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Dearly Beloved,

Fall is definitely here. With it comes the blessing rain. Streams of raindrops are dimpling the water on my little flowerpot pond in my postage stamp sized garden. The little gold fish jump up to catch the drops. The plants heave a sigh of relief and relax. The blazing summer sun has broiled their tender leaves and scorched their delicate flower buds. Now, rain washes them clean. The hard part of the summer is over. They can lean into fall. This does not mean fall will not be momentous. It will. But it will be comfortable too and filled with traditions.

Bardstovrn Road Presbyterian Church has some momentous events planned for fall. Our fall kick-off began with NeighborFest on September 15th spearheaded by Becky Shafer. It was as joyous as it was delicious. That Sunday, Siram Coalter, our youth and Emmanuel Muyenza invited the entire congregation to a join in celebrating the multi-cultural heritages that enliven the BRPC congregation.

We feasted on dishes lovingly prepared by members of the congregation and swayed to lively Irish tunes. On Sunday September 30th the Congregation will elect the Pastor Nominating Committee that will search for a new pastor. This is a tremendous task and one filled with hope and energy. BRPC's Church Retreat will take place on October 6th at Cedar Ridge. The beauty of autumn will surround us as we look at the ways that we, as a congregation, can work for a loving and peaceful world by welcoming refugees and tuning "strangers" into "neighbors". We will also look at the somber side of fall. The Congregational Life Committee will host a Congregational Potluck on November 6, 2018 where we will talk about celebrating lives well lived as we make end of life decisions. The capstone of the Fall calendar will be a youth retreat on November 16-17. Come and join us in these and all our other activities as we celebrate the gifts of friendship and love with which BRPC blesses us all.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Mary



ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Saturday October 6, 2018 at Cedar Ridge Camp.
9am-9pm.

Theme: Strangers Become Neighbors. Supporting the Refugee Community in Louisville.

We will welcome Maha Kolko of KRM as she joins us to tell us how BRPC can continue to be involved with our newest neighbors. The afternoon will be filled with outdoor activities including canoeing, hiking, and an outdoor scavenger hunt/art project. The event will end joyously with a campfire and songs. Come and join the fun!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Celine Lyvers	1
Ken Johnson	4
Grant Gamble	7
Bill East	8
Al. J. Smith	8
Graham Overstreet	9
Rod Eslinger	10
Caleb Barnett	11
Warren Winnenberg	15
Siram Coalter	17
Sarah Hageman	17
Lindsay Bilyeu	18
Travis Smith	19
Keith Clements	21
Molly Rapp	21
Emily Macway	22
Seo Waritay	22
Joan Ellis	23
Jim Carver	24
Luke FitzGerald	25
Anne Campbell	27
Alison Smith	28
Lauren Winnenberg	29
Lester Gamble	30
Shannon Vanamburgh	31

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY and the PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING October 7, 2018

What you have known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 7. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. We will collect the special Peacemaking Offering as part of our worship on World Communion Sunday.

To All Women of BRP

The Congregational Live Committee is planning a "Dutch-Treat" brunch/lunch for the Women of BRP on Wednesday, October 24. We will meet at the new First Watch Restaurant on Taylorsville Road (where Applebee's was) at 11 a.m.

This is an opportunity for the Women of BRP to get together for fellowship before the busy holiday season is upon us. Please let Shirley Shaw (690-9512 or shirleyshaw967@gmail.com) know by Oct. 22 if you can attend.

Shirley

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick	Transitional Pastor
Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
Jeanie Grosz	Director of Music Ministries/ Organist
Siram Coalter	Director of Children's and Youth Ministry
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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 18

A Motion was made and approved that the Christian Education Committee draft a proposal regarding the qualifications and expectations of candidates for confirmation. A Confirmation class in early 2019 is indicated.

Dr. Robert Bozeman, church organist and pianist as well as Certified Spiritual Director has requested to 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. A Motion is made and approved that the Chair of Buildings and Grounds will develop a written agreement with Dr. Bozeman.

The baptism of Jacob Coalter, infant son of M. Claire Coalter is approved for Sunday, November 18, 2018 as requested by the parent.

In absence of Lester Gamble, Chair, the Rev. Nebelsick conveys to the Session the request for a **Congregational Meeting on September 30, 2018** to approve the slate presented for the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

There was a theft of multiple items from the church office on either September 4, or September 5, 2018. Committee members are working with insurance company representatives as well as staff of Advanced Business Solutions, a technology consulting company. Willis Klein Locksmiths has already rekeyed all outer doors. Inner doors will also be rekeyed. The plan is to decrease the number of master keys in circulation. Replacement materials are on order. Since the burglary was accomplished via key access and was obviously planned, additional security mechanisms have been implemented.

The assessment by the John Schnurr Company of the ceiling damage in Sanctuary is scheduled. This damage is due to vibration of the building, rather than water leakage, so there will not be insurance coverage. Removal of pews will be necessary to allow access to the ceiling area for repair and painting.

The motion is made and approved that donations for the relief efforts due to Hurricane Florence will be solicited and directed through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

Candidates for the Sexton position are currently being interviewed.

October 13, 2018 is the next scheduled church work day.

Autumn under the Cedars, a fundraising event for Cedar Ridge Camp, is scheduled for October 13, 2018.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Empty Bowls, a yearly event sponsored by Highland Community Ministries, is scheduled for October 4, 2018.

The Fifth Sunday Offering on September 30, 2018 is designated for Project Warm which starts on November 11, 2018.

Support services continue to the resettled Burmese family who unfortunately experienced water in the basement of the rental house.

Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for September 30, 2018. John Elgin will assist Lin Block-Coalter in planning and executing the Stewardship campaign. **It has been rescheduled.**



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

FLORENCE HURRICANE AND FLOODING DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Checks can be made out to BRP with PDA on the "FOR" line. The receipts will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you for your generosity.

CHOIR

Attention please to the following announcement!
Chancel Choir members and future choir members began rehearsals on **September 12th**. I am looking forward to sharing some new anthems with you as we begin our own season of discerning how God is leading us to Share the Good News through Song, Fellowship and Community.

We begin at 7:30pm and should be done no later than 8:45pm. This is not a closed group so!!!! If you have any interest at all in sharing the word through song, please join us in the Choir Room located right next to the Club Room. Hope to see everyone then!

Anne will be filling in for me from September 23 until I return on either October 14 or 21.

Jeanie Grosz and Anne Campbell



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Elementary classes will be studying how to Celebrate while learning at church! To this end, each Sunday we will cover Bible verses each week that correspond with the same verses that will be read and preached by Pastor Mary Nebelsick in her sermons. The children will grow in their understanding of scripture and of Jesus' role in their lives.

The Youth classes will be feasting on the Word of God. Jesus' example in life and his message were and are a challenge to our conceptions of the good, the bad, and the sublime. The Youth and Elementary children will learn how to incorporate the Word into a faithful life, much the way Pastor Mary recently described the elements of our food becoming a part of our bodies. In this way, we are truly feasting the Word. To do so, we will wrestle with issues that affect personal lives and our society as a whole. Issues such as mutual respect, forgiveness, greatness as Jesus redefined it, as well as racism, human trafficking, and poverty.

We will also engage in song to enrich the lessons and prepare our voices and our hands to receive God's wisdom. Jeanie Grosz has agreed to make available BRP's ample musical resources and instruments to aid.

If you are interested in teaching or helping in a Sunday School class, please contact Jennie Guelda or Siram Coalter.

BRPC Youth Group Events October 2018

2nd and 4th Sundays = Joint BRPC and CCC Youth
1st and 3rd Sundays = BRPC ADC Youth
3rd Sundays = BRPC Youth & Kids Club

Yth = Youth; KC = Kids' Club

YA = Young Adult; ADC = All Day Church

Oct 6 BRPC ALL AGES 9:00 - 9:00
All Church Retreat at Cedar Ridge

Oct 7 BRPC Yth, KC&YA
7:00 Louisville FC Soccer Game

Oct 14 BRPC Yth, KC&YA
-- _____ Devine's Corn Maze

BRPC Yth 4:00 - 4:50

CCC Yth 4:00 - 4:50

Oct 20 BRPC Yth & KC 11:00 - 3:00
KMAC Museum

Fun Day Oct 21 BRPC Yth 12:00 - 4:00 ADC

Oct 28 BRPC Yth 12:00 - 4:00 ADC -
Costume Creation Stations
BRPC Yth
4:00 - 4:50
CCC Yth
4:00 - 4:50

BRP Newsletter

WEEK IN THE HIGHLANDS

Sunday October 7 from 1-6:30 pm

18th Annual Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest

Live Jazz * Blues at Big Rock and Beargrass Creek in Cherokee Park! Benefits the Olmsted Park Conservancy.

Thursday, October 11 from 5:30—8pm

22nd Annual Empty Bowls

A light meal and silent auction.

Bellarmine University—Frazier Hall

Friday, October 12 from 6-11pm

Belknap Festival Eve

Food and Live Music on the eve of the Fall Festival!
Historic Douglass Loop

Friday, October 12 from 6-10pm

Farmington's Oktoberfest

Live Music, German Beer and Authentic German Food!
Farmington Historic Plantation

Saturday, October 13 from 11a—11p

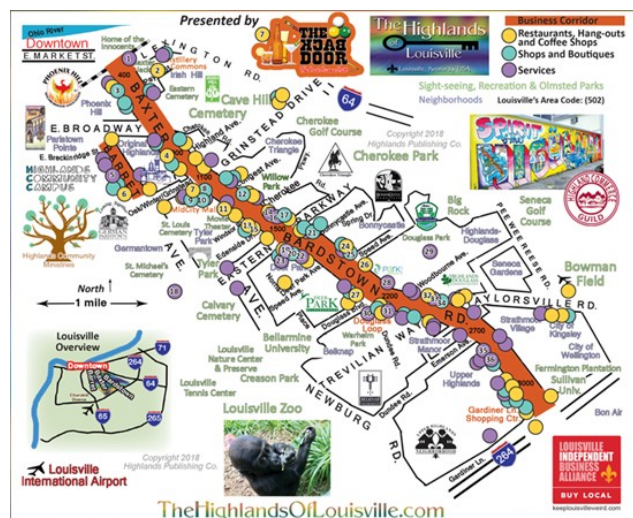
24th Annual Belknap Fall Festival

100 booths of juried Arts and Crafts plus local food vendors, kids fun and live music!
Historic Douglass Loop

Sunday, October 14 from Noon—5pm

18 Annual Farmington Harvest Festival

An 18th Century Festival set at the Plantation Home of John & Lucy Speed, hosts to Abe Lincoln
Farmington Historic Plantation



DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: a workshop on end-of-life issues and planning November 4

Does the thought of talking with your family about the end of life or death seem difficult or something you want to avoid? Friends can help each other with these difficult but necessary conversations!

Let's get together November 4 for an interactive workshop addressing end-of-life issues. Through this workshop, you will be given some tools to help think through conversations about living well to the end and gathering important information about your wishes and your affairs that you can give to your family or trusted friends.

Some of the topics this workshop will cover include identifying our own hesitations in talking about end of life with family or friends, starting difficult conversations, and identifying financial, physical, emotional, and spiritual matters that are essential to share. After doing these workshops for 14 years, I have developed some worksheets that you can use in your own way and share with your family or executors. These worksheets can consolidate your personal wishes and information as well as the Kentucky living will documents. If you have any questions or would like to know more, just give me a call at 648-2201. I hope to see you!

Gail Ritchie Henson

Presented by the Congregational Life Committee

CHURCH WORK DAY

A Church Work Day is set for October 13.

Please save the date!



NEIGHBORFEST 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated. Another great year!



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 October 9 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 Alicis Bloos if you wish to participate.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Cedar Ridge Camp is Mid-Kentucky Presbytery camp, retreat, and conference center located right here in Louisville. Summer camps may be over for this year, but things are still busy. 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*, is October 13, 2018. Thirty-two new trees were recently planted at the front of camp, Hopkins Hall now sports a screened-in porch, and preparations are beginning for the construction of the chapel. All in all, it's a busy place. Check it all out during the BRP retreat Oct. 6!

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.**

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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!**

Empty Bowls is [HCM's](#) Signature Fundraiser!

It's a Simple Meal for a Simple Purpose: Feeding our Highlands Neighbors in Need! Enjoy bottomless bowls of soup by local chefs, cheese, locally-made bread, fruit, desserts, and beverages. Wine for cash purchase will also be available. Take home a hand-made pottery bowl by local artists. A silent auction will include theme baskets from [HCM's member Congregations](#) and items from local businesses and restaurants. Tickets available online or at the door.

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.,
[Bellarmine University's Frazier Hall](#)

Check the November newsletter for information about how YOU can help with the **HCM Christmas Gifts and Food Baskets** for neighbors in need!

HABITAT NEWS

The Presbyterian house for this year is almost finished! Four more workers from BRP helped other Presbyterians on September 8--Bill Bowman, Keith Clements, Siram Coalter, and Doug Rapp. In addition, an excellent lunch was provided by Emmanuel and Mary Muyenza.

There was even a little excitement to add spice to the day! One of the workers smelled a natural gas odor, and called LG&E. They responded with equipment and emergency workers, shut down the street, and began looking for the leak. All workers we're sent home early, which was o.k., since a big thunderstorm was on the way! The house should be finished and dedicated in October. Stay tuned for an announcement about the dedication party!

PROJECT WARM-- November 3

Since fall is here, can winter be far behind? Winter means cold temperatures and high heating bills, which can be a burden for families with limited income.

Fortunately, Project Warm is a local nonprofit that helps our neighbors by reducing high bills by making houses more energy efficient. The techniques are simple and involve adding plastic window coverings over drafty windows.

The BRP team is now getting organized for the Project Warm Blitz on November 3. During the Blitz, dozens of teams go around the city to work with homeowners. Over 300 families benefit from the Blitz!

Please let the church office know if you'd like to join the BRP team on November 3.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 5:30—8 Empty Bowls Bellarmine	5	6 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market 9am-9pm Church Retreat Cedar Ridge
7 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching 4pm BRP&CCC Yth 7pm Soccer game	8 7 pm Congregational Life Meeting	9 11:00 a.m. Day Circle Club Room 7pm Mission Committee	10 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	11	12 Visitation planning .	13 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market Autumn Under the Cedars
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching ADC	15 7pm Worship Committee Mtg	16 7 p.m. Session Meeting	17 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	18	19	20 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
21 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids Club	22	23 Newsletter deadline	24 11am Lunch/Brunch for Women of BRP at First Watch Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	25	26	27 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
28 9:30 Music & Sunday School Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching ADC	29	30	31 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm			



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 4	5:30-8pm	Empty Bowls, Bellarmine
October 6	9am-9pm	Church Retreat, Cedar Ridge Camp
October 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, with Communion, Rev. Rev. Nebelsick preaching
	4:00 p.m.	BRP & CCC Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Soccer game
October 8	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
October 9	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle, Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee meeting
October 10 ,17,24,31	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
October 12		Visitation planning
October 13		Autumn Under the Cedars
October 14	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching All Day Church
October 15	9:30 a.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
October 16	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
October 21	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids Club
October 24	11:00 a.m.	Lunch/Brunch for Women of BRP at First Watch
October 28	9:30 a.m.	Music and Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching All Day Church