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as we respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.

**Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church**

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Dear Beloved in the Lord,

Alive in worship and praise, BRPC is an extraordinary community of faith. BRPC is welcoming! BRPC reaches across boundaries. BRPC protects the environment, cares for the poor, fights for the powerless, rejects racism, and embraces diversity. We do this because we love God, laugh with our children and rejoice in our shared life.

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church is hard at work. It is focused on caring for its members and the world! Members of our congregation are intimately involved in Refugee Work, Highland Community Ministries, Ecological Sustainability Projects, Hosparus, Meals on Wheels, Boy Scouts, Educational Outreach and many other activities. BRPC's current mission statement is:

We are a Church of Ordinary People Caring for One Another as We Respond to God's Call for a Just and Sustainable World.

As we worship together, we affirm these common values:

A strong belief that every person is a child of God

A dedication to serving those in need

A belief in the importance of spiritual growth and development of each individual

The special joy of nurturing children in their life of faith and action

An acceptance of and respect for the diversity of thought and action in response to God's call

A belief that we are called to be stewards of the earth, both as individuals and as a community of faith.

This is a wonderful, caring mission statement. It focuses the BRPC on how it lovingly cares for its members. How does it focus BRPC on the community BRPC seeks to invite into its walls? How does it speak about the opportunities we take to reach out to the community on Bardstown Road? How does it speak about our engagement with our neighbors?

As BRPC looks for new permanent Pastoral Leadership it is important that the Session leads the congregation in articulating a revitalized vision.

If someone were to ask each of us, "Why do you attend BRPC?" "What is special about BRPC?" "How can I contribute to BRPC?" what would we say?

If you were to invite someone to attend BRPC how would you phrase the invitation? "Join us at BRPC. It is a place where ...." "Come visit our church you will find ....." We are especially interested in ..... at BRPC and we would like you to help ...." "You will love worshipping at BRPC because we ....."

Let's answer these questions and fill in these blanks to begin to craft a revitalized mission statement.

For my part, I have come to know BRPC as a vital, engaged and welcoming congregation. It is anything but ordinary. It is extraordinary! As your transitional pastor I call on each and every one of you grasp a new vision and project that vision of a life-giving congregation to the community.

With Christ as our Vision BRPC is ready to claim its vibrant future!

Your servant and fellow worker in Christ, Mary



**GATHERINGS DURING LENT.**

The 40-days of Lent (a time for spiritual preparation between Ash Wednesday and Easter) offer opportunities for reflection and spiritual exploration. Please consider and encourage others to actively participate in Lent as a season of spiritual renewal.

Join with others on Sunday mornings, during the 9:30 – 10:30 education time, to talk about your faith journey and the impact of your faith on the world.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP AND DINNER**

Lenten dinner/programs are held on Wednesdays, from 6:00 – 7:20 p.m. with members and friends of the congregation joining together around themes of “**Endow Life with Meaning and Purpose**” and “**Empowered by Prayer. United by Love**”.

The Wednesdays we have scheduled in March are: March 7, 14, and 21. Please save the dates.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- March 7, 14, 21: Lenten dinner/programs
- March 25: Palm Sunday
- March 29: Maundy Thursday
- March 30: Good Friday
- April 1: Easter Sunday

**LENTEN LUNCHEONS FOR 2018  
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:**

These will be noon-time simple meals, with a devotion.

**Thursdays, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm**  
**Theme: “Dynamic Duo’s of the Lenten Season”**

**March 1: HCM Campus**  
Speaker: Rev. David Platt  
Topic: Pharisees and Sadducees

**March 8: Strathmoor Presbyterian**  
Speaker: Rev. Darren Brandon  
Topic: James and John

**March 15: Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church**  
Speaker: Mr. Troy Burden  
Topic: Mary and Martha

**March 22: St. Paul UMC**  
Speaker: Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick  
Topic: Herod and Pontius Pilate



<b>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</b>	Alicia Bloos	3
	Jan Adams	4
	Linda Bowman	7
	Jonathan Teaford	9
	Jeremy Teaford	12
	Bruce Teaford	12
	Ben Adams	15
	Evan Hofmann	15
	Brad Harris	16
	Eleanor Short	16
	Dan Rapp	18
	Katie Allen	18
	Wesley Overstreet	19
	Tom Pope	20
	Evie Macway	23
	Julie Hofmann	24
	Becky Shafer	24
	Clinton Grosz	27
Nancy Troy	30	
Megan Smith	31	
Kim Clements	31	

**Bardstown Road Presbyterian  
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## SESSION HIGHLIGHT FOR FEB. 20, 2018

- Carol Brees led the devotional study about consideration for our church to be a community building.
- Rev. Mary Nebelsick gave the Moderator's Report with the theme "Be Thou Thy Vision." Linda White will assist Mary with organizing the church archives. To respect current diversity and be more welcoming the bathroom signage was suggested to be more inclusive.
- A tentative date of May 19 for a Session Retreat to begin the process to define our mission and for calling a permanent pastor.
- A motion was approved to reduce the future Session classes from four to three elders. Doug Rapp and Lin Block-Coalter will assist in getting names of people to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.
- A Congregational Meeting will be March 11, 2018 to elect the Nominating Committee to fill the openings for three in the Class of 2021 for three years and one in the Class of 2019 for one year.
- Brittany Hesson reported that the youth have made suggestions for the qualities for our next Youth Director. BRP church will contact the LPTS Field Ed. Office for summer assistance. Mary's daughter, Rachel, has offered to help with the youth during summer.
- Keith Clements stated that in the Clerk's Report there were 23 responses from the congregation for the Vitality Survey. Preliminary results from 52% of the congregations in our Mid-Kentucky Presbytery indicate that the churches are strong in caring relationships but weak in intentional evangelism.
- The February 10, 2018 Presbytery meeting was at Springfield Presbyterian Church. The responses from the new candidates for ministry were impressive.
- Ten large print hymnals have been ordered as well as current copies of the Book of Order for use by the Session.
- The baptism for Mary Caroline Purnell-Gatewood will be March 18, 2018 with baroque music accompaniment.
- Future Sunday services will begin with a procession during the prelude that will include the lighting of the candles, the Liturgist opening the Bible and the Pastor pouring water into the Baptismal Font. The large fabric cross, made by Beverly Gradisek, will be displayed behind the altar during Lent.
- A Voter Registration table will be set up on several Saturdays in April during the Farmer's Market.

## HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

### Palm Sunday Parade on March 25

Meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:40 a.m. to receive your palm leaves and to join the walk through the neighborhood as we remember Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem. We will return to the Sanctuary for Worship at 11:00 a.m.



### Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship with Communion on March 29 at 6 p.m.

Remembering the "Last Supper" Jesus shared with his disciples during Holy Week, people will gather for a simple meal in Fellowship Hall. The meal and the worship will flow together as we meet around tables and remember Jesus giving his followers his "New Commandment."

### Good Friday Service on March 30 at 8 p.m.

Come and experience a simple presentation of Lessons and Hymns telling the story of Christ's passion. We will experience the story of Jesus' last hours as the drama of his betrayal, trial and death unfold. It puts us into the story – as we await Easter morning and new life.



### Celebration of the Resurrection: Service of Worship with Communion on April 1

A Celebration of the Resurrection (with Communion). We will hear the story of the resurrection of Jesus and how his friends moved from fear to joy, then to a deeper understanding of who Jesus was and how he was calling them –and us– to live. This is also the Sunday for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be received.

## PHOTOS FROM THE NURSERY



*Snack time with Evie*



*Play-Doh time with Vivi and the Moss twins*

## FROM BRITTANY HESSON

The next Kids Club will be Wednesday, March 21.

"Many thanks to all who have shared lunch with the youth group during All Day Church. There has been plenty of variety and the kids have enjoyed the food and the time spent together. Thank you!!"

Peace,  
Brittany

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** starts on March 11. Please set your clocks forward one hour.



## EASTER BREAKFAST

**BREAKFAST IN THE PARK—SATURDAY, March 31, 9:00 –11 a.m. at Big Rock**

Once again, it is time for our annual Easter Breakfast at Big Rock.. **Becky Shafer** is the Communication Coordinator – so please let her know how you can help at **895-0095** or email at [ssrhshaf@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssrhshaf@bellsouth.net) 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 Big Rock 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. Youth of the church have agreed to be our "Easter Bunny Assistants" – they will fill and hide the eggs for the children's **egg hunt beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

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;
- would you like to be a conversation leader?
- help clean up
- if you need transportation, it will be provided

## **SING WITH US IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER!**

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members. Please contact Jeanie Grosz at 643-7660 if you would like to express yourself in music!

Jeanie will be on vacation for the following Sundays, March 11 and 18. There will be no choir rehearsal during those weeks until March 21.

*Jeanie*

## **COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

On Holy Saturday, March 31, Covenant Community Church gathers at Camp Cedar Ridge for a time of fellowship, camping, and vigil as we await the celebration of Easter.

If anyone is interested in joining us that evening or at our sunrise (8:00a.m.) service, please let Mamie know by March 18th.

*Rev. Mamie Broadhurst*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING EASTER OFFERING

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.

The offering will be received on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This offering will help support Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Self-Development of People (SDOP) program which provides grants for projects that are owned and controlled by the people who will benefit directly from them. Each project must address and correct long-term conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. It will also help support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Giving to OGHS enables us to "overcome evil with good" so that we can all share in the joy of restoring lives, and helping people help themselves. The Hunger Program will receive 36 percent of the gifts, while the SDOP and Disaster Assistance will each receive 32 percent. We encourage people to simplify their lives during Lent to then benefit others. Please give generously.

## EASTER LILIES

We will be ordering 25 Easter lilies through the Kentuckiana Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation again this year. The cost is \$10.00. Please pay with cash/check when you order by completing a form and placing it in the offering plate during Worship or by leaving it in the church office.



Please make checks payable to Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. **Forms will be in the bulletin and in the rear of the Sanctuary.** On Easter Sunday, **April 1st** we will print recognitions of those you wish to remember or honor in the church bulletin.

## CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Please let the church office know if anyone in your family is graduating this year—college, high school, middle or elementary school. Please let the church know so we can share the good news.



## Co-Creating a Healthy Earth

A Muslim - Christian Dialogue

presented by...

Guiding Light Islamic Center  
and

Kentucky Interfaith  
Power and Light

March 11 from 2:15 - 3:45  
at Guiding Light Islamic Center  
6500 Six Mile Lane, Louisville, 40220



## KENTUCKY INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

KIPL is a creation care group that has its offices on the 3rd floor of our building. The next KIPL event will be a Muslim-Christian dialogue about the care for creation on Sunday, March 11. Rebecca Barnes from the PC(USA) Headquarters will speak about the biblical teachings to care for the earth. This special event will be held at the Guiding Light Islamic Center in Hikes Point, and everyone is invited.

The dialogue will take place from **2:15 - 3:45 on Sunday, March 11** at the **Guiding Light Islamic Center (6500 Six Mile Lane, Louisville, 40220).**

*Bill*

## VOTER REGISTRATION TABLE AT FARMER'S MARKET

On April 7th and 14th BRP will host a voter registration table at the Farmers' Market. The Jefferson County Clerk's office will send someone to do the actual registration of new voters. Some session members will be on hand to encourage people to register.



This is great opportunity to reach out to our community. It helps define in who we are to the community at large.

Please let people know of this opportunity.

Once people are registered, then the next task is helping disabled people to get to the polls. The poll workers get calls from folks who need a ride. We can link into this. More, later.

If this works well, then we will do a similar voter registration for the Fall 2018 election.

Just want to keep folks in the loop.

*Linda Bowman*

questions? 452-9151

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES**

For 2017-18 Women's Circles, the study is focusing on "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting will be March 13 at 11 A.M., to study Lesson 7; contact Joe Anne Overstreet for more information.

If you are interested in the Evening Circle, contact Alicia Bloos at 502-496-0345. This Circle may be reorganizing: meeting day will depend on those interested.

Please feel welcome to join either group. Let Joe Anne or Alicia know your desire to participate, so we may order a study book (\$10) for you. We hope you'll join us!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **CEDAR RIDGE CAMP**

Cedar Ridge Camp is a happening place! In addition to gearing up for school group spring field trips and summer camp, several fun, special fundraising and social events are upcoming:

### **BASKETBALL, BBQ, & BEER social/fundraising event – Sunday, March 18– 1:30-4:30 P.M.**

Celebrate March madness with friends, food, and fun while watching basketball on the big screen. Age 21 and older. \$20 in advance [www.cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.cedarridgecamp.com) or \$25 at the door. Always a good time!

### **EASTER EGG HUNT – Saturday, Mar 24, 1-2:30 P.M.**

Activities include: decorating Easter cookies, hay rides, carnival games, face painting, Easter Egg hunt at 1:30 pm for children up to age 12. Meet at Cedar Ridge's Hopkins Hall, 4010 Old Routt Road, Louisville, KY 40220.

### **BRP Spring Work Day at CRC- date TBA**

(A Saturday this spring)

Keep up with camp offerings year round at [www.cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.cedarridgecamp.com). In addition, monetary donations for scholarships, programming, camp upkeep, etc., can be made online. If you missed the Adopt-a-Cedar-Tree program in honor of the camp's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, you can still donate for that. Thank you for your continuing support of OUR camp!

### **HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWS** **TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS MARDI GRAS**

This fundraising, social event was a great success! On February 13, "Fat Tuesday," area residents decked out in beads and Mardi Gras finery enjoyed food and beverage samples from excellent area restaurants, breweries, distilleries, and wineries on the HCM campus while enjoying the jazz music of the Billy Goat Strut. This annual event brings the community together to support the work of HCM in a festive Way!

## **EASTER FOOD BASKETS**

**We need your help!** In March we will collect food and other needed items for the HCM families for whom we provided food and gifts at Christmas. Beginning March 4, you may select tags indicating needed items from the Easter Tree in Fellowship Hall. Please return requested items by Palm Sunday, March 25. Food baskets will be delivered Saturday, March 31. Delivery help is needed; if you can help, contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or [aliciabloos@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciabloos@hotmail.com).

## **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. 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. ***\*Donations have dropped in recent months, but the need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries!***

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Keep in mind the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> annual drive for **personal hygiene kits**, again sponsored by Strathmoor Presbyterian Church. Kit assembly will be **April 21, 2018**. In the meantime, check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org) for how you can help right now! Our mission committee is beginning to consider a trip to assist in Puerto Rico; tell Peggie Elgin if you might be interested in participating or helping with fundraising.

## **BRPC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE**

**BRP FOOD PANTRY & BUS TICKETS:** Thank you for all the food items and bus tickets recently donated. Please continue to contribute **bus tickets if you are able**. They can be purchased on line or at Fifth Third Bank on Bardstown Road, only a few streets away from BRP.

Food Pantry: We need **tuna and chicken Lunchables, and Beanie Weenies**. All items should be in a single package and not need refrigeration or cooking. Thank you for your continued generosity.

In addition to needing bus tokens and food, some folks who come to our church door seeking help are inadequately dressed for harsh winter weather. **Thank you** to all who donated **hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens** to be given to those who need them.

## **BATTERIES**

BRP will again be collecting household batteries this year, and we'll take them to Hazardous Waste Recycling during the summer. So, please collect any used batteries around your house and bring them to the church over the next 3 months. There will be a container for collecting batteries on a table in Fellowship Hall.

*Bill Bowman*

# March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at St. Paul UMC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Brittany Hesson preaching All Day Church	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner Program	<b>8</b> Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at Strathmoor	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Music: Doug Jones All Day Church Daylight Saving Time	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11 am Day Circle, Club Room  7pm Mission Committee	<b>14</b> 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner Program	<b>15</b> Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at BRP  7pm Worship Team Meeting, Club Room	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
<b>18 Communion</b> 9:30 a.m. Sun. Sch 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Music: Anne Campbell All Day Church	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>21</b> 1:00 p.m. Staff Mtg  6:00 pm Lenten Dinner Program  6:00 p.m. Kids' Club  7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b> Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at HCM  April newsletter deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8 a.m.- Noon Farmers' Market
<b>25 Palm Sunday Communion</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship Palm Parade 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching All Day Church	<b>26</b> Monday of Holy Week	<b>27</b> Tuesday of Holy Week	<b>28</b> Wednesday of Holy Week	<b>29</b> 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service Communion	<b>30</b> 8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	<b>31</b>



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

March 4	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Brittany Hesson preaching
March 7,14,21 March 8,15,22	6:00 p.m. Noon	Lenten Dinner/Programs HCM Lenten Luncheons (March 15 at BRP)
March 4, 11, 18, 25	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (All Day Church)
March 11	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching, Doug Jones, music
March 13	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle, Club Room Mission Team Meeting
March 15	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
March 18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching, Anne Campbell, music
March 20	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
March 21	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Kids' Club Choir
March 25	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship and Palm Parade Palm Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching,
March 29	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
March 30	8:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service