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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Blessings to you as we move in to Fall Season, shorter days, lower temperatures, and the changing leaves on the trees. Our Adult Ed class is sharing in a conversation about what it is like to share our faith through our daily lives. To focus our conversation we are using some attributes of Jesus: compassion, empathy, grace, forgiveness, love, and braveness. Whether you are in the class or not, I sense that these words are a healthy list for many of us to consider as we go about our lives.

I would like to share with you some questions and prompts that I asked our class two weeks ago that you might consider in your free time. What is your earliest memory of church? Is there a short story about church that you like to tell? Name a time that the church has hurt you. Tell about a favorite church person of your past and why. Describe a room you remember in your first church. Do you remember the first wedding or funeral that you ever attended? Briefly describe a time that you talked to someone about your church, or church in general. Name a church community moment, or personal church moment, that you are proud of. Name a bible story that sticks with you, and how old were you when you first heard it?

At our first gathering of about eight or so people we heard some wonderful and personal testimony responses to some of these prompts and questions. I honestly believe in my heart that it is important for all of us to remind ourselves why we are here, why is this church and community important to us? I sense that this helps communities to focus on their intentions and their priorities.

As I head in to my fifth year with you, my hope is that this can be part of the focus for the year - what are the priorities of our church here and now? Who do we want and need to be to serve the community that we are, and the community that we are in (our neighborhood and city)? What gifts and talents come natural to us as a community? What is the make-up of our community, and what might we need to be doing to address growing edges and limits as we move forward together? Do you have new ideas that you would like to talk to the pastor or an elder of the church about? Have you wanted to serve the church in a given way, but haven't been invited to step in to that role as of yet?

I pray that we continue to consider much or all of these as a community. Be looking for some future potluck dates where we will gather after church to have a time of food and fellowship, and a space to share in these conversations as community.

Blessings to you all! Pastor Mark

**THE COMMITTEE ON SELF-DEVELOPMENT
OF PEOPLE VISITS BRPres**

On Sunday, September 24th, we were blessed by the presence of the national church. Guest Preacher Rev. Mark Davis - honorably retired from First Presbyterian Church Lexington last July, has stepped in to a new role as an area coordinator and national board member of the Committee on Self-Development of People of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rev. Mark preached during worship and led an adult study further providing detail of the great work of S.D.O.P. in our city, state, nation, and world. We are blessed to live in Louisville, the home of our denomination's headquarters downtown. If you are interested in the work of our national church please go to pcusa.org where there is a plethora of information.



**ADULT EDUCATION - Testimony –
Living our Faith Out Loud**

Will be led by Pastor Mark and began September 14, Thursday, 6-7:15PM in Fellowship Hall.

There is no pre preparation other than show up inspired to utilize your imagination, creativity, and life experiences. Similar to our young people, we will be focusing on common life attributes of Jesus – Empathy, October 12 – Grace, October 26 – Forgiveness, November 9 – Love, and November 30, Braveness. Hope to see many of you in class.

**YOUTH KICK OFF SUNDAYS –
October 1 and 15 after worship**

Calling all Parents of Youth and Children – Sundays, October 1 and October 15, Christian Ed will be kicking off the year with youth and children. We begin with lunch in Fellowship Hall right after church (if anyone is interested in sponsoring a Sunday youth lunch reach out to Pastor Mark).

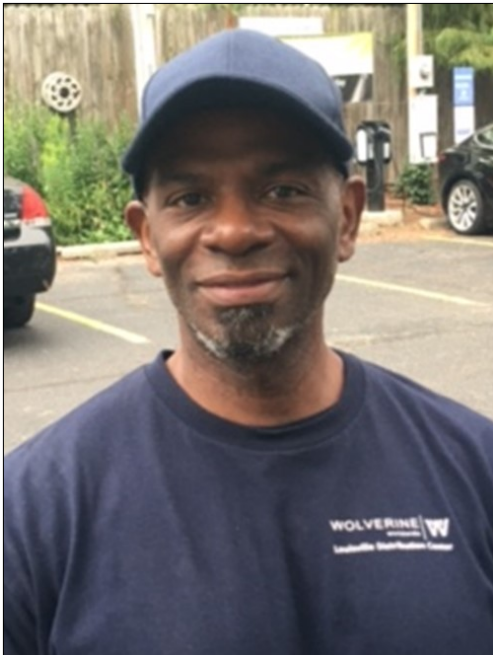
For the 23-24 calendar year, we will be focusing on the attributes of Jesus and other characters in our bible. In a one room schoolhouse format, join us October 1 as we have a confirmation about Individual Faith Projects and confirmation. On October 15 we will take a close look at different parts of the bible, the characters, and a few stories in the bible that narrate Compassion. Future dates of gatherings will be November 5 and 19, and December 3 and 17. In Winter/Spring we hope to meet the first three Sundays of each month. If you have any questions reach out to Sarah Hageman, our Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator, or Pastor Mark.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	Ken Johnson	4
	Grant Gamble	7
	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	

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HIGHLIGHTS SEPT 17 2023 SESSION MEETING

- Rev. Eldred discussed the church's core ministry priorities with the session. Rev. Eldred and Alicia Bloos gave updates from the September 18th Presbytery meeting.
- Rev. Eldred and Bill Bowman presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2023. The status of the church's accounts and a discussion on the Brabandt fund took place.
- Molly Rapp discussed the model agreement for benefits that our church will offer employees for 2024. The session approved benefits to remain the same as were offered in 2023.
- Molly Rapp reported the hiring of our new Sexton, Eric Lanier, who started work on September 11th.
- Lester Gamble discussed recent house and grounds projects including LED lighting, roof repair, plaster and painting, and preparations for the Home School. Future projects include repairing walls in Fellowship Hall and floor work.
- Rev. Eldred reported that the Youth and Children's programs will begin on October 1st for Confirmation/ Individual Faith Projects, and October 15th for Bible-based Sunday School.
- Rev. Eldred shared that Bill Williamson will become our new Parish Associate. Rev. Mark Davis of PCUSA Self-Development of People will be our guest minister on September 24th.
- Bill Bowman reported CLOUT house meetings will take place this month. Cedar Ridge Camp will host Autumn Under the Cedars on October 13th.
- Rev. Eldred shared that the BRP Choir retreat will be held on September 23rd. World Communion Sunday is October 1st. The session approved receiving Grace-Love as an inquirer under the care of BRP church and the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.



Welcome
Eric Lanier
BRP
Sexton

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY and the PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

October 1, 2023

What you have known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This 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 1. 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.



Faith and Justice Table

On Saturday, Sept 9 we hosted Educational Justice at the Farmer's Market. Educational Justice is a non-profit organization that pairs 5th -8th grade students with high school students for mentoring and tutoring. If you or someone you know would be interested, you can find more information at educationaljustice.org

Next month we will be hosting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Join us on October 7 to learn more about how the Presbyterian Church, USA is responding to disasters locally and around the world. The Farmer's Market is in the parking lot from 9 am-12 noon.

From the MISSION COMMITTEE

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

MANY THANKS to all who donated during the September 14 GIVE FOR GOOD drive, and thanks, again, to all who donated backpacks, and food and toiletry items, to help support HCM's Summer Food and Back to School Drive. Because of your generosity, HCM continues to assist our community in so many ways.

HCM staff will join us at our **Faith and Justice Table** at **Farmers' Market** on **Sat., Nov. 4**, to receive donations for the **Christmas Giving drive**. Items requested are throw blankets and \$25 Walmart and Kroger gift cards. You may bring items to the market that day, 9 A.M. till 12 P.M., or bring to church in advance. Throw blankets may be left in the back of the sanctuary and gift cards may be left in the envelope provided in the church office.

Check out all that HCM offers, including childcare; senior activities; art, yoga, and tai chi classes; rental event spaces; and all Highlands Youth Recreation sports, at hcmlouisville.org.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

IT'S HERE! *Autumn Under the Cedars*, the annual fundraiser gala for Cedar Ridge Camp, is **Friday, October 13, 2023, at 6 P.M.** at camp. The event begins with a cocktail hour with appetizers, musical entertainment, raffles, and silent auction, as well as an optional add-on bourbon tasting (\$20 per person; three sessions with the first starting at 6 P.M.), followed by dinner (catered by Ladyfingers) with a brief program. Tickets are \$85 per person, or save by purchasing a table for 8 for \$595. Visit cedarridgecamp.com for details or to purchase tickets, or if you wish to join the BRP table of 8, contact Alicia Bloos at aliciabloos@gmail.com or 502-496-0345 (several spots still available as of Sept. 25).

HELP NEEDED! Mission Committee is asking for donations of wine for a **BRP wine basket** to be raffled at *Autumn Under the Cedars*. If you have discovered some interesting wines, please consider purchasing a bottle or two to donate. Contact Alicia Bloos with questions or to arrange to contribute, aliciabloos@gmail.com or 502-496-0345.

MORE HELP NEEDED! *Autumn Under the Cedars* also features a silent auction, for which we are seeking donations. 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? A UK or UofL Basket? A homemade dessert every month (for 3, 6, 12 months)? An original painting? An original, framed photograph? Original wood crafts? An assortment of homemade canned jams and Jellies? Contact Alicia asap if you have something to contribute. Thank you!

INTERESTED in leading a camp activity for children, youth, or adults? Facilitators (from young adults to seniors) are needed year-round for school, church, and other groups. Activities include Archery, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Team Building, Hayrides, Campfires, Native American Lore, Settlers' Toys, Orienteering, Trekking Through the Trees, Bug Safari, Crime Scene Investigation, Low Ropes Courses, and Ziplining.

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, activities for school groups include Christmas in Mexico, Christmas in Germany, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, and Kwanza.

Training is provided, and there is compensation.

Interested? Contact Alainna Brummert, Program Director, at alainna@cedarridgecamp.com. Great for retirees or anyone with an interest and some free time either weekdays or weekends.

BLOOD DRIVE 2023

The Red Cross will hold its next Blood Drive at Immanuel UCC on Taylorsville Road on **Monday, October 16**. Please drop by that afternoon, between 1:00 and 6:00, and donate blood, or contact Bill Bowman if you're able to volunteer for an hour to help out.

HABITAT NEWS 2023

The area Presbyterian churches are building a new Habitat house over the next few months with a family in need. After BRP joined other churches last year on a house in Shelby Park, this new house will be in the Park Springs neighborhood, just like the Presbyterian houses of 2020 and 2021.

Please come out and help the BRP team as we work on the house on **Saturday, October 14**. No experience is required, and all necessary tools will be provided. Contact Bill Bowman if you're interested or have questions.

BRP FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

YOU can help those who come to the church door in need, by Donating **money** to buy **TARC Partner Passes**, discounted bus passes for those who are elderly, disabled, or on assistance. Label your check to BRPres "TARC passes."

And donating **chicken and tuna lunchables, bottled Water, men's socks, package of razors.**

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

NEIGHBORFEST 2023 PICTURES



NEIGHBORFEST 2023 PICTURES (cont.)



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Congregational Life Committee is working on updating and printing a new Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Directory, listing names and all contact information that we have for each person (address, phone, cell phone, email and birthday (not year)). If you don't want your information listed, please notify Shirley Shaw, secretary of the Cong. Life Committee by Oct. 15 (690-9512 or text only at 712-2920 or email shirleyshaw967@gmail.com) Thanks. PS, we're asking you to contact Shirley because the church office is very busy this time of year with Stewardship and Advent seasons fast approaching.

QUARTERLY WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH

The quarterly BRP Women's Birthday Lunch will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24, beginning at noon, at Connor's Steak & Seafood, 615 S. Hurstbourne Parkway. Please RSVP to Shirley Shaw, 690-9512 or text at 712-2920 by Oct. 20 so the reservation can be made. This dutch-treat luncheon honors those women whose birthdays are in September, October and November. Connor's is where Mimi's Cafe used to be, in the strip center by Lowe's and GFS. It is pricey at night, but not too bad for lunch.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion World Communion Sunday Youth Kick Off 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Lunch Rev. Eldred preaching	2	3 4:30 pm Christian Ed	4	5	6	7 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market 9-Noon Justice and Faith Table Farmers Mkt
8 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Mark Eldred Preaching	9 10am Congregational Life Meeting Worship Committee Meeting 5-6 pm Stand in Solidarity	10	11 4pm Mission Committee	12 6:00 PM Adult Education	13 6PM Autumn Under the Cedars	14 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market Habitat new construction
15 10am Fellowship 11:00am. Worship Lunch Rev. Mark Eldred Preaching	16 1—6PM Red Cross Blood Drive At IUCC	17 7 pm Session Meeting	18	19	20	21 9 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
22 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	23 5-6 pm Stand in Solidarity	24	25	26 6:00 PM Adult Education	27	28 9 a.m.— noon Farmers' Market
29 10am Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	30	31				

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Blessed with God's love and grace, we seek to support each other as we extend God's message of hope and love to the world around us by our words and actions.



Kroger Community Rewards Program
Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

Are you using your Kroger Card to help support programs at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church? If you haven't signed up, we ask that you consider the Community Rewards Program and help subsidize programs at the church. There is no obligation other than to register your Kroger card that you scan when you shop at Kroger's. Every time you swipe your Kroger card at the checkout, you will be helping the church. Nothing else must be done other than to enroll. Enrollment is done online at Kroger.com. If you need assistance, just call the church office at 502-451-8305 or Doug Rapp at 502-648-9439.

Below is all you need to do.

- Go to www.Kroger.com
- Click on "Sign IN" at the upper right of the screen
- Click on "Create Account"
- Input your email address
- Make a password
- Input your "Plus Card ID number"

Once your account is set up, go into www.Kroger.com and go to the tab Community Rewards on the left side of the screen and click on it.

Follow the instructions to find Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church and click on it. The organization number for the church is XB521.

Once enrolled, that is all you need to do. The system will automatically capture the information when you use your card at the checkout. The church receives a percentage reward for just enrolling. Kroger takes the total of all the receipts and pays a portion back to the church. You are grocery shopping anyway so take advantage of it. **We are not promoting Kroger over another grocery as you could check with the grocery where you shop and maybe they have a similar program. Either way, thanks for enrolling.**