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Greetings Siblings in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for your patience during what has been a most interesting two years. We have had to make changes and adjustments on the fly in consideration of the comfort and health of our entire community. One example is moving the Annual Congregational Meeting from February 20 to March 20 in order to facilitate a potentially more well attended, in person, meeting when, hopefully, Covid-19 numbers are at a lower low. We have made our way through these two years as best we can. I thank you for your continued patience as we press on as a community.

March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, approaches, and we will be sharing in worship with Covenant Community Church who we host in our sanctuary for their 5:00 P.M. Sunday Services. It has been several years since we have had a joint worship with any other church. We will begin this day with a 'drive-through' in our parking lot outdoors for Ashes from 4:30 P.M. -5:30 P.M., open to anyone in our communities or neighborhood who might be driving by. At 6:30 P.M., we will gather in the sanctuary to share, in-person, in worship as we welcome in Lent together.

I hope that you will take advantage of other ways to participate in faith conversations during this Lenten Season. Please read the rest of this newsletter for more details of ways in which you can join in. Perhaps attend the five-week, Thursday, Highland Community Ministry Lenten Lunch Series starting March 10 at Deer Park Baptist? Perhaps you could attend one of the four Saturday open houses at one or all of our P.C. (U.S.A.) African American churches, starting March 5 at 10:00 A.M. Maybe you will decide to take on a daily or weekly Lenten Discipline of some kind? Some folks add prayer each day to their lives. Some folks read two or three Psalms per day, 150 Psalms total, in 40 days plus Sundays. Perhaps this is the time in your life to join the second half of the 2021-2022 Read-Through-the-Bible in a Year on March 1st? Maybe you will consider joining many in the church reading "The Lost Art of Dying" by L.D. Dugdale, M.D., as a part of an on-going Sunday Lenten conversation as we consider our very lives of Living and Dying in Christ? Whatever you choose to do, I wish you a blessed Lent - may the Spirit of God dwell in your heart and guide your path to Easter.

I am truly looking forward to the warmer temperatures where we can get back to being outside and visiting outside. I ask that we all find ways to take advantage of these warmer months, to utilize the outdoors for safe visits, and to reconnect and gather in ways that you feel comfortable with. Save the date for our return to the park for Easter Saturday, April 16. Blessed be our journey to Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mark

WELCOMING AFGHAN REFUGEES

The cooperative ministry of BRPC and Immanuel UCC has welcomed its first Afghan refugees. Working with Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), household items and gift cards were collected, and an apartment furnished and outfitted in SW Louisville. Jennie Guelda, Nancy and Bill Williamson joined members of the IUCC task force on January 27 to prepare the one-bedroom apartment. KRM donated and moved in all the furniture. Although the flight was delayed, members from both churches met the couple as they arrived in Louisville. The newly married couple was driven to their new home by KRM employees. Jennifer Fantoni of IUCC reported that a contingent from their church and KRM recently visited the couple and found they are settling in well, and the apartment looked great. Thank you BRPC folk who contributed to this vital ministry.

We are already gathering items for our next arrivals. Please consult SignUpGenius.com for donation suggestions.

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EASTER LILIES

We will be ordering Easter lilies through the Kentuckiana Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation again this year. The cost is \$10.50. Please pay with cash/check when you order; you can make checks payable to Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. You can also email or call the church office to order. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to announce Save-the-Dates for three Sunday afternoons: June 5, July 10, and August 7, 12PM-4PM, for a mission focused, multi-generational, Vacation Bible School once again shared with Immanuel United Church of Christ. We look forward to sharing more detail about VBS in the April 2022 newsletter.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting June 12 – August 28th, 2022, our youth of all ages will be sharing in a 'one room school house' Sunday after church, gathering in Fellowship Hall.

We will share in a time of fellowship, food, games, movies, and faith conversations. We hope to see many of our youth and children back this summer. If any adults wish to sponsor the food for a given Sunday, there will be ample opportunity to do so.

We will be monitoring Covid closely and taking all precautions for masking and physical distancing when necessary, utilizing all the space of Fellowship Hall.

It is the Christian Ed Committee's hope to be back to a curriculum based gathering by fall, September 18, 2022.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME starts on March 13. Please set your clocks forward one hour.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alicia Bloos	3
Jonathan Teaford	9
Brad Harris	16
Daniel Houglan	17
Dan Rapp	18
Wesley Overstreet	19
Evie Macway	23
Becky Shafer	24
Nancy Williamson	24
Clinton Grosz	27
Matt Smith	31

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HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 15, 2022 SESSION MEETING

Rev. Eldred's opening prayer was a reading from the devotional, *These Days*, by Kerry Allen titled, "Love that Honors the Truth."

The recent passing of Maurine Crossett, Anne Teaford and George Dumbaugh was acknowledged in the Moderator's Report. Maurine was buried in Indiana with her husband, Anne was buried on the LTPS Campus behind the Caldwell Chapel, and George was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

The 2021 Session Annual Statistical Report was reviewed and approved and has been sent to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. There were 82 active members at the beginning and the end of 2021.

Two bequests of Delia and Sarah Collins were discussed by the Session, and an ad hoc committee will advise how to invest and use the monies based on our ministry priorities. We are thankful for these bequests.

The Budgeted Operating Statement for 2021 showed a balanced budget of income and expenses to be \$265,544. "The Session will present an approved 2022 budget to the Congregation at the March 20, 2022 Annual Meeting."

The January 2022 Treasurer's Report showed a positive balance of \$16,050 due to members prepaying their pledge for the year and dividend income from investments.

The comprehensive notes of the building's condition prepared by Doug Rapp were reviewed by the Session. Repairs to walls and flooring from leaks in the heating system will require immediate attention. "The damage needs to be seen," according to Rev. Eldred. The maintenance of our aging building is requiring more people on the Building and Grounds Committee and more funds to make repairs and improvements to maintain a good appearance and functional building.

Rev. Eldred is planning a new members class with a Zoom gathering during Lent and continuing until Pentecost.

The first refugee family from KRM has been settled and another family is anticipated in the future with household items collected for them.

Another application for Earth Care Congregation for 2022 is being submitted by Alicia Bloos and Bill Bowman with new initiatives including the pollinator garden and Trees Louisville plantings.

Cheryl Barnes and Janet Guyer are the new Missionary co-workers our church will support to serve in Malawi.

Jeff Wagner will do a Minute for Mission about Living Waters for the World on Sunday March 6.

An overture to PCUSA 225th General Assembly regarding divestment from fossil fuel industries that contribute to greenhouse gases plus production of the use of plastics was proposed for concurrence. The Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Mission Committee will bring this up at their meeting for support.

A motion was approved that BRP Church supports the Fossil Fuel Divestment Overture and should be considered by the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery for concurrence at the PCUSA General Assembly meeting this summer.

The large print bibles have been received and those who contributed will be acknowledged with honor plates inside the cover.

Covenant Community Church will join us for the Ash Wednesday service, March 2. There will be a drive thru to receive ashes from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. with a live-streamed service following.

The Administration Committee will be preparing the 2021 Annual Report for the Congregational Meeting on March 20, 2022. Narratives from each committee describing their responsibilities, projects and mission goals are requested for inclusion in the report.

A sub-committee of the Finance Committee (Visionary Group) will be formed to be good stewards of dealing with bequests and endowments. They may consider a separate endowment fund for building maintenance expenses.

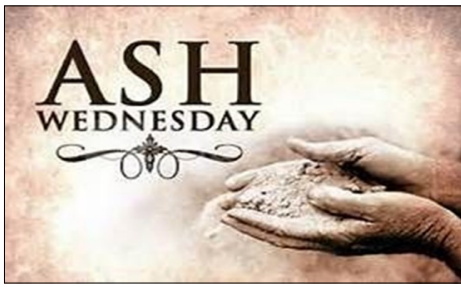
Results of the Time and Talent Survey were tallied by Doug and Molly Rapp. The response was limited due to some having responded but not noted. There will be an effort to reach out to more people.

An Easter Breakfast is planned in Cherokee Park, by Hogan's Fountain, on Saturday, April 16.

We are waiting to hear from Dreams with Wings regarding using the church for their summer camp. HCM Video Camp is also interested in using our church again for two weeks this summer.

Join in Fellowship and Discovery with Our African American Churches

Sat, March 5	10-11:30 a.m.	Grace Hope
Sat, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Shawnee
Sat, March 19	10-11:30 a.m.	Peace
Sat, March 26	10-11:30 a.m.	Westwood



ASH WEDNESDAY: Drive-through Ashes and Worship Service March 2nd

Save the Date for Year 2 of Drive-through Ashes. CCC will be joining us! We hope you will stop out for your ashes in the late afternoon. The time for ashes will be from 4:30PM to 5:30PM with hybrid in-person and virtual worship at 6:30PM.

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES LENTEN LUNCH SERIES 2022:

The dates are Thursdays from Noon to 1P.M.
March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7.

Safety Protocols are:

- **All Meals will be at Deer Park Baptist Church.**
- All Soup will be served by volunteers from the kitchen (no "buffet line").
- HCM will have soups, bread, etc. prepared
- Guests will be asked to be masked except when eating.
- Tables will be spaced out, etc.

A simple meal of soup and dessert will be served at Deer Park Baptist Church. (If you would be interested in volunteering on April 7, reach out to Pastor Mark who will be leading the devotional on that date).

March 10 - David Platt (Deer Park Baptist)
March 17 - Laura Kline (Bellarmine Campus Ministry)
March 24 - Rachel Small-Stokes (Immanuel UCC)
March 31 - KT Ockels (Strathmoor Presbyterian)
April 7 - Mark Eldred (Bardstown Road Presbyterian)

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

April 10: Palm Sunday

Palm Parade

In-person and virtual worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

April 14: Maundy Thursday worship with Communion

April 15: Good Friday Service

April 17: Celebration of the Resurrection: Service of Worship In-person and virtual at 11:00 a.m.

FROM PASTOR MARK

Are you or anyone you know looking for a Part-Time Job?

Both Deer Park Baptist and Immanuel UCC are hiring for office assistances. Deer Park Baptist, our neighbor across the street, is seeking a part-time, Monday through Friday, 9AM -3PM, Office Manager. Immanuel UCC, our Vacation Bible School partner on Taylorsville Road, seeks a 25-hour per week Business Manager, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9AM to 2PM. If you or anyone you know is looking for part-time work, please refer them directly to these two church websites for more details about the two open positions.

Christian Education - Lenten Sermon Series

Join Pastor Mark in an optional church wide read of "The Lost Art of Dying" by L.S. Dugdale in a Lenten Sermon series titled "Living and Dying in Christ". Interested folks can join in conversation following church in an Adult Sunday School format, led by Rev. Mark and Rev. Bill Williamson.

April 3 - John 12:1-8, Chapters 1 & 2: Death and Finitude

April 10 - Luke 19:28-40, Chapters 2-3: Finitude and Community

April 24 - Guest Preacher Bill Williamson, Earth Care Sunday, Chapters 4 & 5: Context and Fear

May 1 - John 21:1-19, Chapters 6 & 7: Body and Spirit

May 15 - John 13:31-35, Chapter 8: Ritual

May 22 - John 5:1-9, Chapter 9: Life

Read-Through-the-Bible-in-a-Year half-way Jump in!!

Pastor Mark sends the invitation to join Read-Through-the-Bible-in-a-Year mid-Year! March 1- August 31 - (6 Months). He will keep the reading rotation the same for Year 3, 2022-2023, so that the mid-year joiners can continue with the new group of Year 3 folks. Next year, September 1, for the first time Pastor Mark is excited to be switching from the standard NRSV of the P.C.(U.S.A.) to read the more newly translated Common English Bible, where some of his seminary professors from McCormick Theological Seminary were on the translating team. The current 21-22 group has already read nine books of the Old Testament and seven books of the Newer Testament. March 1, we start fresh with the first chapters of Ruth and Acts. Maybe this could be part of your added Lenten Discipline for 2022?

New Member Inquirers' Class

Pastor Mark has received requests from several to gather in conversation about 'what it means to be a 'member' of a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed Tradition. Pastor has a short-list of interested folks, but if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in this conversation, please reach out to the church to be added to the invitation list for future zooms and in person gatherings. Have you ever wondered why Roman Catholics have seven sacraments, Lutherans less so, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) only two? Have you ever wondered what a Confessional Church is? Join this inquirers' group where we can ask questions and learn together.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
EASTER OFFERING—April 17**

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.



In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



Lunch with Wen and Graham Teaford at the August Moon (Anne & Jeanie)

**SAVE THE DATE:
EASTER BREAKFAST IN THE PARK—
SATURDAY, April 16, at Hogan’s Fountain**

The Easter Breakfast is back! It is time once more for our annual Easter Breakfast at Hogan’s Fountain. **Becky Shafer** is the Communication Coordinator – so please let her know how you can help at **895-0095** or email at **shafer85@gmail.com** or call the church office.

The Breakfast consists of fruit, orange juice, egg casserole, bacon, sausage, milk and donuts. The cost for us to use Hogan’s Fountain for the morning is \$150. We will welcome donations at the time of the breakfast to help cover the cost of the use of the park as well as food and supplies for the breakfast.

TBD: *The Youth of the church will be “Easter Bunny Assistants” – they will fill and hide the eggs for the children’s egg hunt beginning at 10:00 a.m.—depending on Covid restrictions.*

There are many ways to help; please consider volunteering for one or more items listed below, and join in to enjoy the beauty of creation, the fellowship of a meal shared with our Church family, and the joy of Easter.

Possible items to bring:

- Fruit, Juice, Donuts, Milk, Egg Casserole, Bacon and/or sausage. **You can also volunteer to:**
- help cook meat Saturday morning;
- buy and set up milk and orange juice;
- help clean up
- if you need transportation, it will be provided

GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUISVILLE

February 26, March 5, 12, 19,
Girl Scouts of Louisville, primarily from the Highlands and Germantown neighborhoods, will be selling cookies in a drive-through process, with covid guidelines, in our church parking lot **Saturdays, February 26, March 5, March 12, and March 19, from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.**



Our location will offer the special opportunity to donate purchased boxes of cookies to our mission partner Highland Community Ministries. We hope you will tell your family and friends to stop by these four Saturdays to support our local Girl Scouts! You can use cash or card, but card is always appreciated during Covid.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive will be at BRP on Saturday April 23, June 25 and Sept. 17 from 9 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall in coordination with the Farmer’s Market and the Deer Park Association.

MISSION COMMITTEE

BELLEWOOD

BRP has a long history of involvement with the Bellewood Children's Home, providing goods, services, and financial assistance, even housing their offices in our building for a few years. Now a part of the Seven Counties/Bellewood and Brooklawn partnership, they continue to need our support.

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Childcare workers are still needed for the HCM Childcare Centers. Please contact Director, Debbie Spillane at 502/458-3045 or dspillane@hcmloouisville.org.

Save the date: The 25th annual *Empty Bowls* fundraiser will be **May 15, 2022**.

Strategic Plan: Community input is welcome as work begins on a new plan, to determine how HCM can best serve the community in upcoming years. Share your ideas with Marty Hageman and Alicia Bloos, BRP's representatives on the HCM Board of Directors.

Lenten Lunches for the HCM community return this year in a slightly different format, held 5 Thursdays in Lent at Deer Park Baptist Church, beginning March 10.

HYR: It's time to sign up for spring soccer.

To see recent HCM email announcements and sign up to receive regular eBlasts, see the HCM homepage at hcmloouisville.org, where you can to learn more about programs and events, view the 2021 Annual Newsletter, or **donate**.

To contribute, you can also send a check payable to BRP with "HCM donation" in the memo line. Your neighbors in need thank you for your support!

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Chapel Project: Work is progressing! Visit the camp's website cedarridgecamp.com or Facebook or Instagram accounts to read updates and view photos. To read more about the chapel project, see presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/. Check out our display case outside Fellowship Hall for pictures and more!



BRP Newsletter



Through the **Memorial Brick campaign**, as part of the chapel project, you may memorialize or honor your loved ones in an entrance patio paved with commemorative bricks, with either a 4"x 8" standard brick or an 8"x 8" deluxe brick, with an option to include graphics. Order bricks online at cedarridgecamp.com or pick up an order form in the church sanctuary and mail it back to camp. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

If you wish to help support the ministry of Cedar Ridge Camp, please go online to cedarridgecamp.com where you may donate year-round.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Hunger Program has prepared a thoughtful **Lenten calendar**. To read or for a printable copy, click <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>

BRP CHURCH FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

Many come to the church door in need. Please consider: Donating **money** to purchase **TARC Partner Passes**, discounted passes for the elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, but the budget is small! **You may write a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line.**

Donating **hats, scarves, gloves**

Donating **bottled water**,

Donating **Kroger cards**.

Donating **Tuna and Chicken lunchables**.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>3/1/22– 8/31/22 Read through the bible in a year</i>	2 4:30 to 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Drive through ashes 6:30 pm Service	3 7 P.M. Personnel Committee Mtg	4 World Day of Prayer	5 10 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market Faith & Justice Table 1-5pm Parking lot Girl Scout Cookies
6 Communion 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	7	8 7pm Mission Committee	9	10 Noon: Lenten Lunch at Deer Park	11	12 10 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market 1-5pm Parking lot Girl Scout Cookies
13 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching Daylight Saving Time	14 10 a.m. Congregational Care Mtg 7pm Worship Team Meeting	15 7 p.m. Session Meeting	16	17 Noon: Lenten Lunch at Deer Park	18	19 10 a.m.– Noon Farmers' Market 1-5pm Parking Lot Girl Scout Cookies
20 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	21	22	23	24 Noon: Lenten Lunch at Deer Park	25	26 10 a.m.– Noon Farmers' Market
27 11 am Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	28	29	30	31 Noon: Lenten Lunch at Deer Park		



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