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Greetings Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

It is hard to believe the Fall, or Autumnal, Equinox is already behind us and we are on to shorter days and colder weather. As I expressed just one month ago in the September Newsletter, I had some hopes that we would be having a different conversation than we continue to have. Highland Community Ministries had to cancel their Empty Bowls fundraising event in September. The partners that make up the NeighborFest decided that cancelling in September was the smartest decision. I am sad to let you know that your Session and myself agree that cancelling our All Church Retreat/Family Camp for October 30th is the right thing to do this year. I want to say one thing about 'cancel culture' conversations. We, as a church community, have done quite well within our community of getting to where we are with minimal Covid-19 repercussions. This is not to say that we haven't had some who have contracted it, and struggled with its on-going challenges. We have. I would guess there are few institutions at this point and time that haven't been affected in some way, shape, or form by Covid-19. I will say that if by cancelling these events we have eliminated even one person from contracting this challenging and horrible virus, then we have done a wonderful, and need I say Christian, thing. We are all doing the best that we can, and I appreciate you all for the patience, grace, and love that you have shown one another during this process.

In my previous vocation as a professional musician, we had a saying that 'the show must go on'. So many times it did. Though I witnessed far too many people back in that day, myself included, push through life-struggles, personal illness, mental health issues, financial struggles, addiction, marital struggles, and other personal issues to make 'the show go on'; often at the cost of their own health, body, and person. I ask that you be kind to yourselves right now. I ask that you find ways to rest when rest is needed. I ask you to reach out to others when isolation, or any personal situations, feel like they are just too much. We are a community. We might not be able to answer all questions or solve all problems for one another, but we can do the best we can to be community.

In October, I am offering two ways to share in God's Word through reading and conversation. Sundays, October 10, 17, and 24, Noon - 1PM, and Wednesdays (zoom only) October 13, 20, and 27, 7-8PM, I will be offering an adult education study of the the Book of Job read parallel with Ta-Nehisi Coates' 2015 best seller *Between the World and Me*; a letter to his then fifteen year old son about race and the body. I will be preaching a sermon series in October on Job (which shows up every three years in the Revised Common Lectionary)

You are also invited to Read-Through-the-Bible-in-a-Year with other members of the church. We started in September 2021, but there is always time to jump in with the group and catch up on the missed month later. We will gather second Thursdays of the month, November 11, December 9, January 13, 2022, February 10, March 10, April 7*, May 12, June, 9, and July/August tbd (April moved up one week as the following week is Holy Week). Please reach out to me if you are interested in joining the eight-ten folks who are this year's group, and I can email you the schedule.

I want to say a personal thank you to all who continue to support the ministry and mission of our church. We have had to confront some challenging questions and scenarios together, and we continue to make the best of the days that are in front of us; each new day. Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Mark

ADULT EDUCATION

Pastor Mark will lead a three-week class on **The Book of Job** read parallel with **Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me***. We will split the group in to two separate groups: Sunday Group in person after church and Wednesday Group zoom. The schedule for the gathering is:

Sunday, October 10, after church Noon-1:30 (masked please) – Job chapters 1-14, Coates pgs. 1-71

Wednesday, October 13, zoom group, 7-8:30PM – see Oct 10

Sunday, October 17, after church Noon -1:30 – Job chapters 15-31, Coates pgs. 75-132

Wednesday, October 20, zoom group, 7-8:30PM – see Oct 17

Sunday, October 24, after church Noon -1:30 – Job chapters 32-42, Coates pgs. 135-152

Wednesday, October 27, zoom group, 7-8:30PM – see Oct 24

SECOND ANNUAL READ-THROUGH-THE-BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR 2021-22

We have already read the book of Genesis and the Gospel of Mark, but it is not too late to join in!

Zoom gatherings to discuss the process will be held the second Thursdays of each month: 7:00-8:00 PM, Thursdays, November 11, December 9, January 13, 2022, February 10, March 1, April 7*, May 12, June 9, July and August tbd.

(* moved up one week due to Holy Week). We may move to in-person if and when our Covid-19 numbers decline.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	Celine Lyvers	1
	Ken Johnson	4
	Peggie Elgin	6
	Grant Gamble	7
	Bill East	8
	A. J. Smith	8
	Graham Overstreet	9
	Rod Eslinger	10
	Warren Winnenberg	15
	Siram Coalter	17
	Sarah Hageman	17
	Lindsay Bilyeu	18
	Keith Clements	21
	Molly Rapp	21
	Seo Waritay	22
	Joan Ellis	23
	Anne Campbell	27
	Lester Gamble	30
	Shannon Johnson	31

STEWARDSHIP

A SEASON OF RENEWAL October 31

“Stewardship” is the Biblical concept of living in the world as God’s agent, or manager, of the gifts that God has entrusted to our care. You will be invited to share an estimate of giving (some simply say, “Make a pledge”) to indicate your prayerful consideration of what financial resources you are hoping to share in ministry for 2022.

We will dedicate our financial pledges as part of worship in the sanctuary on October 31.

HALLOWEEN CANDY CALL!

We miss our Youth!

Help us collect and deliver goody bags this Halloween.

Candy or trinkets need to be in the church office on or before 10/24.

Thank You! Sarah and Jennie



November 20, 2021:

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at BRP again from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

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HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 SESSION MEETING

- Rev. Eldred mentioned in his Moderator's Report that he has written for the denomination publication, These Days, devotions for December 26 through 31, 2021 with a year-end reflection.
- In preparation for the PCUSA General Assembly meeting in Louisville next summer, Rev. Eldred will be chairing a group of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery ministers to prepare a written and visual statement. This vision titled "A Witness from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky" will be based on the G.A theme "From Lament to Hope."
- Keith Clements reported on the September 20, 2021 Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Meeting that was via Zoom. An overture was presented to restore the position of Parish Associate to the Book of Order. This recommendation would enable more churches to provide ministerial services to smaller congregations at reduced costs.
- Mid-Kentucky Presbytery is considering the policy of people serving on the Committee on Ministry that are also members of churches experiencing conflicts to be excused from mutual discussions avoiding conflicts of interest.
- Marty Hageman presented the July and August budget statements which showed a negative balance due to money not drawn yet from the restricted investment account. A bequest of \$124,000 was received from the estate of Delia Collins.
- Work is planned for repairing the heating system and lighting, plus upgrading the video and audio in Fellowship Hall. Building and Grounds is reviewing the repair list to determine who can do the work.
- A motion was approved for the Narcotic Anonymous Administration and Service Program to meet the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Club Room and Basement starting on November 7, 2021.
- Sarah Hageman proposed that the former Interfaith Power and Light office on the third floor be used as a youth room for their meetings and study space. With the adjacent large room used for young children's activities and maintaining her room as her office, the entire third floor will be dedicated for the use of the youth. Her proposal was approved.
- Due to the risk to children's health, a motion was made to postpone Family Camp (All Church Retreat) until next summer. A donation of \$250.00 will be given to Cedar Ridge Camp in lieu of using it this year.
- Even though Neighborfest was canceled due to the risks of the children's activities, Bardstown Road Aglow is still scheduled for December 4, 2021. The event will only be outside with serving hot drinks and cookies individually packaged.
- The Congregational Life Committee continues to look at safe ways to assist members like sending cards and preparing a list of elderly members for making contacts.

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- The Mission Committee will make a contribution of \$1,100 for disaster assistance for Haiti. Nancy Williamson is arranging for a representative from Kentucky Refugee Ministries to speak to the Mission Committee in October.
- A motion was approved for the Social Justice Task Force to have a table at the Farmer's Market the first Saturday of each month that would partner with another agency.
- Bill Bowman said the next Habitat work-day will be October 9 and on November 6 the Project Warm Blitz will only be delivering materials to the homes requesting insulation assistance.
- The Stewardship Committee will include Bill Bowman (Chair), Clare Lewis (Co-Chair), Molly Rapp and Maddie Vanamburgh and the committee will be active throughout the year.
- The Personnel Committee established 44 preaching Sundays annually for Rev. Eldred and set up schedules for annual staff reviews. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 30 to review recommendations for pastor and staff salaries for the 2022 budget.
- Anne Campbell reported for the Worship Committee that new bibles will be ordered, and tuition expenses for 4 members to attend the Music and Worship Conference at Montreat in June 2022 will be budgeted.
- During Sunday services masks will continue to be worn and the ropes between pews will remain in place.
- Rev. Eldred said the BRP Church archival books need to be updated. It was suggested that the past and current Clerks of Session, Molly Rapp and Keith Clements, review the documents, (membership rolls, Session minutes, baptisms, etc.)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY and the PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING October 3, 2021

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 3. 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. You can also send it through the US mail or contribute online. Please put "special offering" in the memo line. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

HABITAT NEWS: The Presbyterians are building again in 2021! The Raise the Roof was the second weekend of September, on **Saturday, September 11**. The new homeowner will be David Allen, age 47, who is a graduate of Manual High School. The new house is in the Smoketown neighborhood, on the site of the old Sheppard Square apartments. BRP is partnering with half a dozen other Presbyterian churches to fund the materials and provide labor for the new house.



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Following are recommendations, taken from kyrm.org website, for assisting Afghan refugees arriving soon in Kentucky. The State Department has notified refugee resettlement agencies to expect to receive 200 Afghan refugees over the next month. Kentucky Refugee Ministries is requesting support for these emergency humanitarian evacuees in the following ways:

Financial Donations for rent, utility, food and medical assistance

Housing - assistance securing rental housing

Donations of items - collection and delivery of furniture and household items

Grocery Guide - assist family with grocery needs during the first 4-5 days

Check-ins - reach out to the family

Pro bono medical or counseling services (Evacuees will only have short-term medical insurance.)

Employment - assistance obtaining employment

Further information regarding Volunteering or Donations may be found on website for Ky Refugee Ministries: [Support Afghans in Kentucky - Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc.](http://SupportAfghansinKentucky-KentuckyRefugeeMinistries.Inc)

Congratulations to Ding Moss who was recognized this past week with an Adult Education Award as an Outstanding Student. Her education program is through the Kentucky Skills University program. Ding participated in a presentation program in Frankfort, Kentucky with Gov. Andy Beshear, who presented the award. Your BRPres Community is so proud of you



Chelsea's last Sunday



Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

Dr. Hinson-Hasty is professor of theology and currently serves as chair of the department of theology. She is frequently called upon to preach and speak on faith and public life in a variety of settings.

She has distinguished herself with the following awards: a Catholic Press Association 2018 first place award for a book related to Catholic Social Teaching, an Award of Excellence for a Bible Resource from the Associated Church Press for Reconciling Paul the 2014-2015 Horizons Bible Study (2015), serving as a Fulbright Scholar (Hungary 2010), the Wilson Wyatt Faculty Fellowship for excellence in teaching and scholarship (2010), and a Kentuckiana Metroversity Award for Instructional Development for her course on *Theology from the Margins* (2008). She has served the church through advocacy work and remains committed to ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. From 2010-2014 she was as a research consultant for the World Council of Churches' North American Regional Forum and Hearings on Poverty, Wealth, and Ecology.

In addition to her scholarly work, she and her husband, Lee, are the parents of two children. Their son is a college student and their daughter is in middle school. They enjoy being recognized as proud parents of a sailing enthusiast and a Scottie's Field Hockey player.

Dr. Hinson-Hasty will be preaching at BRP on November 14 while Rev. Eldred is on study leave.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus directs Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the national and international response agency for the Presbyterian Church (USA), and an associate director for the ministries of Compassion, Peace and Justice in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Laurie is a Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional (CCFP) through the International Association of Trauma Professionals. She is a member of the International Critical Stress Foundation (ICSF) and a certified spiritual director.

Dr. Kraus is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She served as the pastor of Riviera Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida, and as associate pastor at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Utica, NY. She holds a BA from Wheaton College, the M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and D.Min. degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary and Florida Center for Theological Studies .

Her book, *Recovering from Un-Natural Disasters: A Guide for Pastors and Congregations After Violence and Trauma*, was published by Westminster John Knox in 2017.

Rev. Kraus will be preaching at BRP on November 21 while Rev. Eldred is on study leave.

From the MISSION COMMITTEE

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Thank you to everyone who has helped support the mission of HCM, through donations to the *Annual Summer Food and Back-to-School Supplies Drive* and the September 17 *Give For Good* event. Over 80 families received help with back-to-school needs. As you know, HCM postponed the 25th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser originally scheduled for September 26 as Covid cases increased, tentatively rescheduled for spring or summer 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 to make a **donation** or send a check to BRPres with "HCM donation" in the memo line.

In November, we will join the other HCM congregations in helping to make the Christmas holidays brighter for those in need in our area. BRP has been asked to provide \$25 Kroger or Valumarket gift cards and throw blankets for 12 people in need. Items may be dropped off at HCM in a **Drive-By Christmas Drive** at the beginning of December. For delivery help or questions, contact Alicia Bloos. Visit hcmloouisville.org to make a monetary donation directly or send a check payable to BRPres with "HCM Christmas Drive" in the memo line.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Autumn Under the Cedars—We're Back! CRC's annual fundraiser is returning October 9 in a brand-new format! The fundraiser will include **both in-person and virtual events**. In the big tent, you can enjoy catered appetizers, entertainment, dessert, and more. You can also participate in raffles and show support online. Visit cedaridgecamp.com for details or to buy a table, tickets, balloons, or raffle tickets. If you wish to join the BRP table, contact Alicia Bloos.

If you cannot attend but wish to help support the ministry of Cedar Ridge Camp, please go online; you may purchase balloons to be delivered to your yard, raffle tickets, or a "table," which means a tree will be planted in your honor. If you win a raffle item, we'll see the prize reaches you!

Thank you so much to those who graciously donated items for BRP's Vine Basket to be raffled at the event!

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 cedaridgecamp.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://www.facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/) or Instagram [instagram.com/cedaridgecamp.louisvilleky/](https://www.instagram.com/cedaridgecamp.louisvilleky/). To read more about the chapel project, see [presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/).

PROJECT WARM NEWS

BRP has normally sent out volunteers on a Saturday morning during the cold winter months, to weatherize the houses of our low-income neighbors. During the Project Warm Blitz, our team and many others went to around 300 houses in the city to lend our neighbors a helping hand.

This year's Blitz will be a little different. Because of the pandemic, volunteers will gather at Project Warm on **Saturday, November 6**, for a boxed breakfast and the assignment of a few houses around town. We will then **deliver materials** to those houses, rather than go inside the houses to work. Project Warm will screen the individuals who need assistance and will show them how the materials are to be used. Our job, as volunteers, is to be sure the materials get to the families in need. Please contact Bill Bowman if you're willing to help out on that Saturday morning.

HABITAT NEWS

BRP had three volunteers participating in the "Raise the Roof" for the Presbyterian churches in September. Bill Bowman, Clare Lewis, and Doug Rapp helped install windows in the new house and nailed up roof trusses to support the new roof. Presbyterians from Harvey Browne, Second, and Springdale also participated that day. The new house in Smoketown will be bought by David Allen, who also helped out that Saturday.

The next Habitat workday will be **Saturday, October 9**. If all goes according to plan, the work will involve installing soffit around the exterior and adding gutters. No tools or experience is required! Please contact Bill if you are willing to work that Saturday.

If you don't want to work on soffit and gutters, we also need volunteers who can bring lunch! Please let Bill know if you can supply lunch for 15 people.

POLLINATOR GARDEN

Thanks to many volunteers watering and weeding during the hot summer months, the garden has survived until the fall! Please check out the asters and other flowering plants along the parking lot fence. We will need a few more weeks of watering the garden before frost comes, so contact Bill or Alicia if you can help out.

TARC BUS PASSES & BRPC FOOD PANTRY

We help many who come to the church door in need. Please consider: Donating to help purchase TARC Partner Passes, discounted passes for the elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, and only a small amount has been budgeted for this! **You may mail a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line.**

-Donate bottled water, men's socks, and travel size men's toiletries if you can.

-Because of the generous gift of two boxes of tuna and chicken lunchables from Dreams with Wings, we have enough for quite a while. What a generous gift.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market 9-Noon Justice and Faith Table Farmers Mkt
3 Communion World Communion Sunday 11 am Worship Service Rev. Mark Eldred preaching	4	5	6 5:15-6:15pm Christian Ed, Fellowship Hall	7	8	9 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market Habitat work day 7 PM Autumn Under the Cedars
10 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred Preaching Noon—1 Adult Ed in Fellowship Hall	11 10am Congregational Life Meeting 5-6 pm Stand in Solidarity	12 6-7 PM Communications/ Admin Committee	13 6pm Mission Committee 7-8 PM Adult Ed Zoom	14	15	16 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
17 11:00 a.m. Worship Rev Mark Eldred Preaching Noon—1 Adult Ed in Fellowship Hall	18 Worship Committee Meeting	19 7 p.m. Session Meeting	20 7-8 PM Adult Ed Zoom	21	22	23 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
24 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred preaching Noon—1 Adult Ed in Fellowship Hall	25 5-6 pm Stand in Solidarity	26	27 7-8 PM Adult Ed Zoom	28	29	30 9 a.m.— Noon Farmers' Market
31 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred preaching Stewardship Sunday						



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