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Greetings Siblings in Christ,

Over the next months of the newsletter I would like to introduce some new ideas to our community. I will be rotating this cover page with Committees of the church, that they might introduce their members, what it is they do, and what they are looking forward to moving forward. I will share with you every other month rotating with our committees.

The second new item I would like to share in our newsletter is an Session Elder Spotlight. Each month we will highlight a member of our session where we will be blessed by a part of their story and history of the church. They will share with us a bit about their time at Bardstown Road, part of their life and faith, and pieces about their participation in the life of the church. They might even reach out to be invitational as some of our committees could use some new folks and participation in their goings on.

I look forward to these new communications and to the future of our church. On June 25th I shared with many of you in one of the most memorable moments of my time here. As we installed our newest Session Class of 2026 Elders, Molly Rapp, Paul Johnson, and Clare Lewis, the entire congregation was invited to participate in the laying on of hands. Many of you heard me say that I was somewhat breaking in tradition of having ALL of God's Children lay on hands with our newest leaders of the church. Traditionally it is only ordained Elders and Deacons who are invited to participate in the laying on of hands. Why did I open this up to the entire room?

We are called to support each other in the ways in which we are able. As your pastor, the participation of everyone was important to me as it is going to take each and all of us to support this church in to the next ten years. Every one of you in the pews, in this community, is an important piece of that greater puzzle. I wanted all of you to bless our new leaders of the church, to vow to support them, to feel the power of the collective gathering of the WE, and to not have to observe it from afar. Whether you are a member, an elder, a visitor, a participant, is not the most important part of the greater picture of this church. What is most important to me is your intention to this community; your intention to your community and to living a life in and through God as best as we are all able.

It is a true blessing to be your pastor and to serve Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church!

To God be all Glory, and Honor, and Praise,
Pastor Mark



Rev. Mark Eldred Vacation and Study Leave

Dates: Vacation: July 3—9; Study Leave: July 10—15; July 24—30

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Adult Education Fall and Winter 2023-2024

This coming church program year, look forward to two Adult Education offerings. The first will be a series co-led by Pastor Mark and church member Linda White about the concept of Testimony in our Time. We will walk a path through daily faith and life, and what it means each day to consider God in our midst. This offering will take place fall of 2023.

Winter of 2024, Pastor Mark will lead a discussion on one of our many Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our newest confession, the Confession of Belhar. Our Book of Confessions and our history of being a confessional church is perhaps something that many have not often considered or discussed. Through the lense of challenging times in our world, many of our confessions were born through groups of theologians and folks just like us who wanted to profess a collective faith through the voice of the Presbyterian Church. This offering will take place Winter/Spring of 2024.

Youth and Children for Fall 2023- Save the Dates

We are full aware of the challenges of the past years, and this fall will be returning to a more regular schedule for our Youth and Children's Ministries. We will meet in a one room school house format the First and Third Sundays of the Month in Fellowship Hall. Kick off weeks for gatherings will occur Sundays September 10 and 17. On the First Sunday of the month we will split the groups for Confirmation aged folks to begin work on their Individual Faith Projects. We look forward to sharing more about this unique process. to reconnection of many of your youth and children!

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Update on the Rev. Cheryl Barnes

A new letter from Cheryl has been posted on the PCUSA website. You can read it in its entirety at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/loving-the-journey/>

(Note the picture, with our own Pastor Mark!)

Cheryl's last day as Education Facilitator for the five synods of CCAP was the 19th of June. She is currently transitioning into her new role as Africa Area Coordinator for the PCUSA. She shares how she has loved her journey so far. Please pray for her as the journey continues.



Quarterly Women's Birthday Luncheon

The quarterly women's birthday luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 20, at Bravo's Italian Restaurant, beginning at Noon. Bravo's is on Bullitt Lane - near the St. Matthews Kohl's. This Dutch-treat luncheon honors those women whose birthday is in June, July or August and all women of BRP and friends are invited. Please let Shirley Shaw know if you plan to attend so a reservation can be made. Deadline is Sunday, July 16.

Shirley

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

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From the MISSION COMMITTEE

BRP FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

NEED HAS INCREASED! YOU can help those who come to the church door in need, by

Donating **money** to buy **TARC Partner Passes**, discounted bus passes for those who are elderly, disabled, or on assistance. **Label your check to BRPres "TARC passes."**

Donating needed **chicken and tuna lunchables**, Bumble Bee is good.

Donating **bottled water and men's socks**.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The HCM Van Returns to Farmers' Market: Help support HCM's Summer Food drive and Back to School Drive: On Saturday, July 15, HCM will be our partner at our Faith and Justice Table at Farmers' Market on July 15, bringing their van to haul away what we hope will be MANY donations. BRP has been asked to contribute SHAMPOO and BACKPACKS. If you wish to contribute **MORE**, \$25 (no higher) gift cards to Kroger and Target are sought, as well as the most needed food pantry items: jelly, soups, crackers, canned tuna and chicken, and spaghetti sauce. Because Dare to Care was closed for a week in June, the food pantry stock at HCM is very low. You may also drop off to HCM; for dropoff hours. Thank you!

One Video Production Camp remains, July 10-14, 2023, for students rising into 3rd-8th grades. HCM and Beargrass Media partner to offer the week-long camp teaching students how to write, record, edit, and publish video productions. The camp is held 9am-4pm at Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Road and the cost is \$240. For info, call 502-451-3695.

Summer Sampler Tours Return: Stained Glass Windows.

Tours of our Member Congregation buildings are returning this July! Join HCM on 2 Sundays this summer for educational and visual tours of stained glass windows at 3 of our member congregations.

Sunday, July 9, 2-4 pm

Highland Baptist Church, 1101 Cherokee Road. "Cloud of Witnesses" windows installed in 1972, designed and created by Robert Markert, display figural Biblical and historical faith leaders.

Sunday, July 23, 2-4 pm at these 2 locations:

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglass Blvd. These windows, created by the Willet Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia, were installed in 1964 and tell the Bible Stories and the formation of the Methodist Church.

Chapel at the HCC (originally **Christ Evangelical** now used by **Unity of Louisville**), 1228 E. Breckinridge St. Original windows from the chapel construction of 1902. Learn about the history of stained glass and how it was incorporated into religious structures. Guided meditation times will be available as well.

Check out all that HCM offers, including childcare; senior activities; art, yoga, and tai chi classes; rental event spaces; and all Highlands Youth Recreation sports, at hcmloisville.org.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Day Camps continue through July. Now is the time to register your children and grandchildren, ages 7-16, for day camps and leadership opportunities. Find dates and details, and register, at cedarridge-camp.com. Scholarships and discounts are available; church members use code *Presbyterian*.

Interested in leading a camp activity for children, youth, and adults? Facilitators are needed year-round for school, church, and other groups. Activities include Archery, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Team Building, Native American Lore, Settlers' Toys, Orienteering, Trekking Through the Trees, Bug Safari, Crime Scene Investigation, Low Ropes and High Ropes courses, and Ziplining. Training is provided, and there is compensation. Interested? Contact Alainna Brumert, Program Director, at alainna@cedarridgecamp.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

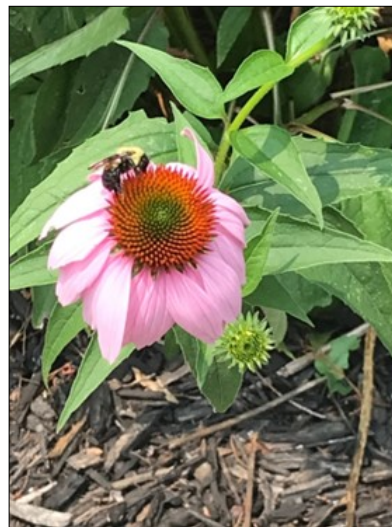
The June 5 blood drive at IUCC was successful, but the need for blood continues to be great. Please consider donating blood and/or volunteering to work at the next blood drive on August 21, at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 2300 Taylorsville Road, from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Contact Bill Bowman for more info.

POLLINATOR GARDEN

Summer is here, and the Pollinator Garden is thriving! Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers who keep the plants watered during the summer heat, you can find flowering plants--and bees and butterflies-- all along the fence next to BRP's parking lot.

Idlewild Butterfly Garden has again donated plants to BRP for the garden, as they did at this time last year, and several members have brought in plants and seeds from their own gardens.

Please stop by the garden when you park next to the church, and let the church office know if you'd like to help in any way.



MISSION COMMITTEE (CONT.)

MILKWEED

Milkweed is a plant food favored by monarch butterfly larvae, and it provides nectar for bees and wasps. It's a good fit for our Pollinator Garden. Our garden has several milkweed plants, and, in fact, it has too many. We'd like to offer some plants, up to half a dozen per person, to anyone who'd like to plant milkweed in their garden. Please contact Bill Bowman, Jennie Guelda, or the church office to make arrangements to pick up some plants, and Happy Gardening!



CLOUT Meeting - 2

CLOUT

A big Thank You! to all those who attended the "town hall" meeting in mid-June with representatives from CLOUT, Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together. We heard from CLOUT's Robert Owen and John Aden, and many asked good and probing questions about the organization's activities.

The following week, the Mission Committee voted to recommend that BRP join this group of congregations. Since the Session agreed, we will now submit our application. Thanks to Jennie Guelda and Paul Johnson for agreeing to be the church's representatives on the organization's Board. BRP members will be hearing from the two of them about our next steps with CLOUT.

CLOUT Meeting June 11, 2023

John Aden (2 week employee) and Robert Owens (32 year founding father) spoke with 30 of us about the history and the ongoing work of CLOUT as we prayerfully decide whether to become a member. If you have further questions, it's important that mission committee hears from you. Bill Bowman, Carol Brees, Margot Tomsen, or Jennie Guelda or Mark.



EV CHARGING STATION

The typical house in Louisville uses about 6,000 to 12,000 kilowatt hours of electricity in a calendar year. Our Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station has been very popular, and we've used about 20,000 Kwh in the one year since it was installed. Thanks to a vote of the BRP Session in 2022, we made this station available to the general public at no charge. Thanks also to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, who underwrote the cost of the station for BRP and several other congregations in the Louisville area. We're doing our part to make clean EV transportation more affordable.

FAITH AND JUSTICE TABLE

HCM is scheduled for July 15.

VBS SAVE THE DATE July 16 2023

BRP and IUCC will be doing a one-day VBS Program for all ages on July 16, 2023, immediately following worship. We will be gathering at Des Pres Park on Low Road.

We will be having lunch together AND then we will create two or three different service projects for all ages. Our main project will be making birthday baskets to distribute to food pantries to our community in the Louisville area. This will include projects to create birthday cake supplies and decorations. We feel that every child deserves to have their special day celebrated.

More details to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!
Molly and Samantha

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: The June 2023 Session Meeting highlights will be in the August 2023 newsletter.



MADDIE'S GRADUATION PARTY



Prayer before the meal at Maddie's Graduation Reception— led by Paul Johnson



My choir of 30 years Voces Novae, was invited to sing at a musical festival to premiere Elaine Hagenberg's Illuminare. We premiered the piece here in Louisville back in November. Meeting her and letting her know how her music touched me was a truly inspiring experience. Southwark Cathedral, London. *Karen Jones*

Tai Chi and QiGong classes

Have you ever wanted to try Tai Chi or QiGong? Join Nancy Carrington Wednesdays back again starting August 23 for six-weeks of QiGong at 10:00-11:00AM, Continue on August 30, skip Sept 6, then continue for the next four Wednesdays which are Sept. 13, 20, 27, and Oct 4. **and** Kay Begley for Tai Chi on-going Thursdays at 3:30-4:30PM open to all of our community and free in Fellowship Hall.

All classes are suitable for beginners and any physical scenario can be accommodated. If you have any questions regarding the classes, please email Nancy Carrington nancarrington@hotmail.com or Kay Begley kaybegleyww@gmail.com.

We are thankful for:

The choir, 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

The many groups using the BRP church building

Elder leaders of our church in a time of sabbath in July

The wonderful folks taking time to water our garden that it might grow and flourish

Folks taking table cloths home to launder, fold, and return them

New Member Gathering at Za's Pizza on June 8th



July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
2 Communion 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	3 Holiday Monday	4 Holiday	5	6 3:30 P.M. Tai Chi Class Fellowship Hall	7	8 9a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
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