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Dearly beloved,

Joy, laughter, happiness! Joy bubbles over,
laughter echoes and happiness fills our hearts.
Whenever I think about joy, I see children and adults
singing and clapping with joyous abandon singing,

*"I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Where? Down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay*

*And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart
Where? Down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart!
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart.
Down in my heart to stay.*

*And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

And then comes the tongue twister

*I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my
heart
Where? Down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart!
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my
heart. Down in my heart to stay*

*And I'm so happy, So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart."*

Let's keep this joy in our hearts as we enter this
Stewardship Season. Bardstown Road Presbyterian
Church brings great joy, and love, and hope to our 84
members and over 360 community members every
single month.

In our worship services we celebrate the love of Jesus
and refresh ourselves so that we can stand up for the
Love of God in Christ Jesus in a world that is being
torn apart by the flames of division and intolerance. In
all our programs we follow Jesus' radical love. We
stand ready to act. We inspire others and ourselves to
take positive civic action, and we coach the necessary
skills and habits to consistently translate heroic
impulses into action. We may do this quietly, through
many different activities, but we do this none-the-less
and we are hugely impactful.

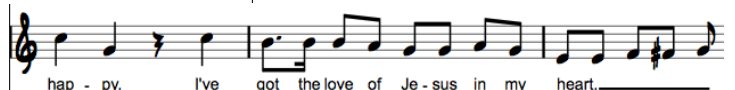
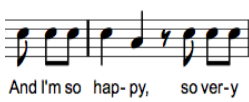
We celebrate with our three covenant partners
Covenant Community Church, Kentucky Interfaith
Power and Light and Louisville Homeschool. in joyous
recognition of the gifts they bring to BRPC and the
wider community. We extend our joyous welcome to
over 15 other community organizations and give
sanctuary to numerous individuals who come to us for
food, shelter and a caring embrace.

Jesus told us that he came, "not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."
BRPC serves actively and lovingly. To continue to
serve in this way we need to give sacrificially to the
work of the Church. Please participate generously in
this season of Stewardship and pledge sacrificially so
that the ministry of BRPC can resound with joy in our
congregation and community. Let us be the people
Christ has called us to be with great joy!

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Mary

I've Got the Joy Joy Joy

George William Cooke (1848-1923)



ALICIA & KRIS BLOOS' GRANDSON

William (Liam) David Miller arrived 10/8/18 at 7:12am, 8lbs, 4oz and 20 inches long.

Congratulations to my wonderful son Rob and my beautiful daughter-in-law Brandi who welcomed their son Liam into the world on October 8, 2018.....on what would have been my father's 100th birthday. He would have been so happy! A big thank you for allowing me to share the experience with you!

Alicia Bloos



THANK OFFERING—November 18

Starting back in 1888 Presbyterian Women (and now men) have raised tens of millions of dollars for worthwhile mission projects. This offering gives us a tangible way to express gratitude for the special blessings in our lives. Due to generous giving in 2017, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee was able to choose 16 projects out of 83 submitted. Grants ranging from 5,000 to 50,000 dollars were given to national and 4 international projects. International were to Guatemala, Sudan, Egypt and Indonesia. All 16 are posted in Fellowship Hall. The variety of needs is interesting. Please check out where your gifts are being used this year. Three others that especially pleased me are: (1) Arroyo Grande, California to purchase mobile showers for the homeless and initiating this service; (2) Golden, Colorado's Good Neighbor Garage that repairs donated cars giving them to low/fixed income to single mothers and widows. They provide maintenance, train mechanics and hold clinics on car care; (3) and one close to home is in Lexington, KY. Their grant will purchase a refrigerated food truck. This will allow the Lighthouse Ministries to safely transport food from groceries and restaurants to impact the hunger community.

Think about how much you appreciate your shower, your car and your good food. Each little bit of money adds up to a massive amount of good. The grants given this year totaled almost 400,000 dollars.

Our offering will be dedicated on Sunday November 18th but you may mail in your gift to church at any time. What is given now determines what will be granted for 2019. May God bless our efforts in helping with worldwide needs.

The Mission Committee

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
	Stevenline Waritay	14
	Jacob Brockman	16
	Michael Brockman	16
	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 16, 2018 SESSION SUMMARY

From Rev. Mary Nebelsick

BRPC's Session met on October 16, 2018 in the Club Room at 7pm. The meeting opened with singing and prayer.

The Rev. Mary Nebelsick summarized her written report which included dates on which she preached (Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14) and the number of Home Communion services as well as visitations to members in care facilities. The Rev. Nebelsick continues to host homeless community members who come to the building to share food and cold water, to power their cell phones, to participate in a caring moment. She is also actively involved in caring for our Youth and their families. She provided the Session with a summary of the many ways in which the BRPC facility was used by various groups. In addition to the regular use of the BRPC by the BRPC Congregation, 19 Groups and approximately 400 persons used the building and grounds in October. This is a phenomenal ministry to the wider community!

For the month, the church's operating budget had receipts of \$25,237.75 with expenses of \$19,567.94. Year to date the income is \$163,394.85 with expenses of \$154,822.03, leaving a surplus of \$8,572.82.

John Elgin, chair of the Building and Grounds committee. Lester Gamble and Doug Rapp, members of the B&G committee have surveyed the facility to assess the need for new keys. Since new keys are being issued and BRPC is anxious to provide as much space to as many community groups as possible, each group will be asked to fill out three documents: a building use contract, a release of indemnity and a document outlining the policy rules and regulations established by the Session of BRPC. Contacting each group individually will provide the pastor the opportunity to reconnect with each group to express BRPC's support of their ministry and mission and provide any pastoral care needed. The Session voted to approve these documents and their use.

BRPC is happy to welcome our new Sexton Darrius Duett. He began work at the beginning of October.

The Joseph Schnurr Company will begin work on the ceiling repair on October 22, 2018. The company will patch and repair the ceiling with a laminate to keep the area from falling again in the near term. The company will check other areas of the ceiling that may need to be repaired as well.

The Christian Education Committee reported on their many meetings and gave an update on the All Church Retreat that was held at Cedar Ridge on October 6, 2018. The Retreat was a success! All kids had a great time!

Transporting all the kids to all the events that the CE Committee wishes to host continues to be a problem. The CE Committee is seeking input on how best to provide the needed transportation. The possibility of a van was discussed in light of the vans that have been owned by BRPC in the past.

Siram Coalter our Youth Coordinator reported on the Sunday School and Youth Events planned for October and early November. Our youth will be busy!

The Worship Committee discussed the worship schedule in light of the ceiling repair. BRPC is planning to worship in the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 and possibly Nov. 4. We will welcome Jacob Coalter, son of Martha Claire Coalter, grandson of Lin Block-Coalter and nephew of Siram Coalter into the BRPC family through the sacrament of baptism on Nov. 18, 2018.

The Congregational Life Committee continues to visit homebound individuals as well as nursing care facility residents on the second Friday of each month. Birthday Cards will continue to be sent out with much love. An after worship potluck will be held on November 4, 2018. The talk to be given by Gail Hinson will be held at a later date.

The Mission Committee reported that the Presbyterian Habitat House was dedicated on October 13, 2018. HCM held its empty bowls event at Bellarmine University on Oct. 11. The closure meeting for BRPC, 1st Presbyterian Church Shelbyville and 1st Christian Church Shelbyville will take place on Nov. 5. KIPL will hold its Monarch Butterfly Waystation gathering on Nov. 8., Project Warm will begin again in Nov. 3. The voter registration table at the Farmer's Market on Sept. 15 and 22 was a success. BRPC will invite Pastor Elmer Zavala pastor of Preston Highway Ministry has been invited to speak to the Mission Committee at their next meeting.

The Mission display case near the Fellowship Hall is being utilized to highlight activities of the Mission Committee. Cedar Ridge Camp is highlighted in October and into November. Heiffer International will be highlighted beginning in mid-November.

The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering will be collected on Nov. 18, 2018.

The next Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Meeting will take place on Nov. 2 & 3, 2018 at the Presbyterian Church of Danville. It will be a Tri-Presbytery Meeting **Transylvania, Mid-Kentucky and Western Kentucky Presbyteries Stronger Together, Reclaiming Common Ground: Presbyterians Responding to the Needs of Kentucky**

The meeting ended with singing and prayer.

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 2018. Anything received after that date will be credited as a 2019 donation. Your prayers, financial support, and amazing generosity are truly inspiring and greatly appreciated as we share in ministry through BRPC.

STEWARDSHIP

'Tis the Season

It is the season of stewardship where we pledge our time, talents, and treasure to the continuing operation of God's Church. As Lin noted in her letter to the members of our congregation, our church and our stewardship has touched many people in our community. The continuing impact depends upon our involvement and commitment to keeping the church available.



With the attrition of members and loss of many friends, maintaining the church has been more difficult for so many who have given what they can. Fortunately, many of those who are no longer with us have remembered the church in their will in a final gift to help fund the church. The good stewardship of these funds has allowed us to handle the problems an older building faces and continue to provide the home for all the community programs we support. In the past year, the number of pledges has dropped, and our budget has had to rely more on the endowment. Those who use our building provide "love gifts," but since most serve the neediest people, their income is not sufficient to carry the burden of upkeep and maintenance. Our mission to the greater community has been to make BRP a place to rely upon to provide support to organizations that need space to carry out their goals in helping those in need. We also support many other organizations through our pledges.

Now is the season, now is the time to consider our support to carry us forward into another year. I hope that you will join me as a cheerful giver in considering your pledge of time, talent, and treasure on November 4th. Think of it as another opportunity to vote with your dollars for a church that is making a difference in so many lives.
Stewardship Committee.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

The retreat was on Saturday October 6, 2018 at Cedar Ridge Camp. *Some fishing fun!!*



HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens will be at 4pm with Pizza ordered in afterwards. Please come join us too make the church beautiful!

ADVENT DINNERS

You are invited to participate in the dinner programs on 2 Wednesdays during Advent (December 5 and 12 beginning at 6:00 p.m.) 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.

December 5th will be a catered dinner followed by a Candlelit Labyrinth Walk led by Dr. Robert Bozeman. He has a Labyrinth that he can bring and lay down in Fellowship Hall. Everyone would then walk the Labyrinth one by one. Choir members could go first so that they could get to Choir on time. Other walkers would then follow. Robert would end the program with a concluding message.

December 12th is a catered Advent Dinner with Cookie Baking and Decoration after.

BARDSTOWN ROAD AGLOW – Dec. 1

Okay - Bardstown Road Aglow is fast approaching. Save Saturday, Dec. 1, 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!

DR. ROBERT BOZEMAN

Dr. Bozeman is a church organist, pianist and Certified Spiritual Director. He will utilize BRPC as a venue for three classes: Bones for Life, Artist's Way, and the Labyrinth. All three classes would be open to the BRPC congregation as well as the community. He proposes to tithe from fees he charges as a Love Gift to BRPC

The first class is a "**Bones for Life**" class that would begin at 10am on Tuesday, **November 6, 2018** and would last 60 to 75 minutes in the Fellowship Hall.

The second class is the "Artist's Way Class". It would meet on Tuesday nights in Fellowship Hall. It is an actualization of Julia Cameron's book **Artist's Way**. It is a 12 week program that would begin on **January 8th, 2019** and would meet in the evenings at 7pm.

The third event is the **Candlelit Labyrinth** walk at the **December 5th** Advent Dinner.

SHOPPING TRIP WITH THE KHAI FAMILY



I was able to take the girls, (L-R) Hau, Nau Cing, Vung and Don, to buy some winter wear as the temps dropped. We also picked out two hats for the boys, Mung and Suan. They could use scarves. If anyone has extra bring them in to the nursery. Men's gloves as well.

Our committed time (3 months) is nearing a close; however, we will be staying in close touch as the family gains independence.

Pictured above: Vung, Don, Jennie, Hau and baby girl Nau Cing. *Jennie*

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM LOUISVILLE HOME SCHOOL

Dearest BRP Congregation,
Thank you so much for all you do. We are so happy and grateful to you all for sharing this wonderful space with us. We are truly blessed.

John 6:11 "Jesus took the bread and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat."

We are so very thankful and happy to be here. We look forward to many more years!

Warm wishes and regards.
Jackie Hawkins



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

As it is time for stewardship, we are trying to teach the kids to be preservers of the resources and beauty that God made. Siram

Saturday, Nov 3 BRPC/CCC 9:00 - 2:00 PM

BRP Youth Join Project Warm Blitz: Bill Bowman Heads Up Our Efforts Every Year. This Year we hope to put youthful exuberance to work to warm up homes and save energy.

Sunday, Nov 11 BRPC/CCC Youth 4:00 – 4:50

Exploring our Commitments: Green Living & Environment Discussion.

Saturday, Nov 17 BRPC/CCC ALL AGES 11:00 – 3:00 PM

KY Museum of Arts & Crafts Family Fun Day (Everyone is invited to come take part in a free art workshop hosted by KMAC).

Sunday, Nov 25 BRPC/CCC Youth 3:00 – 4:50

BRP/CCC Matinees: A Quiet Place: Themes of Family & Responsibility (Youth event).



Such fun carving Jack O lanterns with the youth, young and old at church on October 14.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES**

The 2018-19 *Horizons* Bible study for Women's Circles is focusing on ***God's Promise: I Am with You*** by Amy Poling Sutherland. According to the Presbyterian Women website, the study "takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence...." Study books are available for \$10.

The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting is November 13 at 11 A.M. in the Clubroom. Contact Joe Anne Overstreet for more information.

The Evening Circle meets in members' homes; its meeting day is flexible. Please contact Alicia Bloos for more information.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Fall is a busy time at Cedar Ridge Camp, the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery camp, retreat, and conference center located right here in Louisville. School groups are enjoying field trips to camp for a variety of outdoor activities and learning programs. The ***Autumn Under the Cedars*** fundraising gala, ***Experience the Magic***, was a great success and a fun event. Soon school groups will visit to learn about ***Holidays Around the World***, including Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Christmas in Germany, Kwanza, and Christmas in Mexico.

Highlands Community Ministries

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. The following new items are most needed:

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

Donations may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary.

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. We will continue collecting **canned meats and soups**. There is a plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the requested items. Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others. ***The need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries!**

Thank you to all BRP folks who attended or supported **Empty Bowls**, HCM's fundraiser for hunger relief.

In December BRP will be helping HCM provide **Christmas Gifts and Food Baskets** for neighbors in need! We will be asking you to help as we solicit holiday food items and pantry staples for each of our assigned families as well as two gifts for each family member. We will also need people to help sort and pack food and to deliver the baskets to the families. In addition, we welcome financial donations to help with the purchase of perishable foods. Simply write "HCM Christmas baskets" on the memo line of your check. **Watch for specific information and sign-ups in Fellowship Hall after Thanksgiving.**

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.

KIPL EVENT 11/8/18

How to Install a Monarch Way Station

Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light is partnering with Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church to hold an event at the congregation (**4938 Brownsboro Rd, 40222**) on **November 8 at 7 pm** to show why monarch way stations are an important part of our community and give you the technical know-how needed to install one at your home or congregation. Experts will be on hand to offer ideas and answer your questions about what would work best for you and share success stories at congregations in Kentucky.

BUS TICKETS, FOOD, ETC.

As always the BRPC office needs bus tickets and food items such as: tuna and chicken lunchables, beanie weenies, and any packaged items that will stand the test of time. We are also looking for **an inexpensive backpack** or two. People living on the street very often do not have anything to hold their few possessions.

HABITAT NEWS

Good news! Farhiyo Abdulle and her family have moved into their new Habitat house in the south end! The house was sponsored by Presbyterian churches, including BRP, and took just about 3 months to build. A lot of "sweat equity" by Farhiyo, plus many hours put in by volunteers, came together in a brand new house. Construction volunteers from BRP included Bill Bowman, Anne Campbell, Keith Clements, John Elgin, Robert Moss, Mary Nebelsick, and Doug Rapp.

Construction volunteers need to have nourishing lunches as well, and our lunch volunteers were Alicia and Kris Bloos, Emmanuel and Mary Muyenza, and Joe Anne Overstreet. Thank you all!

November 2018

2Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8-12 Farmer's Market 8am Project Warm Tri-Presbytery Mtg Danville
4 Communion <i>Daylight Saving time ends</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Preaching Rev. Nebelsick Noon Luncheon	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 8-12 Farmer's Market
11 Veteran's Day 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Preaching Rev. Nebelsick	12	13 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in Club Room 7pm Mission Team	14 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	15	16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	17 8-12 Farmer's Market
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Baptism Jacob Coalter	19 7pm Worship Team Mtg	20 7pm Session Meeting	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	23 <i>Church office closed</i>	24 8-12 Farmer's Market
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 2-3	10:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Danville KY
November 3	8:00 a.m. Project Warm
November 4 (Daylight Saving Time Ends)	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching (Communion Sunday) Noon Potluck Luncheon
November 7,14,28	7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal
November 13	11:00 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
November 18	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 11:00 a.m. Worship
November 19	7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
November 21	7:00 p.m. Session meeting
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed
November 25	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching (Communion Sunday)
November 28	6-7:30 p.m. Advent Dinner and Hanging of the Greens
November 29	Souper Sisters