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Greetings Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

To be honest, it feels a bit more like September and the start of a church calendar year around our building then June and July. We have been a busy and vibrant building this past month, hosting Dreams with Wings' seven-week summer camp. On the heels of Dreams with Wings, the Louisville Homeschool organization will be re-entering our building this fall. It has been wonderful to see all of the young people and staff pour in to our building day in and day out.

That being said, we are not yet back a true 'normal'. There is still many questions to be answered. Will we need a booster shot in fall? What about our under-twelve population? How do we get Sunday School for children back in action when our youngest have not, will not, or cannot be vaccinated? We continue to press further in to what it is we need to do to be church in the world right now. I am sincerely sorry if masks coming off in the sanctuary are uncomfortable to anyone in our congregation. As a church, we are following the covid guidelines set out by the state of Kentucky. As you can imagine, this on-going conversation is challenging and creates fatigue in its own way. We will keep at it. Please wear a mask if you sense that you need to, and thank you to everyone for your patience!

I want to mention a few save the dates. Vacation Bible School will be held this year at Immanuel UCC on Taylorsville Road from July 12-16. Your session will be in retreat the weekend of August 20-22. I ask that you send prayers for them as we seek to look in to the future of the church. The Session and I will be contemplating a Steering Group who will gather to look at a longer term plan for our church (5-10 years). The Session will be choosing this group of four to five people for the pastor. We will also be inviting non-member mission partners and neighborhood representation to the table from time to time to dialogue with them about a church's role and function within a neighborhood.

NeighborFest will occur again, shared with our neighbor Deer Park Baptist Church, Saturday September 18, 2021. We hope that you will join us that day for a fun afternoon of activities and long needed fellowship. We have two more Red Cross Blood Drives shared with Deer Park Neighborhood Association and the Bardstown Road Farmer's Market in September and November.

Please pencil in October 30, 2021, Saturday, Family Camp day out at Cedar Ridge Camp, where we will have a stewardship weekend immersed in what it means to "Champion Faith" in our lives, communities, and world. Sunday will fall on a Halloween! I look forward to a very fun and memorable Halloween/Stewardship Weekend/All Saints, All Souls Weekend with all of you this fall.

Continue to support one another in and through the blessings that you have received and that you each are to the life of our church.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Mark

FROM PAUL JOHNSON

I wanted to thank my church family for all of the consistent prayers offered up for my late brother and hero Stephen Ray McCrady. Although technically speaking, to dismiss with some of the confusion as to last names Stephen was my half-brother and my hero. Stephen honorably served two tours in Vietnam as a Huey Door gunner, came home to his loving wife - my awesome sister-in-Law Debbie. Served 32 years total in the US Army, retiring a couple of years before a stroke paralyzed half of his body for the last seven years. Please continue prayers for my incredibly strong and loving sister Debbie McCrady.

*Much Love
Paul Johnson*

FROM SHIRLEY SHAW

Many, many thanks to all of you for the wonderful cards, notes, emails and calls wishing me a happy 80th birthday. It was a great day and week. My BRP family is truly special.

Thanks so much.

*Thanks
Shirley*

We are thankful for:

Continued in-person service at BRPC

Dreams with Wings Summer Camp at BRP

The many singers and musicians contributing beauty to the Sunday service

Those who continue to check on BRP members who have health problems

The generosity of the BRP congregation

JULY BIRTHDAYS	Reana Waritay	1
	Justin Nintije	3
	Spencer Bilyeu	5
	Kathy Bean	7
	Allen Purnell, Jr	9
	Gail Henson	12
	Jennie Guelda	14
	Kanah Johnson	14
	Patty Fitzgerald	24
	Ivona Nijimbere	26
	Nanci Overstreet	30

CHOIR CADENCES

Dearest BRPC choir members. It has been such a long time since we've been together as a whole choir. I appreciate all of you.

I'm eternally grateful to Mark and Gillian for providing vocal music during the pandemic. I'm also grateful to Anne Campbell for her accompaniment during solos. Anne Payne, Sydney Smith and Kris Bloos rounded out our musicians during Covid.

At this time choir rehearsals will begin after Labor Day. The date TBA. They will remain on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Anyone interested in singing in the Chancel choir can contact me at (502) 643-7660. If I don't answer please leave a message.

Jeanie

REV. MARK ELDRED VACATION DATES

July 5 - 12, 2021

July 26 - August 8, 2021

PULPIT GUESTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

July 11, 2021: Rev. Dr. Catherine Evans Knott

August 1, 2021: Rev. Nancy Troy

August 8, 2021: Rev. Bill Williamson

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Rev. Mark Eldred	Pastor
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June 2021 SESSION Highlights

Lester Gamble said the Buildings and Grounds committee is looking at the building's condition after an inactive year. Work times at church will be scheduled to create fellowship together. Security needs to be improved with promoting neighborhood watch. A request will be made to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery for funds to improve the kitchen.

Correspondence was received from Bill McConnell of Presbyterian Mission Engagement and Support acknowledging BRP Church's various offerings to Presbyterian Mission.

The active membership increased from 82 to 83 with the confirmation of Ivona Nijimbere on May 23, 2021.

Marty Hageman reported that the May 2021 Treasurer's report had an income of \$11,511 and expenses of \$14,886. There is still a positive year to date difference of \$11,696 due to transfer of investment income early in the quarter.

The Congregational Committee has been discussing how our members can best care for each other and for those who need assistance and what are the boundaries of care giving.

Carol Brees mentioned several topics that the Mission Committee is reviewing including the Under the Cedars Fundraiser on October 9 at Cedar Ridge Camp and HCM Empty Bowls on September 26 at HCM's parking lot. BRP Church sent \$250 to Buckhorn instead of a mission trip this summer. Our Presbyterian missionaries that BRP Church sponsors will be invited to come to a Sunday service to share their experiences in Africa. Dreams with Wings started their 7-week camp this Monday.

Keith Clements reported that the BRP Church Policy and Procedures Manual was approved at the Congregational Meeting on June 13 and the Personnel Committee will be reviewing the BRP Church Safe Church Policy for future approval by the Congregation to comply with insurance requirements.

BRP Church will be one of 3 churches hosting the HCM Historical Open House Tours on Sunday June 20 from 2 to 4 PM. Background information and inspection of our sanctuary will be offered by volunteers.

The Covenant Community Church is inquiring among its members about meeting in-person at our church. They are looking for a new pastor and Nancy Troy has been moderating their session meetings.

A Session Retreat is scheduled for August 20-22 with the theme of momentum building. The format will be: Friday, Session and Staff have a dinner together; Saturday will study polity and the purpose of committees; Sunday, worship will be led by the elders.

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Rev. Mark Eldred proposed forming a Steering Group to do strategic planning of what our church will be in 5 to 10 years. The 5 members will represent the diverse involvement of our church. The Session was asked to provide ideas for our strategies have shifted since the pandemic.

After two engaging meetings with members of Westwood Presbyterian Church, a follow-up gathering was suggested of having an informal picnic together in Chickasaw Park. Keith will contact Marcus Long about setting up the event in July.

YEAR OF LEADER FORMATION:

Investing in Ruling Elders and Deacons

Parliamentary Procedure for Leaders –

A Webinar July 14, 2021; 7-8:30 pm (eastern) -

Registration Deadline July 6

Tricia Dykers-Koenig

PC(USA) ruling elders and deacons have responsibilities as leaders in Christ's church. Whether you serve as a moderator or as a participant, your call will involve meetings conducted by parliamentary procedure – usually *Robert's Rules of Order*. Most Presbyterians have learned about parliamentary procedure through observation during meetings. During this Year of Leader Formation webinar, you can expect to learn more about the theological connections between parliamentary procedure and our *Book of Order* and gain skills to help you participate more confidently and effectively. You will have an opportunity during the registration process to name questions you would like to see addressed.

This event is provided for free for participants and is funded through your per capita dollars. It does not come without cost, however. Knowing the diversity of language within the PC(USA), this webinar will be provided in several languages with interpretation based on requests made through the registration process. As a result, there is a registration deadline of **July 6, 2021**, in order to be able to have time to arrange for those services. This event will be recorded and will be available in English following the event.

The webinar will be led by Associate Stated Clerk Tricia Dykers-Koenig, who served as parliamentarian for the online 224th General Assembly (2020). Tricia is Associate Director for Mid Council Relations in the Office of the General Assembly, a minister member of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, and a Registered Parliamentarian.

Register for the webinar by July 6, 2021, at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMlfu-tqDkuHtNRzFWICR0bXQV81-Qt6XhF>.

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From the MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Summer Sampler – Keith Clements, Marty Hageman, Alicia Bloos, and Pastor Mark Eldred helped welcome visitors to our sanctuary June 20 as part of the HCM Summer Sampler. We shared the architecture and histories of our church with approximately 20 visitors through an illustrated, informative handout prepared by Marty, a wonderful document with comprehensive information about our stained-glass windows and a brief church history prepared by Shirley Shaw (Thank you, Shirley, for all your research and work on that!), and great personal recollections and conversations. Thanks to Mark for providing wonderful homemade cookies for the event, too!

Annual Summer Food and Back-to-School Supplies Drive

Thank you to all who have contributed food pantry items to HCM recently! You helped **replenish dwindling food reserves, but need continues** to be great in our community. Now, it's time again for the **Annual Summer Food and Back-to-School Supplies Drive**. We have been asked to provide soups and crackers, and backpacks. You may purchase items or gift cards, or make a monetary donation to help purchase these items. Limit Gift Cards to \$25 from Walmart or Target. You can drop off all items to HCM's Food Pantry, 1228 E. Breckinridge St., during these times:

Friday, July 23, 10am-1pm or **Wed-Fri, July 28-30, 10am-1pm** (*please, no unscheduled drop-bys*)... **or bring to BRP by July 22** and we will transport items to HCM.

You can assist with HCM's work at any time by visiting the website hcmloouisville.org to make a monetary donation directly, or sending a check to BRPres with "HCM donation" in the memo line.

- **Save the Date!** HCM's new-and-improved Empty Bowls to help fight hunger will be held at HCM on Sunday, September 26. Watch for more details next month.

BOOKS FOR READERS

Finished with that latest best-seller? Think about dropping it off in BRP's **Little Free Library** box in our Bardstown Road courtyard. Remember, books of any kind—children's or adult, fiction or nonfiction—are always gratefully accepted.

TARC BUS PASSES and BRPC FOOD PANTRY

We help many who come to the church door in need. Please consider:

- Making a financial contribution to help purchase TARC Partner Passes, discounted passes for elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, and only a small amount has been budgeted for this! **Please consider mailing a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line.**
- **Donating men's socks, razors, travel-size men's toiletries.**
- Donating bottled water and (easy on the teeth) single package ready-to-eat snack items, such as beanie weenies, tuna and chicken lunchables, etc.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

- To see updates about the Calvin Chapel construction and more, visit the CRC Facebook page facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/ or Instagram instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/. To read more about the project, see presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/.
- **There are a few available spots at Summer Camp!** Gift cards are now available to easily make camp a possibility for your favorite kiddos! Loved ones having trouble coming up with birthday gift ideas can gift the camp experience. To register now and reserve your camper's spots, to give the gift of camp, or to send a gift card, please visit the website www.cedarridgecamp.com.
- **Save the Date! Autumn Under the Cedars,** CRC's annual fundraiser, will return in a brand-new format on October 9. Watch for more information in the next two months.

SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held June 5 in our Fellowship Hall was a great success, as 27 units of blood were donated. Mark your calendars now for September 18 and November 20 when BRPres will again host blood drives. You are invited to donate blood and to take a shift welcoming and signing in donors.

Contact Bill Bowman for more information. (see page 6)

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

The BRP Mission Committee has budgeted support for PC(USA) missionaries. In 2021 we are providing \$500 to the work of Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch, who serve in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. We also ask for your prayers and support for these faithful followers of Christ. **You will find informational cards in the back of the sanctuary that you may take home to serve as reminders.** To follow Jeremy and Luta's journey of ministry, read their letters on the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission page: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jeremy-and-luta-garbat-welch/

BATTERIES (AND THERMOMETERS)

We will be shooting for early September to take household batteries (and mercury thermometers) to Hazardous Waste Disposal, so you have just a couple more months to bring those items to church. Please deposit those items in the box at the rear of the sanctuary, and they will be properly disposed for you.

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POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE

You may have noticed that the pollinator garden is prospering in our parking lot area. Thank you to the Mission Committee for its investment in our garden, and for all who show up daily to tend to the garden, water, and pull weeds to keep it maintained. Is it a weed or is it a plant? These are questions that we gardener types ask - specifically when it comes to how plants affect ecosystems and the rest of nature. The goal of a pollinator garden is to add to the ecosystem process of pollination through bees which benefits all of us.

Here are pictures of a **Bee Balm** plant showing the whole purpose of our mission in creating and sustaining the garden.



Although this is a bumblebee and not a honeybee, bees and wasps of all kinds assist in the process of keeping our earth pollinated.

Many different kinds of bees and wasps take to the flowers in our garden.

The large green plant is a Pokeweed.

Its flower benefits the bees as well and it is indigenous to the state of Kentucky. We look forward to extending our garden all the way south in the parking lot next year, planting season 2022.



Are you a gardener? Would you like to take part in next year's extension of the pollinator garden in the parking lot? Reach out to a member of the Mission Committee.

We still need folks to come out and water (and weed) for the last half of July and the month of August. If you can volunteer for a week of watering, contact Bill or Alicia.

DREAMS WITH WINGS CAMP AT BARDSTOWN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Eldred is pastor, crosswalk traffic ally, and parking lot guy as he directs the cars and vans moving in and out of the parking lot to accommodate the participants in this very special summer camp. Summer 2021 is underway with DWW!



Our moon flowers are flourishing thanks to the pollinator watering team!



Red Cross Blood Drive

The blood drive was at BRP on Saturday June 5 in Fellowship Hall in coordination with the Farmer's Market and the Deer Park Association.



VBS: July 12-16 2021!

Please join us at North Castle as we find out what it means to be a knight for God! We will explore followers of God and how they learned to be good knights that told the truth, fought for justice, created peace and had faith even when it was hard. We will learn how we can carry the love of God out in the world and be knights for God too!

VBS will be held at Immanuel IUCC this year from July 12-16 from 9am-Noon. Please register your amazing kids and, if you have any questions, please contact Molly Rapp or Samantha Barrett.



Thank you Rev. Sandra Moon who was Pulpit Guest at BRP on Sunday June 6.



July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	6/7 TO 8/6 Dreams with Wings			1 1 pm Neighborfest Meeting 7 pm Personnel Meeting	2	3 9 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
July 4 Communion 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred preaching	5 Holiday Monday 5-6pm Standing in Solidarity	6	7	8	9	10 9a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
		Rev. Eldred on vacation from July 5 - 12				
11 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Rev. Catherine Evans Knott preaching	12 10 A.M. Congregational Life Committee	13 7pm Mission Committee	14	15	16	17 9 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
		VBS at IUCC from July 12—16				
18 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	19 7pm Worship Team Meeting 5-6pm Standing in Solidarity	20 7pm Session Meeting	21	22	23	24 9 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
25 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	26	27	28	29	30	31 9 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
	Rev. Eldred on vacation from July 26—August 8					



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DREAMS WITH WINGS

Our origins – 21 years ago, Dreams with Wings was founded by three families who had children with disabilities who wanted to have the same opportunities in life as their peers.

Summer Camps – 2021 marks the 19th year for our camps that serve individuals with Special Needs at Achieving Dreams Camp (youths aged 13-21 with Down Syndrome) and Dreams in Motion Camp (Youths aged 7-21 with Autism or other developmental disabilities).

Daily Camp Experience: We go on community outings using our transportation vehicles to visit museums, parks sporting events, pools, bowling, equine therapy, and fun spots in Louisville and the surrounding areas.

Onsite camp activities include professional instructor led sessions for boot camp, yoga, drama/theatre classes, dance, percussion drum circles, magic shows, social skills classes, safety training, life skills, and leisure time activities designed to build friendships.

This Year – We are excited to return to in-person camp that promises to give our campers a summer to remember!

