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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.

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Dear Siblings in Christ of Bardstovrn Road Presbyterian Church,

Greetings from your Pastor. I hope that this newsletter finds all of you well. I continue to sit in prayer for each one of you during these challenging times. I am grateful every day to be your pastor, and to walk with you through a scenario that nobody could have dreamed of when y'all were looking for your next pastor. We walk through this together - children of God united in and through the abundant and steadfast love of God.

"It's a movement, not a moment" is what the sign says in the picture above. I think that this is a sentence that Jesus could get on board with - a sentence that he lived out, and a life and ministry that he passed on to his disciples and to us. God's work in the world will never be complete in our lifetime. I know that the concept of protest isn't comfortable for some of you. I also know that, from time to time, Jesus had to flip a few tables in the Temple to be heard. Our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is deeply rooted in justice work. We have policies and confessions that cry out for this work in the world; confessions and policies that are underutilized and so often not mentioned at all. I look forward to sharing some of these with you throughout the summer of 2020.

I ask that you continue to pray for our city, our state, our nation, and our world. I also ask that if you ever have questions about any part of your faith and how you are feeling about our world right now, to reach out to me. I look forward to more in person connections with each of you, day by day, little by little. Love is patient. Love is kind.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

**Together in Justice, Together in Faith:
Standing against Racism, and in Solidarity
with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of
Color)**

Monday - June 15: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

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BRPres family and friends of the church joined in solidarity. We gathered on our church lawn and the east side of our parking lot, a shared presence together, physically distanced, but socially united.

The wonderful signs reflected what was in the hearts of those who attended.

Thanks to Jennie G., Anne C. for the pictures covering the event that you will see throughout this newsletter.



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

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BRP Pastor Mark



VBS: 2020 Compassion Camp: Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You!

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Bardstown Road Presbyterian and Immanuel United Church of Christ have decided to participate in an at home/virtual VBS program from Illustrated Ministry this year. This program is flexible, adaptive, and fun for the entire family. The theme is compassion for others, ourselves, and the world.

The program is geared towards Pre-K through 5th graders and will be taking place during the month of July. Family bags of activities/materials will be available for pick up beginning Sunday June 28th at IUC. Arrangements can also be made to have bags delivered to families, if needed. A google participation form will be sent out to our families electronically. VBS team members will be participating in some video recordings of openings, bible stories, lessons, arts and crafts, and music. These will be available by sessions listed below on the five Wednesdays in July on a virtual platform to be shared with families. You may choose to spread these activities out over the week however it best suits your schedule.

The 5 sessions offered will be:

- July 1st- Session 1- At the Table (Luke 15: 11-32)
- July 8th- Session 2- To the Neighbor (Mark 2: 1-12)
- July 15th- Session 3- For Myself (Mark 12: 28-31)
- July 22nd- Session 4- Along the Way (Ruth 1: 1-22)
- July 29th- Session 5- With the World (Leviticus 25)

We hope you and your family will enjoy the curriculum. We felt that the Compassion theme was very appropriate for all of us this year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our virtual VBS.

Molly Rapp- VBS Co-Director

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HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 16, 2020 SESSION MEETING

On June 16, 2020 the Session met in person after utilizing email and Zoom meetings for the previous three months. Time was devoted to sharing concerns. The compelling cries for peace and justice in our community as well as the needs of members and friends of the congregation were held up in prayer.

As a part of his Moderator's report, the Pastor solicited feedback on two recent events: Shannon and Paul's wedding and the gathering for Solidarity in Justice and Faith. Both events were planned and executed with high attention to safety precautions. Nevertheless, they were meaningful opportunities for members and friends to gather, celebrate and uphold brothers and sisters of color, black and/or indigenous.

The Pastor, Gillian Hollis and Jeanie Grosz have facilitated on-line worship for the past three months in marvelous fashion. The Session has voted to return to in-person worship on July 12, 2020, 11:00 am, which will be live streamed as well. Session will review the occasion to assure whether this course will continue or be delayed. Small group opportunities, such as the Sunday morning prayer group (9:30 am in the parking lot), are in planning stages.

A Congregational Meeting is called for August 23, 2020, 12:00 pm. The election of new officers and presentation of Administrative Manual for BRPC are on the agenda



GILLIAN'S GARDEN

Before



After



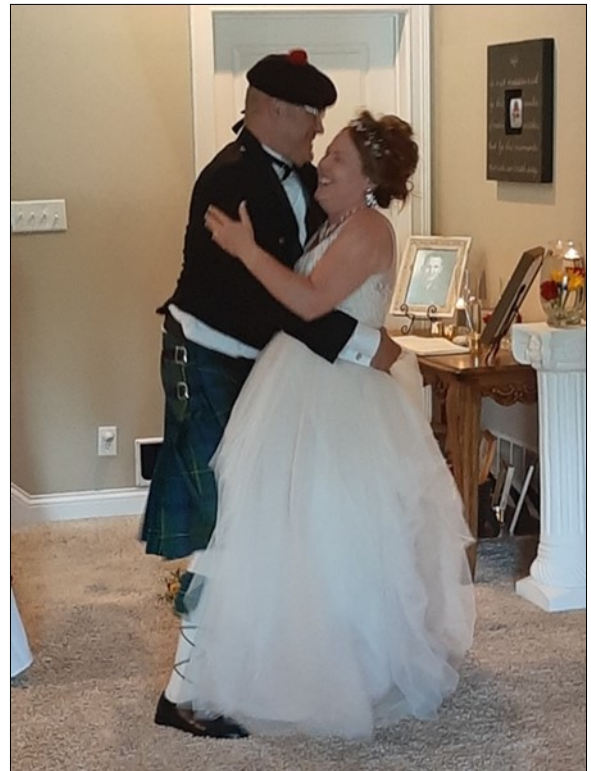
Pastor Mark and Gillian made the decision to use their PNC gift to start a garden.



SHANNON AND PAUL'S WEDDING

The wedding was officiated by Pastor Mark Eldred on Saturday June 6, 2020 at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. The attendees were family, friends, and everyone watching via live-stream.

Congratulations Shannon and Paul!



MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

HCM continues to need our help, now during the pandemic more than ever. There is more need in our community for assistance with food, rent, etc. HCM also has less income at this time due to the months of shut-down of the child care facilities, and upcoming fundraisers may not provide the usual income because of the necessary changes in formats. How can you help?

Current needs:

HCM Food Pantry and IFAP -- Need continues for food donations and monetary donations to assist clients.

Curbside Food Drive – In lieu of the usual Summer Food Drive and Back-to-School Supplies Drive with the normal collection of specified school supplies and food items, HCM is having a **CURBSIDE FOOD DRIVE on Sunday, July 19, 1-3 P.M.** at HCM's Food Pantry door, front entrance, at 1228 E. Breckinridge St. Donations sought include: Hearty soups, stews, and crackers, mac and cheese, pasta and hearty sauce, canned tuna and canned meat. Toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, \$25 gift cards for Walmart and Target.

HCM's Kids Closet, that has been located at member congregation Concordia Lutheran Church for many years, is moving over to HCM's main campus at 1228 E. Breckinridge St., to expand the food pantry for kids' items. However, for various reasons, HCM can't manage clothing, but will manage diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, small health care items, etc. for young kids and babies. There are many kids sized clothes (up to age 6) currently at Concordia that HCM would like to donate somewhere. If your congregation would like them or if you know of an organization that would take them, please let HCM know.

Thank you for assisting in any way you are able! You can contribute in several ways:

Purchase grocery items or gift cards and drop off at HCM.

Make an online donation at <https://hcmlouisville.org/donate>

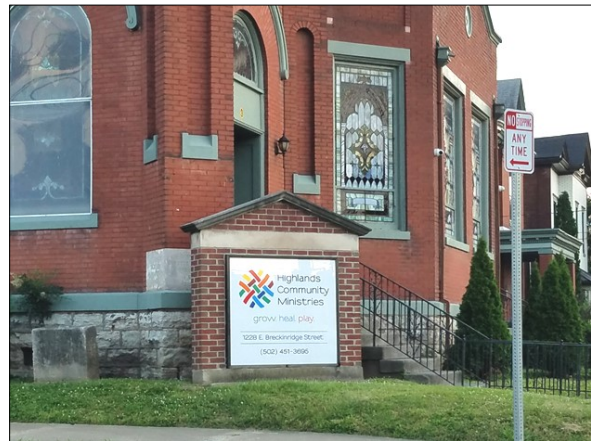
Mail a check to HCM.

Mail a check to BRP, made out to BRPC with "HCM donation" on the memo line.

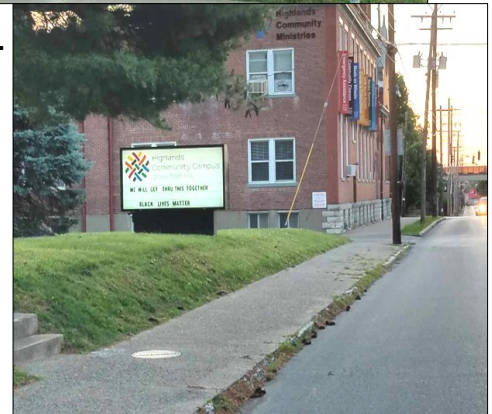
BRPC FOOD PANTRY and TARC BUS PASSES

Even during this time of quarantining, we occasionally still need to try to help those who come to the church door in need. Please consider: Donating **non-perishable ready-to-eat snack items** such as cheese/peanut butter crackers, individual tuna or chicken salad with crackers, cereal and granola bars, beanie wienies, pudding cups, and other no-cooking-needed, non-refrigerated items.

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NEW SIGNAGE AT HCM



Making a financial contribution to help with our purchase of TARC Partner Passes for those who come to the church door in need. The need surpasses our budget at this time, so please help if you are able. You may mail a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line. Thank you!

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

2020 Summer Camps are happening at Cedar Ridge Camp! Two weeks in June featured day camps—complete with face masks and temperature checks, but all the usual fun, too. July 6-25 will be a residential Quarantine Camp for ages 8-15. For camp info for your child, contact camp or Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@hotmail.com.

Because of no usage by school, church, civic, or private groups this spring, and reduced summer camp programming, Cedar Ridge's income has been reduced. You may help CRC with donations at www.cedarridgecamp.com or by sending a check to camp, or to BRP with "Cedar Ridge donation" on the memo line.

Work has begun on the lower level of the new chapel! Some funding is still needed to complete the project, but the **official groundbreaking will take place July 1 at 7:00 P.M.**

Thank you for any assistance you can provide to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's Camp and Retreat Center!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VSB dates — July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (virtual)

July 12—First in-person worship at BRP with covid guidelines

August 23 — Annual Congregational Meeting

September 11 — 12 Family Camp (covid pending)

September 19 — NeighborFest (covid pending)

