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A Panorama of Blessings

Sometimes in job interviews, people are asked to list their strengths and their weaknesses. One of mine is that I find more joy in looking forward than in looking backwards. Is that a strength or a weakness? It feels like a double-edged sword that cuts both ways.

So, after eight years as pastor with you at BRPC I can't rattle off a list of achievements and accomplishments. In looking back, it seems to me that we've done good work in the everyday challenges and celebrations of being a church. What stands out, for me, is the relationships we've built over the past eight years as we've explored and experienced the presence of God in the fabric of our lives.

I thank you –deeply– for the opportunity to have served, and laughed, and cried and prayed and worshiped and grown together. Bardstown Road PC can be described and experienced in a variety of ways, and what stands out for me is the joy and care and connectedness people share as a community of faith. The achievements and accomplishments that I take with me are that for a time we were together. And that is a strength that makes me a better person and better able to step into the future with faith. As Carol Burnett was fond of saying, "I'm so glad we had this time together . . ."

May God's grace and peace and joy be with you all. – *Chris*

PASTOR LIEBERMAN:

*"The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD's face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
may the LORD watch over you
and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26



Chris giving a children's sermon

CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE Event Part III with Rev. Dr. Peggy Hinds

on **Saturday, June 3rd** from 8:45-11:45 a.m.

The first “Celebration of New Life” event was an energizing and healthy experience for our congregation.

People are eager to continue this time of holy conversation and openness to letting God work through us. Please plan on attending and encourage others to come.

Exciting things are underway and we’re asking all members and friends of BRPC to be involved in this process for living into the future God is creating for this church.

VBS 2017

Dates: July 24-28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 4 through 6th grade

Location: BRP

Our joint VBS program with IUCC will take place the week of July 24-28. The program is open to children 4 years of age through 5th grade. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. Monday through Friday that week with a joint worship service at BRP on July 30th. The program is Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God. Each day focuses on a strength: God's Heroes Have Heart, Courage, Wisdom. Hope, and Power. The children will rotate daily through Bible story time, classroom lessons, music, recreation, crafts, and snack time, interacting together in special ways to make each child feel like a hero with incredible strength for God. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this special time in the life of our church. Registration forms will be available in the church offices at BRP and IUCC.

Molly Rapp, Co-Director VBS



Brittany Hesson has been offered the new part-time position of **Coordinator for Children's and Youth Ministry.**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Linda Heisel	1
Joyce Lieberman	4
Joe Anne Overstreet	6
Joyce Fokuo	6
Doug Rapp	6
Ding Moss	13
Alicia Shussett	15
Sue Blakeley	17
Shirley Shaw	18
Jacob Johnson	20
Laura Stone	21
Phil Stone	21
John Hofmann	23
Hannah Eberhart	24
Sue Crosier	27
Vincent Gradisek	27
Susan McEuen	27
Marissa Ortiz	27
Ian Purnell-Gatewood	27
Joe Ellis	30
Gifted Waritay	30

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Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
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MAY 16, 2017 SESSION SUMMARY

Rev. John Odom (Presbyter for Community Life) and **Rev. Bill Williamson** (newly appointed Moderator of Session) made presentations about transitions in our congregation, our supportive partnership with the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky, and the process of continuing discernment for the future God is inviting us to embrace. Rev. Odom discussed the importance of celebrating and saying goodbye to our Pastor, who will no longer be doing baptisms, marriages, memorial services, etc.

An outline of **Pulpit Guests** was presented with Laura Green preaching on June 11th, Peggy Hinds on June 18th, and Ernie Romans on June 25. Worship leaders in July will include Brittany Hesson (July 2nd), Rev. Odom (July 9th), Rev. Williamson (July 16th), and participants in the Vacation Bible School on July 30th.

Session decided to seek an Interim (Transitional) Pastor during the process of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and prayerfully seeking the next called and installed pastor(s). Session has the responsibility of hiring the short-term Transitional Pastor. The congregation has the responsibility of electing a PNC to search for and recommend a candidate(s) for the permanent pastoral position (to be voted on by the congregation). Remember: this process brought us Dr. Teaford, Rev. Macway and Rev. Lieberman; and we can trust it to help us discern whomever God is guiding next to serve with this congregation.

Cathy Moss will set up a BRPC table at a Saturday Farmer's Market in the near future to visit with neighbors and raise the visibility for our congregation as a community of care and spiritual support. Check with her if you'd like to be included.

A called meeting of session was scheduled for Sunday, May 28th, to receive **Anne Payne** as a new member of the congregation.

Ms. Lanie Sipes, who is seeking an ordained Pastoral position, shared with the session that she has been meeting with search committees and hopes to accept a new call in the near future.

Session approved a new part-time position and voted to invite **Brittany Hesson** to work with us in an ongoing capacity as Coordinator for Children's and Youth Ministry.

GRADUATIONS

Ada Lear, graduating from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor's degree

Penn Muluhngwi, celebrating the completion of his Ph.D. research work

Bruce Banks Teaford, graduated from Gateway Academy (H.S.) in Nashville on May 26

Erika Smith, graduated in May from Jefferson County High School

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 3: Celebration of New Life

June 4: Pentecost Sunday

Congregational Meeting to elect officers and to dissolve the Pastoral relationship with Rev. Lieberman, followed by a gathering to say goodbye in Fellowship Hall

June 11-14: Buckhorn Service Trip

July 24-28: VBS

July 30: VBS Worship Service

Buckhorn Mission Trip Sun. June 11 – Wed. Jun 14

Come work and play in the mountains of Kentucky! We drive over on Sunday afternoon and return Wednesday afternoon. This intergenerational trip has a 20 year history at BRP. The kids must be rising 6th graders and the adults don't need special skills. Well, except Joe Anne, who works her magic keeping us nourished.

We stay at guest houses at Buckhorn State Park. It's a perfect retreat after a hard days' work. There's a pool. There's the lake. There are deer; all of this and mini golf. Our efforts benefit the staff and recovering children who live and work at the Buckhorn Children's Center. We usually paint, clean or spruce up the grounds. After 20 years, we are welcomed like big city cousins.

Expected costs (for food and comfortable lodging):

Adults \$75

Youth \$60

Assistance is available.



Call Jennie Guelda (558-8151) if you can go. It helps in planning housing and meals if you can commit as soon as possible.

Grand Opening - HCM Adult Day Center, Wednesday, June 14, 5 to 7 PM, 936 Barrett Ave.

Join us Wednesday, June 14 for the Grand Opening of the HCM Adult Day Center now located at 936 Barrett Avenue. We've outgrown our former home at St. Paul's Methodist Church at Douglas Loop and moved to our spacious new location on the garden level of the Altenheim.

Please do stop by for some fun and refreshments, and let us show you how we can make it a great day for both loved ones and their caregivers. For more information contact Director Denise Steilberg at (502) 459-4887 or dsteilberg@hcmlouisville.org.

DAY AND EVENING CIRCLES

The Presbyterian Women's Circles do not meet during the summer months. Please watch the August and September newsletters for Circle start-up information. Enjoy the summer.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Cedar Ridge Camp News

Attention Parents and Grandparents: Summer is here, but it's not too late to register your child for a fabulous camping opportunity! Openings are available for both residential camps and day camps at **Cedar Ridge Camp**, the camp and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery located right here in Louisville! Various camps are offered for children ages 7-16. Check out opportunities and **register today** on the camp website, www.cedarridgecamp.com.

Presbyterians can get **\$50 off per child** by registering online and using the coupon code "Presbyterian" when they check out. Also, Cedar Ridge Camp may still be able to offer scholarship help. In addition, Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church offers some scholarship assistance. Contact Alicia Bloos 502-496-0345 for more information or to request assistance from BRP. **Register today!** It only takes five minutes. Make a fun, rewarding, enriching experience part of your child's (or grandchild's) summer experience!

Supporting the Work of Highland Community Ministries

First Sunday Donations

On the **FIRST SUNDAY** of 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 current requested item, canned soups and meats. Please place donations in the tote. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others.

Looking ahead....

Yes, school just dismissed for the summer, but in July we will be collecting items to help with HCM's program to provide students with the necessary school supplies for the next school year. Watch for details in the July newsletter and in Sunday bulletins.

A CHOIR NOTE

I really want to add thank you to both choirs for their continued dedication in assisting in worship leadership. Choir meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays during the summer schedule. We are hoping to make it a more Inter-generational choir and learn anthems in about 15 or 20 minutes. If you would like to try us out for the summer we would love to hear you participate. The choir will be out in July and there will be no Wednesday practice again until after Labor Day. Thanks again for a wonderful choir season—Adults and Youth choirs. *Jeanie Grosz*



Next Mission Committee Meeting

New members are welcome! The next meeting will be **Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 P.M. in the Club Room**. Please attend and see if this ministry is where God is calling you to serve. Contact Laura Stone for more information.

THINGS THAT MAKE US HAPPY!

To know that **Clinton and Jeanie Grosz** will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary on June 2.

To know that **Grad and Florence Shoemaker** will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 5.

BATTERIES

The collection of used batteries—from your cell phone, remote control, toys, and hearing aids—will continue. I will take them to the Hazardous Waste Disposal site in early June. Any household batteries you save after that time will have to wait until next year's collection.

Bill Bowman

FOOD PANTRY (in BRP Pastor's study)

We always need bus tickets —thank you for those you have already donated!

Please give to the **BRP food pantry** as you are able. We need items that will stand the test of time: 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.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

HCM SUMMER SAMPLER TOUR

HCM has announced an exciting *new* program in support of their congregations – the Summer Sampler Tour – a new way to experience the many flavors of worship in the Highlands.

Beginning Sunday, June 18, they will offer a free and fun option to sample services at churches in the safety and support of a like-minded group. Tour attendees will board a bus at the HCM campus for an early service at one of the congregations. The group will return to HCM for coffee, donuts and discussion, and then possibly leave again for a later service that same morning. Attendees will also have the option of meeting at the church if it is easier.

BRP is participating. HCM will publish the tour schedules so that the BRP congregation will know when to expect visitors. Should be an exciting summer!

YOUTH SUNDAY



MAY YOUTH FUN!



Jacob's Sermon



NEWS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS

Happy June!

What a wonderful year it has been! I have really enjoyed getting to know all of you, and growing in my relationship with God alongside you all. We have asked some tough, authentic questions, and had meaningful, thought-provoking conversations. We have gone on trips and shared meals together. Also, we put together a great Youth Sunday worship together. You all did a fantastic job, and I hope that you will continue to lead aspects of the worship services...you each have unique and powerful gifts to share with BRP!

Additionally, I want to say THANK YOU to all the children, youth, and young adults who have been involved this year, as well as the many adult volunteers who gave of their time, talents, and love. You all are amazing, and I am so grateful for each and every one of you! We have learned, laughed, and grown together – it has been a blessing.

Philippians 1:3-11 (NRSV)

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Peace and Love,
Lanie Sipes
CE Director for Spiritual Growth
and Mission

KIDS!

Kids' Club: We are done for the school year, but will meet again in the fall!

VBS: Join us on **July 24-28 from 9am-noon** for a great week of learning about God, thinking creatively, participating in fun games, and building lasting friendships. This year's theme is Hero Central, and it will be held here at BRP! So, make sure to fill out a registration form soon!

Contact Lanie Sipes or Molly Rapp for more information.

YOUTH!

Youth Group: We will not have regular, Sunday evening meetings during the summer, but here are some important summer events and dates to keep in mind...

Saturday, June 24th from 2-5PM

Youth Missions Fundraiser Car Wash

Help us raise money for the youth mission trips and projects with a car wash in the church parking lot! We will be accepting donations and having a great time.

Youth – please consider helping as a car washer/dryer or a sign shaker.

TBA – June or July

Middle School Mission, Movement, & Movie Day

Middle schoolers (upcoming 6th-8th graders) are invited to join us for a day of service/volunteer work, games, and a parking lot movie!

Saturday July 8th - Sunday July 16th

AMEN St. Louis Youth Mission Trip (8th-12th graders)!

We will have a prep and informational meeting in late June or early July.

YOUNG ADULTS!

Join us on **Wednesday, June 28th at 6PM** for Waterfront Wednesday in Waterfront Park! This is a free concert and we will meet at the base of the walking bridge. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs.



Lanie & children at the Luau!

June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 p.m. Neighborfest Committee Mtg	2	3 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market 8:45—11:45 am Celebration of New Life—Fellowship Hall
4 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman's last Sunday	5	6	7	8 Rev. Lieberman's last day at BRP	9	10 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
11 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Laura Green preaching	12	13	14	15 7 pm Mission Committee Meeting	16	17 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
Multi-generational Buckhorn Mission Trip—June 11-14						
18 Father's Day 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Peggy Hinds preaching	19	20 7pm Session Meeting	21	22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7 pm Worship Team Mtg	23	24 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market Youth Missions Fundraiser 2-5pm Car Wash
25 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Ernie Romans preaching	26	27	28 6-8pm Young Adult: Waterfront Wednesday	29	30	8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| June 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Neighborfest Committee Meeting, Club Room |
| June 3 | 8:45-11:45 a.m. | Celebration of New Life, Fellowship Hall |
| June 5 | 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Music
Worship
Rev. Lieberman's last Sunday |
| June 11 | 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Music
Worship, Laura Green preaching |
| June 11– 14 | | Buckhorn Trip |
| June 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Mission Committee Meeting |
| June 18 | 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Music
Worship (Father's Day), Rev. Peggy Hinds preaching |
| June 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Team Meeting, Club Room |
| June 22 | | Newsletter deadline |
| June 24 | 2:00—5:00 pm | Youth Missions Fundraiser "Car Wash" |
| June 25 | 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Music
Worship, Ernie Romans preaching |
| June 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Young Adults: Waterfront Wednesday at Waterfront Park |