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Greetings Siblings in Christ,

I pray daily for you. I pray daily for us, for Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, and for all churches during this time. I pray for the healthcare workers and facilities, and the daily challenges that they will face in confronting the needs of the public. I pray for our grocery stores and all front-line businesses and employees who are showing up and stepping up so that people can receive food and medicine. I pray for those who are lacking in food, medicine, and money to pay bills. I pray for those isolated and confronting emotions that they have never experienced before. I pray for our homeless as they find an even more limited path to daily needs. I pray daily. I hope that you will consider joining me in prayer.

People have asked about how I am doing? I appreciate all the kind words during this time, especially support for the livestream format in which we will need to proceed in worship through Sunday April 19. It is truly the best that we can do at this time. I would be dishonest if I didn't tell you that my heart hurts just a little that my first Easter with you will not be a 'normal' Easter. But part of me wonders if that is actually true? Has there ever been a normal? The more that I read of scripture and the life of Jesus, I wonder if there was ever a normal in being a Child of God? The entire canon of scripture is a response and reaction to the needs of our world, through the lense of what God is asking of each of us and all of us. I know that when we gather again, that there will be much to discuss, new struggles for the church to face, and new questions about our faith. I only ask two things of you during this time. The two things are simply to remember that love is patient, and love is kind. I wrote a sentence many years ago when first thinking about what ministry looks like for me. I have some aspiration to do theological writing on the intersection of faith and addiction. You will hear more about this over the years. I wrote this sentence, and I think it holds true for our time right now. "Sometimes you have to slow down to speed up". I don't think this is a new sentiment. I think that Mr. Rogers had it down. I think that many of the great leaders of our time understood it, and I think that Jesus truly understood it; that sometimes being in the moment is much more powerful and needed than thinking ahead or planning the next thing. Holding meetings just to hold meetings might not be as important as being in our now NOW.

We are in a now moment. I ask all of you to continue to lift up the helpers in prayer. Maybe this is a good time to break out your bible and remind yourself of some of the great stories? Maybe this is a good time to seek the myriad of ways in which you can be a helper in even some small way too? We are still going to celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), and Easter, together via live stream. We will gather as we are able to the Glory of God! Thanks be to God for each of you, and for Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church!

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

## 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 is usually received on Easter Sunday. As you know, 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.

**If you are able and would like to contribute to OGHS during these unusual times, please mail your offering to BRP.**

Blessings



### PRAYERS

LLester Gamble after a recent operation and is recovering.

Corey Bullitt after a recent operation and is recovering.

### We are thankful ...

- For those who practice social distancing
- For the continued health of the BRP congregation
- For the Building and Grounds Committee
- For Frank Fry, our temporary custodian, who has done a great job cleaning the church
- For Pastor Mark, Gillian and Jeanie who continue to participate in the live-streaming of the BRP Sunday service
- For our members who are continuing to check on others and provide support and supplies when needed

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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## CONFIRMATION 2020

We are not together in person but remain together in Spirit! Our 2020 Confirmation class is viewing Netflix movies in their homes with prompts from a curriculum provided by Children's and Youth Coordinator, Sarah Hageman, and Pastor Mark. If you would like to join them, the two movies for March are "Hook" and the cartoon movie "The Croods". Each of our youth in the confirmation class will also be picking a third movie of their own to present theologically; i.e. where do you see God in this movie? Where do you see forgiveness? Where do you see fellowship? Where is trust being built? We hope that you will continue to keep Esperance, Ivona, Secret, Gabe, Maddie, Gifted, and Ari in your prayers!



## WORSHIP THROUGH SUNDAY APRIL 19

Dear Siblings in Christ - we will continue to worship Sundays at 11 AM via Facebook Live, Livestream, through Sunday, April 19, 2020. Stay tuned for the creative ways in which we will gather together remotely and virtually! Please continue to share the collective responsibility of our offerings and pledges as best as you are able through online giving at [brpres.org](http://brpres.org) or through mailing your offerings to the church at 1722 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40205. During Lent we also have several special offerings lifted up on our back page worship schedule.

## HCM

Because of the current situation requiring us to be apart more than together, **BRP will be unable to provide Easter food baskets to families as we usually do.** However, the need only grows, and there IS a way we can help. If you would like to give to the food pantry or emergency assistance at Highlands Community Ministries, go to [www.hcmlouisville.org](http://www.hcmlouisville.org) and click on "Donate." You will be asked where your donation should go. You may donate to a particular program or to general use. Thank you for any help you can give our neighbors in need!

## VALUMARKET -MID CITY MALL Online Groceries Help Center Curbside Direct Online Grocery Shopping FAQ

ValuMarket's Curbside Direct is Louisville's original online grocery shopping platform that allows customers to buy all their favorite grocery items online in a safe and convenient way. Simply build your shopping list, submit your order and our personal shoppers will do all the work. All you have to do is stop by our store during your chosen pick up window and all your groceries will be ready to go! Or we can deliver them directly to your home!

### Pick Up

Simply pull up to the call box outside our store and let us know you are here. Your personal shopper will retrieve your order for you and load it into your vehicle. You won't even have to unbuckle your safety belt!

Pick up is available for a fee of \$5.95.

### Delivery

Should you want us to bring your groceries to you, we can! Upon checkout you'll have the option to have us deliver your groceries to you. Delivery fees are an additional \$7.00 as long as the delivery address is within 3 miles of the nearest ValuMarket. Delivery distances beyond 3 miles will add an additional \$1.00 per mile (rounded up to the nearest mile) to your delivery fee. Additional mileage will not display on your online order. Delivery fee will be adjusted by your personal shopper prior to completion of your order and discuss with you. *Delivery will be scheduled to maximize efficient delivery to as many customers as quickly as possible. Your Personal Shopper will call you to give you a more accurate delivery window once orders have been processed. In the comments section, we recommend putting an availability window during which you would be home to receive your order. This will help with optimizing delivery schedules.*

### Mother Nature

It is our hope that 'Mother Nature' will never prevent us from delivering your groceries to you in a timely manner. If there are going to be weather related delays or restrictions, ValuMarket's Personal Shoppers will contact customers who have already placed orders for delivery and make other suitable arrangements. In the same token, please let us know if you will be delayed in picking up your order.

### Payment Method

Our orders are processed via a secure Internet payment service, and we currently accept only debit and credit cards (MasterCard, VISA, American Express and Discover) for online orders. We cannot keep your card numbers on file at the store. Pickup and Delivery orders not paid for at the time of checkout will require the card to be present before we can transfer groceries.

## DERBY POSTPONED



As a global coronavirus pandemic spreads, Churchill Downs Inc. says it will move the 146<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby to Saturday, September 5.

The late-summer Derby would mark the first time the race isn't held the first Saturday in May since 1945, when it was postponed to June during the waning months of World War II.

The move comes amid growing concerns about large public gatherings in the coming weeks and months. President Trump on Monday urged Americans to restrict their discretionary travel and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people for the next 15 days.

## THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE Has been moved to August 15.



## LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

To our valued alums, friends and supporters:

As the impact of COVID-19 continues to unfold in our communities, we want to update you on developments at Louisville Seminary:

- We have closed our campus through April 6, recognizing this is a fluid situation and that an extended closure may be necessary;
- The remainder of Spring Term classes will be conducted online for faculty and students;
- All in-person events on Louisville Seminary's campus have been canceled; and Baccalaureate and Commencement will be "virtual events" rather than celebrated in-person.



## Preston Arts Center Arts & Crafts Store

We are offering FREE DELIVERY on any orders of over \$10 to anywhere within a 30 minute drive of our Bardstown Road location. Please call us at (502)454-9954 to place your order and purchase supplies via phone with your credit card. We are also offering a curbside pre-pay pickup option! Stay safe, stay creative, and buy local!!! NOTE: We can make deliveries up until 5 PM. Any orders made after 5 will be delivered the following day!

## BATTERIES

When we are able to be back at church, please follow the usual guidelines regarding turning in 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, when possible, so that they can be recycled properly. As always, 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. Thanks!

## Presbyterian Mental Health Network Mental Well-Being during a Pandemic

Stress, Fear, and Panic  
Mental Well-Being  
Spiritual Well-Being

For many of us these are unprecedented times. We're being asked to do new things, relate in new ways, and care for one another in different and sometimes uncomfortable ways. For many, this is a time of great fear, stress, and anxiety. The Presbyterian Mental Health Network offers the following resource for congregations, clergy, and communities.

Fear is a normal response to real and potential threats. It's okay to be afraid. However, fear is designed to be a brief emotional state. • Persistent fear and panic are detrimental to our physical, mental, and emotional health. Persistent fear and panic stresses our immune systems and hinders our ability to respond and plan accordingly. • Caregivers can honor the importance of being afraid without giving permission to live in fear. - Listen to people who are afraid without dismissing their fears. - Limit your exposure to news and especially commentary on the pandemic. Be informed, not an expert. • Learn to listen to your integrated self: - If you are physically tense, get up and walk around. - If you are emotionally spent, rest, relax, meditate, initiate important spiritual practices. - If you run into a mental wall, step back, turn off things that are stimulating the stress, reach out to others.

This is not just a physical and mental crisis. It is also a spiritual crisis for many people. As spiritual leaders - clergy, youth leaders, sessions, deacons - we have a distinct perspective and interpretation to offer others. • Provide a spiritual frame that serves your church communities with energy and imagination. Spend time in community thinking, reflecting, and learning about how we theologically understand what is happening. • Think about social distancing as a spiritual practice of care of neighbor. • Reframe fears with empathy. Help people worried about their survival expand this to the community's survival. • Access your spiritual practices and create new ones that frame this new reality of life and community.

Maintain positive thoughts. It is too easy for our thoughts to cascade into catastrophe. Though this crisis will bring about changes, not everything is permanent, pervasive, or personal. Balance the reality of the situation with gratitude. • Be imaginative and creative. Imagination can be both a terrible and terrific human feature. It can convince the worst is upon us, it can also save us from depression and anxiety. When you feel overwhelmed, use your imagination to draw upon meaningful, peaceful, safe, carefree, experiences. • As you are able, when stressed, change your physical surroundings. Our minds often try and predict what is coming next. Physical spaces can become associated with emotional states. When stress or panic hits, change your physical space, what you view or see, or who is in front of you. • We are in uncharted territory, and that can feel tenuous. Predictability is difficult. Therefore, make a routine that honors this new normal. Create a daily schedule: bathing, eating, sleeping, working, relating, exercise, social interaction. • Relate, relate, relate. Reach out to friends, family, and members of your church and other communities. Invent creative social interactions. Physical distance does not have to equate to social isolation. We can teach and embody and embolden the people around us to create and be community. • Seek professional help. When you need it, access professional help. Share with your community that you are seeking help. Break down the stigma of seeking counseling and coaching. Virtual counseling and coaching is normal now.

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## FROM HCM

The Association of Community Ministries is expecting an exponential increase in requests for emergency assistance due the financial crisis families will be facing due to COVID-19. The network of 13 nonprofits that cover Jefferson County are already at limited capacity due to funding, and that is why we are coming together to ask the people of Louisville to give what they can to offset this expected need.

100% of the donations will go directly to families who are experiencing a financial crisis so they may have their basic needs met which can include safe housing and food. We have processes in place to help with costs for rent, utilities, and food, and we are prepared to continue to work throughout this pandemic to make sure we can help as many as we can prevent eviction, utility disconnection, and hunger.

As the entry point for people in crisis, we are grateful for our partners who help create this safety net of assistance: Dare to Care, LG&E and KU Energy, Louisville Water Company, Louisville Metro Government and Metro Council, and the Coalition for the Homeless.

These proceeds will be shared among these 13 nonprofits to supplement the funding for direct emergency assistance:

Central Louisville Community Ministries  
Eastern Area Community Ministries  
Fern Creek/Highview Ministries  
Highlands Community Ministries  
J-town Area Ministries  
Ministries United South Central Louisville  
United Crescent Hill Ministries  
St. Matthews Area Ministries  
Shively Area Ministries  
Sister Visitor Center  
South Louisville Community Ministries  
Southwest Community Ministries  
West Louisville Community Ministries

## The Disaster Relief Mission Hygiene Kit Project is postponed until summer.

When a wise, responsible date for dropping off supplies and kits is determined (something we cannot do today) we'll send that information to churches and community groups.

Meantime:

1. Adapt your church plans.
2. Hold all supplies and completed kits until a new Drop Off Day is determined.

Thank you for your generous concern for victims of disasters.

Peace,  
*The Disaster Relief Project Leadership Team*

## MEALS ON WHEELS AND SENIOR LUNCHESES

Louisville Metro has changed hot food procedures for Seniors 60+ who are Meals on Wheels and Senior Community Center clients. Meals on Wheels clients will receive 5 frozen meals per week in one delivery instead of a hot meal delivered once daily. Seniors that would normally attend community lunches can receive a 5-meal pack also.

For our home-bound, Meals on Wheels clients, HCM will be picking up the frozen meals every Friday and setting up a pickup location in our parking lot for our volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers to take on their routes.

Seniors 60+ that attend Community Lunches can call the Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services at 502/574-5223 to pick-up a meal pack. There are 5 distribution sites, one per business day, and are arranged by zip code.

Seniors in 40204 and 40205 that have transportation challenges can call HCM for assistance in picking up a frozen meal pack. Proof of age of 60+ and address must be shown at time of pickup with both an I.D. and piece of mail showing name and address. Call by end of day Tuesday to reserve a pickup in HCM's parking lot on Friday between noon and 1pm. Call Tiffany Murphy at 502/451-3695 x260.

## HCM FOOD PANTRY PROCEDURES

HCM's Food Pantry and Emergency Financial Assistance Programs are still open and operating. However, we are limiting the number of people that can be in the pantry at any given time. And, contrary to our mission statement, we can't be a community gathering place at this time, so we're asking clients to come in, pickup their food orders, and go back home right away.

We expect that with the closure of restaurants and other businesses, demand for food and financial assistance will increase during this time. We are ready for this scenario but ask for patience as we navigate the situation as it changes daily and even hourly.

## HCM DONATIONS REQUESTED

We are requesting new and unopened pantry items to be dropped off during pantry hours Mon-Fri 10 A.M. –Noon

Milk, eggs, cheese, fresh produce, bread, toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, detergent, cleaning products, kleenex, paper towels.



## KENTUCKY SENIOR CENTERS SHIFT SERVICES TO HELP FIGHT CORONAVIRUS

Gov. Beshear announced 195 senior centers should shut their doors to protect those most vulnerable to coronavirus. He added that those centers typically provide around 8,000 meals a day.

At Highlands Community Ministries, the way seniors are being served is changing. As lunches are made, chairs are still sitting stacked. Instead of allowing those at the senior center to gather and chat, the operation will soon only consist of frozen meal pick-up and delivery with the help of Meals on Wheels.

"It does protect vulnerable populations because they are seniors, but at the same time it's kind of sad that they lose that community building," Highlands Community Ministries Executive Director Troy Burden.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer announced Friday the city will partner with senior centers to provide 26,000 frozen meals starting Tuesday.

At the HCM center, seniors are taking precautions, too. "I watch out around other people," Kevin Mitchell, who picked up a to-go lunch, said. "I have hand sanitizer that I got from here."

Mitchell said he thinks the nonprofit is responding well to the virus, adding its services are invaluable to them.

"It ensures I have lunch some days because, other days, I'm too busy to fix something," he said.

Burden said, for now, the nonprofit is doing what it can, but he does have concerns that, if the virus spreads over a longer period, it could become harder to help.

"As hourly wage workers aren't able to work, our emergency assistance program and our food pantries are going to get overrun," he said.

He said that HCM is among the first lines of defense as people seek relief for rent and utility assistance.

Fischer said those seeking assistance can learn more by calling 502-574-5050.

Burden said you can contact HCM online or by phone if you are interested in volunteering.

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Starting Tuesday, March 17, the Metro March for Meals program will distribute up to 1,000 frozen meal packs per day to people 60 years of age and older at six locations throughout the community on a rotating schedule. Meals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. until noon and are limited to one box per person and to five frozen meals per week. Older adults in need are advised to go to the center closest to their homes for assistance.

Mondays – Shawnee Community Center (607 S. 37th St., 40212)

Tuesdays – Beechmont Community Center (205 Wellington Avenue, 40214)

Wednesdays – Sun Valley Community Center (6505 Bethany Lane, 40272)

Wednesdays – East Government Center (200 Ju-neau Drive, 40243)

Thursdays – Wilderness Road Senior Center (8111 Blue Lick Road, 40219)

Fridays – Arthur S Kling Center (219 W. Ormsby Ave., 40203)

From Shirley Shaw

## I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
And then treat us just that way.

Wouldn't it be just fine and dandy  
If each hand clasp, warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance,  
"I know something good about you?"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us,  
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If we praised the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking too?  
"You know something good about me,  
I know something good about you."

*Author unknown*

*Written in the June 9, 1940 Sunday Bulletin of BRP.*



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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sunday, March 29, 11AM**, Facebook Live service

**Sunday, April 5, 11AM, Palm Sunday** Facebook Live Service - join us as we prepare for the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Please draw or create your own palms at home. Annually we participate in providing food baskets for several families in need. Your Mission Committee has suggested that this year you give directly to Highland Community Ministries as you are able. HCM food pantry is still open and assisting basic needs as much as they are able. Please consider giving a donation to HCM at [hcmlouisville.org](http://hcmlouisville.org).

**Maundy Thursday, April 9, 6PM**, Facebook Live from Fellowship Hall - join Pastor Mark and his wife Gillian Hollis as they worship and dine with you virtually at your dinner table. We will share in a communal experience of prayer, simple song, meditation, and guided conversation over meals shared in our own homes.

**Good Friday, April 10, 8PM**, Facebook Live from the sanctuary. Join us for a time of song, prayer, and scripture as we journey to the cross with Jesus.

**Easter Sunday, April 12, 11AM**, "For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth!" Join us livestream as we Glory in the Risen Lord. We will all gather in a glorious Hallelujah Chorus together at a future in person designated Easter 2.0 service after the quarantine is lifted. Easter is 'One Great Hour of Sharing' Sunday and we want to continue to support our PC(USA) Missions. Please consider mailing an additional donation to the church with 'One Great Hour of Sharing' written on the memo line.

**Sunday, April 19, 11AM**, Facebook Live service