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We are a church of ordinary people caring for one another
as we respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

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Dear Saints of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

I spent some time this past week, in our sanctuary, praying for each of you during this Advent Season and move toward Christmas. I want to share my gratitude for all those who have spent time, talent, and energy in opening up our church to our membership and to the greater community these past few weeks.

In a sermon a few weeks ago I asked each person present, "What gives you hope?", and sent them home with an addressed and stamped envelope. I have plenty more if you weren't able to be in church on December 1. What is giving you hope? I will tell you that what is giving me hope these past few weeks is seeing all of you make our church a place where members, guests, and visitors feel welcomed and loved. From Bardstown Road Aglow, to Hanging of the Greens, our Saturday Farmer's Market, to Advent Dinners, to CoffeeStop - Coterie 2.0, to our youth play weekend, I have sensed a true Season of Advent - a people awake and ready for what God has in store for us.

I say a special prayer this day for our world and our nation, and for any person for whom the holidays provide a challenge. I ask that you take even just a few moments this holiday season to reach out to someone that you haven't seen in a while and let them know that they are loved. I send prayers for all of you who will be travelling to visit family and friends this holiday season.

On January 5, 2020, I will be officially installed as your pastor. I would love to see as many of you as possible in attendance at my Installation Service, Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 2 P.M. in our sanctuary. Following the service, we will gather in fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

God's blessings to you all,

Rev. Mark Eldred

SAVE THE DATE!

You are invited to the **Installation of Rev. Mark Eldred** at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 5 at 2:00 P.M. Reception to follow.



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

The flower sign-up sheet to beautify the sanctuary for 2020 will be outside Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be donated in memory of someone, or for a celebration. You can provide the flowers.



Unfortunately the church office can no longer order them.

Please sign up! The church office will call or email you when it is your time, to see what flowers you would like and what notice should be in the bulletin.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We need **turnkeys and ushers for 2020**. Please let Lester Gamble know if you are willing to serve.

SUNDAY ADULT STUDY—9:30 a.m.

Sunday mornings

The Sunday Adult Study (meeting in the Club room) will begin again in the new year. Please come on **January 5th** to help us decide the next book study.

WE ARE THANKFUL ...

Aline Banciryanino earned her US citizenship in November. Because the children are all under 18, Jeanette, Ivona, Esperance and Ori are all legal US citizens now.

For the continuing generosity of the BRPC congregation.

For the Chancel Choir.

For the Children and Youth and Sarah Hageman.

SING WITH US FOR THE NEW YEAR!

The Chancel Choir are looking for new members. Please contact Jeanie Grosz at 643-7660 if you would like to express yourself in music!



Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Mark Eldred	Pastor
Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
Jeanie Grosz	Director of Music Ministries/ Organist
Sarah Hageman	Director of Children's and Youth Ministry
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda White	3
Erika Smith	5
Jeanie Grosz	9
Peresi Nyolkuru	11
Paul Ray	13
Sydney Smith	14
Claire Kotheimer	17
Aaron Smith	19
Chris Lieberman	21
Madeline Vanamburgh	21
Oriverye Ndizeye	27
Mary Mpanje Muyenza	29
Francisco Ortiz	31

DECEMBER 17, 2019 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session closed a lengthy process with acceptance of a Safe Church Policy. This policy will be presented to the congregation for approval in early 2020 along with the other items included in the BRPC Manual of Administrative Operations.

The Session also approved a \$5,000 disbursement in 2020 from the Grad Shoemaker Memorial Fund to assist with the construction of a new chapel at Cedar Ridge Camp.

Financial support in November 2019 was reported at \$8,400 and expenses coming in at \$23,700 leaving shortfall for the period of \$15,300. It was reported that payment on pledges is currently flagging behind the budgeted amount and general stewardship is down.

Expenses are up \$8,500 over previous year despite spending \$10,000 less on facilities to date. Increased expenses are primarily in the Personnel area attributable in large part to the expenses of Pastor Nominating Committee and the transition expenses of calling a new pastor.

All Committees reported busy schedules and persistent work during the pre-Christmas period.

GIVING PLEDGE FOR 2020

The Finance committee has put together a preliminary budget for the calendar year 2020. Several people that normally respond have not yet responded with their pledge. If you plan to make a pledge, please contact Doug Rapp or Marty Hageman or deposit your pledge envelope in the offering plate. We are hoping to finalize the budget in early January. We thank you for your commitment of your time, talents, and dollars for the ministry of BRP church.



CoffeeStop 2019 with Coterie 2.0

BASKETBALL

Free tickets are available in the church office for the U of L Women's Basketball Game on Sunday, January 12, at 2 p.m. This game is an ACC League game vs. Wake Forest. The tickets are in a group setting and 25 are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking in the downtown area can be pretty pricey, so car pooling is recommended. Providing tickets for one game a season has become an annual event, enjoy! (church office or with Linda Bowman who has the tickets right now)

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2, there will be another U of L Women's game — this time it will be an exhibition game with the US National Team who will be preparing for their run in the Tokyo Olympics. This game will also be at 2 p.m. at the YUM Center. Tickets are \$10 each and you can get them at [GoCards.com/USA](https://www.go-cards.com/USA) or at the YUM Center ticket office. We're sorry that BRP isn't able to provide these tickets - but the game will be well worth the money to see the US National Team play — the team is made up of former college and WNBA players and might include U of L's own Angel McCoughtry if she recovers from knee surgery.



POINSETTIAS AND HEIFER SHARES 2019—TOTAL

This year the number of poinsettias was 31, and the number of Heifer shares was 39. Thank you all for your generosity!

THE ADVENT DINNER on Dec 8



Sandy served us delicious pork tenderloin, Mac n cheese, green beans, fruit salad and topped it off with pumpkin roll.

YOUTH



Youth practicing for Cantata
"Unfriendly Beasts"

Hanging of the Greens was our first Advent Dinner. Molly made a salad, Jennie baked a cake, and pizza was ordered from Za's. The earlier start time allowed a lot to get done before dark.



CHILDREN'S
CANTATA



BARDSTOWN ROAD AGLOW 2019



SOUPER SISTERS



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

The **Presbyterian Women's Circles' 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study** is "**Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments**," by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, January 14 at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room for a brown bag lunch and discussion led by Margot Tomsen. If interested, contact Joe Anne Overstreet.

The evening circle will meet Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 P.M. For more info contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Highlands Community Ministries

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **HCM Christmas Gift and Food Baskets project!** Whether you purchased a gift or food items, sorted and packed food, or delivered a basket, you again demonstrated our church's care for our neighbors in need.

On February 25, 2020, HCM will again host its annual Mardi Gras fundraiser "A Taste of the Highlands." Watch the February newsletter for more details!

PROJECT WARM NEWS January 11

The BRP Project Warm team finished weatherization work on one additional house in December, bringing to four the number of houses completed this season. In December, the team consisted of Bill Bowman, Keith Clements, and Paul Johnson.

The team plans another workday on **Saturday, January 11- beginning at 9 A.M.**, and it invites any interested members to join. The work is easy, but makes a huge difference to sky high utility bills during the cold winter months!

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00pm in the Club Room. We are a very involved congregation, and would welcome new members to our group to help us discern and respond faithfully to the many needs around us.

BRPC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

If you have a used backpack lying around, it can be useful to those who live on the street because they don't have anywhere to keep their belongings.

If you have one please bring to the BRP office. Thank you for your generosity.

MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY

News from the Nov. 16 meeting:

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery recognizes its clergy members on the anniversaries of their ordinations, at five-year-intervals. Eight ministers were honored at the Nov. 16 Presbytery meeting for a combined total of over **300 years of ordination!**

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky approved the call of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) to the **Rev. Mary Nebelsick** to serve as **Mission Specialist for Mission Interpretation**. The position is a term contract for 40 hours per week for one year from November 18, 2019 to November 17, 2020.

The presbytery's **Latino Ministries Committee** needs **baby diapers and wipes** for La Casita for distribution to families who need them. La Casita, a nonprofit supported by several MKP congregations, needs donations of 4,000 disposable diapers every month to meet the demand from struggling households! All baby sizes are welcome. Please consider making such donations to La Casita a regular habit. Also, please bring those plastic grocery bags you haven't recycled yet, because La Casita staff can use them. Muchas gracias! Alicia Bloos will arrange to take any BRP donations to La Casita.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



January 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Farmer's Market
5 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Eldred preaching 2 P.M. Installation of Rev. Eldred Reception	6 Epiphany	7	8 4:30 p.m. Remove Christmas decorations 7 pm Choir rehearsal	9	10	11 Farmer's Market 9 A.M. Project Warm
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	13 10am Congregational Life Mtg	14 11 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room 7 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg	15 7 pm Choir rehearsal	16 7 P.M. Evening Circle	17	18 Farmer's Market
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	20 7pm Worship Committee Mtg	21 7 p.m. Session Meeting	22 7 pm Choir rehearsal	23	24	25 Farmer's Market 8:30-11am
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 1		New Year's Day
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Jan. 5	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Fellowship time Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Eldred preaching Installation of Rev. Eldred Reception to follow
Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Jan. 11	9:00 a.m.	Project Warm
Jan. 12	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Eldred preaching Women's basketball at YUM Center
Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
Jan. 14	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle Worship Committee Meeting
Jan. 15	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle, Club Room Session Meeting, Club Room
Jan. 16	7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle at home of Alicia Bloos
Jan. 19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Eldred preaching
Jan. 20	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Jan. 26	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Eldred preaching