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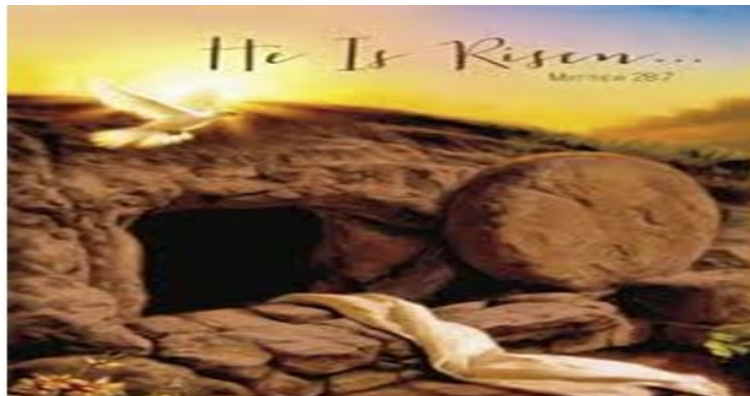
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Dearly beloved,

Resurrection Sunday is just around the corner. In the coming weeks we will cling to Jesus' words as we accompany him on his way to Jerusalem. We will hail him as our king on Palm Sunday and walk with him through the dark valley of despair. On Good Friday we will say goodbye to a dear friend. On Easter Sunday, glorious Resurrection Sunday, we will thrill to find his garden tomb empty.

It was there, in the garden, among the flowering plants and leafy trees that Mary Magdalene met him. The sun glimmered on the edge of the horizon and a new day had barely begun. The beauty of the earth, the joy of friendship, and the glory of God's love met that day in the garden. With her we will all proclaim, "He is risen! He is risen indeed.

This shimmering, incandescent beauty of new life is evident in John Rutter's soaring melodic composition, "For the Beauty of the Earth". Through melody and verse we can touch God's exquisite love for us.

"For the beauty of the earth / For the beauty of the skies / For the love which from our birth / Over and around us lies / Over and around us lies / Lord of all, to thee we raise / This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of the hour / Of the day and of the night / Hill and vale and tree and flower / Sun and moon and stars of light / Sun and moon and stars of light / Lord of all, to thee we raise / This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love / Brother, sister, parent, child / Friends on earth and friends above / For all gentle thoughts and mild / For all gentle thoughts and mild / Lord of all, to thee we raise / This our joyful hymn of praise."

This joy, this beauty, this divine live is the divine shout that called Jesus from the grave on that first Easter morning. It is God's decisive "Yes" to the world and God's great gift to all of us.

Happy Resurrection Sunday!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Mary



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING EASTER OFFERING

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

The offering will be received on Easter Sunday. This offering will help support Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Self-Development of People (SDOP) program which provides grants for projects that are owned and controlled by the people who will benefit directly from them. Each project must address and correct long-term conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. It will also help support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The Hunger Program will receive 36 percent of the gifts, while the SDOP and Disaster Assistance will each receive 32 percent. Please give generously.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS FOR 2019 HIGHLAND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:

These will be Noon-time simple meals, with a devotion.

Thursdays, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Theme: "Journey From the Wilderness"

April 4: Strathmoor Presbyterian
Speaker: David Platt, Deer Park Baptist

April 11: Bardstown Road Presbyterian
Speaker: Darren Brandon, St. Paul UMC

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Heaven O'Bannon	8
Camille Purnell-Gatewood	8
Rebecca Brees	9
Beth Bowman	12
Cullen Bilyeu	13
Dana Houglan	14
Liana Maria Youbi	14
Chris Ray	16
Emma Overstreet	16
Martha Claire Coalter	18
Sean FitzGerald	19
Jeanette Irambona	20
Gabriel Vanamburgh	22
Maureen Lear	24
Mark Brockman Jr.	27
Samuel Ellis	27
Joann Broadbooks	28

INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT EARTH WALK



Celebrate Earth Day by join the Bardstown Road Presbyterian team walking in the 2019 Louisville Earth Walk on Saturday, April 20 at 9 am at the Iroquois Amphitheatre. This 5k walk benefits many local charities that are working hard to protect the planet. Register here: <https://louisvilleearthwalk.org/registration/>. The walk is free, but participants are encouraged to get donations from family and friends to support the cause. Go to louisvilleearthwalk.org for more information.

We are thankful ...

Kris and Alicia Bloos are happy to report that grandbaby Andy Bloos, born November 30, 2018, graduated from the Norton Hospital NICU on Wednesday, March 13, after 103 days! His parents, Casey and Lindsay Bloos, have moved out of our guest room and taken Andy home to Madison, IN. After starting at 1 lb. 6 oz., he now tips the scale at 7 lb. 8 oz. Many thanks to everyone for all the prayers and concern these past four months. That, along with the wonderful care of doctors and nurses, has brought this miracle baby home.

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HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 19, 2019 SESSION MEETING

On March 19, the Session conducted a monthly meeting with prayers for Bob Kennedy and Claire Detlef whose health concerns are followed closely by the pastor and church members.

The 2019 draft budget was reviewed with the guidance of Doug Rapp, Asst. Treasurer. The Session approved the budget, which maintains the use of investment funds under guidelines previously established for draw down by the Session, to continue the work and mission of the church until such time as the budget is re-evaluated at the call of a new pastor.

It was noted that due to Marty Hageman volunteering for bookkeeping functions a budgeted salary was removed from the budget.

John Elgin and Lester Gamble, of the Building and Grounds committee, continue vigilance of leaking pipes, radiator repair, flooding and issues as they arise. They are also exploring options for custodial responsibilities due to recent resignation of Darrius.

While completing an updated pictorial directory, the Congregational Life Committee has assisted the church by updating status, addresses, etc. of the membership list.

The Worship Committee is planning three services during Holy Week.

Joint worship with Deer Park Baptist is planned for April 7.

Plans are in progress for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, which will return to Hogan's Fountain.

BRP DIRECTORY

The Congregational Care Committee is proceeding with gathering information for the pictorial membership directory. Members of the committee will be contacting each family to ascertain that the information that is on file is correct — and correct what needs to be corrected. They will also try to update other information for the app "Church Windows" which gives more information on each member/participant which is used for statistical reports for Presbytery and Headquarters. Jennie Guelda is taking photos of members for the new directory — please see her when you are at BRP on Sunday's, or we will also make appointments for photos. They would like to have it finished and printed by June 1, 2019.

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." (next page)

EASTER BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK—SATURDAY, April 20, 9:00 –11 a.m. at Hogan's Fountain

Once again, it is time for our annual Easter Breakfast at Hogan's Fountain. **Becky Shafer** is the Communication Coordinator. There will be sign up sheets in the bulletins, so please let us know how you are able to help. If you have any questions, etc. please email Becky at shafer85@gmail.com or call 895-0095.

The Breakfast consists of fruit, orange juice, egg casserole, bacon, sausage, milk and donuts. The cost for us to use Big Rock for the morning is \$155. We will welcome donations at the time of the breakfast to help cover the cost of the use of the park as well as food and supplies for the breakfast. Youth of the church have agreed to be our "Easter Bunny Assistants" — they will fill and hide the eggs for the children's **egg hunt beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

There are many ways to help; please consider volunteering for one or more items listed below, and join in to enjoy the beauty of creation, the fellowship of a meal shared with our Church family, and the joy of Easter.

Possible items to bring:

Fruit, Juice, Donuts, Milk, Egg Casserole, Bacon and/or sausage. **You can also volunteer to:**

- help cook meat Saturday morning;
- buy and set up milk and orange juice;
- would you like to be a conversation leader?
- help clean up
- if you need transportation, it will be provided

EASTER LILIES

We will be ordering Easter lilies through the Kentuckiana Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation again this year. The cost is \$10.00. Please pay with cash/check when you order by completing a form and placing it in the offering plate during Worship or by leaving it in the church office.



Please make checks payable to Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. **Forms will be in the bulletin and in the rear of the Sanctuary.** On Easter Sunday, we will print recognitions of those you wish to remember or honor in the church bulletin.

Folks at BRP are encouraged to participate. For more information about volunteering or submitting a volunteer project check the website: <http://mygiveaday.com/>



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

The 2018-19 *Horizons Bible study for Women's Circles* is *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. As the Presbyterian Women website states, the study "takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence...." Study books are \$10.

The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting is April 9 at 11 A.M. Contact Joe Anne Overstreet for more information.

The Evening Circle meets in members' homes on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, April 8, at 7 P.M. at the home of Alicia Bloos to discuss Lessons 3 and 4. Please contact Alicia Bloos for more information, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery is sponsoring the **2019 Tween Camp** on May 25-27 at Cedar Ridge for children who are completing 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades. Cost: \$75 if paid before April 15, \$100 after that; no registrations accepted after May 13. Adult chaperones from our church are needed, so the sooner we know your interest in attending, the better. The fun weekend concludes on Monday, May 27, with a worship service and picnic for campers and their families. Scholarships are available from the Presbytery. For more info, contact Doodle Harris (Associate Pastor for Christian Education and Youth at Highland Presbyterian Church) at doodle.harris@hpclouisville.org.

Attention Parents and Grandparents! Summer Camp is coming! Information about fabulous summer camp opportunities is hot off the press! Now is the time to enroll your child! Openings are available for both residential camps and day camps at **Cedar Ridge Camp**, the camp and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery located right here in Louisville! Various camps are offered for children ages 7-16. Check out opportunities and register on the camp website, www.cedarridgecamp1.com. **DISCOUNTS!** If you register by **Derby Day**, you can get \$50 off on a week of overnight camp or 50% off on a second week of day camp. Presbyterians can also get **\$50 off per child** by registering online and using the coupon code "Presbyterian" when they check out. Also, Cedar Ridge Camp offers scholarship help, and BRP is offering partial scholarships. Contact Alicia Bloos for more information or to request assistance from BRP. **Register today!** It only takes five minutes. Make a fun, rewarding, enriching experience part of your kiddos' summer experience! They will love it!

The Fifth Sunday Offering on March 31, 2019 was designated to go to Cedar Ridge Camp for their summer camp scholarships. Mark your check to BRP for "Cedar Ridge Camp Scholarships," and the money will be sent to Cedar Ridge. Please give generously, as almost all campers receive the benefit, including BRP campers.

Chapel Project \$550,000 has been raised toward the \$750,000 projected cost of a chapel. The chapel will be a perfect place for weddings; memorial services; ordinations; and of course, worship services for campers, churches on retreat, etc.; and many other uses. The lower level will serve as a storm shelter. Donations are accepted at any time! As you make charitable contributions for 2019, please consider a donation to **Cedar Ridge Camp** to help support the camping program for children and youth as well as the continued growth and expansion of our camp, as other improvements are always in the dream or development stage. For more information, see www.cedarridgecamp1.com.

Highlands Community Ministries

In April we will be providing **Easter Food Baskets** for several families whom we helped at Christmas, and we will again need your assistance. In Fellowship Hall is an Easter Egg Tree with food tags and a sign-up form. Food items need to be returned by Palm Sunday, April 14. You may also make financial donations by April 14 to help with the expense of perishable items. Recipients will be invited to our April 20 Easter Breakfast in the Park and receive their baskets that day. Also, you may help **deliver baskets or pick up the families needing transportation to the picnic**. Your generosity to help neighbors is always amazing! Please plan to help. Thank you!

HCM's fund-raiser **Taste of the Highlands** on March 5, Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), was the scene of much merriment and great food. Thank you to those who supported this event. In light of the city budget cuts, HCM needs our help more than ever to continue its outreach to the community and aid to neighbors in need.

HCM is looking for **volunteers** to help with the food pantry program, either on a regular basis or as occasional fill-ins, for a variety of tasks: picking up food donations from local food vendors, manning the pantry when clients come in, etc. If you can help, contact Danah Smith, Director of IFAP and Senior Outreach Programs, at 502-451-3626 or drsmith@hcmlouisville.org.

HCM has an ongoing need for donations of **personal care items**. Neighbors in need receive emergency food and financial assistance, but personal care items are often low in supply. Donations may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. The following new items are most needed: Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Shaving Cream + Razors

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. We will continue collecting **canned meats & tuna and soup**. There is a **plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary** where you may place the items. Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others. *The need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries!
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Volunteers Needed!

Highlands Community Ministries is seeking a few volunteers to pack meals for Meals on Wheels on Tuesdays, from 9 - 11am. At our main location, the Highlands Community Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. (at the corner of Barret Ave.). Contact Coordinator, Donna Douglas, at 502/451-3695 x206.

HCM

HYR (Highlands Youth Recreation) will have **summer baseball/t-ball sign-up** beginning April 1, for children and youth ages 5-14. The season runs May 11 - June 29. For info or to register your child, go to www.hyrsports.com. HYR is a program of Highlands Community Ministries.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kit Project

For 2019, Beulah Presbyterian Church is spear-heading this annual Mid-Kentucky Presbytery project. BRP will be collecting **individually wrapped bars of soap**, unscented or only lightly scented (no Irish Spring, please!) **Items are due here by Sunday, May 12**, to be delivered to Beulah PC on Monday, May 13. YOU are invited to help with **kit assembly at Beulah on Saturday, May 18**. It would be fabulous to have a full car-pool of BRP folks! Finished kits will be transported to a PCUSA PDA warehouse to be ready for any disaster that may arise. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or alicia-bloos@gmail.com, or any other Mission Committee member: Bill Bowman, Carol Brees, Joe Anne Overstreet, Peggie Elgin, or Laura Stone. Please plan to help purchase items and to gather on May 18 to assemble the kits. **Thank you!**

The **next Mission Committee meeting** is Tuesday, April 9, at 7 P.M. in the Club Room. If you have interest in the work of this committee, please join us!

BATTERIES

The EPA recommends that you do NOT throw household batteries in the trash. If they go to the landfill with all other household trash, they will eventually leak heavy metals --like lithium and cadmium--into the environment and cause numerous health problems.



OK, so what to do with household batteries, like those from toys, hearing aids, remote controls, smoke detectors, and other items? The best thing you can do is bring them to BRP during April, May, and June, so that they can be recycled properly. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall where you can deposit your used batteries. Please help BRP help the environment by recycling your used batteries over the next few months. Thanks!

Bill Bowman

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

Palm Sunday Parade on April 14

Meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:40 a.m. to receive your palm leaves and to join the walk through the neighborhood as we remember Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem. We will return to the Sanctuary for Worship at 11:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship with Communion on April 18 at 6 p.m.

Remembering the "Last Supper" Jesus shared with his disciples during Holy Week, people will gather for a simple meal in Fellowship Hall. The meal and the worship will flow together as we meet around tables and remember Jesus giving his followers his "New Commandment."

Good Friday Service on April 19 at 7 p.m.

A simple presentation of Lessons and Hymns telling the story of Christ's passion. We will experience the story of Jesus' last hours as the drama of his betrayal, trial and death unfold. It puts us into the story – as we await Easter morning and new life.

Celebration of the Resurrection: Service of Worship with Communion on April 21

A Celebration of the Resurrection (with Communion). We will hear the story of the resurrection of Jesus and how his friends moved from fear to joy, then to a deeper understanding of who Jesus was and how he was calling them –and us– to live. This is also the Sunday for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be received.



BRP Youth: Mirroring the Brilliance and Energy of God's Creation!



Some of our Youth have done readings and performed a song called "Rockin' the Boat" to serve as worship leaders.

The Youth program will be expanding how Youth can have regular involvement in worship services at BRP, starting March 24 with our Lenten Luncheon Program.

March-April Events:

- March 24: Lenten Luncheon- Youth Play
- March 31: Green Energy Learning Experience
- April 7: Youth Games Day Part 2
- April 14: Song Practice & Drum Circle
- April 20: Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21: Easter Activities
- April 28: Robin's Roost with Siram And LLeester G

February & March Recap

Sunday School – Kids' and Youth Classes each created artwork to show their favorite of God's living creations. Youth class have begun their unit on Why Christianity Makes Sense. Kids' class are finishing with Old Testament stories foretelling the life of Jesus.



Youth All Day Church –

Healthy Cooking Competition- Our Youth squared off on teams to create the most original, healthy cooking creation. The Youth loved it, and a big thank you to Paul Johnson for making this a success.

Mission & Support-

The Youth were inspired by the cooking competition to show how food is love. They created a cake to give our support and love to Brittany Hesson, to whom the program owes a lot for her contributions of Youth Minister and Program Coordinator. We all took a walk together on a beautiful Sunday enjoying fellowship and the environment.

The Kids and Youth have decided that creating cards and visiting members of the community who are living in assisted living facilities is one of the best ways to connect the Kids with mission and a deeper understanding of the lives of all members of our church community.



"Dear Father, hear and bless thy children, beasts and singing birds, and guard with tenderness small things that have no words."

—taken from **Margaret Wise Brown, A Child's Good Night Book**

April 2018

3SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 7:00 pm Choir	4	5	6 8-Noon, Farmers Market
JCPS Spring Break—April 1—April 5						
7 Joint Worship with Deer Park 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	8 10 A.M. Congregational Life Meeting 7 P.M. Evening Circle At the home of Alicia Bloos	9 11:00 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room 7 pm Mission Committee Meeting	10 7:00 pm Choir	11	12	13 8-Noon, Farmer's Market
14 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	15 7pm Worship Team Meeting	16 7 p.m. Session Meeting	17 7:00 pm Choir	18 Maundy Thursday Seder Service Communion	19 Newsletter deadline Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.	20 8-Noon, Farmer's Market 9 A.M. Easter Breakfast at Hogan's Fountain and Egg Hunt
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 1—5		JCPS Spring Break
April 3, 10, 17 24	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
April 7	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Joint Worship at Deer Park Baptist Church
April 8	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting Evening Circle at location at the home of Alicia Bloos
April 9	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle Mission Committee Meeting
April 14	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Palm Parade Palm Sunday Worship Service, Rev Nebelsick preaching
April 15	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
April 16	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
April 18	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder Service in Fellowship Hall
April 19	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
April 20	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt at Hogan's Fountain
April 21	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Easter Sunday Worship Service, Communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
April 28	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching