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As we head into the fall and a brand new year with new experiences, let me send you all out with a charge that may be very familiar to you. You will remember that a charge is a statement of encouragement to live the Christian life - not just on Sunday morning (or afternoon), but each day. As Christians we gather, study, pray, and witness together and then we leave to continue with our lives; we do this centered around a *charge* that commends to us a particular way of living.

***Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak,
and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.***

You may recognize the words because you have heard this charge, or you may recognize it because it comes from the Bible, though from several different places. It is drawn from the life of Jesus and the teaching of the Apostle Paul and Peter. The Presbyterian Book of Common Worship cites First Corinthians, Second Timothy, Ephesians, First Thessalonians, and First Peter as some of the sources. Presbyterians have been using this charge for more than a century, though the earliest reference I know of is from a 19th century Episcopalian church manual.

In a world that can sometimes seem unrecognizable as we hear story after story about meanness or worry, remember that the Bible offers you a beautiful, hard, inspiring, funny, sad, loving story to live from. So go do it, and maybe if we live out this charge we can rejoice in the telling of new and different stories.

***Rev. Mamie Broadhurst
Covenant Community Church***

From Rev. Mamie Broadhurst

On August 20th, Covenant Community Church held their worship out at a farm in Prospect, KY so they might also get to help harvest food for farmers who belong to a group called "La Minga." La Minga is led by immigrants and others in solidarity with them. They are a diverse group of farmers, gardeners, and food lover who seek to find ways to work in community around food production (and food eating). CCC has worked on this farm at different points over the past three years joining in days of planting, weeding, and harvest. Together with Rev. Elmer Zavala and some of the members of his Preston Highway Ministry, we worship, work, and eat - enjoying the gifts of life, of creation, and of food!





WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee is seeking input as to what, if any, changes people would like to see in the way we worship together. For the next three Sundays there will be an insert in the bulletin. Please take this opportunity to give your input and place it in the offering plate. Alternatively you can speak with members of the worship committee one-on-one; Lester Gamble, Anne Teaford, Jeanie Grosz, Laura Green or Carol Brees. Or if you would like to talk with us all at once you are welcome to come to the next Worship Committee Meeting on Sept. 21 in the choir room. We want your ideas!

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**NEIGHBORFEST:
Save the Date!**

The 9th Annual NeighborFest is Saturday, September 9 from 3 - 5 pm. There will be many of the old favorites, and some new attractions. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to see you. This is a joint effort with Deer Park Baptist Church and the Deer Park Neighborhood Association. It's a great time for everyone, and we definitely love volunteers. Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary and let us know how you can help, or call Becky at 895-0095.



Thanks, Becky

**CHOIR
Attention please to the following
announcement!**

Chancel Choir members and future choir members will begin rehearsals on **September 13th**. 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! *Jeanie Grosz*

LANIE SIPES: Lanie set the date for her **ordination service**. It is Oct. 14th at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe, OH. Congratulations Lanie!

| Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff | |
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| *Jeanie Grosz | Director of Music Ministries/Organist |
| *Brittany Hesson | Children's & Youth Minister |
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Transitional Pastor Committee Update

The committee was busy during the month of August interviewing candidates, reviewing resumes, and setting up pulpit supply until we have the position filled. We hope to have the position filled by the middle of September. It was important to the committee that the candidate was familiar with the final discernment report provided by Rev. Peggy Hinds and was ready to be engaged in helping the church move towards these goals. Your involvement in this process has helped the committee identify several of the characteristics that we felt were important moving forward. If you have any questions for the committee, please contact any of our members: Doug Rapp-Chair, Keith Clements, Paul Ray, Laura Stone, and Mary Mpanje. *Doug Rapp*

Stewardship

The Stewardship committee is beginning to plan for the calendar year 2018 as the session also begins planning for the operating budget for 2018. This year will require each and every one of us to give prayerful consideration as to how we can take part in the programs and ministry that were brought forward in the recently completed discernment meetings. The future direction of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church depends on each of us being committed both financially and through our time and talents. This is no task to small or to large that cannot be accomplished if we work and pray together. Thanks for your support in the past and for your commitment and passion for our ministry in the future. *Doug Rapp*

Outreach

I will be working in the near future to create an Outreach Committee and hope to get several of you willing to assist me in this task. I think there is tremendous opportunity to grow in this area and to coordinate it with our new discernment plans for ministry. It can be exciting thinking of ways to reach out to our community through special projects, social media, community partnerships, and working with each session committee to find ways to continually reach out to others. If interested, please contact me or see me at church. *Doug Rapp*

Capital Improvements Around the Church

It may not be noticeable to you as you look at the church but several major projects were completed on the exterior of the church. We had a brick mason work for two weeks on several areas: bricks tuck-pointed, windows caulked, bricks power washed and waterproofed and other details to stop moisture coming into the building that was causing interior painting to blister and peel.

With this work, we will be ready for the installation of the solar panels when they are ready to be installed. The next project to take place is the painting of portions of the sanctuary ceiling as we are now confident that the work done will prevent future problems. Hopefully, this will be done in the month of September. We hope to continue work around the church both inside and out to work towards a more inviting church. We look to move on other projects once we have our new leadership in place. *Doug Rapp*

AUG. 15 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Transitional Pastor Search Committee: Doug Rapp, Keith Clements, Laura Stone, Paul Ray, Mary Mpanje.

At the end of August all candidates for Transitional Pastor will have been heard. The committee has met, done additional phone interviews as needed, and hope to have a contract signed by mid-September or first of October 2017.

Guiding Team to communicate with the congregation during the pastor search consists of Lin Block-Coalter, Alan Purnell, and Jeanie Grosz.

Jeanie Grosz has volunteered to make calls, set a list of persons requesting Home Communion and those Session Members who volunteer to assist.

Meeting planned for August 27 to discuss the Discernment Report, and review committees needed for BRP to meet their organization, goals, etc. Our Church Secretary will send out an electronic report to all persons who attend the August 27th meeting.

Mission Committee will meet September 12, 2017 in conjunction with the "Caring for Creation" meeting to be held at St. Francis Church.

The Session voted to agree with the Fossil-Free Investment resolution to be voted on by the Presbytery in September. Bill Bowman is the contact person from BRP.

The VBS Sunday Loose offering of \$175 has been used to purchase back-packs for the HCM Back to School Project.

Please bring in food item requested by HCM this month: Canned Soup or Meats.

Pot-Lucks are planned for this year: 10/29/17, 1/28/18, & 4/8/18.

The Finance Task Group distributed Budget Prep Booklets to all committees, to be completed by next Session Meeting.

Stewardship Task Group has set a committee and is planning a program in August for the 2018 Giving Campaign.

Building & Grounds and General Administration Task Group have requested funds from Maintenance Reserve Fund to cover cost of masonry repairs, and Insulated roofing projects which were completed this summer.

Committee or persons to plan the All Church Retreat for this year need to be appointed and begin making plans.

LINDA DOLE BARBER

Linda Dole Barber died on Aug 12. A lovely service was held on Aug. 19 at Highland Baptist Church celebrating her life. Brian Shaw sang several of her favorite songs and Jeanie Grosz played the piano. Many BRP members attended. Please keep her family in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Fall Kick-off for Sunday School activities will be Sunday, September 10. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and Sunday School breakout. The Youth and Elementary classes will be studying some homemade curriculum, exploring "Ordinary People" of the Bible. Both classes meet on the 3rd floor.

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

KIDS' CLUB

Kids Club is moving to a new time and location! Now, kids ages 5-11 can come to BRP for food, fellowship, and learning on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Kids Choir will practice at 5:30 p.m. with Jeanie in the choir room and then Kids Club will start at 6:00 p.m. with Brittany on the 3rd floor.

Kids Club dates are: September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20.

Want to help with Kids Club? See Brittany Hesson!

YOUTH

Youth is moving to a new time and location! Students in grades 6-12 are invited for youth group at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons on the 3rd floor (Elementary Sunday School room). As this is a joint youth group with Covenant Community Church, we needed to make a change to fit better with the schedules of worship services and volunteers. Now, everyone can make it home earlier to get ready for school/work on Mondays!

A detailed schedule of events will be emailed to parents this month. The first youth group activity is on Sunday, September 10. Parents are invited to attend this first meeting with their youth.

Want to help with youth group? See Brittany Hesson!



Hi BRPC!

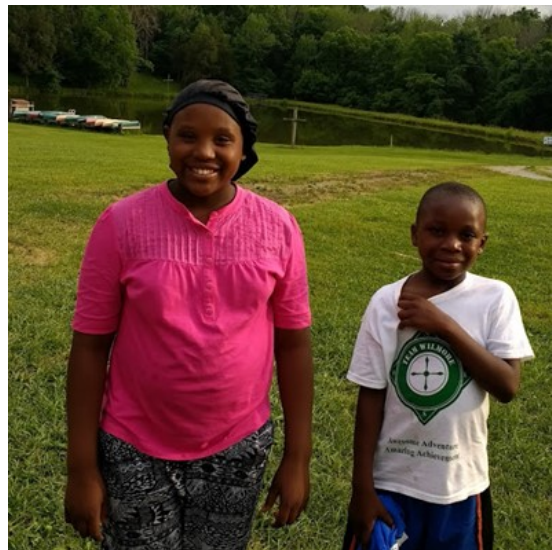
This is Sydney Smith, the new Young Adult Event Coordinator.

Here's what's going on for this month. On September 3rd, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we'll be going to WorldFest, a yearly event about world culture at the Belvedere located at 5th and Main Street. We'll be leaving after that church service and probably stay till 4. There's going to be food and games. If you have any friends or family that consider themselves as a young adult, they are willing to come.

Please RSVP to me at (502)-779-1965 or at sydneys5280@gmail.com by September 1st. More events for October to December will come very soon. Hope to see you all there soon!



Rev. Elisa Owen at the Children's moment
On August 20



At Cedar Ridge Camp

Vacation Bible School 2017: We Did It!

Our Vacation Bible School program with Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian and Immanuel Church of Christ was a big success. Our 24 adult and youth volunteers worked hard and well together to create a fun and enriching experience for all 29 children who participated.

Each morning a Bible story was shared highlighting ways our Super Heroes could discover their strength in God. Afterwards, the three groups of children rotated through activities which included music, crafts, snacks, recreation, and reflection time. The story for the day was discussed, and interactive activities helped the message come alive for the children. Everyday we focused on a different action word for God's Heroes: heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and power. Our hero verse for the week was from Psalms 34:14b "Do good! Seek peace, and go after it!

On Monday, God called Samuel to anoint David the King. He reminded us that we can't always see what God sees in us and others. Making tie dyed super hero capes, singing the Hero pledge, running spooning heart relays, and eating super peace pizza showed us that God sees inside our hearts and teaches us to love one another.

On Tuesday, God called Abigail to save the day. She brought food to David's men and supported peace. Playing team games, working together to solve tasks, making glass votive lights, singing Superheroes, and enjoying pretzel stick and grape weights for snack allowed us to let our courageous light shine for God.

On Wednesday, God called Jesus to the Temple. Though just a boy at the time, Jesus showed an impressive level of wisdom and understanding. Designing shields and symbols on their capes, singing Hear us as We Pray, eating Krypton bars, and playing the mystery bucket game taught us that God gives us wisdom to make us stronger and able to understand things.

On Thursday, God called Jesus to share the sermon on the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes offer hope to those who need it the most. Creating superhero plaques, playing games where we help one another, and singing the song One of a Kind showed us how to rise above struggles to find hope with one another and in God's love.

On Friday, God called Jesus' disciples to hear the story of Pentecost. We learned that God sent the Holy Spirit and its power to all of us that believe the good news. After story time we traveled to Hogan's Fountain in Cherokee Park, picking up trash as a way to serve God and beautify our surroundings. We also enjoyed a time to play and picnic together.

(VBS continued)

On Sunday morning we gathered at BRPC to worship together. Adult and youth volunteers and some of our children served as liturgist, while VBS participants of all ages shared joyful music in worship. Our VBS program collected folders, three ring binders, gift cards to Walmart, and backpacks to benefit the HCM back to school program.

We are so grateful for the many adult and youth volunteers who spent the week at VBS leading activities and showing the children God's love. Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously of their time and talent to make this program such a success!

Molly Rapp and Samantha Barrett
VBS Co-Directors



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Planning is beginning for the 2017-18 Women's Circles. This year the study will focus on "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." If you are interested in the Morning Circle, which meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room, contact Joe Anne Overstreet. The first meeting will be September 5 at 11 a.m.

If you are interested in the Evening Circle, contact Alicia Bloos as soon as possible at 502-496-0345. The first meeting date and place is yet to be determined and will depend on those interested.

Please make known soon your desire to participate if you have not already, so we may order a study book (\$10) for you. We hope you'll join us!

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP SUMMER CAMPS

Thank you to everyone who supported the summer camp program at Cedar Ridge Camp by sending your child or helping with scholarships! Arianna and Maddie Vanamburgh each attended two weeks of day camp, and Ivona Nijimbere, Esperance Niyibitanga, and Oriverye Ndizeye each attended a week of overnight camp. Please ask them about their experiences.

AUTUMN UNDER THE CEDARS

It's almost time! Saturday, October 14, is the date for Autumn Under the Cedars, the annual fundraising gala at Cedar Ridge Camp, the camp and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. This year's event will be extra-special, as we will celebrate the camp's 60th year! Featured speaker will be Bob Hill, retired Louisville Courier-Journal columnist, who will talk about the history of the Cedar Ridge Camp area. The evening will include appetizers and drinks, a delicious catered meal, a silent auction, raffle baskets, the ever-popular balloon auction, and more. Tickets can be purchased at www.cedarridgecamp.com. Contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345, for more info. We hope BRP folks will fill several tables to show our continuing support!

LIFE IS SWEETER UNDER THE CEDARS

In honor of the 60th anniversary of Cedar Ridge, donations to plant new cedar trees are being sought. Can you contribute \$150 for a new tree? More info available from Alicia Bloos or visit the camp website.

HCM NEWS

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. There is a plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the current requested items (canned meats and soups). Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others.



Join us for an evening of exploring new ways for your faith community to be more sustainable. Kentucky IPL has partnered with several local organizations to bring you "Caring for Creation: Stories of Success from Several Faith Communities." Event goers will hear stories of real world success from members of several local faith communities. Find out from other green-minded people what you can do to build a greener future in your own community.

**The workshop will be held in Louisville:
September 12 from 7 - 9 in Louisville: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (1960 Bardstown Road, 40205)**



*"Eclipse"
from Jeanie
Grosz!
The
"diamond
ring".*



*Anne
Campbell
winning prizes
at the fair!*

*2nd place for
Yeast Bread:
3rd place for
Apple Butter.*

September 2017

| 4Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market |
| 3 Communion 9:30 Music and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 Worship Rev. Jim Watson preaching Noon Young Adults at WorldFest | 4 LABOR DAY | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market 3-5 pm NeighborFest |
| 10 9:30 Sunday School Kick-off event with Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. . Worship Rev. Jim Garrett Preaching 3:45 pm Youth Group | 11 | 12 11:00 a.m. Day Circle Club Room 7pm Mission Committee at "Caring for Creation" Seminar | 13 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market |
| 17 9:30 Music and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. ??? Preaching 3:45 pm Youth Group | 18 Presbytery Mtg at Trinity Presbyterian | 19 9:30am Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Session Meeting | 20 5:30pm Kid's Choir 6-7:00pm Kid's Club, Club Room Chancel Choir 7:30 pm | 21 7pm Worship Team Meeting | 22 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> | 23 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market |
| 24 9:30 Music & Sunday School Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. ???? preaching 3:45 pm Youth Group | 25 | 26 | 27 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm | 28 | 29 | 30 |



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| September 3 | 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Time Worship, with Communion, Rev. Jim Watson preaching |
| September 4 | | Labor Day, Church office closed |
| September 9 | 3-5 p.m. | NeighborFest |
| September 10 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:45pm | Sunday School Kick-off with Breakfast Fellowship Time Worship, Rev. Jim Garrett preaching Youth Group |
| September 12 | 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Day Circle, Club Room Mission Committee at "Caring for Creation" Seminar |
| September 13 ,20,27 | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| September 17 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. | Music and Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Time Worship, TBD preaching Youth Group |
| September 18 | | Presbytery Meeting at Trinity Presbyterian |
| September 19 | 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Staff Meeting, Pastor's Study Session Meeting, Club Room |
| September 20 | 5:30 p.m. | Kid's Choir |
| September 21 | 6-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Kid's Club, Club Room Worship Team Meeting, Choir Room |
| September 24 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. | Music and Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Time Worship, TBD preaching Youth Group |