. The



expected to find Jesus' body where it had been laid in the flickering lamp light on the previous Friday evening. They were expecting to be able to wash Jesus' body with wine to remove the signs of trauma. They were expecting to be able to re-wrap the body with fresh linen and to place spices in the folds to keep the body sweet smelling. They were expecting to perform the last ritual of love that anyone can perform for the one they so dearly cherished.

But this, even this, seemed to be denied them. Instead of Jesus' body, they were confronted with a young man, in a blinding white robe. It was not their beloved they found but a youth with a message, a message that began, as all messages of God's angels did with the immortal words, "Fear not". "Fear not, for I bring you tidings of great joy," the angels had proclaimed to the shepherds at Jesus' birth. "Fear nothing; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised again; he is not here; look, there is the place where they laid him. But go and give this message to his disciples and Peter: He is going on before you into Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."

They ran to tell Peter that the resurrection had occurred. They ran to tell the disciples that Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb and that they would see him again in Galilee. Jesus' physical body had been transformed in the tomb, as surely as the body of a seed is transformed in the earth. It dies, but is not gone. Through the miracle of God's continuing and miraculous creative activity, radical transformation had occurred. Jesus' physical body had been transformed into a recognizable, touchable, spiritual body. Jesus was resurrected and now Jesus asks us? What will we do with this glorious resurrection? Will we take the angel's message to heart and "Fear not?" Will we be courageous as the early disciples were courageous and tell everyone of the radical, transforming news of Jesus' resurrection and the difference it has made in our lives? Will we hide in the tomb or will we emerge to new, glorious and courageous life as we proclaim Jesus' glorious resurrection to the world?

Your fellow servant in Christ, Mary



**HCM's ADULT DAY CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**

Highlands Community Ministries' Adult Day Center supports families in need of dementia care. Our experienced and thoughtful staff create a safe, stimulating, and fun environment. Whether you need only one or two days a week for a break in care-giving, or all five days to support a working spouse, son, or daughter, we have a flexible and affordable option for your family. The center is open Mon-Fri, 8am to 5pm, and located at 936 Barret Ave. on the garden level of the Altenheim. Call Denise Steilberg, RN, at 502-459-4887 for information or to setup a tour or trial visit.

**FROM FARMER'S MARKET**

Dear Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, As another season of the Bardstown Road Farmer's Market is soon underway we are once again thankful for your generosity. You have given both hard working farmers and our fellow patrons a welcoming place to meet, share and most importantly enjoy the fruits of labor. Furthermore, we appreciate the use of the facilities and your accommodating nature to the changing and growing market. Inside is a donation to your beautiful church towards another year of opportunity and allowing us to help bring so many people together.

Sincerely,  
David Jones  
Bardstown Road Farmer's Market Treasurer

*Say My Name  
Genesis: 1-7, 15-16  
March 4, 2018*

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

Please let the church office know if anyone in your family is graduating this year—college, high school, middle or elementary school. We'd like to include this in the newsletter.



**VOTER REGISTRATION TABLE AT FARMER'S MARKET**

On April 7th and 14th BRP will host a voter registration table at the Farmers' Market. The Jefferson County Clerk's office will send someone to do the actual registration of new voters. Some session members will be on hand to encourage people to register.

This is great opportunity to reach out to our community. It helps define in who we are to the community at large.

Please let people know of this opportunity.

Once people are registered, then the next task is helping disabled people to get to the polls. The poll workers get calls from folks who need a ride. We can link into this. More, later.

If this works well, then we will do a similar voter registration for the Fall 2018 election.

Just want to keep folks in the loop.

Linda Bowman

Questions? 452-9151

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## GETTING READY TO WALK

Louisville is expecting some visitors in May, and we need to be ready to feed and house them. No, not the out-of-town visitors who will stream to Churchill Downs at the beginning of the month, but a group of Presbyterians who'll descend on the city at the end of the month!

Who's coming? About 15-20 Presbyterians from the organization Fossil Free PC(USA). What's that? A group advocating for the church to divest of its investments in fossil fuel companies. Why divest? Because these companies create products that cause the climate to change in unknown ways. And, because it makes no sense for Presbyterians to profit (from investments in these companies) that are responsible for climate disruption.

Why is Fossil Free PC(USA) coming to Louisville in late May? Louisville has the church's headquarters. What will they do here? Start to walk. Huh?

Since the PC(USA) General Assembly begins in St. Louis on June 16, Fossil Free is going to walk from Louisville to St. Louis (about 260 miles) from June 1-16, to promote the divestment overture. That overture, requesting that the Presbyterian Foundation and the Board of Pensions divest from fossil fuel companies, was agreed on by the BRP Session, proposed to the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, and passed the Presbytery, joining 30 or so Presbyteries who are asking the church to act.

If you'd prefer not to walk to St. Louis (or even part of the way), there are a few things you can do to help:

1. Come to BRP on the evening of May 31. We will have dinner that evening at 6:00 p.m. You can enjoy conversation with members of Fossil Free who are going to walk.
2. Offer your house as a place for folks to stay one night (May 31). Having a comfortable bed will be nice, but our visitors are bringing sleeping bags and can easily sleep on your floor.
3. Provide a light breakfast on Friday, June 1.
4. Provide transportation to PC(USA) Headquarters the morning of June 1. You can plan to stay for the opening worship service prior to the beginning of the walk.
5. Follow the progress of the walk on the Fossil Free website ([presbypeacefellowship.org](http://presbypeacefellowship.org)), from June 1-15.
6. Follow the activities at the General Assembly from June 16-20, using [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

Please contact the church office (451-8305) and let us know if you'll be able to provide housing and transportation for our visitors.



## An Announcement from Gregory Kelsey:

Jen and I are excited to announce the birth of Mary Helen Kelsey. She was born at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19.5 inches from head to toe!



Jen and Mary are both happy and healthy.

## BUCKHORN MISSION TRIP Sun June 10 – Wed Jun 13



Come work and play in the breathtaking mountains of Kentucky! We drive over on Sunday afternoon and return Wednesday afternoon.

This intergenerational trip has a 20 year history at BRP. The kids must be rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the adults don't need special skills. Well, except Joe Anne, who works her magic keeping us nourished.

We stay at guest houses at Buckhorn State Park. It's a perfect retreat after a hard day's work. There's a pool. There's the lake. There are deer. All of this and mini golf!

Our efforts benefit the staff and recovering foster children who live and work at the Buckhorn Children's Center. We usually paint, clean or spruce up the grounds. After 20 years, we are welcomed like big city cousins.

Expected costs (for food and comfortable lodging):

Adults \$75

Youth \$60

Assistance is available, talk with Mary or Jennie.

Call Jennie Guelda (558-8151) or email [jennieguelda@gmail.com](mailto:jennieguelda@gmail.com) if you can go. It helps in planning housing and meals if you can commit by Memorial Day.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES**

For 2017-18 Women's Circles, the study is "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting is April 10 at 11 A.M., to study Lesson 8; contact Joe Anne Overstreet for information.

If you are interested in the Evening Circle, contact Alicia Bloos at 502-496-0345. This Circle may be reorganizing; meeting day will depend on those interested.

Please feel welcome to join either group. Let Joe Anne or Alicia know your desire to participate, so we may order a study book (\$10) for you. We hope you'll join us!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **CEDAR RIDGE CAMP**

Cedar Ridge Camp, the camp, retreat, and conference center of our Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, is a happening place! As camp gears up for school group spring field trips and summer camp, Bardstown Road folk will be helping at a Spring Work Day (date to be announced). Contact Alicia Bloos 502-496-0345 or [alicia-bloos@hotmail.com](mailto:alicia-bloos@hotmail.com) to express your interest in helping.

During our worship service on **April 29**, the **FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING** will be collected to be given to Cedar Ridge to help with their costs of summer camp scholarships. Please give generously!

Keep up with camp offerings year round at [www.cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.cedarridgecamp.com). In addition, monetary donations for scholarships, programming, camp upkeep, etc., can be made online. If you missed the Adopt-a-Cedar-Tree program in honor of the camp's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, you can still donate for that. Thank you for your continuing support of OUR camp!

## **HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWS**

### **HIGHLAND YOUTH RECREATION**

HYR and HCM are working together so that 50 children and youth from KRM (Kentucky Refugee Ministries) will be participating in the spring soccer season.

### **EASTER FOOD BASKETS**

**Thanks for your help!** Because of your generosity, we were able to provide food for five families. If you missed out on donating food, you still have an opportunity to contribute. You may make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of perishable items needed to complete the baskets. Simply mark your check "Easter food baskets."

### **FIRST-SUNDAY-OF-THE-MONTH FOOD DRIVE**

Each month, Mission Committee collects specific food items for the HCM food pantry. You may contribute at any time during the month prior. Thank you to all who have donated already.

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There is a plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the requested items, **canned meats and soups**. Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others. **\*Donations have dropped in recent months, but the need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries!**

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Keep in mind the upcoming **3<sup>rd</sup> annual drive for personal hygiene kits**, again sponsored by Strathmoor Presbyterian Church. You are invited to help with kit assembly at Strathmoor on **April 21, 2018**. In preparation for that, **we have been asked to collect 1"-wide bandaids**; simply place in the designated box in the sanctuary **by April 15**. In the meantime, check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org) for how you can help right now! Our mission committee is beginning to consider a trip to assist in Puerto Rico; tell Peggie Elgin if you might be interested in participating or helping with fundraising.

### **BAND-AIDS NEEDED**

We have collected a bunch, but we need so many more. These are for Disaster Kits that our Presbytery is putting together for home and abroad. We have until Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up some 1 inch band-aids when you shop and put them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary. They are hoping to fill 1000 kits. Out part is to furnish as many band-aids as possible toward a goal of 10,000, that is, 10 to a kit.

Thank you to all who contribute. If you prefer, money is appreciated and we will do the shopping.  
*The Mission Committee*

### **PROJECT WARM NEWS**

Spring is here! Another winter heating season is over! Thanks to many BRP volunteers, seven houses in Louisville were warmer and more comfortable for their families this winter! This year's volunteers were: Bill Bowman, Chris Clements, Keith Clements, Ryan Clements, John Elgin, Jennifer Gingerich, Becky Johnson, Paul Matheny, and Mary Nebelsick. Thank you all! Please join us in November when we go out again to help our neighbors in need!

### **BUS TICKETS AND FOOD FOR BRP OFFICE**

We are out of everything — please help by contributing tickets, cheese and peanut butter crackers, tuna & chicken lunchables, beanie weenies, etc. Thank you.

**BATTERIES** : What do you do with all the used batteries from household appliances, toys, phones, hearing aids, and other things around the house? The Green Team at BRP recommends that you hang on to them for a couple more months. We will be collecting them once again in April and May to take to the Metro Hazardous Waste facility. A container is in Fellowship Hall in April and May for all your discarded batteries. So, hang on to them until then, and then we will get them out of your hair! *Bill Bowman*

## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN ODOM

**Church as an immigration station, a welcome center, a resettlement bureau**—these images came to mind as I reflected on Paul’s wisdom to the church in Philippi, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).

As citizens of heaven, Christ-followers are to witness to what is true about God and invite others into the “Better Ways of Jesus.” The role of our local congregations and of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery as a whole is to become welcoming centers and conduits into God’s Commonwealth.

Since our primary citizenship is of heaven, Christians know deeply what it is like to live as resident aliens. We—who live as citizens of God’s county and citizens of the world—are uniquely poised to facilitate ministry among immigrants and refugees and to help neighbors of all kinds navigate inter-culturally. For we, too, have the experience of being strangers in a strange land. We know the tension and challenge inherent in living in one place when our ultimate allegiance is to another. We, too, know the tension and struggle in seeking to embody Jesus’ prayer, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

So what are some practical ways that the Church can live into its immigration-station, welcome-center, resettlement-bureau identity?

- Go to neighbors/immigrants/refugees with the compassion and hospitality of Jesus. In a post-Christian America, growing numbers of our neighbors have never been invited into the home of a practicing Christian, let alone Presbyterian. They do not know us, or our values, because we often keep to ourselves. What if we went “to” our neighbors with welcome, love, and hospitality?
- Throw parties. People of all nationalities like to celebrate. What if we helped with that? What if we joined with neighbors and immigrant friends and had parties and invited them? Or helped them with their own celebrations?
- Offer resources. People have a need for connection and community. What if the church became the go-to place to help meet those needs? Assistance with education, recovery, parenting, and many other things can be provided by churches who seek to serve their neighbors. All of these things can provide opportunities for relationship building and gospel witness.

Immigration station, welcome center, resettlement bureau—I encourage you to engage with these images of the church. Let them give shape to your ministry and action as together we seek to live out our citizenship of heaven here on the earth.

Peace,

## A BRP TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

As you read Rev. Odom’s letter (left column), you might be reminded of April 2012 when **International Neighbor Night** brought “people who have lived around the world and now live around Louisville” to BRP.

## BARDSTOWN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH International Neighbor Night

*Celebrating people of vision and courage  
now living in our community*

*People from Iran, Mexico, England, Congo, Pakistan  
and Malawi shared their remarkable stories.*

*As Rev. Odom wrote: “People of all nationalities like to celebrate. What if we helped with that? What if we joined with neighbors and immigrant friends and had parties and invited them? Or helped them with their own celebrations?”*

What if?



### Donna Frischknecht/Accidental Country Pastor

February 28, 2018

“I had the wonderful opportunity to spend fellowship and worship time with the folks at Bardstown Road Presbyterian in Louisville.

I really enjoyed their Wednesday Lenten program. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly”.

## LOUISVILLE EARTH WALK

Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light invites everyone to join them for the family friendly Louisville Earth Walk on Saturday at 9:00 am on April 21, 2018 at Iroquois Park. The event's goal is to celebrate the planet and raise awareness about ways members of the community can take steps to create a more sustainable city.

The Louisville Earth Walk will include music, information tables, brief inspirational talks and a nature-focused children's play area. The centerpiece will be a 5K walk around beautiful Iroquois Park, pre and post walk activities will be hosted in the Iroquois Amphitheater.



Picture from the nursery ...  
Compliments of Jennie Guelda



HCM Luncheon at BRP on March 15

## KIDS CLUB

April 18 - 5:30 -7:30 p.m. - Scavenger Hunt

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT: A Fundraiser for the Youth Group

Parents are invited to take a Friday night off and leave your kids in safe hands with the youth and leaders of the BRP-CCC youth group. We can take kids in Kindergarten - 5th grade.

Date: Friday, April 13

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Age: Kindergarten - 5th grade

Cost: \$20 per child or \$30 for 2

Deadline: RSVP due by Sunday, April 8

Activities and dinner will be provided. Contact Brittany Hesson ([hesson.brittanyl@gmail.com](mailto:hesson.brittanyl@gmail.com)) for more information.

## GIVE-A-DAY

We encourage people to love God and neighbors, which is made real in personal acts of compassion and practical care. One opportunity to extend this community of love is this month. Louisville has begun a **Give-A-Day volunteer initiative** which will be from April 14-22 this year. Mayor Fischer has said, "Whether you give an hour or a day, donate a canned good, give blood, volunteer at a local non-profit agency or simply do a good deed for a neighbor, you can make a difference." Folks at BRP are encouraged to participate. For more information about volunteering or submitting a volunteer project check the website: <http://mygiveaday.com/>



# April 2018

3SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1 Easter Sunday Communion</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching All Day Church	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8-Noon, Farmers Market
JCPS Spring Break—April 2—April 6						
<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Brittany Hesson preaching All Day Church	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room 7 pm Mission Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8-Noon, Farmer's Market
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

April 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
April 1,8,15,22,29		All Day Church
April 2—6		JCPS Spring Break
April 4	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
April 5, 12, 19 26	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
April 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Brittany Hesson preaching
April 10	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle meets in the Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
April 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
April 16	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
April 17	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
April 19	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
April 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
April 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (5th Sunday Offering)