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Dear Siblings in Christ,

This is the day the Lord has made and I continue to rejoice and be glad that you have called me to be the Pastor of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church.

I so look forward to getting to know all of you and to sharing in what God has in store for us here on Bardstown Road, Louisville. I want you to continue, along with me, to Ask where God is present in our midst, to Seek God in every area of our daily lives, and to begin to Knock on doors in hopes that both new and old doors will be open unto us. Jesus was the great questioner of his time, and I look forward to joining each of you as we ask important questions about the Church in the world.

As some of you know, I spent the week of October 15-21 at a conference called Credo. Credo is a support conference offered by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for pastors who are new, mid-career, and late career. My "New Pastor" Credo took place at (the Presbyterian) Mo Ranch Camp, Hunt, Texas. I spent a week with 24 other clergy from all across the country sharing together in deep conversation and worship. My take away is that the PC(U.S.A.) is in some very good hands. I was surrounded by some of the best and brightest clergy that I have had the privilege of being around. I am sure that many of us will remain friends and colleagues for many years to come. The blessing of new pastor Credo is that I have a year long mentor process and the opportunity to return next October for a follow-up with this same group of wonderful clergy. I look forward to sharing more with all of you about this process and the gift that it has been to me. Thank you to our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), for supporting new pastors through Credo and mentoring programs.

On that note, I would like to provide the congregation and mission partners ample opportunity to sit in informal settings to get to know me. Please keep your eye open for a schedule of Sunday, week day, and week night 'fireside chats' where I will make myself available for anything you wish to talk about, and to answer any questions that you might have. As members, the first thing I would like to share with you is my cell phone devoted specifically to all things BRPC. 502-751-9660. This cell phone number, or mark@brpres.org, would be your two primary ways of contacting me directly. Please always call or text in times of emergency.

My wife Gillian and I would like to thank all of you for your kindness, and for your support in helping to make this transition such a smooth one. You should be very proud of your PNC for all of the time and effort that they have spent making us feel welcome and for thoroughly and graciously walking this journey with us to Louisville. It is a true privilege and gift to be your Pastor, and I give thanks every day for the honor!

God's blessings to all,

Pastor Mark

CELEBRATE ARRIVAL OF MARK AND GILLIAN

Come celebrate Mark's and Gillian's arrival and move to Louisville and Kentucky. The PNC invites you and yours to attend a welcome/housewarming party for Mark and Gillian at Allen and Bryan's farm (near church camp).

The address is 17317 Taylorsville Rd, Fisherville 40023. There will be food and libations and plenty of animals to pet or just view. The party goes from 4 til 8 pm on Saturday, November 9. Feel free to bring a housewarming gift if you'd like.

Allen Purnell Jr
503/905-8598

Directions to Allen's house:
From Highlands take I-64 East to the Gene Snyder Free-way. Go south on Gene Snyder to Taylorsville exit (1st exit). Go left onto Taylorsville Lake Rd. for about 5 miles. Take left onto Taylorsville Rd. We are first drive on right: 17317 Taylorsville Rd, Fisherville 40023.

WE ARE THANKFUL

BRP has a new pastor, Rev. Mark Eldred, who is beginning his journey with great excitement and humility!

For the fine attendance at Family Camp!

For the continuing generosity of the BRP congregation.

For the BRP choir.

For the children and youth at BRP.

THANK OFFERING—November 24

Starting back in 1888 women, and then men, have raised tens of millions of dollars for worthwhile mission projects. Due to the generosity of people choosing this way of expressing gratitude for the blessings in their own lives, 18 grants out of the 75 requests were granted. Twelve of these will serve people in the United States and six are international. Check out how your donations of last year were used. The specific grants are posted in Fellowship Hall.

What emerges from these choices made by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee is a strong desire to help provide the tangible love of Christ through food for children who are hungry, education for women who are seeking it, support for immigrants who need friends, shelter for those without beds and homes, and healing for those at home and abroad.

As the prophet Jeremiah reminds us "God hears us when we cry out". It is through our offerings and our ministry to others that we help demonstrate the power of God's love throughout the world.

What we give now will determine the grants given next year. Bring your offering on November 24th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) or mail it in. Please keep the committee that makes these difficult choices in your prayers.

The Mission Committee

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sally Gamble	3
Martin Blakeley	9
Marcia Hageman	9
Rachel Parsons-Wells	10
Devin Clements	11
Stevenline Waritay	14
Daniel Rapp	17
John Henson	18
Ann Yates	18
Johanna Fears	19
Rebecca Johnson	19
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 15, 2019 SESSION SUMMARY

At Stated Meeting on October 15, 2019, Session members received and reviewed the final Moderator's report submitted by The Rev. Mary Nebelsick. The Rev. Nebelsick cited "the willingness to be vulnerable" as a major factor in the resiliency of BRPC. She continued with the observation that "God's mission of peace and love will only be fulfilled in fits and starts, by human beings who are fallible, generous, contrary, and selfless." October 22 will be her final day of worship leadership with The Rev. Mark Eldred preaching on October 27.

The membership total this month is 81. Due to financial assistance from the Brabandt Foundation as well as sustained levels of giving, the total income for the period was \$42,000. This compares with expenses for the period at \$22,000. The Session processed at length concerns raised by Buildings and Grounds Committee for building maintenance and security due to high usage.

The Christian Education Committee has planned a Halloween zoo trip in addition to collecting items for homeless. Supportive visits are continuing to congregants who are home bound or in care facilities.

Mission and Service is promoting the November Thank Offering through the display case near the Fellowship Hall. Project Warm Blitz is planned for November 9.

As a final gift to the Session and congregation The Rev. Nebelsick provided a draft of Administrative Policies and Procedures, a culmination of months of work, to Session. She notes that Allen Purnell is reviewing the Safe Church Policy. When the Session is satisfied that the entire document is satisfactorily reviewed, a meeting to present the Policies and Procedures to the Congregation will be called.

An Administrative Committee is forming to address coordination among the multiple activities presently occurring in or under the auspices of BRPC as well as effective means to communicate Christ's work with and through us.

The Personnel Committee conducted an exit interview with The Rev. Nebelsick and is preparing to assist The Rev. Eldred in his new ministry with this "new church."

Dear Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the lovely reception and all your love over the past two years. May the grace of God, the joy of following Jesus Christ and the happiness that comes with journeying together be with you all!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Mary

STEWARDSHIP



We are Blessed

It is the season of stewardship where we pledge our time, talents, and treasure to the continuing operation of God's Church. As we noted in our 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, as noted before 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 and share our blessings with those who are less fortunate. I hope that you will join me as a cheerful giver in considering your pledge of time, talent, and treasure on November 3rd. 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



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 2019. Anything received after that date will be credited as a 2020 donation. Your prayers, financial support, and amazing generosity are truly inspiring and greatly appreciated as we share in ministry through BRPC.

NEIGHBORFEST 2019

Thank you to everyone who participated.
Another successful year!



BARDSTOWN ROAD AGLOW – Dec. 7

'Tis Nearly the Season! Bardstown Road Aglow is fast approaching. Save Saturday, Dec. 7, 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.

Please contact Becky Shafer at (895-0095 or shafer85@gmail.com) or the church office at 451-8305 to let us know if you are able to help in any way! Thanks!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - December 14

Save the date of Saturday, December 14! After several requests, the Adult Annual Progressive Dinner is coming back for 2019 on this date. More details will come in the December newsletter and Sunday bulletins. If you are interested, please let Shirley Shaw know.

COFFEE STOP ON DECEMBER 15

Coterie 2.0 will be making an appearance at the BRP CoffeeStop on December 15. Details to come later.



CAROLING - DECEMBER 6

There will be Caroling at Yew Dell Gardens, 6220 Old Lagrange Rd, Crestwood, KY 40014 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join in, please contact Jeanie Grosz.

BRP CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Watch out for a Thanksgiving dinner being planned for the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Stay tuned!



Thank you to BRP from Jackie Hawkins at Louisville Home School for allowing them to share the space.

They are happy and thankful to be here.



FAMILY CAMP- 1 DAY GETAWAY

The retreat was on Saturday October 26, 2019 at Cedar Ridge Camp.



Family Camp shares in Psalm 84



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There is always room at the table

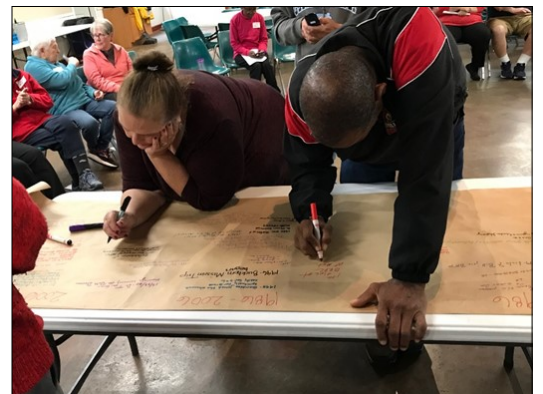


The Art of the Pumpkin with Molly and Camille



Sharing the gift of creativity

Jennie and L Lester add their part to the BRPC story



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

The **Presbyterian Women's Circles' 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study** is "**Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,**" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Circles meet September-May during the second week of each month. Study books are \$10.

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room for a brown bag lunch and discussion led by Margot Tomsen. If interested, contact Joe Anne Overstreet.

The evening circle will meet Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Alicia Bloos. For more info or to order a book, contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or alicia-bloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Baskets, Baskets, Baskets!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who provided items or funds for silent auction and raffle baskets for the two big fundraisers: Highlands Community Ministries' **Empty Bowls** and Cedar Ridge Camp's **Bourbon Under the Cedars**. Because of your generosity, BRP provided **THREE raffle baskets** for Empty Bowls and **THREE silent auction baskets** for Bourbon Under the Cedars!! It was very much appreciated!

Highlands Community Ministries

- **Empty Bowls**, HCM's primary fundraiser, was held October 10. Over \$17,000 was raised to help fund the various programs of aid, support, and learning for our neighbors! Thank you to all who attended. If you missed it, please plan to attend in 2020. It is a fun event which benefits so many!
- If you live in the 40204 or 40205 zip code areas, you will soon receive the **annual newsletter** detailing the work of HCM. Learn more about HCM's programs and share this with others. You may be surprised at all HCM does! BRP can be proud of helping fund this vital ministry. Visit the website to learn more: www.hcmlouisville.org. HCM also has a FaceBook page. Be sure to LIKE it to share with your friends.
- **Christmas Gift and Food Baskets** will again be organized in December for neighbors in need. BRP hopes to provide a merry Christmas for several families. Watch for specific needs just after Thanksgiving.



Cedar Ridge Camp

Cedar Ridge Camp's annual fundraising gala, this year's **Autumn Under the Cedars**, was held Saturday, October 12. This year's event raised \$19,852.14 to support the ministry of the camp and retreat center. Bill Bowman, Sarah Hageman, Marty Hageman, Kris and Alicia Bloos, and the Blooses' son Matt Miller represented BRP.

PROJECT WARM

November 9 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 9th to help our neighbors in need--just call Bill Bowman for details.

BRP FOOD PANTRY

As always the BRPC office needs 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.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00pm in the Club Room. We are a very involved congregation, and would welcome new members to our group to help us discern and Respond faithfully to the many needs around us.



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY - ANIMALS FOR THE WORLD

At BRP, people enjoy contributing and decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias as part of our Christmas celebration. And, in addition to flowers, people contribute "animals for the manger." Not a sheep for the Sanctuary, but maybe a goat that brings hope to villagers in Haiti. A gift to Heifer International in honor or memory of a love one is becoming part of our BRP tradition. Heifer sends livestock around the world as a gift of hope to people in need. Order forms will either be in the bulletin or in the rear of the Sanctuary soon.

November 2019

2Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saint's Day	2 8-12 Farmer's Market
3 Communion <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	4	5 Election Day	6 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 6pm Tai Chi with Anne Teaford	8	9 8-12 Farmer's Market 8am Project Warm Blitz 4-8 pm party for Mark and Gillian
10 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	11 Veteran's Day 10am Congregational Care Mtg	12 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in Club Room 7pm Mission Team	13 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 6pm Tai Chi with Anne Teaford 7 p.m. Evening Circle at home of Alicia Bloos	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 8-12 Farmer's Market
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	18 7pm Worship Team Mtg	19 7pm Session Meeting	20 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23 8-12 Farmer's Market
24 Communion Thank Offering 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	29 <i>Church office closed</i>	30 8-12 Farmer's Market



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 3 (Daylight Saving Time Ends)	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Eldred preaching (Communion Sunday & Stewardship Sunday)
November 6,13,20 November 7 & 14 November 9	7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi with Anne Teaford, Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m. Project Warm Blitz 4:00 p.m. Welcome party for Mark and Gillian
November 11 November 12	10:00 a.m. Congregational Care Meeting, Club Room 11:00 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
November 14 November 15	7:00 p.m. Evening Circle at home of Alicia Bloos Newsletter deadline
November 17	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Eldred preaching
November 18	7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Pastor's Study
November 19	7:00 p.m. Session meeting, Club Room
November 24	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Eldred (Communion Sunday & Thank Offering)
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Day & Church Office Closed