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Dearly Beloved:

I have that famous song “We are Family” by Sister Sledge running through my head.

“We are family
I got all my siblings with me
We are family
Get up ev'rybody and sing

Ev'ryone can see we're together
As we walk on by
And we fly just like birds of a feather
I won't tell no lie
All of the people around us they say
Can they be that close
Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family close

We are family ...

Living life is fun and we've just begun
To get our share of the world's delights
High hopes we have for the future
And our goal's in sight
We, no we don't get depressed
'Cause here's what we call our golden rule
Have faith in you and the things you do
You won't go wrong
This is our family Jewel.

We are family ...”

We talked a lot about family at the Transitional Ministries Conference. The Conference itself was interesting. Held way up north in a Portland Oregon the setting was beautiful even if the sky did spit ice the whole time we were there. I went to learn about the many ways that churches live and grow in their understanding of mission and ministry during the time when they are looking for new and renewed leadership. The insights of what is known as “Family Systems Theory” is now used to look at the way Churches live and grow. One of the things that family systems theory looks at is how many of us react to change. Any change can cause us to become anxious. When we are anxious we can act in ways that don't reflect our best selves. This happens to all of us. This is why we need each other so much. When we are anxious we turn to each other because we have faith in each other, brainstorm, come up with new solutions and sing, “We are family ...”

For more on family system's theory see Presbyterian Outlook:
<https://pres-outlook.org/2017/10/reframing-family-systems-theory-church/>

Some interesting books on Family Systems Theory by Ronald W. Richardson are: *Becoming a Healthier Pastor*, *Family Systems Theory and the Pastor's Own Family* and *Creating a Healthier Church*. *Family Systems Theory, Leadership and Congregational Life* .



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**LENTEN LUNCHEONS FOR 2019
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:**

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

**Thursdays, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Theme: “Journey From the Wilderness”**

March 14: Deer Park Baptist
Speaker: Rev. Mary Nebelsick, BRPC

March 21: Immanuel UCC
Speaker: Karen Barth, Christ UCC

March 28 St. Paul UMC
Speaker: Rachel Small-Stokes, Immanuel UCC

April 4: Strathmoor Presbyterian
Speaker: David Platt, Deer Park Baptist

April 11: Bardstown Road Presbyterian
Speaker: Darren Brandon, St. Paul UMC

BRP DIRECTORY

The Congregational Care Committee is proceeding with gathering information for the pictorial membership directory. Members of the committee will be contacting each family to ascertain that the information that is on file is correct — and correct what needs to be corrected. They will also try to update other information for the app “Church Windows” which gives more information on each member/participant which is used for statistical reports for Presbytery and Headquarters. Jennie Guelda is taking photos of members for the new directory — please see her when you are at BRP on Sunday’s, or we will also make appointments for photos.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS	Alicia Bloos	3
	Jonathan Teaford	9
	Brad Harris	16
	Eleanor Short	16
	Dan Rapp	18
	Wesley Overstreet	19
	Evie Macway	23
	Becky Shafer	24
	Clinton Grosz	27
	Megan Smith	31
Kim Clements	31	

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEB. 19, 2019

The Session of BRPC met on Tuesday February 19, 2019 in the Club Room at 7pm.

We reviewed and received the minutes of our two previous Session meetings of January 15, 2019 and January 27, 2019.

Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick reported on her recent meetings with the Synod of Living Waters, the Transitional Ministries Conference and the Presbytery.

She then led the Session in a discussion about the ways in which each member of the Session brings their own family history of dealing with anxiety and stress into any meeting where important matters are being discussed. The Session received two letters of correspondence: One from the Presbytery and one from Ruling Elder Cathy Moss. The Session accepted, with great regret, and deep appreciation for her service, Elder Cathy Moss' resignation from the Session.

Every Committee reported on their activities for the month.

We are all preparing for the Season of Lent which is filled with activities, lunches and prayer services.

Jeanie Grosz will return to Florida with her dearly beloveds to bask in the warm sunshine and healing waters of the coast. Ann Yates, will return to BRPC to lead us in music and song while Jeanie is away.

FROM REV. JOHN ODOM

Can you feel it? It's the urge to be part of God's plan, to be part of something great. It's the urge to exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven to the world, to solve systemic poverty or racism or hunger. Or it might be the passion to revitalize your area of town or your congregation. Or it might even be the desire to change your life, your job, or your relationships with family, friends, or spouse.

The truth is that human beings ache to be part of something great, and yet, that participation in the grand design—God's plan for the redemption of all things—makes us nervous at the same time. You and I fear that we are not up to the task. We convince ourselves that we don't have the resources or the gifts or the talents to participate. There is a fear of failure to be sure, but the greater fear, I believe, is one of success, since success demands even more of our—and our churches'—resources and gifts.

Jesus said of his followers—his disciples—in other words, us, "Whoever believes in me...they will do even greater things than these" (John 14:12). Since it almost sounds blasphemous to "do even greater things" than Jesus, you and I rarely say it. Yet often when we start to have great thoughts or visions, we quickly dismiss them, afraid that we may become or appear arrogant or prideful. Or even worse, simply that we would be successful in actually effecting the God-inspired change, and build a bigger beachhead of the Kingdom of Heaven in our lives, in our churches, and in our world.

CLAIRE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Dear BRP friends,

It is a challenge to adequately express my deep appreciation for the surprise party. I want to thank all who were responsible for and contributed to the luncheon, the lovely decorations and the beautiful, delicious cake (thanks Sydney) in acknowledgement of my 90th birthday. It was especially meaningful to have my three children there with me in the church where they grew up so that they could meet all of you. I plan to be around for a few more years. BRP is the greatest!!

My love and gratitude to you all! Claire



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 5: Taste of the Highlands, HCM Campus
- March 6: Ash Wednesday dinner at 5:30 P.M
Service at BRP is at 6:30 P.M.
- March 10, 17, 24, 31: BRP Lenten Luncheons
- April 14: Palm Sunday
- April 18: Maundy Thursday
- April 19: Good Friday
- April 20: Easter Breakfast
- April 21: Easter Sunday



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***Ash Wednesday
Service of Worship
with the Imposition of Ashes
March 6, 2019
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary***

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 weekdays plus 6 Sundays) before Easter.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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.

HCM A TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

MARCH 5, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Let the good times roll with HCM at their Highlands Community Campus at 1228 E. Breckenridge St. at Barret Ave. Go to the HCM Website <https://www.hcmlouisville.org/> for information and registration.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 6

Our celebration of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday. **Deer Park Baptist has invited us to join them for their Wednesday dinner at 5:30 p.m.** Following the dinner, we will all cross the street to celebrate an Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the BRPC sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN LUNCHES AT BRPC

This year BRPC is trying something new. Instead of Lenten Dinners on Wednesday nights, BRPC will host Lenten Lunches on 4 Sundays after Worship during Lent. The overarching theme will be "Celebrating!" (March 10, 17, 24, 31)

March 10 First Sunday in Lent
"Celebrating our heritages" (Multi-cultural program).

March 17 Second Sunday in Lent
"Celebrating spiritual songs" (The theology and music of the spirituals).

March 24 Third Sunday in Lent
"Celebrating joy and exuberance" (Youth program of song and dance).

March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
"Celebrating a life well lived" (Gail Henson's program on end of life decisions).

SPECIAL JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH DEER PARK APRIL 7

On April 7, 2019 BRPC and Deer Park will join together to celebrate our friendship in worship and song.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER SERVICE APRIL 18

Join us in commemorating Jesus' last meal with his disciples as we share in a Maundy Thursday Seder Service.

HCM LENTEN LUNCHES (see page 2)

HCM will sponsor Lenten Lunches on the Thursdays during Lent from March 14 - April 11, 2019. Join the Highland Community in lunch and learning.

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, 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.



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

EASTER BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK—SATURDAY, April 20, 9:00 –11 a.m. at Hogan's Fountain

Once again, it is time 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 **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 \$155. 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 3 and 10. There will be no choir rehearsal during those weeks.

Jeanie

A SPECIAL EVENT ON RACIAL RECONCILIATION – March 2

The Beloved Community committee, made up of members from Harvey Browne and Shawnee churches, is planning a community-wide event entitled: "Silence into Action: Working Toward Justice and Equity." The event will be held Saturday, March 2, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. It will be held at Beechmont Presbyterian Church. Alonzo Johnson and Aisha Brooks Lytle will be leading the event. The event includes a catered lunch. Email billwilliamson@twc.com or call Bill—502/415-5469--for more information. Please call if you have questions.

Bill Williamson, Harvey Browne, cell 502/415-5469

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Presbyterian Women The 2018-19 Horizons Bible study for Women's Circles is centered on **God's Promise: I Am with You** by Amy Poling Sutherland. According to the Presbyterian Women website, the study "takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence...." Study books are \$10.

The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting is March 12 at 11 A.M. Contact Joe Anne Overstreet for more information.

The Evening Circle meets in members' homes on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, March 11, at 7 P.M. at the home of Carol Brees to discuss Lessons 3 and 4. Please contact Alicia Bloos for more information, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Attention, Parents! As you begin to think about your children's activities in 2019, be sure to allow time for summer camp at **Cedar Ridge Camp**, the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery camp, retreat, and conference center located right here in Louisville. Your children will love it!

Attention, Everyone! As you begin to plan your charitable contributions for 2019, be sure to 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. Progress continues on the project to build a chapel, and other improvements are always in the dream or development stage. For more information, see cedarridgecamp1.com. **You will be hearing more soon about opportunities to help support the new chapel project. The chapel will be a perfect place for weddings, memorial services, and of course, worship services for campers, churches on retreat, etc., and many other uses. Donations are accepted at any time!**

The Fifth Sunday Offering on March 31, 2019, has been designated to go to Cedar Ridge Camp for summer camp scholarships. Please give generously, as almost all camper receive the benefit.

Highlands Community Ministries

Plan now to attend the HCM-sponsored **TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS** on March 5, Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), on the Highlands Community Campus, 1228 E Breckinridge. Numerous local restaurants and beverage providers will share their specialties with the public and live musical entertainment will enliven the gathering. Tickets will be available in advance or at the door. For more information, contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

HCM is looking for volunteers to help with the food pantry program, either on a regular basis or as occasional fill-ins, for a variety of tasks: picking up food donations from local food vendors, 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. The following **new** items are most needed:

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

Donations may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary.

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 AND SOUPS**. There is a plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the requested 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!**

In December BRP members helped **HCM** provide **Christmas Gifts and Food Baskets** for neighbors in need. In April we will be providing **Easter Food Baskets** for these same families and we will again need your assistance. Your generosity to help neighbors is always amazing! **Please plan to help. Thank you!**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This year the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery-wide Presbyterian Disaster Assistance **Hygiene Kit Mission Project** will be sponsored by Beulah Presbyterian Church, and kit assembly will be May 18, 2019, from 1-3 P.M. Next month we'll tell you the items needed; they will need to be delivered to Beulah by Monday, May 13. Please plan to help purchase items and to gather on May 18 to assemble the kits.

Projects Near and Far

Nehemiah Project-Buckhorn: Mission Committee has recently sent \$10,000 to this project at Buckhorn Children's Home. BRPC has worked hands-on at Buckhorn through our annual mission trip for many years, so we have observed the needs at Buckhorn first-hand. **Ladder Ministries-Uganda:** Mission Committee has agreed to send \$250 to help with a seedling-planting project in Uganda.

The **next Mission Committee meeting** is Tuesday, March 12, at 7 P.M. in the Club Room. If you have interest in the work of this committee, please join us!

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 World Day of Prayer	2 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
3 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Music: Ann Yates Rev. Nebelsick preaching	4	5	6 5:30 pm Dinner at Deer Park 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	7	8	9 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
10 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Lenten Lunch Music: Ann Yates Daylight Saving Time	11	12 11 am Day Circle, Club Room 7pm Mission Committee	13	14 Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at Deer Park	15	16 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
17 9:30 a.m. Sun. Sch 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching Lenten Lunch	18 7pm Worship Team Meeting, Club Room	19 7 p.m. Session Meeting	20 7:00 p.m. Choir	21 Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at Immanuel UCC April newsletter deadline	22	23 8 a.m.- Noon Farmers' Market
24 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Lenten Lunch Rev. Nebelsick preaching	25	26	27 7:00 p.m. Choir	28 Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at St. Paul UMC	29	30
31 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sch 10:30 am Fellowship 11 am Worship Lenten Lunch Rev. Nebelsick preaching						



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching, Ann Yates Music
March 6	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Dinner at Deer Park Ash Wednesday service at BRP
March 10, 17, 24 31	Noon	BRP Lenten Lunches after Worship
March 14,21,28	Noon	HCM Lenten Luncheons (schedule on page 2)
March 10	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching, Ann Yates, music
March 11	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle, Club Room Mission Team Meeting
March 17	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
March 18	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
March 19	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
March 20 & 27	7:00 p.m.	Choir
March 24	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching,
March 31	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching,