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"I thank my God..."

I don't even know how to begin to express how profoundly grateful I am to have gotten to minister alongside you all both this year as Christian Education Director for Spiritual Growth and Mission, as well as when I was here as Student Pastor a couple years ago. It has truly been a blessing. I was called to BRP to cultivate spiritual growth – the beautiful gift of ministry is that, through worshipping together, having theological conversation while sipping coffee, singing silly songs, and even eating tacos together on a Tuesday night, I have grown. My faith is so much richer because of my time with all of you. Thank you...from the bottom of my heart. So, with sadness that I will have to say goodbye to people I love so dearly, but also with joy that God is calling Mike and I to new and meaningful experiences...I would like to share that I have accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Ohio! Some of my ministry there will include leading youth group, adult education, small groups, preaching once a month, and pastoral care. I will be examined for ordination on July 25th, and will begin my ministry in Toledo on August 7th. My last day at BRP will be Sunday, July 23rd, when I will have the opportunity to lead worship one more time.

As we each follow where God calls us next, know that you all hold a special place in my heart, that I will be praying for you, and that "I thank my God every time I remember you."

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Brittany Hesson Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:3-11, NRSV)

Peace and Love, Lanie Sipes

Hello.... Again!

Hi BRP! My year as your Student Pastor came to an end on May 7, but as of June 15, I am officially back to work with you, this time as the Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator. Now, my primary responsibilities will include Sunday School, mission/service, and programming for the youth and children here at BRP. I'll still be involved in committee work and church events, and maybe one day, I'll find my way back into the pulpit for a sermon or so.

Children and Youth, we're going to have a big year ahead of us. Don't worry, you will be involved in the planning, so we'll try to figure everything out together. Above all, I am here for you! Parents, just as much as I am here to care for your children, I am here to support you as well. Let me know what I can do to support you (transportation, communication, Parents Nights Out, etc.) and I invite you to share updates on your kids! I want to know how you're all doing.

All, if you have felt even the slightest desire in your heart to help out with the children's or youth ministries, just let me know. Whether you have 5 minutes, 5 dollars, or 5 kids to invite to events, you are absolutely needed to help shape the spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of our kids. You could bring snacks, pray for students, provide transportation, or share your hobbies/interests with us. There is plenty of work and love to go around!

If you need anything at all, please email me at hesson.brittanyl@gmail.com or call/text at 270.985.3167. I look forward to what the year will bring to this congregation.

Brittany Hesson Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator



COMING SOON TO YOU!

We just completed a discernment process with Rev. Peggy Hinds. It was wonderful to have so many in our congregation take part in the process and to help our ministry at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church discover new opportunities and visions. It was decided as part of this process that we will take part in another information gathering activity that makes use of a survey of our members and then this information will be processed to provide extensive information comparing our community around the church to our congregation. This will be a tremendous assistance as we look at our vision going forward. We will be provided with about a 60 page report illustrating opportunities for new ministry as we learn more about the demographics of the community as well as our own congregation.

You will be hearing more about this from our session. The information provided will be provided anonymously and confidential. The forms will be collected and forwarded to Percept for them to process. Percept has supplied thousands of churches and agencies with demographic information to help them engage in mission in their community. Your participation and input is important and appreciated as it helps us receive the best information possible. Thank you. *Doug Rapp*

JOINT SERVICE FOR THE BRP CONGREGATION AT DEER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH on SUNDAY JULY 2 at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor David Platt invited BRP to join in the service at Deer Park Baptist Church on Sunday July 2. David Platt and Brittany Hesson will conduct the joint worship with Deer Park and BRP on Sunday July 2 at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Albin Whitworth and Jeanie Grosz are planning the music that will include a String Quartet from the Louisville Orchestra, an organist, a pianist and a choir! Please come to the celebration!

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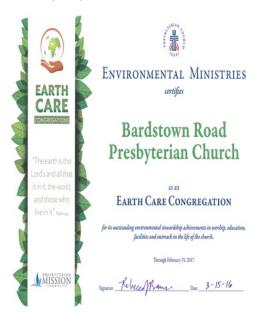
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EARTH CARE

What does it mean to be an Earth Care Congregation? BRP is one of over 200 congregations in the denomination to gain ECC status. That means we care for the environment in many ways around our building and in our activities.

Each year we submit a questionnaire to summarize our activities in areas like our building, education, worship, and outreach. By using Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday, using glass communion cups, hosting a Farmers' Market in the parking lot, recycling batteries, and having an energy audit done, among other activities, we're helping to care for God's creation. Soon we will have solar panels on our roof to generate some of our electricity!

What are you doing at your home to care for God's creation? *Bill Bowman*



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JUNE 20, 2017 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to: Carol Brees, Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020 Elders: Lin Block-Coalter, Linda Bowman, Jeanie Grosz, Cathy Moss
- Sign up sheets from Session Meeting listing volunteers for Greeting Elder, Communion Servers, delegates to Presbyters, Minute for Mission presenters, etc., are to be given to Church Secretary for inclusion in the bulletin as appropriate
- Deadline for submitting Personal Information forms/ resumes is for those seeking the position of Transitional (Interim) Pastor was June 25; The committee will meet to review these in July
- We are considering adding an Outreach Committee to our list of standing committees; this should give us more flexibility to review the minutes & recommendations of the discernment meetings
- We need a new chair-person for the Congregational Life Committee; Linda Bowman will serve through August 1.
- Lanie Sipes will start her new position at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Ohio August 7, and her last day here will be July 23. Brittany Hesson will lead the Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis, but we still need another adult volunteer!!!
- Our thanks to Sue Blakeley for sending out a record number of Cards for our members-in-need.
- July 2nd will be a joint service with Deer Park Baptist, whose Sunday Service starts usually at 10:45, not 11AM as BRP! So unless you are told differently—arrive there 15 minutes EARLY! There will be members in orange vests to assist you across Bardstown Road traffic from our lot, or park in the Deer Part Lot!
- CE Meeting July 3rd, meet at 5:30 in Pastors Office.
- Soup and Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, etc.) are still foods needed for HCM Pantry; please leave in container provided at back of BRP Sanctuary.

SESSION MODERATOR

We are grateful to Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, for serving as Moderator for the session while we are in search of a Transitional Pastor. He also works with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to assist churches as they search for a new pastor. We welcome his leadership and assistance. The session has appointed a committee to locate and hire a Transitional Pastor and hopes to complete this task within the next thirty to forty- five days. A Pastor Nominating committee, different from the committee to hire a Transitional Pastor, will be formed and begin searching for the new pastor to lead us into the future and work to incorporate the ideas brought out during the discernment time with Peggy Hinds. This committee will be made up of members that best reflect the demographics of the congregation as required in the Book of Order. If you have any questions about this process, please contact a session member for more information. Doug Rapp

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Much is planned and much has happened for Building and Grounds. We are having the flat roof over the Christian Education building repaired as there are some needed repairs before we look to begin installing solar panels in partnership with Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light. This cost will be approximately \$4,000. We are also having roof and brick repairs done on the flat roof over the office. We have several areas where water is damaging walls. Tuck pointing some brick and repairing some flashings will hopefully solve the problem. The parking lot has been re-sealed and striped and umbrellas were purchased for the patio tables to provide shade and color to the area. Stanley Steamer power cleaned the restrooms in basement and first floor. We are working with Ray Nilest on painting the ceiling in sanctuary but waiting for all roof work to be completed. A list of special projects has been made to be worked on as we recruit volunteer help. Projects range from painting, to concrete repair, to small plumbing, to power cleaning of brick, table repairs, Fellowship Hall updating, electronic updating etc......The list will be put in Fellowship Hall for recruiting volunteers.

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Worried about falling behind in your pledge because you are away or can't make it to church?

Consider e-giving. You can send it direct from your checking to the church account without having to write a check weekly or monthly. You can choose when it transfer's and how often as well as starting and stopping transfers when you want. Here is how to do it: Go to www.brpres.org

Click on the word "Donations"
Click on word "Contributions"
New users will need to create a new profile.
This is on the right hand side of the page.



Complete the required information and a Profile will be created

Click on "Add Transaction" and fill in your Donation information.

Click continue and complete manner of Payment information.

That is all there is. You can give one time, weekly, monthly, or however you want. You don't have to worry about missing while on vacation or not able to make church. You can later pull up a report of all your electronic giving under your profile.

Doug Rapp

Buckhorn Mission Trip 2017 Recap

Its' been 22 years that an intergenerational group has been visiting the Buckhorn Children's Center in the steamy summertime.

This year the adults outnumbered the youth: Bill Bowman, Claire Detlefs, Joe Anne Overstreet and myself took 3 highschoolers, Seo and Stevenline Waritay along with Ivona. Cullen Bilyeu was an honorary attendee. He carted 40 bags of mulch 3 hours to the Center and then drove over to the State Park to enjoy a spaghetti dinner with us before heading back to Louisville that night.

There was an enormous group visiting at the same time. I heard 150 people had come to put new metal roofs onto three cottages. In comparison, we felt small and unassuming, but the landscaping work we did, ended up making three buildings look tended and cared for.

We had moments of hard work; picture Ivona carrying a 40lb bag of mulch on her head. And, as well, we had moments of hardly working; picture three kids waving tools at the weeds.

New experiences abound when we leave the city. Seo and Ivona rode a pontoon out on the lake for several hours with us. Besides learning to drive the boat and use the ladder to get back up, they were soon doing flips into the lake. Once when Ivona was driving, we were privy to watch a doe and her fawn out for a leisurely swim. Seo claims they were purposefully crossing the lake. We'll never know. But it was fun watching the mom scurry up onto the bank while the fawn took several tries to finally emerge out onto the land.

We saw turtles, buzzards, ticks and turkeys as well. When Seo yelled, we all gathered on the last morning to watch a little deer scarf up a blooming yucca plant on the hill directly behind our cabin.

I am sharing a sweet note from Faye Combs (top of next column), at the front desk. She was working hard, with their two maintenance men, to keep the roofing teams supplied and fed. We bring our own food, tools, mulch and initiative (and our own chefs). I know that is mostly what they appreciate.

At Buckhorn, our kids get a rare opportunity to do for

others.
Isn't that
part of our
mission?



Jennie,

You are leaving the parking lot as I send this message. I don't remember if I said Thank you! for the work on the flowerbeds.

You may not think you are doing enough, but let me assure you that the work on the flowerbeds and landscaping makes for a tremendous outpouring of gratitude from clients and staff about how nice it looks and enormous feelings of happiness because it lifts our spirits and makes us proud.

Thank you my friend for your continued support for our clients year after year.

Many thanks, Faye

Buckhorn Children & Family Services Our vision is to provide a sanctuary of health, healing and hope for at-risk children, youth, and families.







PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Planning is beginning for the 2017-18 Women's Circles. If you are interested in the Morning Circle, which meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room, contact Joe Anne Overstreet. If you are interested in the Evening Circle, contact Alicia Bloos as soon as possible; its meeting day is flexible and will depend on those interested. Study books will be ordered for both circles during early August, so please make known soon your desire to participate. We hope you'll join us!

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

SUMMER CAMPS AT CEDAR RIDGE

Attention Parents and Grandparents: Are the kids already getting bored with long summer days with not enough to keep them occupied? A few openings are still available for both residential camps and day camps at **Cedar Ridge Camp**, the camp and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery located right here in Louisville! Various camps are offered for children ages 7-16. Check out opportunities and register on the camp website,

www.cedarridgecamp.com.

Presbyterians can get **\$50** off per child for residential camps by using coupon code "Presbyterian" when checking out. Contact Alicia Bloos for more information. **Register today!** It only takes five minutes!! Make a fun, rewarding, enriching experience part of your child's (or grandchild's) summer experience!

HCM BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

BRP will again be assisting the Highlands Community Ministries' Back to School program to stuff backpacks for children of needy families. We have committed to provide

10 backpacks 50 gluesticks

Now we need your help! During July, please purchase some of these items and place in designated **boxes in**Fellowship Hall. You may also make a monetary gift and we'll shop for you! Mark your check "HCM Back to School" on the memo line. HCM will be picking up the items during the last week of July, so please give monetary donations by July 16 and purchased items by Sunday, July 23. Thank you!

NEXT MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

New members are welcome—and needed! The next meeting will be **Tuesday**, **July 11 at 7:00 P.M.** in the **Club Room**. Please attend and see if this ministry is where God is calling you to serve. Anyone interested in our involvement with our community and the world is invited to join the conversation! Contact Laura Stone at laura.stoneky@yahoo.com 387-3038 or Alicia Bloos, <u>alicia-bloos@hotmail.com</u> or 454-5259, for more information.

FIRST SUNDAY DONATIONS

Each month, Mission Committee collects specific food items for the HCM food pantry. You may contribute at any time during the month prior. Thank you to all who have donated already. There is a <u>plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary</u> where you may place the current requested items (<u>canned meats and soups</u>). Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others. **HCM will pick up current donations when picking up school supplies the week of July 23.**

NEIGHBORFEST: Save the Date!

The 9th Annual NeighborFest is Saturday, September 9 from 3 - 5 pm. There will be many of the old favorites, and some new attractions. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to see you. This is a joint effort with Deer Park Baptist Church and the Deer Park Neighborhood Association. It's a great time for everyone, and we definitely love volunteers. If you wish to help call the church office or Becky Shafer at 895-0095.

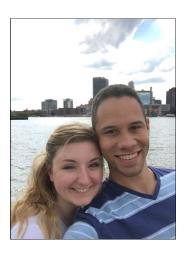
We will need volunteers to help set up, help with different activities, and clean up. Please be thinking about how you can volunteer! *Thanks, Becky*

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Bardstown Road is going solar! In partnership with Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, we will be adding solar panels on our roof to offset a part of our electric cost. It is working with one of our church priorities of good environmental stewardship. Tim Darst will be doing a Minute for Mission to inform us about the project and the benefits we will receive. The church will need to provide \$5,000 towards the cost. If you would like to contribute towards the initial cost, make a donation to the church and label it "for solar panels". Thanks for being a good environmental steward. Doug Rapp

GIVER'S RECORD STATEMENTS

Early in the month we will be emailing your Giver's Record for 2017 YTD.



Lanie and Mike in their future new town, Toledo, Ohio!

WORSHIP ON JULY 30th BRPC

On Sunday, July 30th Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church and Immanuel United Church of Christ will joining together for a combined Vacation Bible School worship service hosted this year by BRPC at 11:00 a.m.



VBS 2017

Dates: July 24-28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 4 through 6th grade

Location: BRP

Our joint VBS program with IUCC will take place the week of July 24-28. The program is open to children 4 years of age through 5th grade. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. Monday through Friday that week with a joint worship service at BRP on July 30th. The program is Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God. Each day focuses on a strength: God's Heroes Have Heart, Courage, Wisdom. Hope, and Power. The children will rotate daily through Bible story time, classroom lessons, music, recreation, crafts, and snack time, interacting together in special ways to make each child feel like a hero with incredible strength for God. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this special time in the life of our church. Registration forms will be available in the church offices at BRP and IUCC.

Molly Rapp, Co-Director VBS



KIDS, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Kids

Around The Campfire Party on Thursday, July 20th from 6-7PM in the Club Room! Stories, Scripture, Silly Songs, Sleeping Bag Races, S'mores – Come say goodbye to Lanie!

Youth

Mission Trip Meeting: For all those going on the mission trip to St. Louis, there will be a short, mandatory informational meeting on Saturday, July 8th at 10:30AM in the Youth Room following the morning yard work. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend – there will be paperwork to sign. Contact Brittany Hesson at hesson.brittanyl@gmail.com for more information or transportation needs.

AMEN St. Louis Mission Trip: The youth and Brittany will be leaving for St. Louis on Sunday, July 9th and will return on Saturday, July 15th. There will be a commissioning for them and send-off prayer during the Sunday worship service. While they are in St. Louis, they will be volunteering for various mission projects, including Kingdom House, Gateway Greening, Lydia's House, St. Louis Food Bank, Isaiah 58 Ministries, Cornerstone Early Learning, International Institute, OHPC Neighborhood Youth Outreach, and Churches on the Streets. In preparation for their work with Isaiah 58 Ministries, the youth will be collecting school supplies to take with them to St. Louis – please watch for more information in the bulletins, and donate if you are able.

Ice Cream Party! On Friday, July 21st at 7PM-9PM, we will meet in the BRP parking lot, walk to Comfy Cow for ice cream, and return to BRP by 9PM. Join us for a time to share stories about the year, dream about the coming year, and say goodbye to Lanie! Contact Lanie at lanie.sipes@gmail.com, if you will need transportation.

Young Adults

Trivia Night! Join us at 8PM on Wednesday, July 19th at The Bard's Town for a fun night of trivia. This will be a time to reflect on the young adult events this past year, share ideas and plans for next year, and say goodbye to Lanie. Hope you can make it!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS					
July 2	July 2 Joint service is at Deer Park Baptist Church with BRP at 10:45 a.m. with				
	Dr. David Platt and Brittany Hesson				
July 3	5:30 p.m.	CE Meeting in the Pastor's Study			
July 8	10:30 a.m.	Mission Trip Meeting Youth Room			
July 9	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time			
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Rev. John Odom preaching			
	(July 9—15 Ame	en St. Louis Youth Mission Trip)			
July 11	7:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting, Club Room			
July 16	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time			
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Bill Williamson preaching			
July 18	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting			
July 19	8:00 p.m.	Young Adults Trivia Night at the Bards' Town			
July 20	6-7:00 p.m.	Kids' Around the Campfire Party—Club Room			
July 21	7-9:00 p.m.	Youth Ice Cream Party			
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