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Dear Siblings in Christ,

The moment almost felt to me like New Year's Eve - as the song goes - "should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?" I set about to clean a small Smokey Joe Grill that had never really been used but that had made the cut in our pairing down of possessions for the move to Louisville in 2019. I had read about the practice, but had never participated. Many clergy people and churches burn their leftover dried palms from the year prior to be used as ashes on Ash Wednesday. Some do it the morning of that day as an annual ritual; a start to their day of recognizing the beginning of Lent. Having never burned old palms before, I settled on a more private attempt at my home in my driveway in hopes that our 2021 dried palms could be our 2022 Ash Wednesday ashes.

It was cathartic, to say the least. The flame started small and slow. I didn't think it would sustain itself, and then all of a sudden there was a burst of sudden heat and intensity. The smoke didn't know which way to dance as the subtle wind presented itself multi-directionally as it can be this time of year in Kentucky. As the palms burned to ashes, I thought of our community and the many things that so many have been through this past year. I witnessed a burst of flame reduce what was quite an abundant batch of palms down to a relatively small amount of ashes. I didn't know that it took that much palm to make the ashes that we use on Ash Wednesday. It takes a fair amount to create such a small amount.



I wondered what I was supposed to be gleaning from all of this? What was this transformation of dried palms to ashes supposed to represent, if anything? I entered in to this process purely logistically and functionally; in that we needed ashes for Ash Wednesday, and that maybe I would save the church a few dollars by making my own. I didn't expect to be moved by this process, unlike any bonfire or campfire that I have experienced in my life. I thought ahead to these palms that were laid down over mud so that Jesus could pass through for his last time to Jerusalem on what will be our Palm Sunday, April 10. I remembered the verse from Genesis 3:19 "Remember you are from dust and to dust you shall return". And I thought to myself that maybe next year we will do this in the church parking lot, and offer impromptu prayer for the past year? Creating meaningful ritual is such a part of our worship. Let us continue to seek meaning in our day to day lives, and in all the wonders that we encounter.

God's blessings to each of you!

Pastor Mark

**SAVE THE DATE:  
EASTER BREAKFAST IN THE PARK—  
SATURDAY, April 16, 9AM to 11AM at  
Hogan’s Fountain**

The Easter Breakfast is back! It is time once more for our annual Easter Breakfast at Hogan’s Fountain. **Becky Shafer** is the Communication Coordinator – so please let her know how you can help at **396-6247** or email at **shafer85@gmail.com** or **call the church office**.

The Breakfast consists of fruit, orange juice, egg casserole, bacon, sausage, milk and donuts. The cost for us to use Hogan’s Fountain for the morning is \$150. 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.

*The Youth of the church will be “Easter Bunny Assistants” – they will fill and hide the eggs for the children’s egg hunt beginning at 10:00 a.m.—depending on Covid restrictions.*

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;
- help clean up
- if you need transportation, it will be provided

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The blood drive will be at BRP on Saturday April 23, June 25 and Sept. 17 from 9 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall in coordination with the Farmer’s Market and the Deer Park Association.

<b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b>	Camille Purnell-Gatewood	8
	Beck Brees	9
	Beth Bowman	12
	Cullen Bilyeu	13
	Emma Overstreet	16
	Sean FitzGerald	19
	Jeanette Irambona	20
	Gabriel Vanamburgh	22
	Maureen Lear	24
	Samuel Ellis	27

**HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES**

**April 10: Palm Sunday Palm Parade at 10:30 a.m.**

In-person and virtual worship in the Sanctuary at **11:00 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion on April 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

**In-Person & Virtual**

Remembering the “Last Supper” Jesus shared with his disciples during Holy Week.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ON**

**April 15 at 7 p.m. In-Person and Virtual**

Experience 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 on April 17**

**In-person and virtual service at 11:00 a.m.**

A Celebration of the Resurrection. 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.*

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## FROM PASTOR MARK

### Are you or anyone you know looking for a Part-Time Job?

Both Deer Park Baptist and Immanuel UCC are still seeking to hire office assistances. Deer Park Baptist, our neighbor across the street, is seeking a part-time, Monday through Friday, 9AM -3PM, Office Manager. Immanuel UCC, our Vacation Bible School partner on Taylorsville Road, seeks a 25-hour per week Business Manager, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9AM to 2PM. If you or anyone you know is looking for part-time work, please refer them directly to these two church websites for more details about the two open positions.

## Christian Education

### Lenten and Easter Sermon Series

Join Pastor Mark and Rev. Bill Williamson in an optional church wide read of "The Lost Art of Dying" by L.S. Dugdale in a Lenten and Easter Sermon series titled "Living and Dying in Christ". Interested folks can join in conversation following church in an Adult Sunday School format. You can find the book on any on line bookseller or order it through local booksellers such as Carmichaels on Bardstown Road. You do NOT have to have read the book to join in this conversation!

April 3 - John 12:1-8, Chapters 1 & 2: Death and Finitude

April 10 - Luke 19:28-40, Chapters 2-3: Finitude and Community

April 24 - Guest Preacher Bill Williamson, Earth Care Sunday, Chapters 4 & 5: Context and Fear

May 1 - John 21:1-19, Chapters 6 & 7: Body and Spirit

May 15 -John 13:31-35, Chapter 8: Ritual

May 22 - John 5:1-9, Chapter 9: Life

### One Room Sunday School - June 12 - August 28

Attention all families of youth and children, we will begin a one room Sunday School gathering this summer Sundays after church in Fellowship Hall starting June 12. We will be utilizing a curriculum through Disney Junior called "Rise Up, Sing Out", which incorporates 21st Century styles of music and current conversations of youth in our nation and world. We hope that you will pencil in Sundays for this summer to gather! If you have Disney Plus you can access the "Rise Up" shorts. Here is a link to a preview of the shorts - <https://www.disneyplus.com/series/rise-up-sing-out/1me648Gbg6a3>

### Justice and Faith Table - Farmer's Market

On the first Saturday of each month, our church Mission Committee has been facilitating a Justice and Faith Table, shared with local and national mission partner of our church. Past partners at our table have been the P.C. (U.S.A.) Hunger Program and Louisville Community Grocery. April 2nd we Kentucky area national responders of the P.D.A. will join the church at table to share information to the public in hopes of putting together a future SW

Kentucky tornado repair work trip. Come out and join us Saturday Morning from 9-Noon. We will skip May 7 due to the Derby, but hope to have Kentucky Refugee Ministries at our table May 14th.

### New Member Inquirers' Class

Have you ever wondered why Roman Catholics have seven sacraments, Lutherans less so, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) only two? Have you ever wondered what the word Polity means? Do you know that your church has a Book of Order and a Book of Confessions? Join this inquirers' group where we can ask questions and learn together.

Pastor Mark has received requests from several to gather in conversation about 'what it means to be a 'member' of a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed Tradition. Some of those interested have already met after church March 27 for a preliminary conversation about "church" and being Presbyterian. Pastor has a short-list of interested folks, but if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in this conversation, please reach out to the church to be added to the invitation list for future zooms and in person gatherings.

### MONTHLY DUTCH-TREAT WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHES

Congregational Life/Care Committee is resuming the monthly dutch-treat women's birthday lunches. They began by meeting on Wednesday, March 30.

This is open to all women of the church. Stay tuned for Shirley Shaw's announcement for the April lunch!



Highlands Community Ministries is having a Soup and Chili Cook-off this year for the 25th anniversary of Empty Bowls on **Sunday, May 15th!** We are seeking contestants for "Master Soup Chef"!

Do you like to make soup or chili? Perhaps a group in your congregation, neighborhood, or organization would be willing?

Our event attendees will be voting on their favorite tastes and you and your group may end up with the winning title!

12 to 15 different soups and chilis would be a great presence at our 25th anniversary of Empty Bowls. If you are interested, please contact Tom Herman at 502/741-5714 or [therman76@gmail.com](mailto:therman76@gmail.com).

We're looking forward to tasting and voting for your creative soup recipes at our first Soup and Chili Cook-off! Thank you!

## HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES LENTEN LUNCH SERIES 2022:

The last luncheon is **April 7**, Thursday from Noon to 1 P.M. at **Deer Park Baptist Church**. A simple meal of soup and dessert will be served. **(If you would be interested in volunteering on April 7, reach out to Pastor Mark who will be leading the devotional on that date).**

## GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUISVILLE

(first three Saturdays) at **Farmer's Market** —**Girl Scouts of Louisville**, primarily from the Highlands and Germantown neighborhoods, will be selling cookies in a drive-through process, with covid guidelines, in our church parking lot at **Farmer's Market** on **March 26th 1:00-7:00;** **April 2nd 1:00-7:00;** **April 16th 1:00-7:00.**



## DID YOU KNOW?

That the BRP kitchen has been cleaned and items sorted. Special thanks to Clare Lewis for spearheading this project, and to all who helped.

The women's restroom is getting a sprucing up. Thank you Building and Grounds.

That Rev. Mark Eldred has survived five years as an ordained pastor.

Coffee Hour has been restarted – coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m.

BRP is hoping to have a Derby Party this year – watch for details. Derby is May 7.

## ***Ladder Ministries in Uganda***

BRP supports them with a \$250 check to help with the tree seedlings program.



## CEDAR RIDGE CHAPEL CONSTRUCTION



## TREES LOUISVILLE

*"The Bardstown Road  
Canopy Project"*



## MISSION

### HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The final **HCM Lenten Lunches** of this year, all held at Deer Park Baptist Church from 12-1 P.M., will be Thursday, March 31, led by KT Ockels of Strathmoor PC; and Thursday, April 7, led by our own BRPC pastor Mark. BRPC volunteers are needed on April 7 to help serve the soup and to provide desserts. Contact Mark if you can help.

**Thank you** to all who dropped off items at HCM on Sunday, March 27 as part of the "Spring Clean" drive! If you missed it, contact Alicia Bloos, who will take your donations of personal grooming, laundry, and dish cleaning products to HCM for you.

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual **Empty Bowls** fundraiser will be **May 15, 2022. Plan now to attend! Also, your help is needed in advance!** BPR will be providing several **themed baskets** for the raffle. Our baskets are: a **Highlands Holidays basket** (seeking items related to holidays observed in the Highlands, such as a gift card for O'Shea's, for St. Patrick's Day; for a Mexican restaurant, for Day of the Dead; a florist or candy shop, for Valentine's Day, etc.), a **Gardening basket** (seeking tools, plant nursery gift cards, seeds, bulbs, etc.), and a ...**have an idea? Volunteers are also needed to make soup for the Cook-Off.** Contact Alicia Bloos or Mary Hageman for more info.

**Childcare workers are still needed for the HCM Child-care Centers, for infant care.** Please contact Director, Debbie Spillane at 502/458-3045 or [dspilane@hcmloouisville.org](mailto:dspilane@hcmloouisville.org).

**Strategic Plan:** Community input is welcome as work begins on a new plan, to determine how HCM can best serve the community in upcoming years. Share your ideas with Marty Hageman and Alicia Bloos, BRP's representatives on the HCM Board of Directors.

To see recent HCM email announcements and sign up to receive regular eBlasts, see the HCM homepage at [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org), where you can learn more about programs and events, view the 2021 Annual Newsletter, or **donate. To contribute**, you can also send a check payable to BRP with "HCM donation" in the memo line. Your neighbors in need thank you for your support!

### CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Cedar Ridge Camp is hosting a **Spring Break Camp** April 4-7. Pray for nice weather and a meaningful experience for these campers!

**Easter Egg Hunt!** Children are invited to camp on Sunday, April 10, from 3-4 P.M. for Easter fun and games.

**Chapel Project:** Work is progressing! Visit the camp's website [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) or Facebook or Instagram accounts to read updates and view photos. To read more about the chapel project, see [presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/). Check out our display case outside Fellowship Hall for pictures and more!

Through the **Memorial Brick campaign**, as part of the chapel project, you may memorialize or honor your loved ones in an entrance patio paved with commemorative bricks, with either a 4"x 8" standard brick or an 8"x 8" deluxe brick, with an option to include graphics.

.Order bricks online at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) or pick up an order form in the church sanctuary and mail it back to camp. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

If you wish to help support the ministry of Cedar Ridge Camp, please go online to [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) where you may donate year-round.

**BRP CHURCH FRONT DOOR MINISTRY:** Many come to the church door in need. Please consider:

Donating **money** to purchase **TARC Partner Passes**, by writing a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line and donating **tuna and chicken lunchables** and **men's toiletries (travel size)** is also helpful. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

**LIVING WATERS:** Living Waters for the World is a project of the Synod of Living Waters, of which Mid-Kentucky Presbytery is a part. Jeff Wagner, a long-time member of BRP, is now the Director of Operations for LWW. The organization operates in 26 countries around the world, including the US, and has installed over a thousand water purification systems in low-income and rural areas. Their motto is, "All of God's Children Need Clean Water."

BRP's Session has voted to send \$5,000 to Living Waters out of the Mission Bequest Fund. This fund contains money that was set aside from the church's Restricted Funds to be used specifically for mission-related work, and it allows the church to spend money on special projects that fall outside the church's regular operating budget.

If members of BRP would like to add their own funds to help LWW bring clean water to more communities, they can go to the organization's website, [livingwatersfortheworld.org](http://livingwatersfortheworld.org).

**EARTH CARE:** BRP is an Earth Care Congregation--again! Thanks to the efforts of Alicia Bloos, Bill Bowman, and Mark Eldred, the application to be accepted as an Earth Care Congregation was approved by Presbyterian Headquarters in February. We highlighted our work on the pollinator garden next to the parking lot, our support for the Farmers Market, and our efforts to minimize the use of paper in our communications. Many of our activities were curtailed due to the pandemic, but we hope to resume those environmental activities once the pandemic recedes.

We have a nice Certificate from the PC(USA) to show our status as an Earth Care Congregation, and we have been honored for achieving this status for more than 10 years!

**PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM:** Access the Presbyterian Hunger Program's at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/> **BELLEWOOD:** BRP has a long history of involvement with the Bellewood Children's Home, Now a part of the Seven Counties/Bellewood and Brooklawn partnership, they continue to need our support.

## HIGHLIGHTS March 15, 2022 SESSION MEETING

- Rev. Eldred mentioned in his Moderator's Report of burning palm leaves for ashes to use on Ash Wednesday and the joint service with Covenant Community Church.
- The Tri-Presbytery Meeting at Bowling Green P.C. was reviewed by Keith Clements. Mid-Kentucky Presbytery moved to approve submitting the Fossil Fuel Divestment Overture to the 225<sup>th</sup> PCUSA General Assembly. The Overture directs the PCUSA to divest their investments that contribute to greenhouse gases plus production of plastics, and increase investments in renewable energy. Our church and Crescent Hill P.C. will present his overture to G.A.
- Steam pipe repairs have been done in the women's lounge and basement. Additional work is planned this summer. The replacement of the entire heating system is not feasible.
- A Motion was approved to add \$75,000 to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Reserve Fund. This money from the Collins' bequest would be used for current and deferred maintenance work.
- \$5,000 was approved to donate to Living Waters for the World which would come from the Mission Bequest Fund. Bill Bowman had done a Minute for Mission on Living Waters.
- Our church received another 10+ years of certification as an Earth Care Congregation for Environmental Stewardship.
- Carol Brees will share our Justice and Faith Table with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the April 2 Farmer's Market. There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive on April 23 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.
- The February Budget Statement showed a positive year to date balance of \$7,120 due to several members having paid their 2022 pledge for the total year.
- The Jubilee Fund that is designated to be used by the pastor and treasurer for assisting church members in need will be replenished from the recent bequests.
- The Dreams with Wings Summer Camp has decided to return to their previous location due to their increased enrollment and easier access into their building.
- The HCM sponsored Beargrass Media Video Camp on June 13 to 17 organized by Patrick Fitzgerald was approved.
- Vacation Bible School is planned this summer on three Sunday afternoons (June 5, July 10, and August 7). These programs will be an intergenerational mission event in collaboration with Immanuel UCC.
- The youth will be meeting after the Sunday service for Sunday School with the young and older kids participating together as a "One Room School House." The older youth will be preparing for confirmation and Maddie Vanamburgh is leading the older group. Carol Brees and Clare Lewis will assist with activities.

- The Adult Education class will begin April 3 led by Rev. Mark Eldred and Rev. Bill Williamson studying the book, "The Art of Dying Well" for a 6-week study.
- Members of the Finance Committee (Marty, Doug and Clare) will be meeting individually with each committee to discuss their financial needs and opportunities to accomplish projects that previously were not possible.
- The chances of hosting an LPTS student for Field Education this fall are slim due to the small enrollment in the M. of Divinity at the seminary and many are students of another denomination.
- The policy of wearing masks during worship services will be optional as per CDC recommendations was approved. This situation could change if the Covid positivity rates go back up.
- Coffee Hour will begin starting Sunday March 20. Requests for preparing the coffee and providing doughnuts will be made.
- PCUSA Presbyterian Mission correspondence acknowledged receipt of financial support for all 4 special offerings and \$2,200 for Disaster Relief Assistance in 2021.
- CLOUT (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together) is an organization of churches to address social justice concerns. Several church members will be attending a meeting in person and by Zoom on March 28 to review Crime and Violence, Community Safety and Views of Mayoral Candidates.
- "The Mid-Kentucky Calling" weekly email newsletter will highlight our congregation for prayers on March 22. Rev. Eldred asked anyone to submit any prayer requests to share with the Presbytery.
- The Session retreat at Camp Cedar Ridge will be Saturday, July 16 with lunch and activities. There will be no Session Meeting in July, (Sabbath Session Month).

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING EASTER OFFERING—April 17

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 three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

# April 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
				7 P.M. Personnel Committee Mtg		9 AM to Noon Farmers' Market  9AM to Noon Justice and Faith Table
<b>3</b> 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching  Noon: Adult Ed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  7pm Mission Committee	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9 AM to Noon Farmers' Market
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b>  10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching  Noon: Adult Ed	<b>11</b>  10 a.m. Congregational Care Mtg  5-6:00 pm Stand in Solidarity	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday	<b>15</b>  7:00 p.m. Good Friday	<b>16</b>  9 AM to Noon Farmers' Market  9- 11 Easter Breakfast
<b>17 Easter OGHS</b>  10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	<b>18</b>  7pm Worship Team Meeting	<b>19</b>  7 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>    Rev. Eldred Vacation	<b>23</b> 9 AM to Noon Farmers' Market  9-1pm Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Bill Williamson preaching  Noon: Adult Ed	<b>25</b>  5-6:00 pm Stand in Solidarity	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  9 AM to Noon Farmers' Market
Rev. Eldred is on vacation from April 22 through April 30						



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Stand in Solidarity at BRP Church**

**In April we will meet on  
Mondays from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on  
4/11/22 and 4/25/22.  
Bring a sign and join us!**

