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

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

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Dearly beloved:

It has been a great joy to have been with you in this wonderful first year of transitional ministry. We have loved and laughed together and accomplished the five developmental tasks that we are asked to accomplish together. They are: Coming to Terms with History, Discovering a New Identity, Shifts of Power/Leadership Changes, Rethinking Denominational Linkages and Commitment to New Leadership and a New Future.

My own history with BRPC is long and varied. I grew up very near Bardstown Road and attended many of the same schools as the members who worship here regularly. My father taught at LPTS and many of the saints of BRPC were his colleagues. As a child they were my mentors and now I rejoice in the congregation who showed them how much God's love could transform the world.

During my year long tenure, I have collected all the historical documents of BRPC and brought them to the Pastor's Study so that they can "reside" side by side. This way they can all be appreciated and none of the documents will be lost. One of the challenges that BRPC faces declining in membership. BRPC has become more intimate, but has lost none of its passion for ministry and mission.

This growing intimacy brings with it several new challenges. It requires that BRPC realizes that God is calling it to a new vibrant future where intimacy is embraced. The first Christian Churches were small family groups who worshipped together and realized that God was calling them to the special ministry of healing a broken world. Christ was calling them to reconcile the world and to preach Love. This can as easily be done by a more intimate congregation as by a larger one. This is the new identity that I pray I have helped BRPC grow into.

Because of its smaller size, there are shifts in

leadership. Everyone is embraced and shown how much joy there is in following Jesus. Even the smallest child can serve. I have opened up new venues for service for even the youngest members of the congregation. They now open the Worship Service by bringing Christ's light into the Sanctuary, call the congregation to fellowship and with the Pastor, regularly visit members in care facilities.

Other community partners have recognized the loving, giving atmosphere of BRPC and have asked to join us in new venues of worship, proclamation and service. These include Dr. Robert Bozeman, a spiritual director who offers events that lead to spiritual healing.

BRPC is developing a relationship with the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's Preston Highway Ministry. This ministry reaches 30 house churches where 1st and 2nd generation newly immigrated Christians meet. BRPC has been tapped to aide their fellow Christians when they face life-threatening situations like deportation and the threatened dissolution of family ties.

Other groups who focus on issues that young people face such as Students against Gun Violence and the HCM Video Camp have found a home in our walls. BRPC is challenged not only to offer these and other groups a place of respite and a venue for meeting, but to engage with them in the ministries to which they and we have been called.

As BRPC is called to new venues of ministry it is also called to new leadership. What this will look like is in God's plan at the moment, but, rest assured, God has given BRPC the tools, the passion and the love to go out into the future with great hope and enthusiasm.

Much love, Mary

## REMOVE THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 6, immediately following worship. Everyone is invited to stay and help!



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—February 3rd

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. 3rd and contribute as you can!

## NEEDED! VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER

BRP is looking for a volunteer for the financial posting position. Claire would like to work fewer hours.



If you would like to help, please contact Doug Rapp. The individual should have some background in bookkeeping.

## SING WITH US FOR THE NEW YEAR!

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



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Congregational Life Committee will meet on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Pastor's study.

### Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

*Rev. Mary Nebelsick	Transitional Pastor
Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
*Jeanie Grosz	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
*Siram Coalter	Children's & Youth Minister
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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The next Worship Committee Meeting will meet Jan. 14 at 7 pm in the Club Room--all are welcome as we review lectionary passages and plan worship themes.

We still need **turnkeys and ushers for 2019**. Please let Lester Gamble know if you are willing to serve.

## 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 6th** to help us decide the next book study.

## THANKFUL ...

We are thankful for the life of Gradus Lawrence Shoemaker who passed away peacefully in his sleep, December 24, 2018 after living a fascinating and extremely productive life of nearly 98 years. He was a member of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church since 1952 and had served in many positions including as Elder, Member of Session, and Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He was devoted to helping his friends and serving his Community.

We are thankful for the continued recovery of Linda Bowman after surgery.

We are thankful for the new life of Andrew "Andy" Eugene Bloos, infant son of Casey and Lindsay Bloos and grandson of Kris Andrew and Alicia Clark Bloos .

We are thankful for the Pastor Nominating Committee and their continued hard work.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda White	3
Erika Smith	5
Jeanie Grosz	9
Peresi Nyolkuru	11
Paul Ray	13
Sydney Smith	14
Claire Kotheimer	17
Grad Shoemaker	18
Aaron Smith	19
Chris Lieberman	21
Madeline Vanamburgh	21
Oriverye Ndizeye	27
Mary Mpanje Muyenza	29
Francisco Ortiz	31

## December 18, 2018 Session Information

The Rev. Mary Nebelsick presented not only a Moderator's Report to the Session but also a Transitional Pastor report for assistance to the Committee on Ministry of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The church schedule has included two Advent dinners, Hanging of the Greens, Bardstown Road Aglow and a play by the youth presented in worship on 12/9. Services to persons in care facilities and hospitals are delivered by the pastor who is often accompanied by youth of the church. The pastor accompanied a member of the Preston Highway Ministry to court; she also serves as surrogate family to the children of another immigrant woman. Members of the Session helped the Clerk of Session in providing data for the 2018 Clerk's Annual Questionnaire requested by UP(USA). Church calendar for the early months of 2019 was reviewed. The report of the Clerk was accepted.

Session accepted the Membership Report which reflects that membership remained unchanged at 84 persons. Motion was made, seconded and approved to review the church rolls at the Session Meeting on January 15, 2019.

The Treasurer's report noted that November closed with a shortfall of \$5,961 since expenses for the month, \$20,597, exceeded expenses, \$14,636. While pledges are coming in close to the planned amount, unpledged gifts, investment income and love gifts from building use show increases over last year. Total expenses for the year are projected to close the year over expectation due to the following issues: unplanned mission gift to Buckhorn of \$10,000; \$3,000 shared Mission Support paid from restricted funds; unanticipated \$6,000 costs of deductible and additional security expenditures after break-in; \$6,800 paid from Maintenance Reserve Restricted funds for ceiling repairs and painting in sanctuary. Also, in December Per Capita Apportionment Dues (\$2,400 approximately) and maintenance bill, to replace sump pump on boiler and three steam pipes that supply heat from the boiler, are expected.

**The Pastor Nominating Committee presented the Pastor Information Form (PIF). The Session will review and finalize the document with the assistance of Rev. Nathan Sautter in the January meeting.**

From the Mission and Service Committee: Heifer International is highlighted in the display case in January. A member of the refugee family has been hospitalized for care so the closure meeting at BRP is anticipated in early 2019. The PW Thank Offering on Nov. 18 totaled \$701.00. Four volunteers worked for Project Warm on 12/1.

Evaluations of church staff will be completed before the end of calendar year by members of the Personnel Committee.

The report of Building and Grounds is dominated by recent repairs to heating system, specifically sump pump for the boiler and three pipes that carry steam from the boiler.

The joint worship with Deer Park was reported enthusiastically.

Doug Rapp, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the Investment Policy on Asset Distribution For Operating Income accepted by the Session of BRPC in 2013. He explained how the policy stipulates a formula and a percentage limitation for calculating the amounts that can be drawn yearly from investment funds. From the result of that calculation, the current approved floor amount, currently \$550,000, is subtracted. Up to twenty percent of that amount can be applied to support the operating budget according to the policy. The policy is reviewed and approved yearly with the limitation that the stipulated floor of the investment amount may be increased but never decreased. Additionally, he presented comparative analysis.

A draft of the 2019 budget was prepared and presented by Doug Rapp. In the draft, the amount from the amount drawn from investments, based on application of the formula would be \$60,100, which is an increase of \$25,580 over the amount drawn on in 2018 budget. Nevertheless, with the proposed transfer of \$60,100 a shortfall of \$6,516 remains to balance proposed expenditures.

**The Session is provided with the options of making percentage changes of the Taking Investment Fund policy, making cuts to requested budget items, or increasing membership giving. Congregation members are invited to provide feedback to Session members prior to meeting on January 15. The Finance Committee is requested to explore additional revenue options to support building maintenance and expenses.**

The Christian Education Committee and Coordinator for Children and Youth gave a report that projected events for early 2019. Other congregational members are invited to join the children and youth for a Lady Cards game on Jan. 13.

Congregational Life Committee continues efforts on the pictorial directory, cards and visits to members in care facilities, and upcoming programs on topics of general interest.



Thank you to everyone who participated in **Bardstown Road Aglow**. As always, with your help, it was a great success!

## **YOUTH BLURB from Siram Coulter**

December has been a blessed month of fun with the Kids and Youth Programs working hard on cookie baking, Christmas cards for kids at Buckhorn, exploring Bardstown Road Aglowing, and even putting on a play, "The Miracle at the Christmas Café".

In January, we'll stay busy and blessed. We will be reviewing our commitments for the new year, cheering on the Lady Cards at the Yum Center, and beginning our Movie Club. Everyone is invited to come to Lady Cards game. Signups are available in the sanctuary during church.

### **January 6:**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
12:00- 2:00 P.M. Kids/Youth Share Lunch-  
Commitments for the New Year: From Basketball to Buckhorn

### **January 13:**

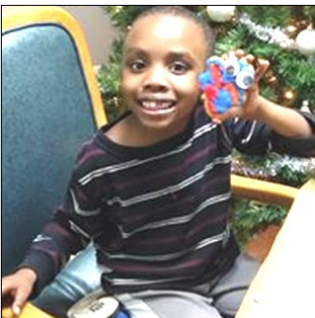
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
12:00 P.M. Kids/Youth Share Lunch  
2:00 - 4:30 PM UL Women's Basketball vs Georgia Tech @ Georgia Tech  
Everyone is invited to join. Sign up in Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$11. We will leave BRP at 1:20. Please plan to be there by then if you want to drive down together. Or meet us at the Yum Center by 1:45 PM.

### **January 20:**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
12:00- 2:00 P.M. Kids/Youth Share Lunch - Super Hero :  
Find your Powers!  
A discussion of the gifts God has already given you.  
Awaken the Power to shape our World!

### **January 27:**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
12:00-3:30 P.M. Kids/Youth Share Lunch - Movie Club:  
The Incredibles 2  
We will have a viewing of the Incredibles with discussion about key scenes and themes. Tentatively, we are planning to have pillows and beanbags in the basement, with chairs for adults to see the projector. We will pop popcorn and have juice and refreshments to give it a real movie feel!



## **Per Capita Apportionment**

Per capita is an amount of money per member that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church U.S.A. This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. The amount per member is \$25.00.

There are many examples of how important this funding is for the denomination. It helps the General Assembly, the Presbytery, and the Synod to do their work in helping us share the Gospel in all parts of the earth.

We are asking everyone to pay their share. Make your contribution by designating "Per Capita" on the giver's envelope so it can be recorded for that purpose.

## **Giving Pledge for 2019**

The Finance committee has put together a preliminary budget for the calendar year 2019. Several people that normally respond have not yet responded with their pledge. If you plan to make a pledge, please contact Doug Rapp or Claire Detlefs or deposit your pledge envelope in the offering plate. We are hoping to finalize the budget in early January.

We thank you for your commitment of your time, talents, and dollars for the ministry of BRP church. *Doug Rapp*



## **POINSETTIAS AND HEIFER SHARES**

In addition to poinsettias (from the KY Hemophilia Society), people at BRP also contribute "animals for the manger." Not a sheep for the Sanctuary, but a sheep that brings hope to villagers in places like Haiti. A gift to Heifer International in honor or memory of a love one is becoming part of our BRP Christmas tradition. Heifer sends livestock around the world as a gift of hope to people in need.

This year the number of poinsettias was 27, and the number of Heifer shares was 23. Thank you to all for your generosity!

## **FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY**

The flower sign-up sheet to beautify the sanctuary for 2019 is outside Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be donated in memory of someone, or for a celebration. You can provide the flowers. Unfortunately the church office can no longer 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.

**December 9th Service and  
"Miracle at the Christmas Café"**



**December 5th Advent Dinner and Labyrinth**



## **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 Sutherland.

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 available for \$10.

The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. **The next meeting is January 15 at 11 A.M. in the Clubroom. For this month, only, the Circle will meet on the third Tuesday. Then it will meet on the second Tuesday as usual starting in February.** 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, January 14, at 7 P.M. at the home of Alicia Bloos. Please contact Alicia Bloos for more information, 502-496-0345 or [aliciabloos@gmail.com](mailto: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 [cedarridgecamp1.com](http://cedarridgecamp1.com).

### **Highlands Community Ministries**

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! **THANK YOU!** to everyone who provided gifts and food; helped shop, sort, or deliver; or made a financial contribution. Your generosity helped us provide gifts for 12 people as well as food and household necessities for three families!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Mission Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 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.

## **BRPC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE**

**BRP FOOD PANTRY :** Please give 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.



*Memory Lane — Finished clay art from the Cantata 2010*

# January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Farmer's Market
<i>See children and youth schedule on page 4</i>						
<b>6 Communion</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11am Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids/Youth lunch Remove Christmas decorations	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg	<b>9</b> 7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Farmer's Market
<b>13</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids/Youth lunch Women's Basketball at Yum	<b>14</b> 10am Congregational Life Mtg  7pm Worship Committee Mtg	<b>15</b> 11 a.m. Day Circle, Club Room  7 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>16</b> 7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Farmer's Market
<b>20</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids/Youth Lunch Super Hero- Discussion	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b> Farmer's Market 8:30-11am
<b>27</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30M Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching Kids/Youth Lunch Movie	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7 pm Choir rehearsal			



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 31	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Jan. 6	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Noon	Sunday School Fellowship time Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids/Youth Share Lunch Remove Christmas Decorations
Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Jan. 13	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Noon	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids/Youth share lunch Women's Basketball at Yum Center
Jan. 14	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting Worship Committee Meeting
Jan. 15	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle, Club Room Session Meeting, Club Room
Jan. 20	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Noon	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching Kids/Youth Share Lunch Super Hero — Find your Powers! Discussion
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