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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.

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In Game of Thrones, “**Winter is Coming!**” is the motto of House Stark. It is meant as a word of warning to be prepared for what we know is coming.

On each of the Lord’s Days in December we reminded ourselves that “**Advent means coming.**” Our experience of Advent leads us to Christ and into the church season of Epiphany (which begins on the 12th day of Christmas, January 6th).

Epiphany is a season of discovery, dawning awareness, and recognition that God is lord of all. Winter (in the dark and cold days of January) is the perfect time for an Epiphany. Winter is the time we mostly see gloom and loss and despair. Yet, beyond our eyes, we know that there are unseen forces leading to springtime growth and summer harvests. God is God. And, God is at work in the world.

Even in winter there are many signs of new life in and around BRPC. People care for others. Our children are growing into the future with faith and hope and love. Our elders are dreaming dreams for a vibrant future.

One specific example: the session in December established a budget that includes **every expense our ministry teams dreamed about for the coming year.** (Let that sink in for a moment). That is quite a step of faith considering that our income projections are down. Yet, no ministry requests were cut. It's not our business to make money . . . It's our role –and reflects our desire– to give ourselves for the proclamation of the gospel and for sharing God's love in the world. **Rather than cut any ministry requests, the session chose to use money from "savings" for such a time as this.** Fearful elders would not do that. Perfect love casts out fear (1st John 4:18). **Our faith leads us to invest in the future with hope and love.**

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

Winter is Here! Time to start living as people of the light!

BRAINSTORMING BREAKFAST

There will be a Brainstorming Breakfast on Saturday, January 28th from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall!!! Help us kick-off the new year with a pancake breakfast to share ideas and talk about dreams and possibilities for BRP! We want your voice at the table and we are excited to hear your unique insights! *Contact Lanie Sipes or Brittany Hesson for more information.*

“I love BRP for our laughter”. *Jeanie*

“I love the warmth, support and fellowship of the BRP community of worshippers”. *Claire*



INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE CHURCH BEING OPEN

The plan for this year is 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 – so whatever the weather, the Sanctuary will be open for worship on Sundays.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 22nd

The session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the 2017 Terms of Call for Rev. Lieberman, immediately following worship on Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

KIDS DAY OUT—JANUARY 16

Molly Rapp will be offering another Kid's Day Out program on Monday, January 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We will be doing some fun activities in the morning about Dr. King. After lunch at the church we will take an afternoon field trip. Registration and medical release forms will be available in the church office. I hope you will join us for this day of fellowship. If you need more information please contact Molly Rapp at 558-5339.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—February 5th

Youth of the church will be collecting non-perishable food items and money to go to local missions. Please bring canned goods with you to worship on Feb. 5th and contribute as you can!

THANK YOU FROM SHIRLEY SHAW

Words cannot express the gratitude, thanks and heartfelt love for each of you in guiding me and my family through the past two years. Starting with my cancer diagnosis in December 2014, moving back to Louisville, through my 5-by-pass surgery, Dennis' diagnosis of liver cancer in April and now through his passing. Everyone of you have been more than supportive – with prayers, cards, phone calls, lunches, dinners, sitting with me through chemo and just coming to visit with me (us). It was been most gratifying for us. Beverly, Vince, Brian and Darren join me in this thank you. We really don't know what we would have done without you.

Also, a special thanks to Anne Campbell and her helpers for the reception, to Jeanie for the wonderful music at the memorial service and last but not least, Chris for the great eulogy – you showed just how much Dennis was loved, as a Father, Husband, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle and Friend.

Shirley

Thank You!
Shaw



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- Paul Ray 13
- Bunky Mathis 14
- Sydney Smith 14
- Olivia Wagner 16
- Margie Clark 16
- Claire Kotheimer 17
- Grad Shoemaker 18
- Aaron Smith 19
- Chris Lieberman 21
- Madeline Vanamburgh 21
- John Walker 26
- Mara Green 27
- Connor Hudson 27
- Oriverye Ndizeye 27
- Mary Mpanje Muyenza 29
- Nancy Brock 30

DECEMBER 20th SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Sunday, Jan. 8 is being designated as “Start off the new year by coming to church,” and invite someone to join you.
- Friday Fun Night is scheduled for Jan. 6th at 6:00 p.m.
- We have purchased group tickets to a UofL Women’s Basketball game on Sunday, Jan. 15th, after worship
- Kids Day Out will be on Monday, January 16 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (the MLK Jr. holiday)
- January 22 was set for a congregational meeting to vote on the 2017 Terms of Call for Rev. Lieberman.
- **Alicia and Kris Bloos** have agreed to serve as our liaison on the Highland Community Ministries Board.
- **Rod Eslinger’s** resignation from the session was received with our best wishes as he and Joanna move to Florida.
- Our November Treasurer’s Report showed a positive income of \$4,048. An Operating Budget for 2017 was approved with income and expense projections of \$238,930. **During 2017 we will engage in a year of discernment to help our congregation take faithful steps into the future.**
- We will be participating in a Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky pulpit exchange for pastors on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017.
- HCM food pantry items for Jan-March are soups & stews.
- A Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis is planned for July 9-15.
- Designated Elders from the BRPC and CCC sessions will begin meeting in January to envision ways to help deepen our Covenant Partnership Relationship.
- Ms. Lanie Sipes had a 5-month review meeting with elders on the CE and Personnel ministry teams.
- The membership roll was reviewed and people will be contacted to discern if they wish to be listed as active. Jeff Wagner requested a letter of transfer to Highlands Presbyterian Church.

CELEBRATIONS-2016

A huge thank you to all who helped with **Bardstown Road Aglow, the Progressive Dinner, and CoffeeStop with Joe and the Coterie Divas.** You’ve helped celebrate Advent and Christmas wonderfully!



Friday Fun Night: Dinner out on Bardstown Road

As a gift to families in the Highlands neighborhood, the church is hosting a “Friday Fun Night along Restaurant Row.” A post-Christmas gathering for friends in the community that reduces stress and produces family fun.

Friday, **January 6, 2017**, begin at 6:00 p.m. We’ll be ordering **BoomBozz Pizza**, followed by homemade desserts. The church says, *“It’s our gift to families with busy lives to provide a nutritious meal that none of the participants has to plan, prepare, or clean up. A nice meal on a night-out.”* Following the catered dinner, **(on this Epiphany Night)** we will share trust-building games and activities that involve people of all ages in having fun. Epiphany (Jan. 6th) is a night to travel together with those whom God is gathering.

The meal and the fun are free to families in the community. Reservations are requested in advance by calling the church office (451-8305).

Date: **Friday, January 6, 2017**

Time: **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Cost: **Free**

Start the New Year off with a Family Fun Night. Invite a friend to share food, games, and creative fun. The next Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2017

SUNDAY ADULT STUDY—9:30 a.m.

Sunday mornings

The Sunday Adult Study (meeting in the Club room) will begin again in the new year. Please come on **January 8th** to help us decide the next book study.

There is a **POTLUCK** after Worship! Please join us on **January 8th.**

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL AT THE YUM CENTER

January 15 at 1:30 p.m.



NEWS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS

How can this new year be a new beginning?

Growing up, we often made a resolution for the new year at our New Year's Eve party. Maybe you have done the same. However, I often did not make it very long with my resolution, maybe a month or so....I think this is common. YET, what if 2017 was different? What if we decided to be more thankful and to reach out in love more often? What if this new year is a new beginning?

I challenge you this month to set a goal or two for this coming year. I hope this goal will be one that is life-giving for you, and brings you hope, peace, joy, and love - remember those four words from advent? Let's share our goals, our new beginnings, with one another this month and support each other in love as we live into God's calling. Isaiah 43 has an awe-inspiring message about new beginnings, and I encourage you to read the whole passage, but I will share verse 19 from the NRSV here:

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

Here are some exciting activities to start off the new year right:

KID'S!

Kid's Day Out: We will be hosting a **Kid's Day Out on Monday, January 16th from 9-3 PM**, and K-5th graders are invited! It is Martin Luther King day, so activities will teach kids about his life and work, and point toward God's calling for peace, justice, and love for all our neighbors! Permission slips and more information to follow in worship services. *Contact Lanie Sipes or Molly Rapp for more information.*

Kid's Club: We will have a **Peace & Pizza Party from 6 -7:30 pm in the Club Room (grades K-5th)**! Pizza, conversations and activities about peace, and maybe even a short movie - Hope you can join us!
Kid's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of each month!

Kid's Choir: Kid's Choir meets every Sunday from 12-12:30 pm directly following worship! *For more information, contact Jeanie Grosz.*

YOUTH!

Youth Group: All grades (6th-12th) meet every Sunday night from 6-7pm in the Youth Room (January 8th, 15th, 22nd)! Here are some important dates to keep in mind...

Sunday, January 8th

Worship: Bring A Friend Sunday for the worship service & youth group! *Feel free to bring more than one friend - all are welcome!*

Saturday, January 28th-Sunday January 29th

Youth Group Overnighter at the church!!! Meet us at 6pm in the Youth Room for a fun night of games, conversation, and movies! We may even have youth from another Presbyterian church join us! Dinner, breakfast, and snacks will be provided. Please bring a permission slip, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries (toothbrush, etc.), pajamas, and clothes for Sunday worship. *Parents can pick youth up on Sunday morning before or after worship.*

Sunday, January 29th

NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP OR YOUTH CHOIR!

Saturday July 8th - Sunday July 16th

AMEN St. Louis Youth Mission Trip (8th-12th graders)! We are penciled in for the second week of July - there is still time to let Lanie know if you would like to attend! *Stay tuned for fundraising events!*

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

YOUNG ADULTS!

MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS at Main Event Louisville on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30pm!

Join us at Main Event Louisville (12500 Sycamore Station Place, Louisville, KY 40299) for a few hours of dinner, games, and fellowship! Learn more about all the fun attractions at Main Event Louisville on their website: <https://www.mainevent.com/locations/louisville-ky>.

Hope to see YOU there!

Please contact Lanie at lanie.sipes@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to carpool.

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Young Adults Christmas Party!

KID'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



YOUTH GROUP ICE SKATING



Youth Group: Human Christmas Tree Game

Presbyterian Women's Circles

Making a New Year's resolution to do more Bible study? We can help! **"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, is the 2016-2017 *Horizons* Bible Study book author. You are invited to join either of BRP's two Circles to explore this thought-provoking material. The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10, at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room, under the leadership of Joe Anne Overstreet. The Evening Circle will meet on Thursday, January 12 at a home TBD; for more information, contact Alicia Bloos, coordinator of this self-guided circle. 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.

MISSION COMMITTEE:

Christmas Generosity

In December you had the opportunity to help neighbors have a good Christmas through **Highlands Community Ministries'** Christmas gift program, by collecting food items and Christmas gifts for four families under HCM's care in the Individual and Family Assistance Program. As usual, you answered the call with generosity and love! Thank you to all who tagged, shopped, donated, sorted, and delivered! What a great bunch!

Now, 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. For the month of January 2017, we will collect **cans of soup and canned meats (tuna, beef, chicken)**. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for the less-fortunate. *Alicia Bloos*

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00pm in the Club Room. We are a very involved congregation, and would welcome



Souper Sisters making soup for Bardstown Road Aglow

BRP FOOD PANTRY & BUS TICKETS: Please give **Bus Tickets** and food items to the **BRP food pantry** as you are able. We always need items to give away to those in need who come to the church door: tuna and chicken lunchables, beanie weenies, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars, etc. All items should be in a single package and not need refrigeration.

Bus tickets can be purchased from Fifth Third Bank at 2000 Bardstown Rd. (a few streets up from BRP).

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The next Worship ministry team will meet Jan. 19 at 7 pm in the Pastor's Study--all are welcome as we review lectionary passages and plan worship themes.

Communion will be served on Jan. 8th. We would like to offer home communion on that Sunday as well. If you are available to take communion to some of our home-bound members, please call **Lester at 502-802-5289**. Thank you.

We still need **turnkeys and ushers for 2017**. Please let Lester Gamble know if you are willing to serve.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

The flower sign-up sheet to beautify the sanctuary for 2017 is outside Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be donated in memory of someone, or for a celebration. You can provide the flowers, or the church office will order them. Please sign up! The church office will call or email you when it is your time, to see what flowers you would like and what notice should be in the bulletin.



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!

JACOB JOHNSON

Jacob attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly. We are happy the Award.



for him for receiving Outstanding Delegate *Becky Johnson*

January 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Kids' Choir meets every Sunday From 12-12:30 p.m. directly</p> <p>Building User Groups/Staff: Lanie Sipes, CE Director, 3rd floor 1st. Sun. NA, 1:30-5 p.m.; M/W/F: NA, 11:30-2 p.m. 2nd Sun. NA 3-4:30: Monthly Wed. AA, 6:30-8 p.m.; Fri. AA, 6-8:30 p.m.; Fri. AI Anon- 7:00pm Thurs. HCM Painting Class, 1-3 p.m. 3rd Floor: Interfaith Power and Light CCC:2nd floor and Sanctuary Choir: Wednesday in the Choir room- 7:30 pm</p>						
<p>1 9:30-10:30 am Breakfast with Brittany 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman preaching</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6 p.m. Friday Fun Night</p>	<p>7 Farmer's Market</p>
<p>8 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11am Worship Lanie Sipes preaching Noon Potluck 6pm Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room 7 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg</p>	<p>11 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 7:00 p.m. Evening Circle at home TBD</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Confirmation Class Retreat Farmer's Market</p>
<p>15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman preaching 1:30pm Basketball 6pm Youth Group</p>	<p>16 MLK Day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids Day Out 7 p.m. Congregational Life Mtg</p>	<p>17 7 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>18 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 6-7:30 Kid's Club Peace & Pizza Party 7 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Pastor's Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Farmer's Market</p>
<p>22 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Brittany Hesson Preaching Congregational Mtg 6pm Youth Group</p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. Monday Nigh Madness! Young Adults at Main Event Louisville</p>	<p>24 9:30 a.m. Staff meeting</p>	<p>25 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Farmer's Market 8:30-11am Brainstorming Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 6pm Youth Overnight at BRP</p>
<p>29 9:30am Sunday School 10:30M Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship 5th Sunday offering Rev. Lieberman Preaching No Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 1	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Brittany
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day, Worship Service, Rev. Lieberman preaching
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Jan. 6	6:00 p.m.	Friday Fun Night
Jan. 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Lanie Sipes preaching
	Noon	Kids' Choir (every Sunday from Noon to 12:30pm)
		Potluck
Jan. 8, 15, 22	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group/Youth Choir
Jan. 10	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Study
	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle, Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Jan. 12	7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle, at home TBD
Jan. 14		Confirmation Class Retreat
Jan. 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Lieberman preaching
	1:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball at Yum Center
Jan. 16	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kids Day Out
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
Jan. 17	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
Jan. 19	6-7:30 p.m.	Kids' Club, Peace & Pizza Party
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting, Pastor's Study
Jan. 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Brittany Hesson preaching
	Noon	Congregational meeting to vote on 2017 Pastoral Terms of Call
Jan. 23	6:30 p.m.	Monday Night Madness! Young Adults at Main Event Louisville
Jan. 24	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Study
Jan. 28	8:30 a.m.-11	Outreach Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Overnight at BRP
Jan. 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School