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as we respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.

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Louisville, KY 40205

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Dearly beloved,

We planted a pollinator garden. It may look a little scraggly now, but just wait. Soon, very soon, we will see “flying flowers” dancing from bud to bud. Soon it will be lush and drenched in color. Bees will tumble from blossom to blossom and butterflies will flit and dance from one flower to another. We can wait because, in the words of that lovely song by Nancy Allen,

“In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;

There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”

The beauty of a pollinator garden is that we get to experience this miracle in real time. We will see it. Soon very soon!

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Mary



LOUISVILLE BATS BASEBALL

Attention all BRP Family and Friends Enjoy an evening of Louisville Bats Baseball together on Friday, August 2. Game time is 7 p.m. and the visiting team will be Toledo.

This is a "Cookie Lady Bobblehead" give-away night for the first 2,000 in Slugger Field, so you get to see our baseball team play, and can also take home a Bobblehead of the Highlands famous Kizito Cookie Lady. The church office will have tickets, but please let us know if you would like to attend and how many tickets you need for your family.

Forms will be in the office and in future bulletins.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING AND PENTECOST COLLECTIONS AT BRP

\$1,170 was collected for OGHS. \$855 was collected for Pentecost. Thank you for your generosity.

RULING ELDERS FOR BRPC

The BRPC Ruling Elders for the Class of 2020, Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022 are as follows:

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Lin Block-Coalter	LLester Gamble	Carol Brees
Linda Bowman	Sarah Hageman	Marty Hageman
Jeanie Grosz	John Elgin	Jennie Guelda

TRUSTEES:

Martin Blakeley
Mary Muyenza
Keith Clements

JULY WORSHIP

July will find BRPC worshipping in the Fellowship Hall. We will be experimenting with different types of Worship Services. On July 7th and 14th we will experience Taize like worship services that focus on songs, prayers, meditations, periods of silence and liturgical readings, On July 21 VBS kids and adults will be leading worship in the Sanctuary and on July 28 we will welcome Pastor Elmer Zavala of Preston Highway Ministry to lead us in worship in the Fellowship Hall

BRP MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed with God's love and grace,
we seek to support each other
as we extend God's message of hope and love
to the world around us
by our words and actions.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Reana Waritay	1
Uyen Nguyen	2
Justin Nintije	3
Spencer Bilyeu	5
Kathy Bean	7
Allen Purnell, Jr	9
Gail Henson	12
Jennie Guelda	14
Kanah Johnson	14
Ivona Nijimbere	17
Patty Fitzgerald	24
Louise Anderson	26
Karyn Hickey	27
Nanci Overstreet	30

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

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JUNE 18, 2019 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Two significant items were completed and approved by the Session at this meeting: Bylaws of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church and Safe Church Policy. Copies can be requested from the Church office.

The Treasurer's report for May documented income for the month at \$9,419.00 and expenses at \$20,381. Marty Hageman is welcomed for assuming the role of Treasurer.

Committee reports were received. The Pastoral Nominating Committee has arranged to hear two candidates preach in neutral pulpits in the next month. Lester Gamble reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that roof work will be necessitated due to water pooling/leakage. Christian Education Committee has a zoo trip upcoming for the Children and Youth. Vacation Bible School will be held at BRPC in July. The church pictorial directory is nearing completion under the oversight of the Congregational Life Committee. Good response is reported to the upcoming Restaurant Review night. Support and concrete assistance continue for members in care settings or home bound. The Mission and Service Committee has scheduled installation of the Pollinator garden. Worship with Deer Park Baptist Church is scheduled for June 30. Any checks marked as Fifth Sunday offering will be forwarded by BRPC.

Linda Block-Coalter, Clerk of Session

WE ARE THANKFUL...



We thank **Joe Anne Overstreet** for her leadership of the Women's Circle. Joe Anne has resigned after many, many years of service. Thank you Joe Anne!



Thank you to **Siram Coalter** for your service as Children's and Youth Minister. Best of luck, Siram. You will be missed.

We are thankful for the hard work and devotion of all of the **BRP committees**.

We are thankful for our Sexton, **Corey Bullitt**, for keeping the church clean.

We are thankful to **Rev. Nebelsick** for continuing to guide BRP.

We are thankful for the time **Rev. Mamie Broadhurst** has been Pastor of Covenant Community Church and for bringing CCC into the lives of our congregation at BRP. She will be resigning and traveling with her family to discern their next calling. Her last Sunday will be on July 29th.



Fun at Cedar Ridge Camp

DAY AND EVENING CIRCLES

The Presbyterian Women's Circles do not meet during the summer months. Please watch the August and September newsletters for Circle start-up information. Enjoy the summer.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Six BPR campers are participating in "Splash into Kindness," the church camp experience this summer at Cedar Ridge Camp, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's own camp and retreat center right here in Louisville. Maddie and Arianna Vanamburgh, Alisson Calderon, Esperance Niyibitanga, and Oriverye Ndizeye enjoyed time at camp during June. Ivona Nijimbere will attend camp in July. When you see them, be sure to ask them about their experiences!

Highlands Community Ministries

Highlands Community Ministries has been hosting its **3rd annual Summer Sampler Tour**—an exciting opportunity to experience the many flavors of worship in the Highlands. You still have two opportunities to join in for a free and fun way to sample interfaith services in the safety and support of a like-minded group. One half hour before the earlier service, tour attendees board a van at the Highlands Community Campus (HCC), home of HCM, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. @ Barret Ave., for an early service at one of the participating congregations. The group then returns to the HCC for coffee, donuts, and discussion, then leaves again for a later service that same morning. Attendees also have the option of meeting the group at the congregation building if that better meets their schedule.

BRP members are able to participate in the early visits and still attend the 11:00 A.M. service at our church.

On **July 14**, the group will board the bus at HCM at 7:30 A.M. to attend the 8:00 service at St. Brigid Catholic Church (then visit the 10:15 service at Highland United Methodist, with a concert and lunch following). On July 28, the group will attend the 10:15 A.M. service at Christ Evangelical United Church of Christ (no second service following).

See the flier in the back of the sanctuary or on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for more information.

Volunteers are needed for HCM's Dare to Care Food Pantry. HCM is seeking volunteers to pick up donated food from local vendors and bring back to our Food Pantry on a weekly basis. Driving and lifting required. Pick-up location: Varies. Drop-off Location: HCM's Main Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. (at the corner of Barret Ave.) For details, contact: Program Director, Danah Smith, 502/451-3695 x213 or Food Pantry Coordinator, Tiffany Murphy, 502/451-3695 x260.

HCM is looking for volunteers to help with other aspects of the food pantry program as well, either on a regular basis or as occasional fill-ins, for a variety of tasks: sorting food, manning the pantry when clients come in, etc. If you can help, contact Danah Smith, Director of IFAP and Senior Outreach Programs, at 502-451-3626 or drsmith@hcmlouisville.org.

HCM has an ongoing need for donations of **personal care items**. Neighbors in need receive emergency food and financial assistance, but personal care items are often low in supply. Donations may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. The following new items are most needed

Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Shaving Cream + Razors

Our congregation is participating in **Highlands Community Ministries' Summer Food Drive**. The Dare to Care food supplies get depleted during the summer due to higher demand, which creates shortages in the local food pantries by the time school starts.

Our congregation is collecting **newly purchased SOUP AND CRACKERS** for this drive. Collection for this food drive will continue through **July 14**. Please place your donations in the tote at the back of the sanctuary. **Thank you** for your generous concern for neighbors in need.

HCM Back to School Supplies Collection - Highlands Community Ministries is again asking our help in providing school supplies for area children. The goal for our church is **30 BACKPACKS**, one third of the 90 that HCM hopes to collect. Please bring NEW backpacks to church by **July 14** and place in the box near the food tote in the back of the sanctuary. **Thank you!** You make our community the wonderful place it is!

HABITAT NEWS

Presbyterian churches are getting together again this year (that makes over 20 years!) to build another Habitat house! The building will start July 18-20 for the Raise the Roof process, and BRP members are invited to work on **Saturday, July 20**. By the end of the day that Saturday, the exterior walls will have plywood, there will be plywood on the roof, and all the interior stud walls will be complete. In addition to **construction volunteers**, we will also need **volunteers to provide lunch**. Please let Bill Bowman know if you are willing to work on either activity.

The new homeowner will be Mary Makulata, who emigrated to the US 5 years ago from the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has one daughter who is already a Habitat homeowner, and she has 2 other children and 5 grandchildren. Mary works as a tailor at Highland Cleaners, so perhaps some of us have met her already! We still need more construction volunteers and lunch volunteers for July 20! Please contact the church office if you can help.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

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POLLINATOR GARDEN

A hot Saturday afternoon in mid-June found Bill Bowman, Mary Muyenza, and Mary Nebelsick digging in the dirt in the new pollinator garden next to the BRP parking lot. The church members were joined by volunteers from the Beargrass Creek Alliance, who have expertise in planting these gardens.

Please feel free to stop by the garden on a Sunday morning to check on the plants, look for insects and butterflies, or pull a few weeds. Not only will the garden attract pollinators, it should also filter some of the water flowing into Beargrass Creek. *Bill Bowman*



The **next Mission Committee meeting** is Tuesday, September 10, at 7 P.M. in the Club Room. If you have interest in the work of this committee, please join us!

RESTAURANT REVIEW NIGHT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Seventeen of us gathered at Sarino Italian Restaurant on Friday, June 21. The place is fairly new, shiny and beautifully modern. The atmosphere was wonderful on a rainy night. The wait staff were superb and the food was delicious and plentiful! Comments all around our two tables were very positive. It is a little pricey for a normal evening, but if you are celebrating something special or just want a "special" evening out, we highly recommend Sarino — 1030 Goss Avenue.



WORSHIP ON JULY 21 BRPC

On Sunday, July 21 Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church and Immanuel United Church of Christ will join together for a combined Vacation Bible School worship service hosted this year by BRP at 11:00 a.m.



2019 BRP GRADUATES!



VBS 2019

Dates: July 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ages: 4 through 6th grade
Location: BRP

VBS: 2019 IS COMING SOON!

The joint VBS program between Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian Church and Immanuel United Church of Christ will take place the week of July 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily at Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian Church. The program is open to children four years old-sixth grade. The closing VBS joint worship service will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m. at BRP. Registration forms will be available in the offices of both churches.

This year's program is called **ReNew: The Green VBS**. This adventure empowers children in grades Pre-K to 6th grade to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Each day the children will explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower so they can learn more about this parable in-depth. They will dig into the story from the multiple perspectives of self, community, and world, allowing them to build a relationship with the Bible. The week's lessons will focus on planting seeds, taking roots, growing, facing challenges, and living together. We hope you will come celebrate God's creation with us this summer. *Molly Rapp, VBS Co-Director*



Seo Waritay (top), Kanah Johnson, Graham Overstreet, Wesley Overstreet and Ian Johnson

FLOWERS

Now that we have our Pollinator Garden we will renew our invitation for everyone to provide flowers for the sanctuary. It is a wonderful way to commemorate birthdays, celebrate graduations, rejoice in births, and honor loved ones. The Flower Sign-up Sheet will be on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall. Just fill it in. Please let the office know if you would like to mention the name of your loved one in the bulletin as you have always done.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Church office closed	5	6 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
7 Communion 10:30am Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall Rev.Nebelsick preaching	8 10 am Congregational Life Mtg	9	10	11	12	13 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
14 10:30am Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall Rev.Nebelsick preaching	15 7pm Worship Team Meeting	16 7 pm Session Meeting <i>Vacation Bible School from July 15 to July 19</i>	17	18	19	20 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
21 VBS Service 10:30 Fellowship time 11 a.m. Worship In the Sanctuary Rev. Nebelsick preaching	22	23	24	25	26	27 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
28 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall Pastor Elmer Zavala preaching	29	30	31			27 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 4		Fourth of July — Church office closed
July 7	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time Worship with Communion, Rev. Mary Nebelsick preaching
July 8	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
July 14	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time Worship, Rev. Mary Nebelsick preaching
July 15-19		Vacation Bible School at BRP
July 15	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
July 16	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
July 21	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time VBS Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
July 23		<i>Newsletter deadline</i>
July 28	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time Worship, Rev. Mary Nebelsick preaching