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Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church

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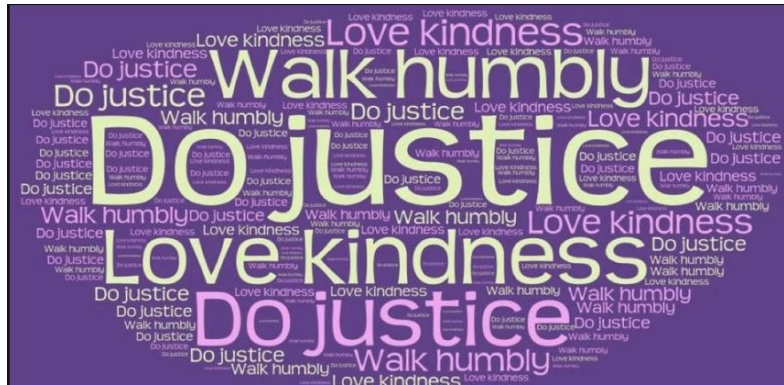
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Dearly beloved,

Does Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church want to become a Matthew 25 Congregation?

PCUSA's new initiative is highlighted in the Presbyterian Outlook. The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency talks about this initiative in this way "What we learn by reading Matthew 25 — especially verses 31-46, the Judgment of the Nations — is that it's not just what we say, but more importantly what we do, that matters to God. 'Matthew is not concerned with those who proclaim the gospel,' she said, 'but with those who demonstrate it.' 'We want to make sure,' she said, 'that the love of God has skin on it.'"

I love that image, "The love of God with skin." We know that the Love of God did have "skin" on it quite literally because God's Love came down in Jesus Christ.

The PC(USA) Website describes the initiative in this way, "We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

The PC(USA) website describes these three major initiatives in this way:

Building congregational vitality is done by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

Dismantling structural racism is done by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

Eradicating systemic poverty is done by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

All initiatives have challenges and Bible Studies associated with them.

Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church is already involved in acts to build congregational vitality in its work and worship. In its mission foci BRPC works toward dismantling structural racism and to eradicate systemic poverty. BRPC could, if it would like to, engage more actively in these initiatives.

What do you think? Do you want to become a Matthew 25 Congregation and join with other congregations in this vital ministry? Let me know and together we can be the Congregation that "God's Love with skin" is calling BRPC to be.

Your fellow servant in Christ, Mary

An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) June 1, 2019

For the past 5 months the PNC has met weekly with the ultimate task of discovering the person best suited for the next pastor for Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. Led by the Holy Spirit we have had two main tasks: (1) to complete a mission information form (MIF) which describes our church and its needs (2) to review applicants information forms with the goal of discovering who will join us as solo pastor.

As part of the MIF the committee was asked to write a mission statement which was approved by the session. It reads as follows:

“We seek to support each other as we extend God’s message of hope and love to the world around us by our words and actions”

The search process is interesting, challenging, sometimes almost overwhelming. We have had 40+ applicants. Some were a computer match from the Presbyterian Church Headquarters based on needs of BRP and the talents of the candidate. (very much like computer dating). Twenty plus were individuals who sought us out from reading the MIF online. We call them seekers.

At this point we have narrowed the field to 4 very strong candidates. Over the next two weeks we will be conducting interviews via Skype with these candidates. By June 4 we hope to have narrowed the field to two. We will conduct personal face to face interviews with each one, and finally hear them preach from a neutral pulpit.

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We will then pray for God’s continued guidance as we come to a unanimous decision.

We will keep you updated through announcements on Sunday and in the newsletter.

We recognize that we have a great responsibility and take our work very seriously.

We covet your prayers as we proceed.

Your PNC: Lester Gamble, Chair; Linda Bowman, Sarah Hageman, Jennie Guelda, Jeanie Grosz, Allen Purnell, Kanah Johnson

THE PENTECOST OFFERING

The offering will be collected in worship on **June 9**.

It is one of four Special Offerings of the PC(USA) and supports ministries that nurture young people. The offering also has a global and local outreach.



60% of your gift supports national and international ministries with children, youth, and Young Adult Volunteers. The 40% local share of this offering will be kept for youth mission trips in the future. Our BRP congregation will be asked to wear red. Red Balloons will also be passed out as this has become a tradition at BRPC.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Linda Heisel	1
Joyce Lieberman	4
Joe Anne Overstreet	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
Sue Crosier	27
Vincent Gradisek	27
Marissa Ortiz	27
Ian Purnell-Gatewood	27
Joe Ellis	30
Gifted Waritay	30

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick	Transitional Pastor
Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
Jeanie Grosz	Director of Music Ministries/ Organist
Siram Coalter	Children’s & Youth Minister
Johanna Fears	Office Manager
Claire Detlefs	Treasurer
Marty Hageman	Finance Office Asst
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May 21, 2019 SESSION SUMMARY

At Stated Meeting on May 23, 2019, Session members were presented with draft of Bylaws and Manual of Administrative Operations. Final action on the draft is scheduled for June meeting. The Membership Report noted active membership is currently at 80.

The efforts of volunteers were cited for completing significant tasks on recent workday. The Building and Grounds Committee is welcoming suggestions for additional building adjustments.

The Permanent Nominating Committee has submitted the names of Carol Brees, Jennie Guelda and Marty Hageman for the Session Class of 2021. A Congregational meeting is called for June 2, 2019 to consider the nominations.

Due to the resignation of Siram Coalter, Children and Youth Coordinator, the Christian Education Committee is considering options for the youth program. Additionally, drafts of Safe Church policies are being reviewed. The annual trip to Buckhorn Children's Center is canceled due to conflict with school schedule.

Congregational Life Committee is setting dates for Restaurant Review Night, Bats game as well as Lakeside outing for the summer months.

Members of the Support Committee are moving forward with plans for a Pollinator Garden adjacent to the parking lot. Collection of used batteries continues.

Anticipate balloons and bowties as part of worship, including Communion, on Pentecost Sunday. An informal worship in Fellowship Hall is planned for mid-summer.



**BRP
Kids!**



BRP WORKDAY RECAP

With the assistance of Doug Rapp and Lester Gamble, the committee met several times to plan and develop the work day held on May 18. The plan consisted of shorter, easier, projects to clean up the church. Larger projects will be scheduled and will include others by invitation. Some painting projects will be scheduled for our next work-day in June or July. Of the 24 listed Projects, all but two were completed. We had support from our members and a CCC member. It was a good work-day!

THINGS THAT MAKE US HAPPY!

Clinton and Jeanie Grosz will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 2.

Graham Overstreet is graduating Manual and is headed to U Cincinnati. He was awarded the Mr. Manual award and received several academic, athletic and sportsmanship awards in Lacrosse where he made all state and was awarded Mr. Kentucky Lacrosse.

Wesley Overstreet just received his MS in Chemical Engineering from Speed School.

Kanah Henry Johnson graduates this June 8, 2019 from Atherton High School. He took all International Baccalaureate and Advanced Program classes while playing on the Soccer and Basketball teams. He currently has a 3.6 GPA and is planning on attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

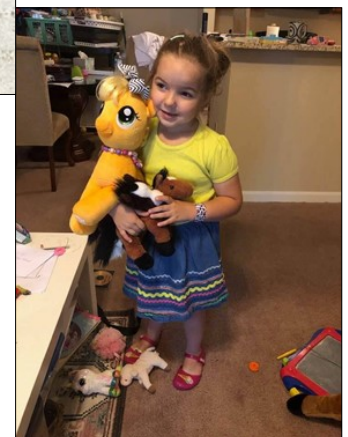
Ian Johnson graduated on May 19 with honors from Centre College with a degree in International Studies.



Abby Wagner
graduated from
Steinhardt 5/22.
NYU commencement
was 5/23 at Yankee
Stadium.
And a Fulbright
Scholar!

Vivienne Rusk

Comes under
the heading of
"Too cute"



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 NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Six BPR campers will be enjoying the church camp experience this summer at Cedar Ridge Camp, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's own camp and retreat center right here in Louisville.

As you make charitable contributions for 2019, please 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, as improvements are always in the dream or development stage. For more information, see www.cedarridgecamp1.com.

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Highlands Community Ministries is pleased to announce the **3rd annual Summer Sampler Tour**

—an exciting opportunity to experience the many flavors of worship in the Highlands. Beginning Sunday, June 9, join in for a free and fun way to sample interfaith services in the safety and support of a like-minded group. Tour attendees board a van at the Highlands Community Campus (HCC), home of HCM, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. @ Barret Ave., for an early service at one of the participating congregations. The group then returns to the HCC for coffee, donuts and discussion, then leaves again for a later service that same morning (and in one case, the 2nd service is later in the afternoon). Attendees also have the option of meeting the group at the congregation building if that better meets their schedule. See the schedule posted in the back of the sanctuary and on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall

Volunteers Needed! HCM's Dare to Care Food Pantry

HCM is seeking volunteers to pick-up donated food from local vendors and bring back to our Food Pantry on a weekly basis. Driving and lifting required. Pick-up location: Varies. Drop-off Location: HCM's Main Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. (at the corner of Barret Ave.) For details, contact: -Program Director, Danah Smith, 502/451-3695 x213 or -Food Pantry Coordinator, Tiffany Murphy, 502/451-3695 x260. Thanks for helping make our community a better place!

HCM is looking for **volunteers** to help with other aspects of the food pantry program as well, either on a regular basis or as occasional fill-ins, for a variety of tasks: sorting food, manning the pantry when clients come in, etc. If you can help, contact Danah Smith, Director of IFAP and Senior Outreach Programs, at 502-451-3626 or drsmith@hcmloouisville.org.

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. Donations may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary.

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The following **new** items are most needed:

Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Shaving Cream + Razors.

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 & tuna and soup**. There is a **plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary** where you may place the 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! **Please remember these donations should be newly purchased non-perishables!**

Upcoming events in July: Summer Food Drive and Back-to-School Supplies Drive

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kit Project

For 2019, Beulah Presbyterian Church spear-headed this annual Mid-Kentucky Presbytery project. BRP collected **individually wrapped bars of soap**. **At the kit assembly at Beulah on Saturday, May 18, volunteers reached a total of 2075 completed kits!** Finished kits were transported to a PCUSA PDA warehouse to be ready for any disaster that may arise. To all who brought in soap and to Mary Nebelsick who helped assemble kits: **Thank you!**

BRPC Neighborhood Assistance

BRP FOOD PANTRY

Please give to the **BRP food pantry** as you are able. We need: 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.*

HABITAT NEWS

Presbyterian churches are getting together again this year (that makes over 20 years!) to build another Habitat house! The building will start July 18-20 for the Raise the Roof process, and BRP members are invited to work on **Saturday, July 20**. By the end of the day that Saturday, the exterior walls will have plywood, there will be plywood on the roof, and all the interior stud walls will be complete. In addition to **construction volunteers**, we will also need **volunteers to provide lunch**. Please let Bill Bowman know if you are willing to work on either activity. The new homeowner will be Mary Makulata, who emigrated to the US 5 years ago from the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has one daughter who is already a Habitat homeowner, and she has 2 other children and 5 grandchildren. Mary works as a tailor at Highland Cleaners, so perhaps some of us have met her already!

MISSION COMMITTEE

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PROJECT WARM

Project Warm works to weatherize houses to keep them comfortable during the winter, so why do we care about what's happening there in June? Because you're invited to the Green Spark Award luncheon, to be held at the Olmsted on Frankfort Avenue, on **June 18 at 11:00 a.m.** The luncheon is a fundraising event for Project Warm, and they will hand out awards to groups in the community who have developed innovative programs in energy efficiency and environmental stewardship. Please contact the church office if you'd like to attend.

NEW POLLINATOR GARDEN

The area of grass (and weeds) between the parking lot and the wooden fence is going to get a new look! Part of that space is going to become the new BRP Pollinator Garden!

Thanks to the help of Ward Wilson and some volunteers from Kentucky Waterways Alliance, new plants and mulch will be added to attract pollinators (think bees and butterflies) to the area. Members of the Mission Committee invite everyone to join us on **Saturday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.** to weed, plant, and mulch the new garden. When you come to church on **June 2**, please check it out!

LAST CALL FOR BATTERIES

The annual collection of batteries for hazardous waste recycling is almost over! Please bring your used batteries to the church office before June 12, so that they may be disposed of properly. After mid-June, you'll need to save your batteries until next year!

BUCKHORN INTERRUPTED

Unfortunately we will NOT be traveling to Buckhorn this year. And just when we found that yummy barbecue place in Jackson. JCPS graduations have us in a mess this year.

We'll call it a rebuilding year. Plan on participating next year June 7-10, 2020. Even if you're in college!
Sadly, Jennie

NEXT MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

New members are welcome! The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 P.M. in the Club Room.** Please attend and see if this ministry is where God is calling you to serve.



VBS: 2019 IS COMING SOON!

The joint VBS program between Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian Church and Immanuel United Church of Christ will take place the week of July 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily at Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian Church. The program is open to children four years old- sixth grade. The closing VBS joint worship service will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m. at BRP. Registration forms will be available in the offices of both churches.

This year's program is called **ReNew: The Green VBS**. This adventure empowers children in grades Pre-K to 6th grade to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Each day the children will explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower so they can learn more about this parable in-depth. They will dig into the story from the multiple perspectives of self, community, and world, allowing them to build a relationship with the Bible. The week's lessons will focus on planting seeds, taking roots, growing, facing challenges, and living together. We hope you will come celebrate God's creation with us this summer. *Molly Rapp, VBS Co-Director*

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, June 21 —

The Congregational Care Committee is planning a **"Restaurant Review" night** for Friday, June 21. More details will come in the Sunday bulletins, but for now - and for those who are new — the "Restaurant Review" night is when we meet at a restaurant (or two) for dinner, then meet at someone's home for dessert and talking about the two restaurants. Or, if we don't have enough people to go to two restaurants, we'll just meet at one and review the restaurant while there. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Shaw or the church office. The restaurant(s) will be announced in the June 2 bulletin. Please note this is an "Adults Only" event. The committee is also working on two more family summer outings.



The committee is working on some other summer events as well— Lakeside swim party in either July or August and a Louisville Bats Baseball game in either July or August (not same month as Lakeside). Stay tuned!



The BRP children with Siram Coalter



FATHER'S DAY June 16, 2019

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. On Father's Day the men of BRP will be given a bow tie, courtesy of LLester Gamble. We will also be giving out carnations to those whose fathers are living (red), and to those whose fathers have passed away (white).

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*



Ernie Romans and Laura Green after their Ordinations. Congratulations!



NEW ADDRESS FOR CLAIRE DETLEFS

Claire M. Detlefs
 320 Joe Conway Circle
 Apt. 1203
 Masonic Home, KY 40041

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
2 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	3 7 P.M. CE Meeting in Pastor's Study	4	5	6	7	8 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
9 PENTECOST Communion 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	10 10 A.M. Congrega- tional Life Com	11 7pm Mission Com- mittee—Club Room	12	13	14	15 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
16 Father's Day 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	17 7pm Worship Team Meeting	18 7pm Session Meeting	19	20	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
23 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	24	25	26	27	28	29 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
30 10:30 a.m. Music 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching 5th Sunday Offering						



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 2	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 3	7:00 p.m.	CE Meeting in the Pastor's Study
June 9	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Pentecost with Communion), Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 10	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Life Committee
June 11	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
June 16	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Father's Day), Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 17	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
June 18	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Club Room
June 21		Newsletter deadline
June 23	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
June 30	10:30 a.m.	Music
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching Fifth Sunday Offering