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We are a church of ordinary people caring for one another
as we respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

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Last month, the newsletter briefly mentioned a decision by our ruling elders that:

- **During 2017 we will engage in a year of discernment to help our congregation take faithful steps into the future.**

That was "news" in January. Along with inaugurating a new president, and watching the Women's March on Washington, and learning who'll play in the next Super Bowl. Alongside such public news, does our year of discernment . . . to take faithful steps into the future . . . get lost in the shuffle?

Yes.

And perhaps it's a reminder that much of the movement of God's Spirit and the response of people of faith happens behind the headlines and outside of the spotlight.

News or not, our congregation is taking some new steps of faith, and as we wrote in January:

- **You'll hear –and begin to glimpse– a bit of the new beginnings that are stirring among us in the new year.**

The session has moved beyond the question of whether –or not– there's a future for this congregation. The question we want to pursue is how can we join God in creating a faithful future. Our ruling elders believe God enlivens both the present and the future, and our joy is to step with God into the future as followers of Christ.

That's something we want to do together. So that nobody's left out. Nobody's left behind. We need everyone to share in shaping what's next. We're asking your help –and your patience– as we learn together and experience this discernment process.

Things are going to change. That's a given. That's life. That's not always easy. But it's part of the process that brings new life. Which is Good News. Thanks be to God.



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***Ash Wednesday
Service of Worship
with the Imposition of Ashes
March 1, 2017
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary***

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 weekdays plus 6 Sundays) before Easter and can fall as early as 4 February or as late as 10 March.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

MINUTE FOR MISSION
January 21, 2017

Below is the minute for mission given by Linda Bowman on Sunday January 22, 2017. **Please read and await updates soon.** *Linda*

I am here this morning representing your session. We want to share with you some of the discussions we have had during the last few months.

WE all can acknowledge the times they are a changing? After much thought and prayer the session has decided that we will take advantage of the opportunity to spend time during the next year to focus seeking God's will for BRP in this time and place.

The word often used for this process is discernment: defined in religious context is "calling on the Holy Spirit to lead or give direction on a matter." I like this definition because it goes further to say that once a matter is discerned...then action is required.

To accomplish this process of discernment we will choose professional help from our denomination or an individual who has experience in this area. A small group will be meeting tomorrow to start the process of selecting the discernment team that best meets our needs. We will hire them and start this process. *We expect that might cover 4 - 6 months of our working together.*

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(Minute for Mission continued)

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I ask one thing from each of us: each day over this period, pause for just a moment and ask God's presence with all of us who share in this community of faith that we Call BRP.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Shaw and Darren McGee were married on Nov. 7, 2015 at Highland Presbyterian Church with Pastor Cynthia officiating.

Brian Eigelbach and Jim Eiler were married in January 2017.

Congratulations!

IN MEMORIAM

We ask for prayers for the family of Jeff Ellis, son of Joan and Steve, who died on January 21, 2017.

ADULT CE GROUP

Adults meet in the Kid's Club room for a discussion on the book, "The End of White Christian America" by Robert P. Jones through February.

USHERS

Thank you to those who have faithfully served as ushers at BRP. If there is anyone who would like to serve in the future, please contact Lester Gamble at 502-802-5289.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Shusett	1
Secret Waritay	1
Barbara Smith	2
Esperance Niyibitanga	2
Kaitlyn Clements	5
Susan Rapp	7
Diedre Teaford	7
Daniel Shusett	9
Larry Horton	11
Chris Hofmann	12
Claire Detlefs	13
Thomas Ortiz	13
Anne Teaford	15
Stevie Bilyeu	15
Carleen Pope	16
Annabelle Fuss	16
Brian Shaw	17
Hannah Garrison	17
Cecilia Fokuo	18
Elizabeth Henson McCormack	18
John Brockman	24

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

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KIDS DAY OUT—JANUARY 16

On January 16, we observed Martin Luther King Day with an enjoyable Kids' Day Out Adventure. Our group included eight children and five adults. During the morning session the children learned a lot about the life and work of Dr. King through stories, scriptures, crafts, academics, songs and games. After a lunch at BRP, we headed to Lakeside Swim Club for a fun afternoon of swimming and water games. It was a rewarding day for all of us who participated. Thanks so much to Chris Lieberman, Sally Gamble, Lanie Sipes, and Brittany Hesson for helping me make this experience possible for our children.

Molly Rapp



Too much fun!



January 15th Children's Sermon

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING— Feb. 5



What is Souper Bowl of Caring?

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. On Sunday, Feb. 5 (Super Bowl Sunday) young people will take up a collection (using soup pots), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of the donation directly to a local hunger-relief charity (HCM).

SING WITH US FOR THE NEW YEAR!

The Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir are looking for new members. Please contact Jeanie Grosz at 643-7660 if you would like to express yourself in music!

Jeanie will be on vacation for the following Sundays, March 5, 12 and 19. There will be no choir rehearsal during those weeks until after March 19.

Jeanie

SUE BLAKELEY

Thank you to everyone on behalf of Sue Blakeley for your **expressions of care and for your prayers for renewed health and wholeness.**

Sue is currently at the Nazareth Home (2000 Newburg Road) for physical therapy and monitoring of medications. She is working very hard and it is a frustrating process of adjusting treatments and shifting medical issues that take extra effort and patience.

She will try a home visit to test the waters, and then meet with doctors, etc. to determine if she can be at home permanently. Sue is hoping to be well enough to travel on vacation with family and friends next month.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

BRPC STAFF POSITION - Church Sexton

We are pleased to announce that **Mr. Doug Manier** has joined the church staff in the part-time Sexton position. Mr. Manier has previous experience working for churches as a Sexton and handy-person (as well as 20 years administrative service in the Military) and we look forward to working together to assure a clean, well-functioning, and hospitable church facility. Please welcome him as a valuable member of this community of service and ministry.

JANUARY 17 2017 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session approved a Task Force to research and recommend a facilitator to work with BRPC in our discernment process for congregational redevelopment/renewal. The Task Force was asked to work quickly and make their recommendation at the next session meeting on February 21st.
- Linda Bowman will present a "Minute for Mission" on how we plan to proceed with a year of discernment in 2017.
- Lanie will be developing training for "Invitational Ministries," as we look at our surrounding neighborhood and consider how we can faithfully step into the future.
- The conversation with Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light regarding the creation of a BRPC compost bin is underway.
- Deer Park Neighborhood Association has our approval to install a bike rack on BRPC property for use by all, in honor of Tom Owen's retirement from service as the Metro Councilman from our area.
- The Mission Committee reported that participation in Project Warm resulted in 2 homes being prepared for the coming winter, thanks to Keith Clements, Paul Ray, and Bill Bowman.
- Doug Manier has accepted the position as Church Sexton/Custodian. Welcome!
- The requested food item for the HCM food pantry's collection for February will be canned soup and canned meat. Please place them in the receptacle at rear of the sanctuary.
- 2017 Vacation Days for Rev. Lieberman were scheduled and approved.
- There will be an after worship potluck on Sunday, Feb. 26th. It is a "global meal" with music and food. This is also the Pulpit Exchange date.
- April 15 (Saturday) has been scheduled for the "Easter Breakfast in the Cherokee Park."
- A transportation roster has been proposed and Rev. Lieberman will be developing this.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for after worship on Sunday, February 19th.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 5: Souper Bowl of Caring. Please bring canned food to donate during worship

February 12 – A Visitor's & Friend's Luncheon at the Liebermans' home (12:15-1:30)

February 19 – **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

February 26 – After worship potluck and Youth Fundraising Mardi Gras Event

March 1: Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

April 9: Palm Sunday

April 16: Easter Sunday



BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING

Covenant Community Church and Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian are glad to partner with Stand Up Louisville/Black Lives Matter, Louisville Standing Up for Racial Justice, and Fairness Campaign to bring Bystander Intervention Training to the wider community. In these times of rising hate and attacks on people of color, Muslims, and LGBTQ people we cannot stand on the sidelines. We must intervene. The training will happen in the Fellowship Hall on **February 23 from 6:30-8:30**. The bystander intervention training will focus on how allies can actively de-escalate situations of hate.

Childcare will be provided, and any logistical comments or concerns can be directed to Mamie (revmamie@gmail.com, 502-795-3824) while programmatic questions should go to LouisvilleSURJ@gmail.com (or they can be reached via Facebook at Louisville SURJ).

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE CHURCH BEING OPEN

Please know that we will NOT cancel a Sunday service because of bad weather. You can count on the Sanctuary being open for worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. In bad weather situations, we encourage people to use their best judgment about when to stay home and how to stay safe – just know that the Sanctuary will be open for worship on Sundays.

NEWS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS

As we enter February, the month in which we celebrate Valentine's Day and seem to focus more on love, I'd like to offer a Scripture passage for reflection:

Romans 8:38-39 (NRSV)

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It can be easy to get caught up in the way others in the world see us, and to feel helpless and hopeless and lost at times...but it is so important to remember that God loves us no matter what. This month, I encourage you to read Romans 8:38-39 everyday. Let it speak to you. Let it transform you. Let it become real for you.

What questions do you have?
How do you experience God's love in everyday life?
How do you share God's love with others?

This month - remember to love God, love your neighbor, and love yourself; and know that, whatever happens in life, **you are deeply, unconditionally loved because you are a child of God.**

KIDS'!

Kids' Club: We will have a **Valentine's Day Party from 6-7 p.m. in the Club Room on Thursday, February 16th (grades K-5th)**! Conversation about God's love, games, songs, and snacks - Hope you can join us! *Kids' Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month!*

Kids' Choir: Every Sunday from 12-12:30 p.m. directly following worship! *For more information, contact Jeanie Grosz.*

YOUTH!

Youth Group: All grades (6th-12th) meet every Sunday night from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Room (February 5th, 12th, 26th)! Here are some important dates to keep in mind...

Sunday, February 5th

"Souper Bowl of Caring" during 11a.m. worship. Snacks, games, and Super Bowl predictions from 6-7 p.m. (We will also be deciding on a name for the youth group and approving T-shirt design.)

Sunday, February 12th

College care package assembly from 6-7 p.m. - There will be a list of donation items at the beginning of February.

Sunday, February 19th

ROCK CLIMBING! We will meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch around 12:30 p.m., and then head to Rocksport Climbing Gym. We will arrive back at the church around 4:00 p.m., and parents/guardians can pick you up then. *Permission slips will be available soon!*

Sunday, February 26th

MARDI GRAS LUNCH & TALENT SHOW at noon (following worship)! This will be our first fundraiser activity of the year - let Lanie know if you would like to participate. We will have an hour-long practice on Saturday, February 25th - *Time/Details TBA.*

Saturday July 8th - Sunday July 16th

AMEN St. Louis Youth Mission Trip (8th-12th graders)! We have reserved our spot for the second week of July - there is still time to let Lanie know, if you would like to attend!

Youth Choir: All grades (6th-12th) meet **Sunday nights from 7-8 p.m. in the Choir Room!** *If you are interesting in doing a vocal, instrumental, or dance solo, duet, or trio - Contact Jeanie Grosz for more information.*

YOUNG ADULTS!

MOVIE NIGHT at Lanie & Mike's house on Friday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m.!

Join us for a popcorn/trail mix bar, drinks, and a movie (or two)! You are welcome to bring movies that you would like to share, and we will decide on one or two together (DVD or Blu-ray). Hope to see YOU there!

Please contact Lanie at lanie.sipes@gmail.com for more information.

Peace and Love, Lanie Sipes
CE Director for Spiritual Growth & Mission



Ivona cooking a meal for the homeless



Caden cooking a meal

BRP YOUTH



Youth playing balloon volleyball



Youth snow ball toss

Presbyterian Women's Circles

The 2016-2017 *Horizons* Bible Study is "**Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes,**" by Judy Yates Siker, a teaching elder in the PC(USA) and a New Testament instructor at Loyola Marymount University. You are invited to join either of BRP's two circles to explore this thought-provoking material. The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, February 14, at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room, under the leadership of Joe Anne Overstreet. The Evening Circle will meet Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Carol Brees. This self-guided circle is coordinated by Alicia Bloos. New members and visitors are always welcome to join both circles. Contact Joe Anne or Alicia for more information or to request a study book for \$8.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE:

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00pm in the Club Room. We are a very involved congregation, and would welcome new members to our group to help us discern and respond faithfully to the many needs around us.

HCM FIRST SUNDAY DONATIONS

BRPC will continue the program of collecting specific food items for the **HCM** food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. There is a plastic tote in Fellowship Hall where you may place the requested items. We will collect **cans of soup and canned meats (tuna, beef, chicken)**. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for the less-fortunate.

BRP FOOD PANTRY & BUS TICKETS: Thank you for all the food items and bus tickets recently donated. Please continue to contribute **bus tickets if you are able**. They can be purchased on line or at Fifth Third Bank on Bardstown Road, only a few streets away from BRP.

Food Pantry: we now have enough cheese and peanut butter crackers but we do need **tuna and chicken lunchables, and beanie weenies**. All items should be in a single package and not need refrigeration.

A TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS

Join the Highland Commerce Guild for a Mardi Gras celebration of Louisville's "Restaurant Row", to benefit Highlands Community Ministries. Enjoy tastes from over a dozen Highlands restaurants and 2 breweries, plus a Bourbon experience by Maker's Mark, and live Bourbon Jazz by the Billy Goat Strut Revue. This 21+ event will be held Fat Tuesday, February 28, from 5:30-8:00 pm, at the home of HCM, the Highlands Community Campus. Visit www.TheHighlandsOfLouisville.com for details and to buy tickets.

February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Kids' Choir meets every Sunday from Noon to 12:30 p.m. Contact Jeanie Grosz for further details.			1 7:30 p.m. Choir	2	3	4 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
5 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman preaching Super Bowl of Caring Noon Kids' Choir 6 p.m. Youth Group	6	7 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg	8 7:30 p.m. Choir	9 7 p.m. Evening Circle meets at home of Carol Brees	10	11 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
12 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman preaching 12:15 Luncheon at Lieberman home Noon Kids' Choir 6 p.m. Youth Group	13	14 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in the Club Room 7pm Mission Team Mtg, Club Room	15 7:30 p.m. Choir	16 6-7 Kids' Club Valentine Party	17	18 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
19 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 Fellowship; 11 a.m. Worship; Brittany Hesson preaching Noon Annual Congregational Meeting Noon Kids' Choir 12:30 Youth -Lunch & Rock Climbing	20 President's Day Church office closed	21 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg 7 p.m. Session Meeting	22 7:30 p.m. Choir Newsletter deadline	23 6:30 p.m. Bystander Intervention Training 7pm Worship Team Mtg—Pastor's study	24 7 p.m Young Adults Movie Night at Lanie's and Mike's house	25 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market 10am Leader Development before Presbytery Meeting at Highland Presbyterian Church Time TBD: Rehearsal of Youth Talent Show
26 Pulpit Exchange Communion 9:30am Sun. School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Mardi Gras Lunch & Talent Show; Guest preaching Noon Kids' Choir 6:00 pm Youth	27	28	March 1 Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. service			



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devices with scan readers, you
can scan the image above and
it will open the BRP website.
For others, the web page is at
www.brpres.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Kids' Choir meets every Sunday from Noon to 12:30 p.m. —Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. (2/5, 2/12, 2/26)

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Feb. 5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Lieberman preaching
Feb. 7 & 21	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Feb. 9	7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle meets at home of Carol Brees
Feb. 12	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Lieberman preaching
	12:15 p.m.	Luncheon at Liebermans' home
Feb. 14	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle, Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting, Club Rom
Feb. 16	6- 7:00 p.m.	Kids' Club Valentine Party, Club Room
Feb. 19	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Brittany Hesson preaching
	Noon	Annual Congregational Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Youth— Lunch and Rock Climbing
Feb. 20		President's Day, BRP office closed
Feb. 21	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
Feb. 23	6:30 p.m.	Bystander Intervention Training, Fellowship Hall
Feb. 24	7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Movie Night at Lanie's & Mike's house
Feb. 25	TBD	Presbytery Meeting, Highland Presbyterian Church
	TBD	Rehearsal for Youth Talent Show
Feb. 26	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Pulpit Exchange (guest preaching)
	Noon	Mardi Gras Lunch and Talent Show