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Pentecost Spirited Blessings to you BRPres,

Blessings to you all as we enter the post-Easter season and summer. Your Session has ended a four-month retreat sharing in one chapter at a time of the book "*Neighborhood Church; Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse of Mission*" by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller published in 2019 by our denomination's publisher, Westminster John Knox. The first half hour of our session meetings in February, March, April, and May, were spent sharing in one chapter at a time of the book. Some of you may recognize the title of this book as all churches in of the P.C. (U.S.A.) were charged to read it by the Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly; Rev. Cindy Kohlmann and Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri.

The gist of our four-month retreat was how to better be a church that serves our immediate neighborhood? Of course this opens up all kinds of interesting conversations and questions. What is our immediate neighborhood? With a geographically spread out membership, where is our neighborhood? In the context of this conversation, who is our neighbor? Shouldn't we also be thinking more macro and global as a church? We had the start of many wonderful conversations in our mini session retreat.

Maybe it was the Pentecost Spirit arriving early, but during the four months of our retreat BRPres was contacted by many 'neighborhood' groups asking if they could use space. We had the local Girl Scouts selling cookies on four consecutive Saturdays. We had an all women's Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.) group reach out, but that fell through as they found a different location to meet. We have a LGBTQia+ Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) group reach out to ask for space for a weekly meeting, which we may be able to add to our already existing support to the recovering community. And last, but not least, we had the Dreams With Wings organization reach out to ask if we could host a seven-week camp for young people 7-21 with special needs (primarily downs syndrome and autism).

Starting June 7, we will be hosting a nine-week residency of Dreams With Wings, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Their first week will be a training week, as they have quite a large staff of counselors. The ratio of camper to counselor is either 2 campers to 1 or 3 campers to 1 depending on the needs of the campers. They will be using the south half of our parking lot daily for activities, and vacating most of our education building's Fellowship Hall, 2nd floor rooms, and two third floor rooms. They are our true neighbor with their headquarters just two blocks north on Bardstown Road and also a facility they often use for programming in Douglas Loop. Dreams With Wings will wrap up their summer the first week of August, as we transition back in to the fall semester of Louisville Homeschool. Read more about Dreams With Wings at [dreamswithwings.org](http://dreamswithwings.org).

Sometimes the Lord works in mysterious ways, and sometimes some not so mysterious, more direct, ways. It is a privilege to be able to serve our neighborhood and community as best as we are able, utilizing both our location and our building in doing so. I give thanks to God for Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, as we share our blessings through extending the life of our building to serve the needs of our immediate community.

Peace to all of you!

Pastor Mark

**PENTECOST SUNDAY WITH CONFIRMATION AND CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES**



Graduates: Gabe, Ivona, Evie



Jennie  
Joe Anne  
Evie  
at the  
reception



Sarah H. & Ivona



Evie  
Ivona  
Gabe

<b>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</b>	Linda Heisel	1
	Joyce Lieberman	4
	Joe Anne Overstreet	6
	Doug Rapp	6
	Ding Moss	13
	Molly Rusk	16
	Sue Blakeley	17
	Juney Garrison	17
	Shirley Shaw	18
	Jacob Johnson	20
	Laura Stone	21
	Phil Stone	21
	Vincent Gradisek	27
	Marissa Ortiz	27
	Ian Purnell-Gatewood	27
Joe Ellis	30	
Gifted Waritay	30	

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## May 2021 SESSION Highlights

- The first gathering with Westwood Presbyterian Church occurred on May 3 with open discussions of common interests and a light meal at their church. Several of their session members and Rev. Don Seeger, their moderator, attended. A tour of their facility included an attractive sanctuary and extensive open spaces around their building. We agreed to continue our conversations and a meal at BRP Church on June 7 following the Solidarity Stand-in. There was optimism by our Session for having future shared events.
- Dreams with Wings is enthusiastic about using the Sunday School wing for their 7-week summer camp which will be from June 14 to July 30. They have offered \$1,500 for each month of their use of the building.
- Keith Clements reported on the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery meeting which was held under a large tent on the grounds of Cedar Ridge Camp on May 17. Alicia Bloos was elected to the Board of Cedar Ridge and Theresa Durham and Simone Adams were examined and approved to advance from inquirers to candidates for ordination.
- Marty Hageman said we have Southern Casualty Insurance as our new carrier for our property at a reduced cost. The April 2021 Treasurer's Report had an income of \$11,159 and \$18,360 for expenses. There continues to be a positive year to date surplus of \$15,070.
- LLester Gamble reported that painting and electrical work is being done and work is planned to better secure and protect the building.
- A motion was made and approved for Ivona Nijimbere for a one-time occurrence that she be confirmed on May 23, 2021 and to be baptized later by the summer of 2022.
- Carol Brees reported that the Mission Committee is setting up a watering schedule for the pollinator garden and updating the display case for Vacation Bible School. Our church may consider getting involved with CLOUT in the future.
- Clare Lewis said the Administration Committee has regrouped concentrating on information technology and communications. They will do an audit and establish a timeline.
- Keith said plans are being made for another Neighborfest on Saturday, September 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. The same previous attractions are being contacted.
- Anne Campbell reported on the plans for the reception for the high school graduates which will be in Fellowship Hall following the Sunday Pentecost service on May 23. Beverly Gradisek has made new banners for Pentecost. Wearing face masks during the Sunday services will be required through the end of May.
- The Nominating Committee has selected Bill Bowman, LLester Gamble and Sarah Hageman to serve for the Class of 2024 Session.

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The Session selected the following officers and trustees:

President: Jennie Guelda  
Secretary: Keith Clements  
Vice-President: Anne Campbell

Trustees: Mary Mpanje Muyenza  
Keith Clements  
Martin Blakeley

- These positions will be presented and approved at the Called Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday June 13.
- The following future Solidarity Stand-in dates were approved: June 7, 21, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 30 and September 13, 27. Participants are requested to make a sign that speaks to you.

## From the MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

**Thank you** to all who have contributed food pantry items to HCM recently! You helped **replenish dwindling food reserves, but need continues** to be great in our community.

Always-needed items include meaty soups and stews, crackers, cheese and crackers, meaty pasta sauce with pasta, canned meat and tuna, mac and cheese, shelf-stable milk, canned green beans, toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo. Also **desperately needed**: laundry pods and small bottles of dish detergent.

The food pantry and emergency assistance programs at HCM are more critical than ever for many of our neighbors. In addition to or instead of donating pantry items, you can help with HCM's work at any time by visiting the website, [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org), and making a financial donation directly, or sending a check to BRPres with "HCM donation" in the memo line.

## BOOKS FOR READERS

Finished with that latest best-seller? Think about dropping it off in BRP's **Little Free Library** box in our Bardstown Road courtyard. Remember, books of any kind—children's or adult, fiction or nonfiction—are always gratefully accepted.

## TARC BUS PASSES and BRPC FOOD PANTRY

We help many who come to the church door in need. Please consider:

**Making a financial contribution to help purchase TARC Partner Passes**, discounted passes for elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, and only a small amount has been budgeted for this! Please consider mailing a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line.  
**Donating \$10 Kroger gift cards.**  
**Donating men's socks.**

**Donating tuna and chicken lunchables, or bottled water. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!**

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## CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

To see updates about the Calvin Chapel construction and more, visit the CRC Facebook page [facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/](https://facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/) or Instagram [instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/](https://instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/). To read more about the project, see [presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/](https://presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/).

**There are still available spots at Summer Camp!** Gift cards are now available to easily make camp a possibility for your favorite kiddos! Loved ones having trouble coming up with birthday gift ideas can gift the camp experience. To register now and reserve your camper's spots, to give the gift of camp, or to send a gift card, please visit the website [www.cedarridgecamp.com](https://www.cedarridgecamp.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Thank you to all who donated band-aids to the 2021 Disaster Relief Hygiene Kit Project of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Mission Committee! On May 14, a truckload of donations left Louisville for the Ferncliff Disaster Relief Center in Arkansas where the assembly of individual kits will be done, so aid is available when the next disaster strikes our country. **BRPres collected 3000 band-aids! Hurray!**

## POLLINATOR GARDEN

Several BRP members joined with volunteers from the Beargrass Creek Alliance, an environmental group, to replant the pollinator garden on a recent Saturday (5/15). The group pulled weeds, dug holes, planted new flowers and milkweed, and mulched all around to give the garden a professional look. Volunteers were Alicia Bloos, Bill Bowman, Mark Eldred, Jennie Guelda, Jim Gugin (from BCA), Linda Gugin (BCA), and Mary Mpanje. The plants were donated by Lindsay Bilyeu, Deany Collard (BCA), and Shirley Shaw.

The next task will be to ensure that the garden gets plenty of water over the hot summer months. If you'd like to help with that job, please get in touch with Alicia or Bill.

*Theo watering the pollinator garden*



*Gifted Gardeners*



## BATTERIES AND...

We will be collecting household batteries all summer, to deliver them to the Hazardous Waste facility in August or September. Please collect your batteries and bring them into the church office in the next couple of months. There is a container in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

We've also discovered that **mercury thermometers** can be recycled at the same facility, so add those thermometers to the things you'd like to recycle, and we'll get them taken care of. Just like batteries, thermometers should not be thrown in the trash due to the heavy metals they contain.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The blood drive will be at BRP on Saturday June 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall in coordination with the Farmer's Market and the Deer Park Association.



**MISSION (cont.)**  
**MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

The BRP Mission Committee has budgeted support for PC(USA) missionaries. In 2021 we are providing \$500 to the work of Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch, who serve in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. We also ask for your prayers and support for these faithful followers of Christ. **You will find informational cards in the back of the sanctuary that you may take home to serve as reminders.** To follow Jeremy and Luta's journey of ministry, read their letters on the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission page: [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jeremy-and-luta-garbat-welch/](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jeremy-and-luta-garbat-welch/)

**Summer Sampler Tours June 13, 20, 27**

Join Highlands Community Ministries and the Louisville Historical League as 10 of our 20 Highlands Member Congregations open their doors for historical open house tours this summer. View unique architecture and learn a little history about these time-honored institutions. This event is free of charge, but donations to HCM are appreciated and accepted.

**Sunday, June 13:**

- Church of the Advent Episcopal
- Saint Brigid Catholic Church
- Highland Baptist Church
- Highland Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, June 20:**

- Bardstown Road Presbyterian
- Deer Park Baptist
- Immanuel UCC

**Sunday, June 27:**

- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
- St. Andrew's Episcopal
- Strathmoor Presbyterian

**FROM PASTOR MARK**

**Read Through the Bible in a Year!**

Have you always wanted to read the bible but see it as over-whelming?

Have you always wanted to read the bible but just don't have the time?

Our Bible is God's Word for each of us, and central to all we do as a church. Be thinking about whether you can find 10-15 minutes per day to Read Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor Mark starting September 1, 2021! We will meet once per month to check in on our progress.

**Let's talk about our Faith!**

Adult Education is on a short break in May. If there are books or topics you would like to share in a group study, feel free to reach out to Pastor Mark with suggestions.

We are considering many authors and titles for later this summer and the fall 2021 Church Year.

**Our Confirmation Youth** gathered for pizza, smores, and physically distanced time around a fire on April 25<sup>th</sup> to begin to dream about what post pandemic time will look like for them. Stay tuned to hear more about ideas that our youth have for faith study, trips, and participating in worship in 2021/2022. We look forward to re-gathering with our children and youth on Sunday mornings in fall 2021!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SARAH SHAFER**  
**May 22, 2021 at Cave Hill Cemetery**



Sheldon



Brian and Jeanie

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AND LUNCHEON FOR SARAH COLLINS May 15, 2021



### VBS: 2021 IS COMING SOON!

Please join us at North Castle as we find out what it means to be a knight for God! We will explore followers of God and how they learned to be good knights that told the truth, fought for justice, created peace and had faith even when it was hard. We will learn how we can carry the love of God out in the world and be knights for God too!

VBS will be held at Immanuel UCC this year from July 12-16 from 9am-Noon. Please register your amazing kids and, if you have any questions, please contact Molly Rapp or Samantha Barrett.

### A NOTE FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS

Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana! We your help we donated over 12 cases of cookies to HCM. The girls really enjoyed the drive-thru booth and it made our cookie season possible. Please pass a thank you to your congregation. Together we build a better community.  
*Amy*

### BUCKHORN

The intergenerational mission trip to the Buckhorn Children's Center, planned for June, has been Postponed, again, due to Covid. In lieu of working on projects for the Center, the Mission Committee has agreed to send a contribution instead. We hope we'll be traveling down to Buckhorn next summer!

### CALENDAR ITEMS

May 31—June 7 Pastor Mark is on Study Leave

June 5— The Red Cross Blood Drive.

June 6—Rev. Sandra Moon will be preaching at BRP

June 7, 21 Standing in Solidarity

June 13—Called Meeting of the Congregation after Worship

June 7— Aug 6- Dreams with wings, a camp for children with special needs

June 20 Summer Sampler at BRP from 2-4 pm

July 12—16 at IUCC Vacation Bible School



*Congratulations  
Shannon and Paul on  
your first anniversary  
June 6!*

# June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>May 31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Personnel Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market  9-12pm Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall
Pastor Mark on Study Leave from May 31 to June 7						
<b>6</b> 11 a.m. Worship  Rev. Sandra Moon preaching	<b>7</b> 10 A.M. Congrega- tional Life Committee  5-6pm Standing in Solidarity	<b>8</b> 7pm Mission Committee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
<b>13</b> 11 a.m. Worship  Rev. Eldred preaching  Called Meeting of the Congregation	<b>14</b> 7pm Worship Team Meeting  6/7 TO 8/6 Dreams with Wings	<b>15</b> 7pm Session Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
<b>20</b> Father's Day  11 a.m. Worship  Rev. Eldred preaching  2-4pm Summer Sampler Tour at BRP	<b>21</b>  5-6pm Standing in Solidarity	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market
<b>27</b>  11 a.m. Worship  Rev. Eldred preaching	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			8 a.m.-Noon, Farmer's Market





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### **MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY MEETING**

On May 17, 2021, many faithful of **the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery of PC (USA)** gathered for the first in-person Presbytery meeting since February 2020. Reminiscent of old-time revivals, with a 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology twist, the meeting held in a tent near the lakeside at Cedar Ridge Camp was a joyous event, as 71 attendees enjoyed reuniting in person--in worshipping and conducting business—while 61 others joined via Zoom.

The musical group *Not Quite a Quorum* (including BRP's friend the Reverend Bill Williamson on stand-up bass) provided spirited accompaniment for the worship service, where the Reverend Dianne Wright, Director of Ecumenical Relations, Office of the General Assembly, preached; The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated; 49 MKP Ruling Elders who died in 2020 were remembered; eleven ministers were honored for a total of 415 years of ordination. (Ministers are celebrated at five-year intervals on the anniversaries of their ordination); and an offering of over \$1500 was received for Cedar Ridge Camp.

During the business portion of the meeting, two aspiring Ministers of the Word and Sacrament were examined and approved to move from the category of Inquirers to that of Candidates for ministry, new ministers to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery were welcomed, and new members of the Cedar Ridge Board of Directors were elected.