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as we respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.

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Dearly beloved,

It is the season of Love! In truth, it is always the season of Love at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church.

God hands us love and asks us to pass it on. God hands us love so that we can love God. God hands us love so that we can love each other. God hands us love so we can love God's creation. God hands love to each one of us and we pass it on to others, who pass it on to others and so on and so forth.

Because we love God, we can love our friends, and because we love our friends, we know how to love our neighbors, and because we love our neighbors, we know how to love people who we have never met and might never meet. Our love does not stop with loving people. We love all creation, pets and plants, wild things, mountains, valleys and oceans. We love because God first loved us.

The camp song, "Pass It On" says it all:
"It only takes a spark, To get a fire going, And soon all those around, Can warm up in the glowing, That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it, You'll spread His love, To everyone You'll want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, When all the trees are budding, The birds begin to sing, The flowers start their blooming, That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it. You'll want to sing. It's fresh

like Spring, You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, This happiness that I've found, You can depend on God, It matters not where you're bound, I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know, The Lord of Love, Has come to me, I want to pass it on.

I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know, The Lord of Love Has come to me, I want to pass it on."

BRPC does remarkable things for its members, the community and the world, but we do so quietly as a matter of course. Somehow, we need to learn to "shout it from the mountaintop."

The hard part is finding new ways of letting our community, our city and our world know that the Lord of Love" has come to us.

Let's talk about how we can invite our neighbors and our friends to join us in the exciting adventure of living the life of happiness that we find in God, in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit

Let's continue to pass on God's Love in worshipping, studying, praying, conversing, caring for the earth, laughing, visiting, cleaning, repairing, welcoming, healing, hoping, calling, running, jumping, hugging, smiling and working. Let us do it all in Love!

Your fellow servant in Christ, *Mary*

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING– February 3

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. 3 (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).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 3: Souper Bowl of Caring
- March 5: Taste of the Highlands, HCM Campus
- March 6: Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm
- March 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7: BRP Lenten Luncheons
- April 14: Palm Sunday
- April 18: Maundy Thursday
- April 20: Easter Breakfast
- April 21: Easter Sunday

**PULPIT EXCHANGE—
 February 17**

On February 17 BRPC will host the Rev. Jim Martin from Faith Presbyterian Church while the Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick will preach at Okolona Presbyterian Church.



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.

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! *Jeanie*

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:

The continuing work of the Pastor Nominating Committee.
 Pastor Mary who is guiding BRP through this period of transition.
 The Building & Grounds Committee. Doug Rapp has been overseeing the following BRP repairs:
 Toilet replacement in a basement bathroom; sink repair in both bathrooms on the third floor; painting the bathroom on the first floor after the wall was torn out due to steam pipe repair; repairing steam pipes all over building including 3 in the sub basement.



The Louisville Home School , meeting at BRP, continues to provide home schooled children with the opportunity to participate in educational classes, field trips and activities.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jackson Irakoeze	1
Secret Waritay	1
Esperance Niyibitanga	2
Susan Rapp	7
Diedre Teaford	7
Chris Hofmann	12
Claire Detlefs	13
Thomas Ortiz	13
Anne Teaford	15
Stevie Bilyeu	15
Brian Shaw	17
Claire Kotheimer	17
Elizabeth McCormack	18
Mara Green	27
Nancy Brock	30

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**Ash Wednesday
Service of Worship
with the Imposition of Ashes
March 6, 2019
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."

LENTEN CELEBRATION LUNCHES

Lenten Celebrations will take place after Worship on the First through Fifth Sundays in Lent. The overarching Theme would be "Celebrating God's Salvation." The dates are March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

- March 6 Ash Wednesday
- March 10 First Sunday in Lent
- March 17 Second Sunday in Lent
- March 24 Third Sunday in Lent
- March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent

CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES: HOW TO LEAD A GREENER LIFE

Wash Your Laundry in Cold Water

Use cold water when washing clothes to reduce energy use. Energy is needed to heat water. You can also opt for a shorter wash cycle.

Do Your Dishes Less Often

Instead of after every meal, consider only running the dishwasher when you have a full load or sink. This reduces your water use and saves you money on your water bill.

Cut Your Shower Time by Five Minutes

Cut five minutes off your shower to save water. According to a study done by Harvard the average American shower uses 2.5 gallons per minute. You will save 12.5 gallons of water if you shorten by just 5 minutes. Or, consider turning the water off while you lather up and only turn it on to rinse.

Wait Until the Laundry Basket is Full to Wash

Only do laundry when the load is full. Not only does this save water and electricity but it also saves you money and time. You can either wait until you have more items to wash or combine your partial load with your family or housemates.

Track Your Waste for a Week

Keep track of the waste that you create for a week. How much of it can be replaced with recyclables or reusables. What can you challenge yourself to live without?

Eat a Plant Based Meal or Meals with Ingredients from Local Farms

Use Green Cleaning Products

Use surface sprays, detergents, wipes, and soap that are ethically sourced and have a low impact on the environment.

Buy a Plant for Your House

It may not be the season to plant a tree or garden outside but you can purchase a plant for the indoors. The plant will produce oxygen improve your indoor air quality. You can choose a flower, herb, or a plant that bears fruit such as a tomato, pepper, or strawberries.

JANUARY 15 2019 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Rev. Nathan Sautter, representing the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, was a visitor to the Session meeting on January 15, 2019. He explained that upon submission of the Ministry Information Form (MIF) the Commission will examine the information submitted by the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The COM has the authority to make recommendations about the call before approving the posting of the MIF. Members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee were present and detailed not only the intensely scheduled work of the PNC but the close fellowship established during the process of formulating the MIF draft which had been emailed to each Session member the date of the meeting. **The Session approved a motion to conduct a called Session meeting on January 27, 2019, 12:00 pm with the goal of having maximum number of Session members present to review and act on the document.**

In her Moderator's report, the Rev. Mary Nebelsick reported on worship opportunities offered during the Christmas season. She observed that the season brought blessings but also sadness due to the death on December 24, 2018 of Grad Shoemaker, an "anchor" of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. The Pastor continues her pattern of regular visitation of members in care facilities or home bound as well as close coordination with all the covenant partners who share our facilities.

The Treasurer's report indicated that with December income of \$25,255 and payouts of \$23,783, the difference was \$1,472. To achieve the balance of income and payouts at \$215,351, \$34,520 was taken from restricted funds (per the 20% endowment transfer policy) with, additionally, \$14,381 transferred from restricted funds. Marty Hageman's volunteering to help in Treasurer's office is greatly appreciated.

For the 2019 budget year Stewardship pledges in the amount of \$94,000 have been received with four more units pledging than in 2018. Shirley Shaw has assumed leadership of the Congregational Care Committee for the present. The committee is finalizing congregational programs for the spring. Work on photo directory continues. The Outreach Committee reports that Hogan's Fountain has been reserved for the Easter breakfast activity.

Continuing frustrations with the heating system plague the Building and Grounds Committee.

Due to Highland Community Ministry permitting the use of their van on weekends, the Christian Education Committee transported seven of the children and youth not only to Sunday School on January 13, 2019 but to a Lady Cards basketball game.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Worship and Music, sixteen dates in 2019 for the serving of Communion as well as the means of serving were approved by the Session. The Worship and Music Committee moved that BRPC participate in the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery pulpit exchange on February 17, 2018. BRPC will host the Rev. Jim Martin from Faith Presbyterian Church while the Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick will preach at Okolona Presbyterian Church. The motion was approved by the Session. Additionally, the Session received a motion for Lenten Celebrations to occur after worship on the First through Fifth Sundays in Lent with the theme of "Celebrating God's Salvation."

Beloved Community

Working Toward Racial Reconciliation

Beechmont Presbyterian Church
417 West Ashland Avenue, Louisville, KY 40214



A SPECIAL EVENT ON RACIAL RECONCILIATION.

The Beloved Community committee, made up of members from Harvey Browne and Shawnee churches, is planning a community-wide event entitled: "Silence into Action: Working Toward Justice and Equity." The event will be held Saturday, March 2, from 9 AM to 1 PM. It will be held at Beechmont Presbyterian Church. Alonzo Johnson and Aisha Brooks Lytle will be leading the event. (Many of you remember a similar event which was held last year at Fourth Presbyterian Church.) The event includes a catered lunch. Email billwilliamson@twc.com or call Bill—502/415-5469--for more information.

Please call if you have questions.

Bill Williamson
Harvey Browne
cell 502/415-5469

CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

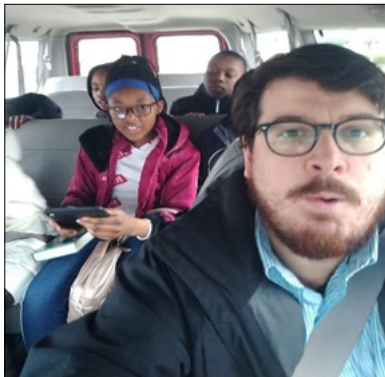


That face says it all. For many of our Youth and Kids' Club members, our trip to the Yum Center was a first time experience. One member of the congregation joining us in our seating section at the game said the excitement among the youth was noticeable.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In January, Sunday school began with the Epiphany story as Youth and Kids meet in a joint session led by Molly Rapp and Siram Coalter. We discussed the revelation of Christ being born as a man to Gentile wise men. The youth produced a Happy New Year themed list of gifts they would bring just like the wise men.

Youth and Kids Sunday school met separately Sunday 13, to discuss the presence of the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost as many of the Youth enjoyed calling it. Whether at a big sports arena or praying in the Youth room, the Youth remain rooted in Christ but growing together in community.



BRP now has use of the HCM van that allows the kids to do what they like most: spend time together.

The Youth program recognizes the sacrifice of time and petroleum that its members made last semester. Alicia Bloos, Jeanie Grosz, Jennie Guelda, Mary Nebelsick, Linda Block-Coalter, Paul Johnson, Sarah Hageman, Molly Rapp, and Rachel Marie Matheny all contributed to our Rides Mission. Our church is fiercely passionate in their commitment to getting these kids to events and worship. Thank you all. I am humbled. *Siram Coulter*

MARTIN BLAKELEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

To my BRP family,
 Many thanks for the support shown Sue and me at my retirement luncheon. It was a truly humbling experience. Special thanks, first to all who attended and to those who brought food, and then to Shirley Shaw for her efforts and organizational skills and finally to the many kind words spoken by my family and friends. I am especially grateful to my grand daughter Sydney Smith for designing my cakes. It was gratifying to see fellowship hall with that many people in it. Rest assured that I am thoroughly enjoying NOT going to work every day.

Thanks Again, Martin Blakeley



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Presbyterian Women The 2018-19 Horizons Bible study for Women's Circles is centered on **God's Promise: I Am with You** by Amy Poling Sutherlun. 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...." Study books are \$10.

The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting is February 12 at 11 A.M. in the Clubroom. Contact Joe Anne Overstreet for more information.

The Evening Circle meets in members' homes on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, February 11, at 7 P.M. at the home of Molly Rapp. Please contact Alicia Bloos for more information, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Attention, Parents! As you begin to think about your children's activities in 2019, be sure to allow time for summer camp at **Cedar Ridge Camp**, the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery camp, retreat, and conference center located right here in Louisville. Your children will love it!

Attention, Everyone! As you begin to plan your charitable contributions for 2019, be sure to consider a donation to **Cedar Ridge Camp** to help support the camping program for children and youth as well as the continued growth and expansion of our camp. Progress continues on the project to build a chapel, and other improvements are always in the dream or development stage. For more information, see cedaridge-camp1.com. **You will be hearing more soon about opportunities to help support the new chapel project. The chapel will be a perfect place for weddings, memorial services, and of course, worship services for campers, churches on retreat, etc., and many other uses. Donations are accepted at any time!**

Highlands Community Ministries

Plan now to attend the HCM-sponsored **TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS** on March 5, Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), on the Highlands Community Campus, 1228 E Breckinridge.

Numerous local restaurants and beverage providers will share their specialties with the public and live musical entertainment will enliven the gathering. Tickets will be available in advance or at the door. More details to come. For more information, contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

HCM is looking for volunteers to help with the food pantry program, either on a regular basis or as occasional fill-ins, for a variety of tasks: picking up food donations from local food vendors, manning the pantry when clients come in, etc. If you can help, contact Danah Smith, Director of IFAP and Senior Outreach Programs, at 502-451-3626 or drsmith@hcmloouisville.org.

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.

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!**

In December BRP members helped HCM provide **Christmas Gifts and Food Baskets** for neighbors in need. In April we will be providing **Easter Food Baskets** for these same families and we will again need your assistance. Your generosity to help neighbors is always amazing! **Thank you!**

SUNNY DAYS

Do you like to see the sun come out on a winter afternoon? Even if the temperatures may be frigid, a sunny day seems to brighten our spirits! Well, ever since October 2017, sunny days (in winter, or at any time during the year) have helped BRP lessen its use of fossil fuels and have helped improve the environment.

Our eight solar panels have gathered in some of that sunshine and turned it into electricity! In turn, the electricity has helped offset some of the power we get from LG&E, meaning that less coal (or natural gas) is burned to generate power. To date, we've generated about 3,100 kilowatt hours of power, giving us savings of over \$300 on our LG&E bill. Enjoy the sunshine! *Bill Bowman*

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00pm in the Club Room.

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
3 COMMUNION 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Super Bowl of Caring	4	5	6 7:00 p.m. Choir	7	8	9 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
10 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Preaching Rev. Nebelsick	11 10:00 a.m. Congregational Life Mtg 7:00 p.m. Evening Circle at home of Molly Rapp	12 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in the Club Room 7pm Mission Team Mtg, Club Room	13 7:00 p.m. Choir	14	15	16 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
<i>Rev. Nebelsick will be attending a conference from 2/11-2/15</i>						
17 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 Fellowship; 11 a.m. Worship; Rev. Jim Martin preaching Pulpit Exchange	18 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	19 7 p.m. Session Meeting	20 7:00 p.m. Choir <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	21	22	23 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
24 9:30am Sun. School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	25	26	27 7:00 p.m. Choir	28	29	30 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Feb. 3 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Sunday School—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
Fellowship Time
Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching |
| Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |
| Feb. 10 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Sunday School
Fellowship Time
Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching |
| Feb. 11 | 10:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. | Congregational Life Meeting, Pastor's Study
Evening Circle meeting at the home of Molly Rapp |
| <i>Feb. 11—15 Rev. Nebelsick will be attending the Menucha Transitional Ministries Conference in Portland, OR</i> | | |
| Feb. 12 | 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. | Day Circle, Club Room
Mission Team Meeting, Club Room |
| Feb. 17 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Sunday School
Fellowship Time
Worship Service, Rev. Jim Martin preaching (Pulpit Exchange) |
| Feb. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Team Meeting, Choir Room |
| Feb. 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting, Club Room |
| Feb. 24 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Sunday School
Fellowship Time
Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching |
| Feb. 31 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Sunday School
Fellowship Time
Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching |