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New Year

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for the wonderful conversations that we have already had about our Star Words. For some, this is a new venture. Maybe you don't exactly know what to do with this random word that you have chosen out of an offering plate on a Sunday? That is absolutely o.k. Out of the Orthodox Christian Church, this tradition is really just one of a myriad of ways to consider our faith. Sometimes limiting or narrowing that consideration can be helpful if the concept of "faith" seems overwhelming. I have enjoyed considering what God may be asking or speaking to me about my word "Change". I taped mine to my wall so that every day I am at the office I am reminded to consider and reconsider what God might be asking. I ask that you continue to ponder how your word intersects with your life and faith, and I look forward to sharing in more stories and testimonials.



This Lenten Season I would like to spend some time with you considering our Spirituality. We are taking a trial run at moving our Lenten series to Thursdays due to easier parking scenario for all of us in our lot with a Wednesday Night AA meeting that is continually growing. March 9, 16, and 23, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a simple catered dinner and program. March 9, we open our series in a drumming experience with Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson, the director of the P.C. (U.S.A.) Self Development of People, and a multi-talented musician. Stay tuned for more details about the March Lenten Series - we hope to see many of you there!

We slowly head in to yet another busy season after Ash Wednesday February 22, and the weekend prior with the Annual Meeting of the Congregation after church February 19th. Please pencil in all the dates and times of the many Lenten events you can take part in both here at the church and through Highland Community Ministries. I have very much enjoyed this past Advent/Christmas and into the new year of 2023 a return to many of the ways in which Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church has traditionally gathered.

Blessings to all of you!

Star Word

Pastor Mark





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first Black History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued Black History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Secret Waritay	1
Esperance Niyibitanga	2
Susan Rapp	7
Diedre Teaford	7
Claire Detlefs	13
Thomas Ortiz	13
Cassie Bilyeu	15
Hannah Garrison	17
Brian Shaw	17
Elizabeth McCormack	18

Happy birthday to Claire Detlefs who will be 94 on February 13!

Happy birthday to Susan Rapp who will be 75 on February 7!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Annual Meeting: February 19

Rev. Eldred's Study Leave: February 20 through Feb 26, although he will be here for Ash Wednesday and the Presbytery Meeting.

Rev. Nancy Troy will be Pulpit Guest on February 26.

Ash Wednesday: February 22 (BRP and CCC)

Lent: February 22—April 6

Palm Sunday: April 2

Holy Week: April 3—7

Maundy Thursday: April 6

Good Friday: April 7

Easter Sunday: April 9

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**ASH WEDNESDAY
February 22nd and Worship Service**

BRP Ash Wednesday

Join us for ashes and/or worship Wednesday, February 22. Pastor Mark will be available inside in the sanctuary with ashes from 7:30-9:00AM for those who would like to receive ashes before their work day. Pastor Mark and Rev. Bill Williamson will lead worship for Ash Wednesday at Noon in our Sanctuary.

CCC Ash Wednesday

For your information if our services don't work for you, please join CCC at 6:30 to receive ashes and attend a worship service.

Lenten Dinner Series - Save the Dates

March 9, 16, and 23, Thursdays, we will gather at 6PM for a modest dinner followed by a Lenten program with the theme Deepening Spirituality. Pastor Mark has invited various folks from our immediate community, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and our community of Louisville to speak to a variety of ways we can continue to experience our individual and collective sense of spirituality.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

Lenten Lunch Series will be Thursdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (tentatively Pastor Mark leading devotional)

Time: 12 Noon till 1 pm

Location: Highland Baptist Church, 1101 Cherokee Road, Fellowship Hall. (parking lot entrance)

Caterer: Soul Food by Tiffany (soups, bread).

Theme: TBD

Maundy Thursday will have a simple meal of soup and bread with a 5:30 P.M. service in Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday service will be in the sanctuary at 5:00 P.M.

Easter Breakfast - Save the Date!

Saturday, April 8, 2023 BRPres has a reservation with Louisville Parks for of our Easter Breakfast. We look forward to continuing our long-standing church tradition.

Hogan's Fountain is no longer an option. The new pavilion is called **Stegner** and is down the hill from Hogan. Stay tuned for more details in our March Newsletter.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

After church service, February 19, 2023, we will hold the annual meeting of our church. The Session will present the approved 2023 Budget. We will have a time of remembrance for those we have lost this past year. We will lift up some highlights of church committees on their past year of mission and ministry in the church.



Here is our **Circle meeting** at Miralea on the Masonic Home campus. We've decided to meet on the 3rd

Tuesday every month from 11-1. Bring a lunch and join us!



Linda paid a Miralea visit. Fun catching up!

JANUARY 17, 2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of January 2023 Session Meeting
During his Moderator's Report, Rev. Eldred mentioned the distribution of words called "star words" to the congregation for inspiration and meditation throughout the year. A video camp of 40 youth used our building during the holidays. The unhoused people continue to come to our door requesting food, transportation, and clothing assistance. A Lenten Series centering on spirituality is planned for the four Thursdays in March.

The Session members were asked to study the projected costs for the 2023 Presentation Budget in preparation for the Called Session Meeting to finalize the 2023 budget.

An energy audit of the church building to reduce our energy footprint, will be done by a team of church members using a template guide provided by KIPL.

The AA Group that meets on Friday nights will start using Fellowship Hall on February 3. There will be a meeting with the group to mutually agree on expectations of the use of the space.

A proposal from D&D Contracting for decking over the stairwell to the basement and installing a metal canopy over the alley side entrance was reviewed. The work will start in January.

A request from Nancy Carrington to hold Qi Gong meditation exercises in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings was approved, contingent on her liability coverage.

The Congregational Care Committee is considering ways to help the caregivers in our congregation with outreach, food, and support.

There will be an Easter Breakfast in Cherokee Park at the smaller shelter by Hogan's Fountain (Stegner Pavilion) on April 8.

Our church is considering joining CLOUT, a social action coalition of Louisville churches. Membership would increase our impact on worthy causes with a financial commitment of \$1,400. There is a Nehemiah gathering in March to determine the projects.

Due to the increased usage of our EV charger, we will add a QR code for donations and a request for a time limit on charging.

The dedication for the recently completed Habitat House at 713 E. Ormsby Ave. is February 18 at 1:00 P.M.

HCM will have a Fat Tuesday Fundraising event on February 21. The theme is "Taste of the Highlands" and Billy Goat Strut will entertain.

La Casita will be invited to participate at the Farmer's Market, Faith & Justice Table on Saturday, February 4.

Ash Wednesday on February 22 will have application of ashes from 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. and at the Noon service. Rev. Bill Williamson will share in leading the Noon service. Maundy Thursday will have a simple meal of soup and bread with a 5:30 P.M. service in Fellowship Hall. Good Friday service will be in the sanctuary at 5:00 P.M. Palm Sunday and Easter services are being planned by Rev. Eldred and Jeanie Grosz.

Starting in February, communion will be served by intinction with four servers. Packaged cups will still be an option for those who are uneasy. The offering will return to passing the plates with 2 ushers in February. The offering will be scheduled earlier in the order of the service before the sermon.

The existing Advent candle stand will be repaired and a new design for a candle stand will be proposed by David Caudill, a local sculptor.

THANK YOU FROM JEANIE

I wish to express my appreciation and love to my BRPC family.

Your prayers, your calls, cards, positive thoughts and to the overwhelming number of people who brought meals or offered them. Special Thanks to my sister Anne for filling In Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the following Sunday.

I'm so blessed to be in such a loving congregation.

Thanks also to Mark, Johanna and the amazing BRPC choir.

Love,
Jeanie Grosz

CCC NEW PASTOR, Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes

Hello BRPC! My name is Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes, and I'm the new pastor at Covenant Community Church (CCC). I come from Chicago where I previously went to seminary with your pastor and also served at his old home church. It's fun to join in the partnership between you and CCC and have a welcoming space for the creative ways CCC seeks to follow Jesus. I also am a certified spiritual director, a lover of fermentation, and a mom and spouse. My spouse Ben and I have two children--a four year old named Esther and a six month old named Cooper. We're all getting settled into our new life here and are grateful for how God brought us to this place as we all work toward God's liberating world! Thank you for your support of CCC, and I look forward to seeing you around soon. I can be reached at rev.abbi.ccc@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE

BRP FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

Can you help those who come to the church door in need? Please consider:

Donating **money** to purchase **TARC Partner Passes**, discounted bus passes for those who are elderly, disabled, or on assistance. The need has multiplied, but the budget is small!

You may write a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line.

Needed are **tuna and chicken lunchables**, preferably **Bumblebee** in a box (has its own utensil) and **Bottled water**.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Taste of the Highlands Mardi Gras is returning on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 ("Fat Tuesday"), 5:30-7:30 P.M., presented by Elijah Craig Bourbon, offering a special cocktail and the option of a Heaven Hill Distillery VIP Tasting! A number of Highlands restaurants will provide delightful tastings; bourbon, wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available, and the Billy Goat Strut Review will provide music for listening and dancing. For details and ticket info - *See page 5*

Lenten Lunches: *See page 3.*

Check out all that HCM offers, including childcare; senior activities; art, yoga, and tai chi classes; rental event spaces; and all Highlands Youth Recreation sports, at hcmloouisville.org.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Facilitators of all ages are always needed to lead activities for school, church, and other groups. Activities include Archery, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Team Building, Native American Lore, Settlers' Toys, Orienteering, Trekking Through the Trees, Bug Safari, Crime Scene Investigation, Low Ropes and High Ropes courses, and Ziplining. Training is provided, and there is compensation. Interested? Contact Alainna Brummert, Program Director, at alainna@cedarridgecamp.com.

JUST CREATIONS

Start the new year off right: Volunteer at Just Creations! Just Creations is a marketplace that advocates for marginalized communities of artisans and farmers through promotion of Fair-Trade goods and social justice. The store relies on volunteers to assist with the daily operations of the store, including unpacking, pricing, and stocking merchandise, as well as providing quality customer service. Want to volunteer? Click [here](#) to apply. Just Creations | 2722 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206 | 502-897-7319 | justcreations.org

HABITAT NEWS

Retasha Cheatham's house is almost finished! The new house in the Shelby Park neighborhood, built with lots of volunteer hours from Presbyterian congregations, should be finished in February! Whether or not you worked on this house, you're invited to a party to celebrate the completion! Please join Retasha, her family, Habitat staff, and lots of volunteers on **Saturday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m.** for the celebration and house dedication. It's a great opportunity to meet the new homeowner and walk through her brand-new house!

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

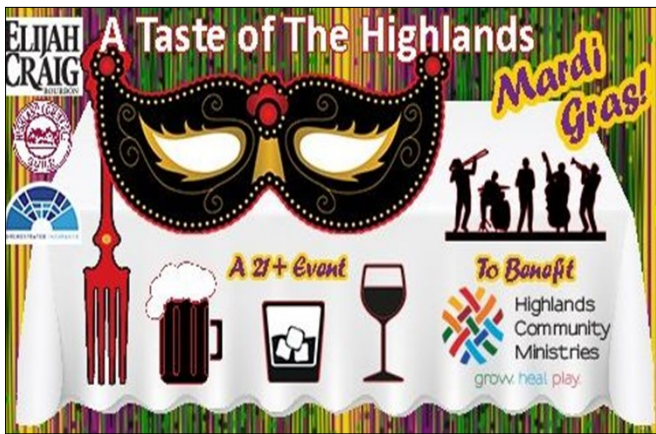
The Feminine Web of Inter-Being: Spirit of Sophia invites the women of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to join us on **Sunday, February 5, 2:30 to 4:30 P.M.**, for a workshop for women with Victoria Loorz, MDiv, author of *Church of the Wild*. Victoria is a "wild church pastor", an "eco-spiritual director", and co-founder of several transformation-focused organizations focused on the integration of nature and spirituality. Here's a flyer [click](#). Registration and more information are found at: <https://spiritofsophia.org/the-feminine-web-of-inter-being/>

Mid-Kentucky Presbyterians in the News: [Read a recent Louisville Courier-Journal article](#) featuring Doug and Ruth Welch. They are former mission co-workers for the Presbyterian Church (USA). In retirement the Welches worship at First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, and Ruth currently serves on session.

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. Students who are members of Presbyterian churches will receive a scholarship for a minimum of \$20,000 per year for up to four years—that's an \$80,000 commitment to you. For information and to apply visit: www.presby.edu/presbyterian-promises.

LPTS 2023 Spring Convocation – Feb. 3, 2023 – "Sankofa as the Authority of our Identity." Convocation address by Dr. Trina Armstrong, who will be installed as Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy and Pastoral Theology Director of Marriage and Family Therapy. [Join us in-person or online at www.lpts.edu/watchlive.](#)

LPTS 2023 Virtual Black Church Studies Convocation – Feb. 15-17, 2023 – "Ministry in HD: Healthy, Holistic, and Holy Approaches to 21st Century Ministry/Mental Health in the Black Church" Schedule and registration found here: <https://givebutter.com/bcsc2023>



Tuesday February 21 at 5:30 pm
A Taste of the Highlands Mardi Gras!

Laissez le bon temps rouler!

Elijah Craig Small Batch Bourbon presents the 5th annual Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras celebration of The Highlands of Louisville's "Restaurant Row"! Featuring savory and sweet tastes from the city's best collection of local, unique, and eclectic restaurants paired with an Elijah Craig Small Batch Bourbon cocktail, unique reds and whites by Old 502 Winery, craft brews by Pivot Brewing, a pour-over event by Safai Coffee, and fruit-infused Louisville Pure Tap. All to support Highlands Community Ministries, helping neighbors in need of food, emergency financial help, and quality-of-life programs.

Live Bourbon Jazz by the Billy Goat Strut Revue will fill the air with the sounds of New Orleans in a festival atmosphere at the Highlands Community Campus, an antique former German church and building that prominently sits at the convergence of the Original Highlands, Paristown Pointe, and Germantown/Paristown Neighborhoods, that houses the main operations of Highlands Community Ministries.

Nowhere else can you sample this eclectic collection of restaurants in one place! So far, participants include Bristol Bar and Grille, The Cafe, Ciao Ristorante, The Eagle, Gogi 1055 Korean BBQ, Goodfellas Pizzeria, Havana Rumba, Kizito Cookies, O'Shea's Irish Pub, Ramsi's Cafe on the World, Sapporo Japanese Grill & Sushi, and Uptown Cafe

Your all-inclusive ticket allows you to sample all of the tastes, spirits, and beverages offered. For an additional fee, you can sample several brands from the Heaven Hill distillery with a Heaven Hill ambassador. Guests must be at least 21 years of age and are asked to drink responsibly. Tickets also available for purchase at the door. Proceeds from the event benefit HCM.

Our January 9, 2023 stand-in had a bumper crowd! Cold we can do; rain not so much. *Jennie G.*



Wildflowers Academy

Meeting at BRP

See last page

February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market Faith & Justice table
5 Communion 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	6 4:30pm Standing in Solidarity	7 6 P.M. Personnel Mtg	8 3:30 pm CE Meeting 4pm Mission Mtg	9	10	11 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
12 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	13 10:00 a.m. Congregational Life Mtg 3:45 pm Worship Committee Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15 7 p.m. Session Meeting	16	17	18 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
19 Transfiguration 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred preaching Annual Meeting	20 President's Day 4:30pm Standing in Solidarity	21 11-1 P.M. Circle Rev. Eldred's Study	22 Ash Wednesday 7:30—9:00 A.M Ashes Noon— Service Leave from February 20 through February 26	23 Leave from February 20 through February 26	24	25 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market Presbytery Meeting 2nd Presbyterian
26 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nancy Troy Preaching	27	28				



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Wildflowers Academy (2nd floor of BRP on Tuesdays)

After a long winter break, Wildflowers Academy started up again for our spring semester on January 17th. This month, our classroom spotlight is Ashley Gardner's 3rd grade class. Ashley has been a teacher at Wildflowers for many years, and always structures her classes to celebrate her individual students and provide them opportunities to solve problems and work together to accomplish goals. Each student is given a special week to be star student and share more about themselves. This year, our third graders have a book club class where they read together and analyze plot and characters, a history class that includes writing and STEAM projects, a math class that reinforces concepts through games and real world examples, and a handicrafts class. So far, handicrafts class has covered sewing, finger knitting, clay, string and nail art, and various crafts to make gifts for family members. We are so thankful to have Ashley and the dedication and creativity she brings to her classroom! Thank you to the BRPC congregation for sharing your space with us and allowing us to provide these opportunities for our families!

Mary Groeschen, Director

