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Comfort Ye My People



These words are meant as comfort and as encouragement. I have heard that some people are discouraged and believe that BRPC has not been moving forward. I can assure you that BRPC is moving forward with energy, joy and thanksgiving.

The year of discernment has ended. Since June 17, 2017 when the Session met with Peggy Hinds it was decided that God was calling BRPC to focus on three short term (ST) and two long term (LT) goals.

They were:

1. Define leadership – the pastor we need in the transition/structure (ST)
2. Improve curb appeal (ST)
3. Begin improving worship (ST)
4. Renewed Worship (LT)
5. Creating an environment for refugee, racial justice ministries (LT)

The tools to achieve these goals were listed as:

1. Improve facilities inside & out – how can our facilities be used for more mission outreach (more open to community, refugee center, etc.)?
2. Communication is a strategy & tool to help us with all of these goals. We need to communicate in numerous ways and often.

It is with great pleasure that I tell you that all of these goals are well on their way to being fulfilled.

1. A transitional pastor is in place. The Ministry Teams are redefining their structures.
2. Discussions on revamping the "curb appeal" of BRPC are ongoing. Our new custodian Theo Prince along with the Building and Grounds Task Force are strategizing on how to improve our facilities inside & out.
- 3/4. The Worship Ministry Team is hard at work strategizing how to make our Worship Services more relevant. Worship now begins with chimes and a procession. Children process and light the communion table candles, the liturgist opens the Bible and the Pastor pours the waters of baptism. Communion is celebrated by both intinction and the more traditional form of bringing the bread and the cup to the congregation. The Belhar Confession is being introduced to the Congregation because it highlights the need for racial and social reconciliation within the Body of Christ.

The Mission Ministry Team is proposing that BRPC join First Presbyterian Church Shelbyville and First Christian Church Shelbyville in sponsoring a refugee family. We are introducing the Belhar Confession to the Congregation We have instituted All Day Church. The CE Ministry Team is proposing offering a Sunday School Curriculum that will focus on the injustices that have been committed against First Peoples in the United States and the Church's complicity.

The following questions for further thought and reflection were lifted up: What about spiritual growth? Will this goal get you where you believe God intends for you to go? Will it have the community/evangelism/missional impact you desire? How do these fit into your old priorities? How will the congregation will respond to these five priorities?

Please look at the Bulletin Boards in the Fellowship Hall for updates. There you will find extra copies of the discernment report as well as updates and ideas for moving forward.

Let us continue to grapple with these questions as we celebrate our success in achieving these goals.

What BRPC wants!

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Percept Study. We have received 21 replies to date on the Congregational Survey Form and 18 replies on the "Our Congregation's Programs" Form. Please continue to turn your surveys in so we can have a better idea about how to bring God's love to all of you.

Even though we can't give a complete picture of what BRPC members and friends want, there are some trends.

The question, "If you were looking for church programs and services that would appeal to you and your family which three from the list would you choose", the programs that were considered the most important were: Active retirement programs, Cultural programs, Adult theological discussions, Bible Study discussion and prayer groups, Family activities and outings and Spiritual Retreats.

We were comfortable with Worship that was both emotionally uplifting and intellectually challenging, and was traditional, formal and ceremonial. We favored music that was traditional and participatory. We wanted to be involved in Mission that was community focused and local.

The concerns were the most important were: Racial/ethnic prejudice, Companionship, Social injustice, Spiritual teaching, Stress, and Good Church.

What BRPC loves!

We love the music!

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 375

John Newton, 1725-1807 (text) Adapted: Howard Chandler Christy, 1839-1905 (music)

Arr. by James M. Farnell, 1851-1925

1. A - mar - ble - grave! How sweet the sound! That would I wish like thee!
 2. "Thou art grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears to leave!"
 3. "Through death I - still am - ble, and more I have of - gain'd - y - e come."
 4. The Lord has given - and grace to me, He will my hope in - crease.

I have been here, but now am hence: We meet, but now I go: How precious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - liev'd! 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. He will my shield and grace to me, As long as life shall draw a - line.

RULING ELDERS FOR BRPC

The BRPC Ruling Elders for the Class of 2019, Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 are as follows:

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Carol Brees	Lin Block-Coalter	John Elgin
Claire Detlefs	Linda Bowman	Llester Gamble
Mary Mpanje	Jeanie Grosz	Sarah Hageman
	Cathy Moss	

VIDEO CAMP JUNE AND JULY

BRPC is providing building space for a Video Production Camp sponsored by HCM. It is a week long camp on how to write, record, edit, produce, and publish video productions for students entering the 6th through 9th grade.

The dates are: Monday June 11 through Friday June 15 from 9am to 4pm and Monday July 9 through Friday July 13 from 9 am to 4pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS

HCM is seeking volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels weekly on Mondays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays, starting at 10:30 am. Routes are in the 40204 and 40205 areas and take an hour or less to deliver.

Contact Coordinator, Donna Douglas, at 502/451-3695 x206.

Pick-up Location: HCM's Main Campus
1228 E. Breckinridge St. (at the corner of Barret Ave.)

SOMETHING THAT MAKES US HAPPY!

To know that **Clinton and Jeanie Grosz** will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on June 2.

VBS 2018

Dates: July 23-27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ages: 4 through 6th grade
Location: IUCC



Our joint VBS program with IUCC will take place the week of July 23-27. 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 IUCC on July 29th. Kids go grab your megaphones, lace up those cleats, and tune up your instruments. As we fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, our players, cheerleaders, and band members, we learn about how God has given us what we need for this game of life. Get up! Get ready! Game on!

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 & Samantha Barrett, Co-Directors VBS



JUNE BIRTHDAYS	Linda Heisel		1
	Joyce Lieberman		4
	Joe Anne Overstreet		6
	Joyce Fokuo		6
	Doug Rapp		6
	Ding Moss		13
	Alicia Shussett		15
	Molly Rusk		16
	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. Mary C. Nebelsick	Transitional Pastor
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April 17, 2018 SESSION SUMMARY

- Jeanie Grosz led the devotion study referring to the Book of Church Order regarding the need for consistency of worship but being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Rev. Nebelsick, in her Moderator's Report, stated that 100 active members is a critical number for a church to be able to grow in the community. With our 87 members she challenged the Session of ways we can profess our faith by encountering Jesus Christ.
- A gender neutral sign was selected for the first floor bathroom.
- Our Committee on Ministry liaison will continue to be Rev. Nathan Sauter and he will attend out June Session meeting to answer any questions regarding the process for selecting the Pastor Nominating Committee and preparing the Church Information Form.
- Keith Clements reported that the Congregational Percept Study will be sent to each active member and attendees which will provide useful demographic information.
- The preliminary 2018 Annual Budget was discussed with the Session taking action of making recommended cuts totaling \$20,450 due to a decline in personal giving. The reduced 2018 Annual Budget of \$235,475 was approved.
- The Elder Nominating Committee proposed Lester Gamble, John Elgin and Sarah Hageman to serve three years for the Class of 2021 and Claire Detlefs to serve one year for the Class of 2019.
- A motion was made and approved to accept the slate of elders and hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 6 to approve those elders.
- A new AT&T phone service of fiber optic has been installed which will save the church \$1,800 per year.
- Theodore Prince has been hired as the new Sexton starting April 16, 2018.
- A request for baptism for Owen Kellgren (son of Samantha Kellgren) was approved for Sunday June 24, 2018.
- The Interview Committee for the new Youth Director will be Jeanie Grosz, Rev. Nebelsick, Molly Rapp, Keith Clements and two Youths.
- The Buckhorn Mission (Nehemiah Project) will get financial assistance from the Lucille Severance Fund for renovations of cottages.
- Brittany Hesson will be honored with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, May 27 for her conscientious services as Youth Director. A motion was approved for Love Gift donations for Brittany.
- A tentative agenda was reviewed for a Session Retreat at Linda Bowman's Studio on May 19, 2018 to begin the process for discerning the church's future and finding a new permanent pastor.

MAY 16, 2017 SESSION SUMMARY

- Rev. Nebelsick led the devotion with the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) with questions about the type of soil for nurturing and sowing the seeds of the Gospel.
- In her Moderator's Report, Rev. Nebelsick said progress with our long and short term goals have been made since the Discernment Report was prepared. A time line of these events will be displayed in Fellowship Hall.
- Doug Rapp has done a Financial Health Survey with Mid-KY Presbytery and our church ranked high in giving.
- The Ministry Teams is making efforts to visit our shut-ins on a regular basis. Brad Harris will get some recognition when he retires on May 31. Molly Rapp will present several love gifts to Brittany Hesson when we honor her for her work as our Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator on May 27.
- Members of our Mission Committee met with First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church, both of Shelbyville to joint sponsor a family from Nigeria or Syria. Jennie Guelda is our point person. A motion was made to participate in the Refugee Mission Project and contribute \$800 from the Mission Tithe Bequest.
- BRP Church is partnering with Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville for hosting the Fossil Fuel supporters on May 31 for dinner and lodging. The 50 participants will be leaving on June 1 walking to St. Louis, MO for the PCUSA General Assembly meeting.
- To enhance our newsletter to be more "forthcoming" and not just "internal" an insert will be prepared for a wider distribution of information.
- Our fluorescent light fixtures will be gradually updated with diode strips and new ballasts replacing the original tubes and ballast for better environmental stewardship and an LG&E rebate.
- A work day is planned for June 2 starting at 8:30 a.m. until evening. A dumpster will be available to dispose of waste that has accumulated over the years.
- The revised approved 2018 budget is \$234,977.
- A joint service with Deer Park Baptist Church is planned for July 1.
- The Belhar Confession will continue to be used in our liturgy during our service which helps Christians understand not to discriminate on the basis of race.
- Those serving communion will meet in the Pastor's Study before the service. There will be a period of quiet time (approximately 3 minutes) between the ringing of the chimes and the prelude.

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.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

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. Contact Alicia Bloos 502-496-0345 for more information. **Register today!** It only takes five minutes. Make a fun, rewarding, enriching experience part of your child's (or grandchild's) summer experience!

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWS

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 requested items, **canned meats and soups**. 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!**

BATTERIES, BATTERIES by June 3

As mentioned in earlier Newsletters, BRP is collecting used household batteries for disposal at the Hazardous Waste Site near the airport. The deadline for adding your batteries to the box in Fellowship Hall is June 3.

Bill Bowman

HABITAT NEWS

Presbyterian churches in the area are joining together once again this year to sponsor a new house with Habitat for Humanity. BRP has been working with other Presbyterian churches for over 20 years!

This year's house will begin in July, and BRP's turn to send volunteers to the site will be **Saturday, July 28**. If you're interested in working that Saturday, or if you'd like to provide part of the lunch for hard-working construction volunteers, please contact Bill Bowman at 452-9151.

NEXT MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

New members are welcome! The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 P.M. in the Club Room**. Please attend and see if this ministry is where God is calling you to serve.

FOOD PANTRY 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 for your generosity!*

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*



Pentecost at BRPC May 20, 2018



BUCKHORN MISSION TRIP Sun. June 10 – Wed. Jun 13

Come work and play in the mountains of Kentucky! We drive over on Sunday afternoon and return Wednesday afternoon. This intergenerational trip has over 20 years of 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. We are welcomed like big city cousins.

BRP has allocated monies from the Mission Tithe Bequest for the Nehemiah Project at Buckhorn.

Expected costs (for food and comfortable lodging):
Adults \$75: Youth \$60 Assistance is available.
Call Mary Nebelsick or Jennie Guelda (558-8151).

THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT for Buckhorn

It began at the Buckhorn Lake Presbyterian Church over 100 years ago. Rev. Harvey Murdoch left the city life and a financially stable congregation in Brooklyn, NY to begin something new in a place that lacked resources, spiritual care, health care, education, and orphan care; all because *the need was greater* here than in Brooklyn. While the area lacked all these resources, he found other resources that paved the way for his leadership successes.

Over a century later, Rev. Murdoch's God-given mission is still being lived out at Buckhorn Children and Family Services. Even though the times, programs and services have changed, the original mission of serving people is still being lived out each and everyday as we seek to *Provide a Sanctuary of Health, Healing and Hope to at-risk children, youth and families.*

The facilities haven't had a coordinated remodeling since the 1990s and its time has now come. It is our goal through this Project to give our infrastructure a makeover to address the critical needs of the Cottages our children and youth reside in, and to brighten it up with colors that are therapeutically warm and inviting. Would you consider joining our Nehemiah Project? Our infrastructure is in critical need of revitalization. ALL monies donated to this Project will go to buy materials.

As the people rallied in the beginning, will YOU rally with us today?

<https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/buckhorn-s-extreme-cottage-makeover>

ENERGY CONSERVATION AT BRP

Maybe we can put a little light on the subject!

We will begin to change our fluorescent lighting with retrofit kits that will change the lighting to LED lighting. The bulbs will be removed and replaced with LED strips. One strip gives off the same amount of light as two tubes at about an 80% energy savings.

We also hope to still qualify for an energy rebate through LG&E to cover some of the cost of the kits. We are becoming a good example for energy stewardship with our Solar Panels and LED lighting in the sanctuary and gradually through the building. Way to go BRP! The Club room has been totally converted so stop by and look at the new technology. *Doug Rapp*

FOSSIL-FREE PC(USA)

A group of visitors is coming to Louisville on May 31, to begin a walk to St. Louis and the **PC(USA) General Assembly in mid-June**. BRP is joining with Crescent Hill Presbyterian and First Presbyterian (Jeffersonville) to host the walkers and provide dinner on the night of May 31.

Many thanks to Lindsey Bilyeu, Alicia Bloos, and Joe Anne Overstreet for providing the meal, and to the following for providing sleeping arrangements to the walkers--Alicia and Kris Bloos, Bill and Linda Bowman, Joe Anne Overstreet, and Marge Rice. *Bill Bowman*

KIFPL EVENT -WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE FARM BILL?

Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light is hosting "Why should I care about the Farm Bill" from **7 – 9 pm on June 7th at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church (142 Crescent Ave, Louisville, KY 40206)**. We will be focusing the several proposed changes in the upcoming bill and talk about how these changes affect our everyday lives.

The Farm Bill is coming due for another five year renewal and the first draft created in the House of Representatives is likely to have a negative impact on many of the people you care about in your community. Whether it is providing a safe-guard against poor nutrition through the SNAP program, supporting sustainable growth of organic farms and farmer's markets, promoting healthy development in rural communities or increasing land conservation through rewards programs, the Farm Bill has a massive impact on the health of our neighbors, our land, our water and our small economies.

The current version of the Farm Bill will remove an estimated 20 million people from the food-assistance program, eliminate the Conservation Stewardship Program for land conservation, reduce support and funding for programs that help small farmers, organic farm and farmers' markets and cuts USDA rural funding development by \$500 million. Join us from **7 – 9 pm on June 7th at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church** and find out why this legislation affects you.

MOTHER'S DAY AT BRP



BRITTANY'S GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS!



BRPC SPONSORS REFUGEES

BRPC will join with First Presbyterian Church Shelbyville and First Christian Church Shelbyville in sponsoring a refugee family under the auspices of KRM.



BRP will give monetary assistance as well as in-kind donations.

BRP WORK DAY FELLOWSHIP—June 2

On Saturday, June 2nd we are planning to have a work day to share Fellowship and help on projects around the church to continue to spruce things up.

We plan to have an open top dumpster put in the parking lot so that we can discard broken tables, chairs, dried paint cans, cut shrubbery, and other items to help us clean up around the church. If you have something at home you need to throw away, feel free to make use of the dumpster that day.

We will post some projects that people can volunteer to work on or you may have something that you just want to take on that is not on the list, but you would like to do. It might be landscaping, it might be polishing brass, scraping and repairing walls, painting, etc. Work as long or as little as you want but come join in. Contact Doug Rapp if you have any special projects or requests so we can have supplies available for the work.

We will have coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 and stop for lunch together at noon. Bring your own lunch or we can order and pick up lunch. In the event of rain, we will continue as scheduled with inside projects. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and fellowship.

BRP ONLINE GIVING

Everything is online now as we have all given in to it in some form or another. Shop on your phone in the morning and have it at your door the next day. Why not set up online giving for your church financial gifts? You can set in up one time and know that it is automatically sent to the church on the frequency and date you wish. You can even make one-time gifts to special events. How many times have you forgotten your checkbook or missed giving because of being on vacation? This is not a problem with e-giving. We have heard people say, "I don't want to give online as people in church will think I never give." Don't worry, God knows and besides, we will even issue you cards to put in the plate during church that reads, "I give on-line". Thank you for your stewardship.

BRP LEGACY GIVING: Bardstown Road has been blessed by members that have made the church an important part of their legacy planning. I encourage you to think of BRP in your planning. Should you have any questions about doing this, contact Doug Rapp or the Presbyterian Foundation.

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market 8:30 a.m. BRP Work Day
3 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching (Battery collection)	4	5	6	7	8	9 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
10 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	11 7pm Worship Team Meeting	12 7pm Mission Com- mittee—Club Room	13	14	15	16 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
Multi-generational Buckhorn Mission Trip—June 10-13						
17 Father's Day 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	18	19 7pm Session Meeting	20	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22	23 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
24 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	25	26	27	28	29	30 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 2	8:30 a.m.	BRP Work Day
June 3	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 10	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 10– 13		Buckhorn Trip
June 11	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
June 12	7:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting
June 17	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Father's Day), Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 19	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
June 22		Newsletter deadline
June 24	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching