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Dearly Beloved,

Intricately and Wonderfully Made

One of my favorite movies is "My Big Fat Greek Wedding". It is silly and romantic. Tula Portokallos is part of a large, crazy, proudly Greek family. Her family is very Greek. She grew up going to Greek school. Their house is flanked by Greek statuary. Their garage is painted to resemble the Greek flag. Her family owns and operates a Greek restaurant. She works long and hard at the restaurant serving Greek food.

But, when she falls in love, she falls in love with Ian Miller, and he falls in love with her. But, and this is an important but, he is definitely not Greek. Instead of belonging to a raucous, boisterous family full of aunts and uncles, cousins and nephews, he is an only child. His parents are calm and wan. His life is seemingly uneventful until he falls deeply in love with Tula.

Her parents are staunchly, vocally, energetically against the marriage. He is not Greek! To marry outside of the Greek culture would be, they believe, to repudiate everything they have ever worked for. All of their traditions would be rejected. All their hopes and dreams would turn to dust.

Ian Miller takes note of this and wanting Tula to be happy he agrees to "become" Greek. He is baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church. He endures the ribald jokes of Tula's many cousins. He tries to eat Greek food even though he is a vegetarian. Tula endures her family's eccentricities with as much grace as she can muster. At her wedding reception, her father stands up to give a toast. He welcomes Ian with the words, "Welcome to the Portokallos Family! So ok here tonight we have apple (Miller) and orange (Portokallos). We are all different, but in the end we are all fruit!"

This is a beautiful metaphor. We are all, to paraphrase the words of the Psalmist, "intricately and wonderfully made. We are all intricately and wonderfully made whether we are tart, smooth, sweet, prickly or sour. BRPC is multicultural, multinational, and multigenerational. The more diverse BRPC is, the

greater the beauty of the congregation is, and the more enjoyable our worship experience is. Let us rejoice! We are all fruit!



The Pastoral Call Process.

God is in the lead! Excitement is building! Everyone has a role to play.

BRPC is getting ready to form a Pastoral Nominating Committee to call a new permanent Pastor to lead BRPC into the future.

This future will be filled with joy and ministry. BRPC will be, what it has always been, a vibrant, active, mission-oriented, congregation!

Last Tuesday, the Session decided that the Pastor Nominating Committee should consist of 7 persons to take into account the diversity of the congregation.

The Permanent Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together a slate of nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Congregation will vote on the slate of nominees at a congregational meeting called for that purpose.

A person can be nominated to serve of the Pastor Nominating Committee by having their name submitted to the Permanent Nominating Committee through a nomination form, having their name submitted in person or having their name put forward for consideration at the Congregational Meeting.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve BRPC in this way. And rejoice! Your fellow servant in Christ, Mary.

## THANK YOU SHIRLEY SHAW



Shirley graciously embroidered the bags you see in the photo. Her Emily picked which bag went to which name, and she also picked the color of the thread to go on each. "They aren't really *school bags* but the children can use them for storing school supplies, toys, clothes, etc."

Anne, Jeanie, Beverly and others purchased supplies, Emily stuffed the bags and Bev and Emily handed them out.

<b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	Peggy Garrison	2
	Martine Wilson	6
	Graham Teaford	7
	Thomas Horton	7
	Maurine Crossett	8
	Dave Macway	8
	Matt Eberhart	8
	Elyse Schmidt	10
	Joanna Eslinger	12
	Peter Winnenberg	12
	Lindsey Smith	12
	Emilie Green	13
	Carol Brinkman	14
	Martha Walker	15
	Megan Garrison	15
	Elius Graff	15
	Michael Bowman	17
	Sam Winnenberg	17
	Charles Bensenhaver	18
	Marlena East	18
Tammy Ray	18	
Steve Ellis	19	
Justin Ortiz	24	
Lily Vyosenimana	24	
Jack Green	25	
Andrew Moore	27	
Amy Smith	28	
Lauren Rapp	28	

## NEIGHBORFEST: SEPTEMBER 15

The 10th Annual NeighborFest is Saturday, September 15 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, Deer Park Neighborhood Association and Covenant Community Church. 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 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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*

### Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick	Transitional Pastor
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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 21

All Session members attended the meeting on August 21, 2018. The Rev Mary Nebelsick, Moderator, led discussion of the importance that the **Pastoral Nominating Committee represent the diversity of the congregation**. The following sub-groups within the church were identified: Youth (high school age); Gender; Young Adult; Recent Member; Experienced Member; Persons of Color; Disability; Adult with Young Children; Sexual Orientation. The consensus of the Session was that the membership of the Pastoral Nominating Committee will consist of seven members. Lester Gamble, chairperson, reports that members of the Permanent Nominating Committee have met to discuss their preparation for this. The Session approved **September 9, 2018 as the closing date for submissions of nominations for the Pastoral Nominating Committee**.

An updated list of **ruling elder assignments and Chairpersons of Session Committees** is reviewed.

Lin Block-Coalter	Clerk of Session
Linda Bowman (Chair)	Congregational Life Committee
Mary Mpanje (Member)	
Jeanie Grosz (Chair)	Worship and Music Committee
Cathy Moss (Member)	
Carol Brees (Member)	
Lester Gamble (Member)	
Lin Block-Coalter (Chair)	Support Committee
Claire Detlefs (Chair)	Personnel Committee
Claire Detlefs (Chair)	Finance Committee
Lester Gamble (Chair)	Permanent Nominating Committee
John Elgin (Chair)	Building and Grounds Committee
Lester Gamble (Member)	
Lin Block-Coalter	Stewardship Committee
Sarah Hageman (Chair)	Christian Education Committee
Bill Bowman (Chair)	Mission and Service Committee
Carol Brees (Member)	
Doug Rapp (Chair)	Outreach Committee
Lin Block-Coalter (Member)	

The **membership** of BRP continues at 84. In July 2018 the church had **receipts** of \$14,477 with **expenses** of \$17,592. The year to date income of the church is \$132,537 with expenses of \$134,073.

The Session **approved** that the membership of the Permanent Nominating Committee will be elected yearly at the same congregational meeting at which the new class of elders is elected.

**Reports from Committees** included the following: In collaboration with parents of the Home School painting has been completed on floor 2.5; Voter registration will be available at the Farmer's Market on September 15 and 22; Sunday School will kick off on September 9; All Day Church for youth also will begin September 9; At the initiation of the Mission and Service Committee, the Session approved the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Mission Bequest Fund to the Nehemiah Project, a capital project of Buckhorn to update cottages for the adolescents in residence; Additional training sessions for Liturgists for worship are planned with the Rev. Jim Brees.

## SUNDAY AUGUST 12



Beverly Gradisek standing with Ernie Romans who is wearing the beautiful stole she made. Ernie returned to BRP after some time. He was missed! Ernie will again be preaching on August 23.

## REFUGEE FAMILY KHAI



I headed over to the house early on Aug. 15 to make sure our kids got on the bus to Newcomer Academy. After two weeks, they all say they are at a good school. This week, 12 yr old Hau texted that baby Cing needed new shoes, so Mom found 4 new pairs at Once Upon a Child. *Jennie G.*



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our Fall Kick-off for Sunday School activities will be Sunday, September 9. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for breakfast and Sunday School breakout. 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.

*Siram*

## WINNER AT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

Beverly Gradisek has won her first blue ribbon on a full size quilt at the Kentucky State Fair. She also won another blue, two red (second place) and a white (4th place) plus an Honorable Mention ribbon on her various quilting items.



Congratulations Beverly!

## CONGRATS!

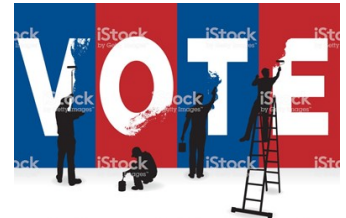
Matt and Danée Miller, son and daughter-in-law of Kris and Alicia Bloos, married on September 1 at Woodhaven Country Club, with other sons Paul Miller, Rob Miller, and Casey Bloos serving as groomsmen, daughter-in-law Brandi Miller as a bridesmaid, and Paul Miller's son Van as ringbearer.



## Mark your calendar now for the biggest creation care event in Kentucky.

On **September 25 at 6 pm** the 8th annual Hope In Action Awards will be hosted at **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**. This important event, presented by Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, is the premier place where faith communities gather to celebrate the good works in creation care that have taken place in Kentucky over the last year. This yearly event is the best place for communities of faith to meet and connect in a shared passion of caring for creation and we want your congregation to be part of that celebration.

Don't miss out on this important opportunity and make sure to mark your calendar today.



## VOTER REGISTRATION

Saturday September 15 and 22  
from 8 am to 12 noon

representatives from the County Clerk office will be at our table in the Farmers' Market to answer questions, share voter information and register people to vote.

While the clerk representative will bring all paperwork, signage, etc. it would be nice to have BRP folks on hand to welcome them and walk the Farmer's Market encouraging people to stop by the booth.

We need 4 or more people. On the 15th two people, one from 8-10am and another from 10-noon. The same for the 22nd. IF you are free and interested in the project please email Linda Bowman, [lindab2623@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindab2623@bellsouth.net).

Our next big effort will be getting people to actually go to the polls on November 6th!!! You will hear more about that later.

Thank you,  
Mission Committee  
Congregational Life Committee

## Vacation Bible School 2018: We Did It!

Our Vacation Bible School program with Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian and Immanuel Church of Christ was a big success. Our 28 adult and youth volunteers worked hard and well together to create a fun and enriching experience for all 31 children who participated.

Each morning a Bible story was shared highlighting ways our children could discover that God has given us everything we need ( 2 Peter 1:3 ). 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 point: Jesus cares about us; Jesus gives us hope; Jesus helps us believe; Jesus gives us joy; Jesus loves us.

On Monday, Jesus told the story of the lost sheep. He reminded us that everyone is important to God. Making sheep ornaments, playing sheep and shepherds, decorating and eating graham cracker sheep, and singing "Game On", showed us how we should care for and encourage one another.

On Tuesday, Lazarus talked about how Jesus brought him back from the dead after he was in the tomb. He told us Jesus can do anything because he is God's son. Making megaphones, creating football goal cupcakes, playing popcorn tag, and beating the "Drum Roll", helped us remember to be hopeful even when we are feeling hopeless.

On Wednesday, Thomas shared his experience seeing Jesus alive again. He assured that Jesus was not upset by his disbelief. Singing "Get in the Game", making Rally rags, playing "What time is it Mr. Fox", and fixing donut glasses for snack assisted us to understand that we do not always have to see to believe.

On Thursday, Silas shared his ability to find joy even when he was in jail. He showed us that we can praise God no matter what our circumstances. Singing "At All Times" crafting glitter crosses, eating ice cream sandwiches, and playing the Island game helped us see that we can trust Jesus with our problems and find joy in serving him and sharing his word.

On Friday, John told his story about Jesus and the love and care he exhibited for us and for the world. After story time we traveled to Des Pres park on Lowe Rd., picking up trash to serve God and beautify our surroundings. We also enjoyed a time to play and picnic together.

On Sunday morning we gathered at IUCC to worship together. Adult and youth volunteers and some of our children served as liturgist, while VBS participants of all ages shared joyful music together. Our VBS program collected supplies to support the HCM back to school drive. We wish to thank all the our adult and youth volunteers who helped make VBS so special!

*Molly Rapp and Samantha Barrett- Co-Directors*



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES**

The 2018-19 Women's Circles are beginning. The 2018-2019 *Horizons* Bible study will focus 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.... (Readers) will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs...into the New Testament and...to the end of the age."

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 is September 11 at 11 A.M. in the Clubroom. Any and all newcomers are welcome to join the study.

If you are interested in the Evening Circle, which meets in members' homes, contact Alicia Bloos as soon as possible; its meeting day is flexible and will depend on those interested. Please make known soon your desire to participate, so we may order a study book (\$10) for you. We hope you'll join us!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Cedar Ridge Camp** is the camp, retreat, and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery located right here in Louisville. The latest news:

The **Autumn Under the Cedars** gala is coming! Mark your calendar for the annual fundraiser on October 13, 2018. This year's theme is **Experience the Magic**. Guest speaker will be retired **Courier-Journal columnist Bob Hill**, and the event will include always-anticipated gift basket raffles, a silent auction, entertainment, appetizers, a wonderful meal catered by Bristol Bar and Grill, and the climactic balloon auction. Tickets at \$80 per person are available until September 30 and may be purchased online at [www.cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.cedarridgecamp.com). However, if you wish to save money, we can reserve a table of eight for BRP at \$560 (\$70 per person) if we can find eight of us planning to go and purchase tickets as soon as possible; that is, contact Alicia Bloos as soon as possible and get payment to Alicia by September 25. \*\*Prices are a bit higher this year to cover the new Kentucky Sales Tax.

Thirty-two new trees were planted at the front of camp recently, thanks to donations to the *Life is Sweeter Under the Cedars* campaign to plant 60 new trees in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp in 2017, and a grant from the LG & E and KU Energy's Plant for the Planet program.

## **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.**

**Thanks !** to all who donated to HCM's Summer Food Drive and the Back to School Program. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide 44 backpacks (and 71 assorted individual school supplies) for the 2018-2019 school year (including several for some of our own BRP students), AND we helped restock the food pantry with lots of macaroni and cheese. Also, thank you to all who made monetary donations to HCM during our Fifth Sunday collection on July 29. Thank you for your continuing support of HCM!

**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**. 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!**

HCM will be participating in **Give for Good**, a 24-hour online giving day hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville, to inspire people to give generously to one or more of the 500+ local participating nonprofits that benefit our community. Online giving takes place at [www.giveforgoodlouisville.org](http://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org) on **September 13**.

**Looking for Gift Basket donations.** In order to contribute to HCM's **Empty Bowls** in early October and Cedar Ridge Camp's **Autumn Under the Cedars** on October 13, we need your help. We are trying to prepare several gift baskets for raffle. If you can contribute items or money to purchase items for any of the following baskets, please contact Alicia Bloos asap: UK basket, UofL basket, Bardstown Road Bounty, wine-lovers, bourbon-lovers, Italian cooking, ...or your own idea! Items or monetary donations needed by September 30.

## **HABITAT NEWS**

Six BRP construction workers, along with friends from Central Presbyterian and Springdale, worked on the Presbyterian Habitat house in July. BRP workers were Bill Bowman, Anne Campbell, John Elgin, Robert Moss, Mary Nebelsick, and Doug Rapp. The crew worked on siding and painting jobs during a very hot July day. In addition, food furnished by Alicia Bloos (sandwiches), Emmanuel Muyenza (potatoes and vegetables), and Joe Anne Overstreet (watermelon and brownies) was very much appreciated by all the workers!

The next workday will be **Saturday, September 8**. The workers will meet at BRP at 8:30 and will work from around 9:00 until 3:00. Volunteers who can provide lunch or part of a meal will also be needed. Please contact Bill Bowman if you're able to help out.

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
<b>2 Communion</b>  10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	<b>3 LABOR DAY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market
<b>9</b> 9:30 Sunday School Kick-off event with Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. . Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching	<b>10</b>  10 am Presbytery Meeting at Hebron Presbyterian Church  7 pm Congregational Life Meeting	<b>11</b>  11:00 a.m. Day Circle Club Room  7pm Mission Committee	<b>12</b>  Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market <b>Voter Registration</b>  3-5 pm NeighborFest
<b>16</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching Multi-cultural event	<b>17</b>  7pm Worship Committee Mtg	<b>18</b>  7 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>19</b>  Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>22</b> 8 a.m.-noon: Farmers' Market <b>Voter Registration</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Ernie Romans preaching	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 Music & Sunday School Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching 5th Sunday Offering						

Rev. Nebelsick on vacation Sept. 23—29



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

September 2	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, with Communion, Rev. Rev. Nebelsick preaching
September 3		Labor Day, Church office closed
September 9	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Kick-off with Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
September 10	10:00 a.m.	Presbytery meeting at Hebron Presbyterian Church
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
September 11	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle, Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee meeting
September 12 ,19,26	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
September 15	3-5 p.m.	NeighborFest
September 16	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 Multi-cultural event
September 18	9:30 a.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
September 23	9:30 a.m.	Music and Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Ernie Romans preaching
September 23—29		Rev. Nebelsick on vacation
September 30	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 (Fifth Sunday Offering)