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Dear Beloved,

I am excited to be joining you in ministry at Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church. Being your Transitional Pastor is a great joy. There is no place I would rather be! I am grateful to all of you for inviting me to be your Transitional Pastor. As many of you know, Louisville KY is my home, but I was not privileged to be born here. I was born far away in Berlin Germany, the second child of missionary parents. My parents took us to Beirut, Lebanon before bringing us to Louisville, Kentucky. The magnificent trees in Louisville made a lasting impression on me. I thought I had entered an enchanted forest when my mother first walked us from our home on Gresham Road to Belknap Elementary School. We soon moved just up the street from Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church on Casselberry Rd. I grew up roaming Cherokee Park with my brothers, coasting down the hills in the winter snow and fishing off of Big Rock. My parents gave us bikes when we first moved to Louisville and we rode them everywhere! I can see myself on my bike straining to make it all the way up Speed Avenue's hill on my way to Highland Junior High School. (I still know the fight song!). My brothers and I would always look up longingly at Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church's beautiful windows and inviting doors. I was thrilled to be invited to attend youth group meetings in its spacious fellowship hall; worshipping, laughing and dancing with other Presbyterian kids. We followed most of our Highland friends to Atherton for High School. I woke up early to practice with the Atherton Swim team and stayed late to practice with the Field Hockey team. I have to admit, that as much as I loved swimming and running, I was the weakest member of both teams. Just being allowed to join the teams was happiness enough.

Sunday's found us all at Second Presbyterian Church where we watched the transformation of the Church Building from a beautiful chapel to a majestic sanctuary. My heart goes back to that chapel, the wonderful people I knew and the support and love I felt! In worship, as nowhere else, I was challenged, I was loved, I was secure, I was at home! . As a child and teenager I took the beauty of this lovely city for granted. I now know what a gift it is.

I left Louisville after High School to return two years ago. In the "between-time" I have lived all over the world: Boston, MA; Princeton NJ; Heidelberg Germany, Roanoke, Virginia; Houston, Texas; and most recently, the Philippines. I spent that time being a student, a pastor, a friend, a Christian Educator, a Campus Minister, a Professor and a devoted member of vibrant local churches. I was invited to join our brothers and sisters around the world in ministry. I



No matter where I was in the world, I knew the Church was my home. I never worried about getting lost or feeling alone because the arms of the Church surrounded me. I knew that if ever I was in danger, and I was in danger more than once, I could turn to pastors, church members and friends both here and abroad. The love that is the "calling card" of the Church, the devotion to all its members, and the happiness that is lived in the Church has fed me, comforted me and lifted me up.

It was the love of family drew us back home. My mother was severely ill and I was blessed to be able to be with her and guide her steps in her final years. I was with her through many doctor's visits, hospital operations, and rehabilitation centers. I held her hand as she took her final breath and accompanied her body during its final moments.

All of these memories came to mind as I drove along the Ohio River and into the Indiana farm country this past Sunday. I often preach at Elizabeth and Laconia IN, and love and cherish these wonderful congregations.

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As I turned the corner from the Ohio Scenic Highway toward Route 211, I noticed the corn stalks standing brown and crisp in neatly, ordered rows. I couldn't help but sing,

"For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies,
 Over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of the hour,
 Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and
 Flower. Sun and moon and stars of light, Sun and moon
 and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful
 hymn of praise

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts
 and mild, For all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to
 thee we raise, This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, To us all so freely given,
 Graces human and divine Flowers of earth and buds of
 heaven, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
 Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our joyful hymn of praise.

This hymn of praise sums up my experience of the Love of
 God. It is my greatest hope to share the love of God, the
 joy of faith and the delight in all of God's gifts with all of you.
 This is a precious time and I am very happy that we have
 been called to spend it together.

*Many blessings,
 Mary*



WELCOME REV. MARY NEBELSICK

We welcome Rev. Mary Nebelsick and her family to Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. She will preach on November 5th and following the service we invite you to Fellowship Hall for a brief reception so that each of you can meet the family and personally welcome them to BRP.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	John Carver	2
	Sally Gamble	3
	Linda Dole Carver	4
	Stephanie Barnett	7
	Martin Blakeley	9
	Marcia Hageman	9
	Maeson Graff	9
	Rachel Parsons-Wells	10
	Devin Clements	11
	Jen Macway	12
	Melissa Clark	13
	Florence Shoemaker	14
	Betty Shoemaker	14
	Stevenline Waritay	14
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	Daniel Rapp	17
	John Henson	18
	Ann Yates	18
	Johanna Fears	19
Rebecca Johnson	19	
Jennifer Green Fuss	20	
Theo Shafer	21	
Tom FitzGerald	22	
Malinda Brockman	25	
Samantha Kellgren	25	
Carol Brees	26	
Marge Rice	28	
Melissa Ortiz	29	

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OCTOBER 17, 2017 SESSION SUMMARY

- Minutes of September 19th meeting approved
- Motion approved to accept the recommendation of the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee for Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick to be submitted to the Commission on Ministry on November 6th to become the Interim Pastor for Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian Church
- Motion accepted to approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick upon approval of her position by the Commission on Ministry
- There was a "House Blessing" for the Waritay's new home on October 7, led by Brittany Hesson
- Joint service planned with Deerpark Baptist on November 19, 2017. Service at Deerpark and dinner at BRP in Fellowship Hall following the service.
- Report on Stewardship campaign and follow-up with people to still respond for 2018 planning
- Review of membership roll will be planned for November session meeting
- Welcome reception after church on November 5th for the Nebelsick family. Everyone is invited to meet and greet the family to BRP
- Motion to send a donation of \$130 to replace stolen cash designated for the Peace Offering. This will be combined with previous Peace Offering gifts received. Money will come from the Mission Tithe Bequest fund

STEWARDSHIP

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:"
I Peter 4:10



The session is working on plans for the calendar year 2018. Those plans will take in many of the things we talked about during our discernment time with Rev. Peggy Hinds. Each of the ministries and directions that were expressed during this time need everyone's commitment to help in the form of time, talents, money and most of all prayer.

Please give prayerful consideration to your stewardship and how you can take part in the ministry at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. On Stewardship Sunday we heard people tell their "story" and the impact it had on them and their faith. What is your story and how will your story continue to unfold with your Stewardship in the coming year? We can all make a difference and that will bring great joy to both the giver and the receiver of our gifts and prayers.

If you have not sent in your commitment card for 2018, please respond by mailing it in to the church or dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. God loves a cheerful giver!
Doug Rapp

FIRE OF ADVENT

Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, p. 187

"Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time."

ADVENT DINNER/HANGING OF THE GREENS – BEGINS WEDNESDAY, November 29 at 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the dinner programs on four Wednesdays during Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20) as we gather for a time of spiritual nurture and Community Fellowship. This is a chance to be with others who desire God's presence in the midst of the holiday frenzy.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – FOLLOWS THE ADVENT DINNER ON NOVEMBER 29



Wednesday, November 29th, following the Advent Dinner, you are invited to come and help decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent season. Please come if you can.

BARDESTOWN ROAD AGLOW – Dec. 2

Okay - Bardstown Road Aglow is fast approaching. Save Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6 - 9 pm for this great event. We need help preparing drinks, setting up, and cleaning up plus goodies. We ask that the goodies be in small packages - cookies, brownies, etc.

If you are available to help, please call the church office or Becky at 895-0095.

Thanks!
Becky

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Kids Club

The November Kids Club will be Wednesday, November 15. We'll meet in the choir room at 5:30 p.m. for choir practice and head up to the 3rd floor for.... SCIENCE! The kids will be testing out some safe science experiments, so make sure they dress in clothes they don't mind getting a little messy. All kids in grades kindergarten – 5th are welcome!

Youth Group

All 6th-12th graders are invited to youth group at 3:45 p.m. on Sundays up on the 3rd floor. Our November activity schedule is as follows:

Nov. 5 – Cooking Lesson
Nov. 12 – Faith Family Tree
Nov. 19 – Service Project
Nov. 26 – Bible Lesson

Transportation Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help transport BRP members and friends to and from church, especially on Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary with all time slots to be filled. A list of willing transporters will be distributed to the whole congregation. 24-hour notice is requested for all transportation needs. Please see Brittany Hesson with any questions.



Lanie Sipes' ordination on Oct 14 at
First Presbyterian Church
in Chillicothe, OH

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Please turn your clocks back one hour

Project Warm—November 11th

Advent Dinners will be on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 & 20
from 6-7:15 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens on November 29 after the
Advent Dinner

Bardstown Road Aglow on - Dec. 2, 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 10 Youth Choir will sing Advent Music

Dec. 17 Adult Choir Cantata, "Follow That Star"

November Mission Committee Meeting

We are a small church, but we have a big heart (and footprint!) when it comes to mission. We would love to have any and all interested folks join us at our next Mission Committee meeting in the **Club Room**, **Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00pm** to learn and contribute to our work. We will be discussing our role in the world, both locally and abroad. Please join us!

PRESBYTERY MEETING

The next Presbytery Meeting is at Peace Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday November 18. The address is 4210 E Indian Trail, Louisville, KY

END OF YEAR GIVING: A reminder that all charitable contributions must be postmarked (or delivered to the church office) by December 31st to be credited as a donation in 2017. Anything received after that date will be credited as a 2018 donation. Your prayers, financial support, and amazing generosity are truly inspiring and greatly appreciated as we share in ministry through BRPC.



LOCK IT UP!

The church is blessed by the number of people that use our building, our "spiritual garden". With this use we have had some recent problems of leaving the church unsecured and not properly locked after events. This has happened with our own activities as well outside groups. Everyone can help by making sure the building is secure when then leave the building even if you only used one part of the building. Someone may have unknowingly gone out another door after using the restroom etc. and the door is left unlocked. Help keep an eye out and lock it up or get someone else to lock it up before they leave. We are in the process of doing a key audit so please contact Johanna in the office to confirm you are listed on the master key sign out log. Thanks for your help.
Doug Rapp

Where do you see God working in your life?

Louisville Home School Class!



We welcome Louisville Home School again for another school year as a part of the BRP Ministry and Mission!

Louisville Homeschool's cottage program is dedicated to enhancing homeschooler's educational opportunities by exposing children to creative learning experiences in various subjects. Our goals are to foster a lifelong love of learning, to teach and demonstrate acceptance for all people, to positively enrich the lives of homeschoolers, and provide excellent educational opportunities. LHCP is an inclusive, secular cottage program that welcomes all homeschoolers.

Our program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays on floors 2 & 1/2 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. We have a 30 minute lunch in Fellowship Hall at noon. Each child has different lunch chores including sweeping, wiping tables, and doing the dishes. This year, our classes include Art, Journalism, STEM challenges, Music, Band, ASL, Women's History, Literature, Reading Skills, Yearbook, Kentucky History, and many more! We provide classes for grades PK - 8th. This year, we had 78 children sign up for classes, with about 60 coming on each day. *Jackie Hawkins, Director*

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM LOUISVILLE HOME SCHOOL Dearest BRP Congregation, We have had a wonderful start to our new year thanks to your continued support!

Our program continues to grow. This year, we have been able to offer classes to about 80 homeschooled students! Our program is unique because, just like BRP, we welcome everyone. We have families that drive 1 to 1-1/2 hours one way to join us each week.

We cannot thank you enough for your support. We truly love being a part of the BRP family and we are looking forward to another fantastic year! Thanks, Jackie Hawkins



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

LIFE IS SWEETER UNDER THE CEDARS

In honor of the 60th anniversary of Cedar Ridge, donations are being sought to plant 60 new cedar trees. Can you contribute \$150 for a new tree? More info available from Alicia Bloos or visit the camp website.

MONETARY DONATIONS

If you were unable to attend ***AUTUMN UNDER THE CEDARS, camp's recent fundraising gala***, or you don't feel you can buy a cedar tree, you may still show your support with a donation on the camp website, by mail to Cedar Ridge Camp, 4010 Old Routt Road, Louisville, KY 40299, or by marking "Cedar Ridge Camp donation" on the memo line of your check to BRPC and placing it in the offering plate during BRP Church Worship. No amount is too small or unappreciated!



Autumn Under the Cedars Fundraising Gala on Oct. 14

PHOTOS NEEDED

If you have any photos taken during our 60 years of association with Cedar Ridge Camp (during BRP's volunteer work building a cabin, as a camper or counselor, at a retreat, etc.), please contact Alicia. We will be sure to return your original photo to you unharmed.

Thank you for your continuing support of OUR camp!

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFT BASKETS

BRP will again be helping neighbors with Christmas gifts and food. We will be helping approximately 12 people (3-5 families) with food baskets and two \$25 value gifts. Watch for details next month about how you can help, or tell Alicia Bloos now that you'd like to be involved, buying gifts and food, sorting items for baskets, and/or delivering.

FIRST-SUNDAY-OF-THE-MONTH FOOD DRIVE

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 plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the requested items, canned meats and soups. Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others. *Donations have dropped in recent months, but the need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries!

HCM THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND DINNER

This will take place at HCM campus on Tuesday, November 21. Ask Marty Hageman or Kris or Alicia Bloos for more information.

ABOUT HCM

--HCM has recently expanded its food pantry space to better serve neighbors in need.
--2018 Budget has been approved. HCM sponsors two child-care sites, adult day care, adult outreach and lunch meals, Highlands Youth Recreation, Individual Family and Assistance site, and more.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Hygiene kits prepared locally last April have been pulled into service in the days following recent hurricane damage in parts of our country. Strathmore Presbyterian Church will again sponsor kit assembly April 21, 2018. In the meantime, check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at pda.pcusa.org for how you can help right now! Our mission committee is beginning to consider a trip to assist in Puerto Rico; tell Peggie Elgin if you might be interested in participating or helping with fundraising.

HABITAT NEWS

This year's Presbyterian Habitat house is finished! Keith Clements represented BRP on the work crew on September 23, handling a lot of painting and trim work. After that, the rest of the churches finished up the remaining work and had the house dedication in mid-October. The new homeowners have already moved in! Next year, we hope to get a faster notice when the new Presbyterian house will begin.

PROJECT WARM

November 11 is the Saturday when a team from BRP will participate in Project Warm's annual "Blitz." During two weekends in November, teams will weatherize over 300 houses in the Metro area. Although the work is easy and no experience is necessary, tightening up a house can make a dramatic impact on one's heating bills during the winter season. We invite all BRP members to come out on the 11th to help our neighbors in need--just call Bill Bowman for details.

INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light is a Louisville non-profit that's had offices on the third floor for a couple of years, and Tim Darst (who spoke to the congregation about solar panels) is the Executive Director. KIPL helps congregations address earth care issues in all parts of the Commonwealth. They also gave BRP a grant to help with the cost of our solar panels.

KIPL invites all BRP members to attend a presentation and dinner on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Guiding Light Islamic Center in Hikes Point for a "Muslim-Christian Dialog on Care for Creation."

Speaking of solar panels, they should be installed on the BRP roof any day now! *Bill Bowman*

November 2017

2Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 8-12 Farmer's Market
5 <i>Daylight Saving time ends</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Preaching Rev. Nebelsick Reception 3:45pm Youth Group	6	7	8 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 Veteran's Day 8-12 Farmer's Market Project Warm
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Preaching Rev. Nebelsick 3:45 pm Youth Group	13	14 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in Club Room 7pm Mission Team	15 5:30 pm Kids' Choir 6-7 Kids' Club 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	16 7pm Worship Team Mtg	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 8-12 Farmer's Market 10am Presbytery meeting Peace Presbyterian Church
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship @ Deer Park Lunch at BRP 3:45 p.m. Youth Group	20	21 7pm Session Meeting	22	23 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	24 Church office closed	25 8-12 Farmer's Market
26 Communion 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Preaching Rev. Nebelsick 3:45 p.m. Youth Gr.	27	28	29 6pm Advent Dinner/ Program	30	1	2 Bardstown Rd Aglow



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| November 1,8,15 | 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| November 5 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday School |
| (Daylight Saving Time Ends) | 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
Reception for The Nebelsick Family |
| | 3:45 p.m. Youth Group (11/5,12,19,26) |
| November 11 | Project Warm |
| November 14 | 11:00 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting |
| November 15 | 5:30 p.m. Kids' Choir |
| | 6-7:00 p.m. Kids' Club |
| November 16 | 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting |
| November 18 | 10:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Peace Presbyterian Church |
| November 13 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday School |
| November 19 | Worship at Deer Park Baptist Church
Lunch at BRPC |
| November 21 | 7:00 p.m. Session meeting |
| November 23 & 24 | Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed |
| November 26 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching (Communion Sunday) |
| November 29 | 6-7:30 p.m. Advent Dinner and Hanging of the Greens |