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Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church  
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Greetings Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

I have cleared the two year mark as your pastor. Some days it seems like I am still very new and some days it seems like I have been here for more years. I have much hope for the future of our church and the many wonderful things that we have been doing and are about to do. I look forward to increasing home visits, and to reaching out to visit with some of you folks that I don't know as well yet. I thank you all for your patience, for the continued consideration shown through wearing a mask during worship and in the building, and for your continued presence and support of our church!

I hope that you will consider gathering at the church for three consecutive December Advent Wednesdays for a simple time of fellowship. We will gather on December 1, 8, and 15 for an hour to simply be in each other's presence. Due to Covid-19, we will not make our Advent gatherings about sharing in food in our building this year. My hope is that we will have a more traditional meal gathering that we are all so used to during Lent of 2022. I hope that many of you will take advantage of some intentional time on these three Wednesdays to gather at the church for Advent fellowship time and conversation about our favorite recipes, hymns and songs that we love at Christmas time, and sharing some family stories and traditions of the holidays. My suggestion to all is that this gathering be a kind of 'happy hour' where we gather for fellowship, and then perhaps folks can make plans with one another to dine on Bardstown Road as you are comfortable, to do take-out, or even small dinners in your homes.

Blessings to all of you as we make the fall move in to winter colder temperatures, and the season of holidays. May we remember to reach out to our community in all the ways that we have available to us.

God's blessings to each of you!

Pastor Mark

**BARDSTOWN ROAD AGLOW**

Bardstown Road Aglow is still scheduled for December 4, 2021. The event will be entirely outdoors where hot drinks and cookies, individually packaged, will be available. Watch your bulletins for more info.  
*Becky Shafer*



**Here are 4 decades of BRP:**  
 Malinda in her 50's, Jennie in her 60's, Linda in her 70's and Joe Anne in her 80's. Lots of fun sharing lunch at Masonic Home.

From Shirley Shaw— **“Did You Know”** will be a regular feature in the BRP Newsletter!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**WC:** The Pentecost banners hanging in the front of the church were made by Beverly Gradisek. The time to make them was about 60 hours each. She is making two more for the Advent Season, which should be hung on Nov. 28.

**CLC:** Theo’s birthday is later in November. On Sunday, Nov. 7, there will be a birthday card for him on the table in the sanctuary, for you to sign, and then it will be sent to him.

**CLC:** BRP was well represented at the Kentucky State Fair. Anne Campbell won a red ribbon for her yeast bread and a white ribbon for her cherry preserves; Beverly Gradisek won a red ribbon on a quilt; Shirley Shaw won a blue ribbon on her cut glass vase in antiques.

**MC:** The BRP wine basket that was put together for the Cedar Ridge Camp fundraiser on October 9, was part of a five-basket raffle and raised \$1,238. The total raised at Autumn Under the Cedars was \$17,000, not bad for a pandemic year. Thanks to everyone who helped.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sally Gamble	3
Stephanie Barnett	7
Martin Blakeley	9
Marcia Hageman	9
Devin Clements	11
Stevenline Waritay	14
Daniel Rapp	17
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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## FROM PASTOR MARK

### Justice and Faith Table

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church will be present every first Saturday of the month at our "Justice and Faith" table. We were blessed to share space in September with Andrew Kang Bartlett, Associate for National Hunger Concerns, of the PCUSA Hunger Program. November 6 we share space with Dr. Lisa Markowitz, Board Member of Louisville Community Grocery organization. December 4 we share our table with Vince Patton, Advisory Board Member of the PCUSA Hunger Program. We look forward to sharing with future table partners who will include some of our Mission Partners, other faith organizations from our city, Presbytery, and the denomination, organization that provide various social services to the greater Louisville area, and organizations that work toward justice in our community. Stop out and support the Farmer's Market and your church!

### Read-Through-The-Bible-In-A-Year 2021-22

Blessings to all who continue the path through Reading-Through-The-Bible-In-A-Year. We will gather the second Thursday of every month for starters via zoom - be looking for an email zoom invitation to gather on the second Thursdays of the month. Our first three gatherings will be from 7-8 P.M., Thursdays, November 11, December 9 and January 13, 2022. Blessings on your continued reading!

### Adult Ed - what's next?

Thank you to all who participated in the three-week reading of the Book of Job and Ta-Nehisi Coates' 2015 book *Between the World and Me*. Groups gathered both in person Sundays after church and virtually via zoom the following Wednesdays to have discussion about the challenges of Job and the continuing conversation of race in America. So what's next? If you have a book or conversation that you would like to read, or to lead discussion on in the future, please reach out to Pastor Mark.

### New Member Inquirer Class -

Have you always wondered what the difference is in Roman Catholicism and Protestantism? Have you ever wondered what is this thing that we call "Presbyterian"? Have you ever wondered 'why should I be a member of a church?' Interest has been expressed for a gathering to discuss the specifics and logistics of what being "Presbyterian" and a member of a church in the denomination of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is all about. If you are interested in pursuing membership at BRPres, please reach out to Pastor Mark. We will convene a group of interested folks soon for the start of a conversation.

### Advent 2021 - Are you Ready?

This Advent season we will share a Season of Gratitude as not only will we share with Stewardship 2022 Committee the time and talents which we are able and willing to offer to God, but we will also experience taking church out in to the world through some of our talents. Would you be interested in joining a Christmas Caroling Group that goes out to various BRPres Community homes and carols outdoors, and also to some of our independent and assisted living facilities? With the continued challenges of covid, Music Director Jeanie Grosz and Pastor Mark are looking to make this a focus of our Advent gatherings. We will be reaching out to the congregation, and to individuals, about gathering to share our voices in song for those who might be homebound or transportation limited during the Advent Season. Stay tuned.

### O Taste and See - Three Wednesday Advent Gratitude and Fellowship Hours

Have you missed seeing some of the friendly faces that you are used to seeing on Sundays or at church events? I am guessing that we all have. I would like to invite everyone to three Wednesdays in December where we gather solely for fellowship in Fellowship Hall, with an added theme for each night.

Due to our pandemic, we will not share in a meal, or snacks, or beverages this year at the church, but we will provide an intentional Advent space and time for folks to gather just to reunite, to say hello, and to share some Christmas Gratitude and seasonal stories! Maybe folks can pair up after our gathering and go out in to the community for dessert, for dinner, for take-out, or to one another's homes for dinners - y'all decide amongst yourselves what you are comfortable with.

**Recipe Wednesday**, December 1 - 5:30-6:30 PM - sharing family recipes

**Song and Hymn Wednesday**, December 8, 5:30-6:30 PM - sharing favorite songs and hymns

**Family Tradition Wednesday**, December 15, 5:30-6:30PM - sharing seasonal traditions



## OCTOBER 26, 2021 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### WILL APPEAR NEXT MONTH

### BRP DATES TO REMEMBER

Pastor Mark will be on Study Leave Sunday, November 14 to Sunday, November 21 returning to the office Monday, November 22.

Guest Preacher for November 14 is Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty (Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University) and November 21 is Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus (Director of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the P.C.(U.S.A.), both pulpit supply members of our Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky.

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive shared with Deer Park Neighborhood Association, Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, the Red Cross, and the Bardstown Road Farmer's Market will be held Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 9 - 1PM.

Our next two Justice and Faith tables will be held Saturdays, 9-1PM, November 6, with guest Dr. Lisa Markowitz, Board Member of Louisville Community Grocery and December 4, with guest Vince Patton, Advisory Board of PCUSA Hunger Program.

The next Presbytery Meeting will be Saturday, November 20, 2021,, hybrid meeting held at Harvey Brown Presbyterian church, 9:30 A.M.—Noon, hybrid in person and virtual.

Advent Fellowship Hours—December 1, 8, 15. (see page 3)

December 19 is Cantata Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

December 21 the Longest Night Service at 7:00 P.M.

December 24 the Christmas Eve Services are at 4:00 P.M. (livestreamed and in person) and 11 P.M. in person only)

Dec 25 is the Christmas pageant at 10:00 A.M.



Don't forget to "Fall Back" by turning your clocks back an hour (extra hour of sleep), on November 7.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee has recently sent a letter to members and friends of BRP, asking for prayerful consideration of a pledge to the church for calendar year 2022. In recognition of the many God-given gifts we have received in our own lives, we agree to give back to the church a portion of our income. These pledges will be received in the worship service on Sunday, October 31.



During the Advent season, our focus will turn from financial gifts to gifts of time and talents, as we plan to ask members and friends to make a commitment for 2022 in those areas of our lives.

For questions on either of these two requests, contact a member of the Committee: *Bill Bowman, Clare Lewis, Molly Rapp, or Maddie Vanamburgh.*

### 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 2021. Anything received after that date will be credited as a 2022 donation. Your prayers, financial support, and amazing generosity are truly inspiring and greatly appreciated as we share in ministry through BRPC.



### FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY ANIMALS FOR THE WORLD –2021

We will order 25 poinsettias for the sanctuary this year to continue the tradition of decorating the Sanctuary as part of our Christmas celebration!

And, in addition to flowers, you can contribute animals for the manger. Heifer sends livestock around the world as a gift of hope to people in need.

We will take orders for the above over the phone (452-8305) or via email, ([johanna@brpres.org](mailto:johanna@brpres.org)). There will also be order forms in the bulletins on future Sundays. Please continue the tradition of dedicating your gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.

The deadline for Poinsettia/Heifer orders is **December 16.**

## MISSION COMMITTEE

### HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Thank you to everyone who has helped support the mission of HCM this year, through donations to the *Annual Summer Food and Back-to-School Supplies Drive* and the September 17 *Give For Good* event. As you know, HCM postponed the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls fundraiser originally scheduled for September 26 as Covid cases increased, tentatively rescheduled for spring 2022. Obviously, however, **the needs of our neighbors continue**, and HCM will be hindered in aiding these folks without our financial assistance. At any time, you may visit [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org) to make a **donation** or send a check to BRPres with "HCM donation" in the memo line.

**Christmas Giving** -This month we will join the other HCM congregations to help make the Christmas holidays brighter for those in need in our area. Last year's Christmas Drive was a great success, as HCM was able to help over 560 individuals and over 300 families with Christmas, and client feedback was very positive. BRP has been asked to provide \$25 Kroger, Walmart, Target, or Valumarket gift cards and throw blankets for 12 people in need (a total from BRP of 24 gift cards and 12 throws). Items may be **dropped off at the HCM Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge St., in a Drive-By Christmas Drive** at the beginning of December. For delivery help or questions, contact Alicia Bloos. Visit [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org) to make a monetary donation directly or send a check payable to BRPres with "HCM Christmas Drive" in the memo line.

#### Elf-Day Drop-Off

Dec. 1 (Wed) 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Dec. 2 (Thur.) 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Dec. 3 (Fri.) 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Please note: if these times do not work, please contact Danah or Tiffany at HCM:

Danah at 502-451-3695 x 213 or cell 256-337-7047

Tiffany at 502-451-3695 x 260 or cell 502-939-2077

Thank you so much for helping make Christmas happen this year! HCM appreciates your generosity.

**HCM Childcare Centers are Hiring!** - Now Hiring: Child-care Teachers

Do you like working with children? Do you want work-free evenings and weekends? Join a great team at this 50 year Louisville Institution!

Full-time and Part-time positions available

Competitive pay starting at \$13/hour

Benefits available for 30+ hours per week

No evenings or weekends required

All training paid

If you are at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma, and wish to learn more about a rewarding part-time job or full-time career, then please contact Director, Debbie Spillane at 502/458-3045 or [spillane@hcmloouisville.org](mailto:spillane@hcmloouisville.org).

## CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

### Autumn Under the Cedars was a fabulous event!

CRC's annual fundraiser was an out-door event this year in the big tent overlooking the lake. The October 9 crowd was a bit smaller than usual, but the fun was as big as ever. Over 80 folks enjoyed catered appetizers, entertainment, raffles, a silent auction, balloons, dessert, and more. If you could not attend but wish to help support the ministry of Cedar Ridge Camp, please go online to [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) where you may donate year-round.

**Thank you so much** to Jennie Guelda, Molly and Doug Rapp, and Bill and Linda Bowman, who graciously donated items to fill BRP's Vine Basket raffled at the event! **A special thank you** to two BRP artists, **Linda White and Margot Tomsen**, who donated original artwork for the silent auction!

**Memorial Brick campaign:** As part of the chapel project, you now may memorialize your name or those of loved ones in an entrance patio paved with commemorative bricks. You may purchase either a 4"x 8" standard brick or an 8"x 8" deluxe brick with an option to include graphics. Order bricks online at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) or pick up an order form in the church sanctuary and mail it back to camp. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

To see what has been happening at camp, visit the CRC Facebook page [facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/](https://facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/) or Instagram [instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/](https://instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/). To read more about the chapel project, see [presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/](https://presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/).



### Cedar Ridge Camp is at Cedar Ridge Camp.

Balloon Donations make a huge difference to providing scholarships to campers who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend camp! Make a donation at [www.cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.cedarridgecamp.com) and we will deliver balloons and a sign to your front lawn.

## MISSION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

### HABITAT UPDATE

BRP had three painters working on the Presbyterian Habitat for Humanity house in October. The group of six painters included, David Allen, the future homeowner, Cheri Baize, Jonathan Baize, Bill Bowman, and two members of Harvey Browne Presbyterian. All of the exterior siding got a second coat of paint, plus the utility shed was painted and had trim added. Now the attention will turn to the house's interior.

The next workday will be **Saturday, November 13**, and volunteers are needed for interior painting. Please contact Bill Bowman if you can help out then.



### TARC BUS PASSES and Donations

We help many who come to the church door in need. Please consider:

Donating **money to purchase TARC Partner Passes**, discounted passes for the elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, but the budget is small!

**You may write a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line.**

**Donating men's socks, (or funds to purchase them)**

**AND Cold weather items (hats, scarves, gloves)**

**Thank you, as always, for your generosity!**

## REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN

Mission Committee members heard a presentation from Mary Ellen Harned, a Board member at Kentucky Refugee Ministries, during October. KRM is expecting about 200 Afghan refugees in the next couple of months (and Catholic Charities will take another 150). There has been much in the news lately about the thousands of refugees coming from Afghanistan, and Mary Ellen pointed out three ways that BRP members can help:

--Purchasing gift cards (in amounts from \$25 to \$40) from Kroger or Walmart for the new families;

--Contacting Jamilee Vail at [jvail@kyrm.org](mailto:jvail@kyrm.org) if they have furniture that might be used by families; and

--Considering joining a "Welcome Team" who can gather needed items for one particular family. Our VBS partner, Immanuel UCC, is forming such a team and would welcome new members from BRP. If interested, contact Nancy Williamson for details.

### MKP Calling Newsletter DATED October 26, 2021

UKirk Louisville, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's outreach to college students, is collecting items and packing care packages for college students during the November 20 MKP meeting at Harvey Browne PC.

College Care Packages Donation List:

- Individual snacks – granola bars, protein bars, oatmeal packets, microwave popcorn, crackers, cheez-its
- Rice Krispies Treat, Fruit snacks, cookies
- Candy, Gum
- Pencils, Pens, post-it notes, highlighters
- Stress ball or fidget spinners

The goal is to fill 60 boxes.

In-person attendees are encouraged to bring care package items to donate and help fill the boxes at the Presbytery meeting. There will be extra care packages for congregations to take and mail to their own college-aged students.

You may also drop off donations to BRP by Friday, Nov. 19.

# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3	4 7pm Personnel Committee Mtg Club Room	5	6 9-12 Farmer's Market  Project Warm Blitz  Justice & Faith Table
7 <b>Communion</b> 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	8 10am Congregation- al Care Mtg  5-6 pm Standing in Solidarity	9 Communications/ Admin Committee	10 Veteran's Day	11	12	13 9-12 Farmer's Market  Habitat workday
14 11:00 a.m. Worship Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty preaching	15	16   Rev. Eldred will be on study leave from Nov 14 through Nov 21	17 Mission Committee Fellowship Hall	18	19	20 9-12 Farmer's Market  9: 30am Presbytery Meeting  9 am Red Cross Blood Drive
21 <b>Communion</b>  11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus Preaching	22 5-6 pm Standing in Solidarity  7pm Worship Committee Mtg	23 7pm Session Meeting	24	25 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	26 <i>Church office closed</i>	27 9-12 Farmer's Market
28 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	29	30				



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### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THESE BRAVE WORKERS STILL ON THE FRONT LINES!

Your healthcare workers are EXHAUSTED. Mentally and physically. Love us like you did when you first heard of covid. Maybe even more. We're months into this and our profession has forever changed. People are bailing left and right leaving us stretched thin with staff. Our communities however are still sick and maybe even worse than before. We won't let you and your families down so please don't forget us. We need your love, your affection, your support. That is all...



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