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Dearly Beloved,

The snow has melted and Spring is beckoning. I bought my first packet of seeds at my favorite store. I'm looking for new birth, for yellow forsythia buds and carpets of violets. But before I get there I need to go through a period of waiting, a period of self-reflection and a period of grief. This is what Lent is all about. But do you know what? I have noticed that if I go through Lent with people I love, and am honest about my feelings of loss, hopelessness and sadness, I grow closer to them. If I share my burdens with others honestly, and they share their burdens with me, then we become closer. There is something intensely bonding about walking through "the valley of the shadow of death" with others who you love and care about. There is a beautiful spiritual called "Jesus walked that lonesome valley." It is hauntingly poignant. The words are:

"Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by Himself; O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley. We have to walk it by ourselves; O, nobody else can walk it for us. We have to walk it by ourselves."

We walk the lonesome valley of Lent, but we don't have to walk it alone. If we walk it with other Christians, we emerge at the other end of Lent, at Easter, spiritually refreshed, renewed and invigorated. Let us walk through this "valley of the shadow" together, accepting our doubts and our fears, all the while knowing that other Christians, and our Lord, are there to take our hands and lead us home!

Let us rejoice that we have believe in a tender, loving, challenging God who will take our hands and lead us when we decide that we will walk in paths of righteousness for God's name's sake.

Our sister and fellow
worker in Christ,

Mary



Worship

Have you noticed something new at the beginning of Worship? Our beautiful Baptismal Font graces the front of the sanctuary. The majestic Pulpit Bible sits in the sanctuary just below the lectern. During the Prelude you will see me pouring water into the Baptismal Font to remind us all of our own baptism. You will see me opening the Pulpit Bible to this Sunday's scripture reading to invite the entire congregation to "come and see" the words of faith. Our "Time with Young Disciples" has also been moved to the beginning of worship. This way the entire congregation can worship together – even the littlest ones. Our Young Disciples can listen to a message of hope crafted just for them. They are then invited to respond to the words of life by inviting the entire congregation to pass the Peace of Christ with each other. Let me or a member of the Worship Committee know if these changes help lift your spirits and draw you closer to God. As always we would love to hear what you have to say!



Our Lenten Dinner reflections will explore how our lives are "United by Prayer and Empowered by Love." We will delve into the Bible to see how it "Endows Our Lives with Meaning and Purpose". The guiding questions are: How can we, as children of God be empowered by Prayer and United in Love? How can we be the Body of Christ? How can we, as Christians, ensure that our lives and the lives of others are endowed with meaning and purpose? Paul and I developed this interactive curriculum for the Kentucky Council of Churches. It includes Bible studies, group reflections, crafts and media presentations.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING– February 4

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. 4 (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).



On passing Fellowship Hall last week, the wonderful sound of children's laughter came into the hallway. The Louisville Home School children were having their lunch. They brighten the day!

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.

THANK YOU FROM JEANIE

I'd like to thank all of the congregation and friends for prayers, meals, visits and calls of encouragement during my recuperation from surgery. I'm doing better everyday.
Love, Jeanie Grosz

SING WITH US IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER!

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

Choir begins again the first Wednesday in February!
Jeanie

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 4: Souper Bowl of Caring

February 14: Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm

Feb. 21 & 28, March 7, 14, 21: Lenten dinner/programs

March 25: Palm Sunday

March 29: Maundy Thursday

March 30: Good Friday

April 1: Easter Sunday

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 McCormack	18
John Brockman	24

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**Ash Wednesday
Service of Worship
with the Imposition of Ashes
February 14, 2018
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. This year it falls on Valentine's Day, February 14.

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."



GATHERINGS DURING LENTEN.

The **40-days of Lent** (a time for spiritual preparation between Ash Wednesday and Easter) offer opportunities for reflection and spiritual exploration. Please consider and encourage others to actively participate in Lent as a season of spiritual renewal.

On Sunday mornings, during the 9:30 – 10:30 education time, you're invited to join with others. People are meeting each week on Sunday morning during Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE –April 14th
Wednesday, March 1st, marks the beginning of Lent –and is known in the church season as "Ash Wednesday."

Traditionally, Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter that people prepare themselves spiritually for the new life which Easter makes possible. There will be a worship service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to mark the spiritual and sacred observance in our lives and our community of faith.

LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS /WITH DINNER

Lenten dinner/programs are held on Wednesdays, from 6:00 – 7:20 p.m. with members and friends of the congregation joining together around themes of "**Endow Life with Meaning and Purpose**" and "**Empowered by Prayer. United by Love**".

The Wednesdays we have scheduled at this time are Feb. 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, and 21. Please save the dates.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS FOR 2018 HIGHLAND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:

These will be noon-time simple meals, with a devotion.

Thursdays, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Theme: "Dynamic Duo's of the Lenten Season"

February 22: Deer Park Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick,
Topic: Phillip and Nathaniel

March 1: HCM Campus

Speaker: Rev. Mary Nebelsick
Topic: Herod and Pontius Pilot

March 8: Strathmoor Presbyterian

Speaker: Rev. Darren Brandon
Topic: James and John

March 15: Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Mr. Troy Burden
Topic: Mary and Martha

March 22: St. Paul UMC

Speaker: Rev. David Platt
Topic: Pharisees and Sadducees

JANUARY 16 2018 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Rev. Peggy Hinds led the Session on a follow up for our Discernment Study. We reviewed and rated our previous goals and the strategies for each goal. What became important was worship, committee structure and community engagement.
- During the coming months, we will determine the committee responsibilities to achieve hiring a new pastor, involvement with community and social justice, create vibrant worship and develop spiritual nurture.
- These commitments need to be broken down into doable short term goals that both the Session and congregation can become supportive and engaged with.
- The Church Vitality Survey has been mailed to the congregation and the completed questionnaires will be forwarded to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery at the end of January.
- A motion was approved to move the "Time for Young Disciples" earlier in the Order of Worship of the Sunday service to focus on including the children at the beginning of worship.
- A baptism requested by Allen Purnell Jr was authorized for Mary Caroline Purnell Gatewood during a service in late February.
- The Nominating Committee will need to select six persons to fill the Class of 2019 (2) and the Class of 2021 (4) for the session. There will be a training program for the new members of the Session.
- The Congregational Care Committee will be sending birthday cards to 40 active members and cards to college students while attending school.
- Brittany Hesson has been working nearly twelve hours during All Day Church on Sundays. Volunteers have been helping with the meals. Computers will be obtained for children to use for their homework. A motion was approved to purchase a computer, not to exceed \$800.00 for All Day Church.
- Jennie Guelda has been working with Brittany to update the job description for Youth Director to offer to a seminary student as a 15 hour paid position in September. Brittany's employment will end in May.

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January 16 Session Highlights (cont.)

- The Pastor Nominating Committee membership is to match the demographics of the congregation and be nominated by the congregation. The Pastor selection process will be coordinated with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry.
- The Easter Breakfast will be on Saturday March 31 at the Pavilion in Big Rock in Cherokee Park. The shelter at Hogan's Fountain will be undergoing construction at that time.



BLACK CHURCH STUDIES
CONSULTATION
Pastoral Care as Soul Care and Social Activism

 **LOUISVILLE SEMINARY** Tuesday, February 27, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Louisville Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road,
Louisville, KY 40205

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m.:** Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9 a.m.:** Workshop with Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II
- 11 a.m.:** Break
- 11:30 a.m.:** Worship with Dr. M. Brandon McCormack
- 12:30 p.m.:** Community Lunch
- 2 p.m.:** Workshop with Dr. Ashley Hicks White
- 3:45 p.m.:** Closing

This year's Black Church Studies Consultation will explore the ways that effective pastoral care empowers people to move beyond fear and a sense of helplessness or hopelessness, to participate in bold acts of discipleship such as welcoming the stranger and working for justice. Participants will leave with tools to help them engage in the relational work of tending to the human soul within their church context as well as to help meet the needs of the larger community.

Register by February 16, 2018

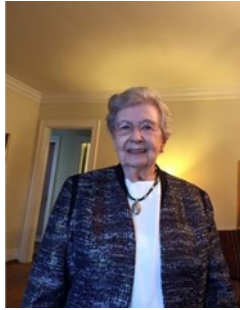
Cost is \$15 per person.

Contact

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A SPECIAL VALENTINE!

February 14th is Valentine's Day but I want to give thanks for February 13th as it is the birthday of Claire Detlefs and she is truly a valentine to Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. She continues to contribute in so many ways to our ministry. She is the Treasurer of the church, pays the bills, does the payroll, pays the taxes, runs reports, and does this while singing in the choir, being in the Women's Circle meetings, calling on those in need, being a Souper Sister in the kitchen, and the list goes on and on. We wish you a very happy birthday and you truly are our special Valentine.



Thank you for all that you do at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church.

SPRUCING UP

We are beginning to "spruce" up the church. We will be getting the sanctuary ceiling painted in the near future, we will begin painting several areas of the church Club Room, Fellowship Hall, Barney Bright landing by sanctuary landing to name a few. We will be coordinating this with some other planning from our discernment meetings and have some work days for people to help in making the changes suggested. These workdays may begin in March.

WE ARE OPEN!

With the inclement weather, you might wonder whether the church will be open on Sunday morning. Well wonder no more! It is our plan to always have the church open for worship and prayer no matter what form that takes. We will attempt to have walks cleaned and the parking lot blown off for parking. Thanks Woody for your work during this past snow. It was appreciated.

Doug Rapp



KROGER CARDS

In the past fiscal year, the Kroger Card Program has yielded a total of \$255.13 to BRP. Thank you to those who are participating in this beneficial program. Those not participating are encouraged to explore it and sign up for the benefit of our food outreach to the community we serve.

There has been a change to Kroger Community Rewards. In past years August 1st began the re-enrollment period. Now all participants will roll over and stay enrolled instead of having to re-enroll each year.

Enrollment for NEW participants will work the same way as the past. You can sign up on www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS, option 3.

YOUTH AND KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Kids Club

The February Kids Club will be Wednesday, February 21 at 5:20 p.m.

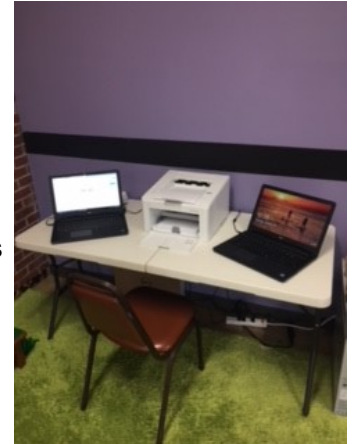
All kids in grades kindergarten – 5th are welcome!

Youth Group

All 6th-12th graders are invited to youth group at 3:45 p.m. on Sundays up on the 3rd floor.

BRP YOUTH New Technology

The Youth Program after church allows for the youth to have lunch and then have time to work on school projects, homework, etc. To help accommodate them in this task, the session approved at its last meeting the purchase of two laptops and a printer. The laptops are set up in the third floor Youth Room and will be

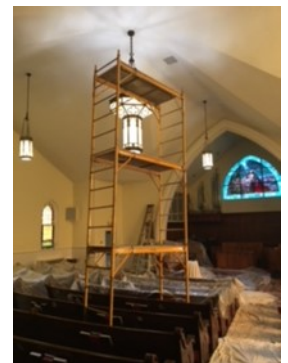


used under adult supervision. The computers are on a separate internet connection and not tied to the church network in order to avoid possible problems.

This technology will help the students that do not have ready access to a computer to help them do their schoolwork. We look forward to seeing this technology benefit the Youth!

LOOKING UP!

Look up when you come into the sanctuary. We had painting done in the sanctuary to complete the ceiling repair done in the fall and some new repair caused by water spots previously. We wanted to wait until we knew the repairs were stopping water leaks and that there was no additional cracking from movement of the ceiling beams. We will be having a work day for painting doors and other trim to finish sprucing this up.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

For 2017-18 Women's Circles, the study is focusing on "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting will be February 13 at 11 A.M., to study Lesson 6; contact Joe Anne Overstreet for more information.

If you are interested in the Evening Circle, contact Alicia Bloos at 502-496-0345. This Circle may be reorganizing with a possible change in meeting day, which will depend on those interested.

Please feel welcome to join either group. Let Joe Anne or Alicia know 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cedar Ridge Camp may be a quiet winter wonderland these days, but the place will be getting busy again soon! School groups will visit for outdoor activities and classes, and special fundraising and social events will take place. Keep up with camp offerings year round at www.cedarridgecamp.com. In addition, monetary donations for scholarships, programming, camp upkeep, etc., can be made online. If you missed the Adopt-a-Cedar-Tree program in honor of the camp's 60th anniversary, you can still donate for that. Thank you for your continuing support of OUR camp!

Upcoming events:

SPRING WORK DAY by BRP folks – TBD
BASKETBALL, BBQ, & BEER social/fundraising event – March – Date TBA
EASTER EGG HUNT – March 24

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES 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 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. ***Donations have dropped in recent months, but the need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries!**

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00pm in the Club Room .

A TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS

Plan now to attend "A Taste of the Highlands, Mardi Gras to benefit Highlands Community Ministries on Fat Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 5:30-8:00 P.M., at the Highlands Community Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. at Barret Ave. Sample up to 20 establishments including Highlands restaurants and breweries, Maker's Mark, and other local refreshments. Enjoy the sounds of New Orleans by the Billy Goat Strut Revue. Get details and buy your all-inclusive ticket online for this 21+ event at www.TheHighlandsOfLouisville.com or in person at the Safety and Security Store, 622 Baxter Ave.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Keep in mind the upcoming drive for **personal hygiene kits** sponsored by Strathmoor Presbyterian Church. The kits prepared locally last April have been pulled into service in the months following recent hurricane damage in parts of our country. Since supplies have dwindled, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church will again sponsor kit assembly **April 21, 2018**. In the meantime, check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at pda.pcusa.org for how you can help right now! Our mission committee is beginning to consider a trip to assist in Puerto Rico; tell Peggie Elgin if you might be interested in participating or helping with fundraising.

BRPC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

In addition to needing bus tokens and food, some folks who come to our church door seeking help are inadequately dressed for harsh winter weather. In January, we are seeking **hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens** which can be given to those who need them. Please place your donations in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

PROJECT WARM NEWS

The BRP Team weatherized two more houses in mid-January, bringing to six the number completed this season! Plus, we had the largest group of volunteers working together so far this season. January's team consisted of Bill Bowman, Keith Clements, Jennifer Gingerich, Paul Matheny, Mary Nebelsick, and Doug Rapp.

The next Project Warm workday will be **Saturday, February 24**, and the team will work from 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Please volunteer to help our neighbors be warmer in their houses this winter!

Bill Bowman

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.

February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Brittany Hesson preaching Super Bowl of Caring All Day Church	5	6	7 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir	8	9	10 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market 10:00am Presbytery Meeting Springfield Presbyterian Church, Springfield KY
11 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Pulpit Exchange Rev. Nancy Troy preaching Noon All Day Church	12	13 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in the Club Room 5:30 pm Taste of the Highlands—HCM 7pm Mission Team Mtg, Club Room	14 Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Choir	15 7pm Worship Team Mtg—Pastor's Study	16	17 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
18 1st Sun. Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 Fellowship; 11 a.m. Worship; Rev. Nebelsick preaching	19	20 7 p.m. Session Meeting	21 6:00 pm Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner/program 7:30 p.m. Choir <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	22 Noon HCM Luncheon at Deer Park Baptist	23	24 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market 9 am—Noon Project Warm
25 9:30am Sun. School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching All Day Church	26	27	28 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner/program 7:30 p.m. Choir			



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb. 4	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Fellowship Time Worship Service, Brittany Hesson preaching
Feb. 7	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Feb. 10	10:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting at Springfield Presbyterian Church, Springfield, KY
Feb. 11	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service with communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
Feb. 13	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle, Club Room Mission Team Meeting, Club Room
Feb. 14	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
Feb. 15	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting, Choir Room
Feb. 18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
Feb. 20	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
Feb. 21 & 28	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner/Programs
Feb. 22	Noon	HCM Luncheon at Deer Park Baptist Church
Feb. 24	Noon—9am	Project Warm
Feb. 25	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching