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Greetings Church,

I was truly blessed to spend the day at Neighborfest Saturday September 17th. Shared with Deer Park Baptist Church and Deer Park Neighborhood Association (whose Board meets in our building once per month), we had a wonderful weather day and afternoon of food, fellowship, activities for all ages, and many reconnections with folks from the community and our church community. Many thanks to our Clerk of Session Keith Clements and past Outreach Committee Chair Becky Shafer for doing the majority of planning and logistical work to make this year's event a success!

This was a true outreach to the neighborhood. I had some wonderful conversations with many folks I have never met before, neighbors and friends of our church community folks. Thank you to all who helped set up, donated baked goods and plants for the cake walk, and stayed around to tear down and clean up. I already look forward to next year's gathering.

That word, Gathering, is something I would like all of us to focus on in the remaining 2022 and in to 2023. If there is one area that Covid-19 has been hardest on it is the ability to gather in all situations that we would have deemed 'normal' prior to March of 2020. I am headed away on a week of study leave and vacation out of town Oct 18-30. When I return, I will officially be in the fourth year as your pastor. We have been in Covid-19 for two years and seven months of that time. We have all done as best as we can. We have weathered much of the storm.

In the ways in which we are able, I hope we will focus our time and energy over this next twelve months on gathering and re-gathering; seeking healthy ways to fellowship, to connect, and to reconnect, with our community and the neighborhood. From what I glean, this has always been one of the strengths of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church.

Siblings of Christ, blessings to each and to all of you as we continue to be community in the world in which we live.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark



## Advocating for Afghan Refugees and for the Hungry of the World

On September 18 we had a Minute for Mission advocating writing to your Congresspeople about the Afghan adjustment act SB-4787 and the Global Malnutrition and treatment Act. SB-2596. Thank you to all who took letters to sign and send! Some of you requested the links to be able to do this paperless.

The link for supporting the Afghan adjustment act is <https://www.voterveice.net/PCUSA/Campaigns/96945/Respond>  
My apologies, as it is not easy to locate if you just go to the PCUSA Website.

The link for supporting the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act is <https://www.bread.org/write-congress>

Thank you to everyone who is helping support these vital issues. If you have any issues with either of these links please let me know.

Carol Brees ([brees.c.k@gmail.com](mailto:brees.c.k@gmail.com))

### To My BRP Family,

I and my family were truly blessed at the outpouring of love and support we felt from you all. Your compassion and sympathy were truly uplifting in our time of loss. Our beloved Sue was a true treasure to all who knew her and she will be missed terribly, but we are certain we will see her again. God bless you all and thank you for loving Sue and her family.

Martin Blakeley  
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## STEWARDSHIP

### A SEASON OF RENEWAL November 13

"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 2023. Your 2023 Stewardship Committee - Alicia Bloos, Clare Lewis, Carol Brees and Pastor Mark join you all in saving the date for three Sundays of Stewardship - Oct 23, Nov 6, and Nov 13. **Nov 13 will be Stewardship Sunday with more details to come.**

### ADULT EDUCATION CLASS- "No really, What Would Jesus Really Do?"

On Sundays October 9 and October 16, Pastor Mark will host a two-week gathering to discuss more commonly known Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke, some that you have shared in church these past months. October 9 we will discuss "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37, the Mustard Seed" Luke 13:18-19, and "The Great Dinner" Luke 14:15-24. On October 16 we will discuss "The Lost Sheep" Luke 15:1-7, "The Lost Coin" Luke 15:8-10, and "the Prodigal Son" Luke 15:11-32". Please join in Fellowship Hall from noon-1PM for this conversation and byob snacks or lunch.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Peace and Global Witness Offering—**October 2**

PULPIT GUESTS:

Rev. Bill Williamson - **October 2 & November 27**

Rev. Dr. Catherine Evans Knott - **October 23**

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell - **October 30**

Pastor Mark's vacation and study leave -**Oct. 18—30.**

Brittany Hesson's Wedding is at BRPC - **October 15**

Youth— "Boo at the Zoo"—**Oct. 21 OR 28**

<b>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	Ken Johnson	4
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	A. J. Smith	8
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## HIGHLIGHTS SEPT14 2022 SESSION MEETING

A celebration which included sweets was held before the meeting's business to honor Jennie Guelda for serving on the Session for 2 terms (6 years) and the Pastor Nominating Committee, and Carol Brees who recently retired from her career as an OBGYN doctor.

Rev. Eldred mentioned how he noticed some members experiencing fatigue due to life changes. He will pray on this matter.

A request was made to receive the monthly Treasurer's Reports earlier before the Session Meetings for adequate time to review the information.

The use of the building by AA, NA and Home School was discussed regarding needing agreements for better understanding of how and when our spaces are used. Clare Lewis will investigate how other churches use covenant agreements.

Rev. Eldred requested that he not have to make decisions regarding the building use relationships and ministries. This responsibility is best handled by the Building and Grounds Committee with the Church Administrator, Johanna Fears, acting as the facilitator.

The Congregational Life Committee is considering a holiday progressive dinner with the progressive part being only heavy appetizers.

The Faith and Justice Table on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Farmer's Market will promote voter registration and provide information opposing Constitutional Amendment #2, which would give no right to abortions or government funding. A motion was approved by the Session to support protective reproductive rights for women as per the PCUSA advocacy.

Carol Brees will do a Minute for Mission to contact our congressmen by letter to support the Afghan Resettlement Adjustment Act and Bread for the World legislation.

Maintaining the security and care of the church grounds due to the recent presence of unhoused people is a concern. Guidance on dealing with loitering is needed to determine the level of investment to help the homeless and being a good neighbor.

The proposed church logo was reviewed again with the sweeping heart and cross design preferred. Clare Lewis will show the logo on letterhead and other media at the next meeting. The design will be shared with the congregation in a future newsletter.

The Personnel Committee recommended that Johanna Fears's job title be changed to Church Administrator due to her increased church responsibilities.

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The 2020 and 2021 Session Meeting Minutes will be reviewed at the November Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Meeting at South Frankfort P.C.

The 2023 salaries for all staff and pastor were recommended by the Personnel Committee to be increased by 3%. The pastor's change to Terms of Call will be done at a future Congregational Meeting.

The job description for the Treasurer is being prepared to clearly identify the responsibilities.

Keith Clements reviewed the preparations for Neighborfest involving Deer Park Baptist Church, Deer Park Neighborhood Association, and our church.

A joint service with Deer Park Baptist Church is planned for the third Sunday of Advent.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY and the PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING October 2, 2022

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 2. 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.



## Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church September 18 2022:

What a joy to celebrate Rev. Bill Williamson as Pastor Emeritus of Harvey Browne today!

## From the MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

### Three Big Things!

**HELP NEEDED!** The current economic situation has made it increasingly difficult for many people to feed their families, and the demand at the HCM food pantry has been great.

**Please consider donating food items as you are able.** You may bring items to church and place in the box in the sanctuary, or you may drop off items at HCM. The alley door there is unlocked 10 A.M. - 1 P.M., Wednesday-Friday, when the food pantry is open to clients, and you may take items right in—or ring the doorbell and someone will come to receive items. HCM is grateful for the generosity of BRPres! Call Danah Smith at HCM for drop-off info, 502-451-3695 ext. 260. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

**CHRISTMAS DRIVE!** I know, it seems early, but it's time to prepare! We have been asked to collect **\$25 gift cards** (from Target, Wal-Mart, or Kroger's) and **throw blankets** for the Christmas Drive. You may bring items to church and Mission Committee will transport to HCM (leave gift cards in church office), or you may take them directly to HCM.

**When do I drop off items? Elf-Day Drop-Off: Nov. 30 (Wed), Dec. 1 (Thur.), or Dec. 2 (Fri.), 10:00 A.M.-1 P.M. each day.** Elf days are very important as this allows HCM to gather items for each client's order. Clients will begin to pick up gift items on Dec. 14.

**Where do I drop off items?** All items can be dropped off using the backdoor entrance by the alley (located in the back of the building by the big parking lot).

**What if I can't make Elf-Day Drop-off times?** If Elf-Day Drop Off time frames do not work, please contact Danah or Tiffany at the numbers below so that they can set-up a time: Danah at 451-3695 x 213 (o) or 256-337-7047 (c), Tiffany at 451-3695 x260 (o) or 502-939-2077 (c).

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!** to everyone who donated to HCM during the September 15 *Give for Good* campaign. Due to the generosity of many folks, HCM raised over \$14,000 net. Don't forget to check out ALL that HCM has to offer, including childcare; senior activities; art, yoga, and tai chi classes; rental space for events; and all Highlands Youth Recreation sports, at [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org).

**CEDAR RIDGE CAMP: *Autumn Under the Cedars* is here!** The 15<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser gala benefiting Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's Cedar Ridge Camp and Retreat Center right here in Jefferson County is **Saturday, October 8, 2022**. This year's theme is "Walk Every Path." The event includes appetizers, dinner, music, entertainment, raffles, a silent auction, and more! Catch a sneak peak of the chapel construction! Individual tickets may be purchased for \$80, or a table for 8 is \$560 (a savings of \$80). We would like to reserve a table for BRP folks; please **contact Alicia Bloos asap** if you wish to be part of our group, at [aliciabloos@gmail.com](mailto:aliciabloos@gmail.com) or 502-496-0345. You can also make reservations directly at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com).

**Help Needed!** Our church has been asked to provide silent auction items for *Autumn Under the Cedars*. What can you donate? Have great sports tickets to share? A lake cottage to loan for a weekend? Or can you share a talent? A homemade quilt, baby afghan, winter scarf?

Guitar lessons? A homemade dessert every month (for 3, 6, 12 months)? A hand-painted picture? An original, framed photograph? Original wood crafts? Contact Alicia if you have something to contribute. Thanks!

**Fall Camp Activities.** Although summer camps are past, fall sees a bustle of activity as school groups sample the Outdoor Education offerings, churches delight in picnics and retreats, and families enjoy reunions and celebrations. Visit [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) to see opportunities.

**Memorial Bricks.** Now is the time to honor or memorialize loved ones at the **Calvin Chapel** by buying bricks. As part of the chapel construction project, an entrance patio will be paved with commemorative bricks. You may choose either a 4"x 8" standard brick or an 8"x 8" deluxe brick, with an option to include graphics. Order bricks through the **Memorial Brick campaign** online at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com), or pick up an order form in the church sanctuary and mail it back to camp. Don't miss your chance to remember a camp leader, a beloved minister, a camp buddy, or a special experience at Cedar Ridge! Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

**LA CASITA CENTER:** La Casita Center enhances the well-being of Louisville's Latinx community through education, empowerment, advocacy, and wellness. La Casita Center works intentionally to build a thriving community based on mutual support and respect. In the past we have helped our Hispanic neighbors with diapers and baby needs through this center. Right now, there is a great need for dry black beans, canned vegetables, and canned fruits for their food pantry. Bring to church and we'll transport, or drop at the back door (in the alley) of La Casita Center at 223 E Magnolia Ave., Tuesdays 10-6 or Wednesdays 10-3. Thanks for your help!

**HABITAT NEWS:** The Presbyterian house for 2022 is underway! Presbyterians from multiple congregations showed up the first weekend after Labor Day and got the house under roof. Retasha Cheatham will be the new homeowner, and she's excited about the progress! A lot more work will need to be done in the next 2-3 months, so BRP volunteers are planning to help out on **Saturday, October 8**. Work will run from 8:30 in the morning to 3:00 or so in the afternoon, and lunch will be provided. If you're interested in joining the fun, contact Bill Bowman for details.

**PROJECT WARM BLITZ:** The date for this year's Project Warm Blitz is **Saturday, November 12**. Volunteers will meet around 9:00 and go to a couple of homes to install window coverings to help tighten up the house and prevent cold air from seeping in around cracks. The work should finish before noon.

BRP has participated in the Blitz for many years, but no in-person services were available the last two years because of the COVID pandemic. Project Warm is glad to be back with a reduced number of teams visiting limited homes—just the homeowners who are most in need.

Please let the church office know if you're willing to help out the BRP team this year by helping our neighbors warm up their houses.

## **MISSION (CONTINUED) BRP FRONT DOOR MINISTRY**

Can you help those 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. You may write a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line.

Packages of chicken and tuna lunchables, are always needed. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

## **POLLINATOR GARDEN**

The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing, and the butterflies are flitting around! It's fall in the pollinator garden!

Volunteers are keeping the flowers watered (and the new trees that were planted in January), and neighbors have commented on the nice look of the space. Enjoy the colors of the flowers and the activity of the pollinators on your next trip to the BRP parking lot!

**COFFEE HOUR:** Coffee Hour is taking place before worship services every Sunday. Because the dedicated souls who used to provide doughnuts every Sunday can no longer do so, **your help is needed!** We are seeking volunteers to provide doughnuts and make the coffee for each Sunday. You may choose to volunteer for a single Sunday or for a month at a time. Perhaps you'd like to choose your birthday week (or month). You may submit your receipts to the church for reimbursement if you wish.

To sign up, visit the MealTrain website <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8053vn> and pick from the open dates. You may view the full instructions on MealTrain. You will even receive an email from MealTrain to confirm. For more information, contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or [aliciabloos@gmail.com](mailto:aliciabloos@gmail.com).

## **LOUISVILLE HOMESCHOOL/ WILDFLOWERS ACADEMY**

The Tuesday after Labor Day marks the beginning of another new school year for Louisville Homeschool's cottage school program, this year renamed Wildflowers Academy. We are so pleased to be back in the classroom space at BRPC and learning again with friends!

This school year, Wildflowers has 51 students in 5 classrooms, Pre-K to Middle School. In the coming months, each class will get a highlight about what they are learning this year. In September, classes focused on making friends and setting goals and expectations for the school year. We're looking forward to a great year. Thank you for sharing your space with us!



BRP Newsletter

Solidarity  
Stand-in  
September 26  
2022

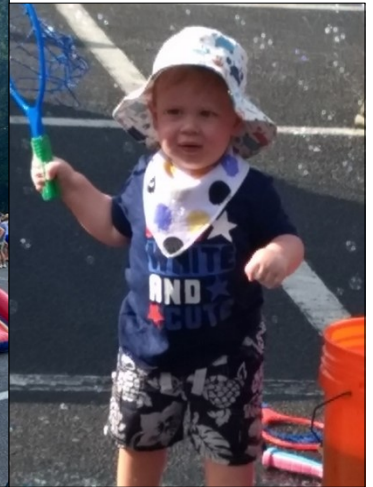


## **HALLOWEEN BOO AT THE ZOO! Youth!!!!**

We are going to Boo at the Zoo and have two dates in mind 10/21 or 10/28. Sarah will be contacting families or you can reach out to her about going. Chaperones would be appreciated! *Sarah Hageman*



## **NEIGHBORFEST 2022**



NEIGHBORFEST 2022 PICTURES (cont.)



Wagon cotton candy



Music—Sheldon & Becky listening



Jeanie & Clinton



Cotton Candy & Snow cones  
Jimmy & Carlyne Kerr

Ding Moss and children



# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market  9-Noon Justice and Faith Table Farmers Mkt
<b>2 Communion</b> World Communion Sunday 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Service Rev. Bill Williamson preaching	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6pm Mission Committee	<b>6</b>  Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market  8:30 am Habitat work day  7 PM Autumn Under the Cedars
<b>9</b> 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Mark Eldred Preaching  Noon Adult Ed in Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> 10am Congregational Life Meeting  Worship Committee Meeting  5-6 pm Stand in Solidarity	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7 pm Session Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
<b>16</b> 10am Fellowship 11:00am. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred Preaching  Noon- Adult Ed in Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
		Pastor Mark's Vacation and Study Leave are from October 18-30				
<b>23</b> 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Dr. Catherine Evans Knott preaching	<b>24</b>  5-6 pm Stand in Solidarity	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 a.m.— noon Farmers' Market
<b>30</b> 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell preaching	<b>31</b>					



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## Country Living- September 19, 2022 Presbytery Meeting

by Jerry Van Marter, Stated Clerk

I knew it was going to be a special day when I walked into the fellowship hall of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church near Greensburg and was guided to the “Foraging Table.” The legendary hospitality of “the country church” in Greensburg was on full display as a lavish array of fresh fruit, veggies, cheese, deli meats and other munchies stretched out before me.

It has been many years since the twin churches of Ebenezer (“the country church”) and Greensburg (“the town church”) hosted Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and it was clear both congregations were eager to demonstrate their hospitality, history and current witness in Green County.

The day began with fellowship and worship at Ebenezer, then moved to Greensburg for the business part of the presbytery meeting. More than 70 presbyters attended – more than half in person at the two churches in the southeast corner of the presbytery and the rest on Zoom. Worship was led by musicians from Ebenezer and Glasgow Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jim Murphy (Bethel First, Campbellsville) preached and an offering of nearly \$1,000 was received to help with flood relief in Eastern Kentucky through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

On the business side of things, the presbytery:

- Dismissed the administrative commission which oversaw the closing of Calvin Presbyterian Church, which held its last worship service in mid-June.
- Dismissed the administrative commission which oversaw the conversion of South Fork Presbyterian Church to an independent congregation and the sale of South Fork’s building to the congregation.
- Welcomed two new members into the presbytery: the Rev. Aimee Moiso, the new associate director of the Louisville Institute on the campus of Louisville Seminary; and the Rev. Nolan Huizenga, the new bridge transitional pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church. Nolan and Aimee come to us from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.
- Honored 14 ministers on the anniversaries of their ordination (5-year increments). Ranging from 10 years to 45 years, the “ordiversary” honorees have combined for 360 years of service to Jesus Christ and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Elected a slate of new officers and commission/committee members for service to the presbytery beginning in January 2023. Among those elected were 2023 Moderator Perry Chang (Ruling Elder-Crescent Hill) and 2023 Vice-Moderator Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, pastor of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Received the 2023 presbytery budget for a first reading, with final action scheduled at the November presbytery meeting and approved a 6% cost-of-living increase for General Presbyter John Odom, commensurate with COLA increases already approved for other presbytery staff members.
- Tabled until the November meeting a plan to create a fund to provide grants to MKP member clergy, presbytery employees and employees of member congregations and their families “for medical travel for medically necessary care not available within 150 miles of their homes and not covered by their health insurance.”

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky is Saturday, November 12, 2022 at South Frankfort Presbyterian Church.