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Dear Siblings in Christ,

If you asked me what my favorite season of the church year was, I would tell you that it is Lent. Our entire church year leads us to Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to Holy Week, and to his walk to Golgatha. I am blessed to share my first Lent season with all of you as we walk with Jesus. Although Jesus' story remains the same from year to year, we don't. Every year is a new year with changes in our lives and in our world.

In March, we have many opportunities to gather and to learn more about our faith, and to share in faith together. I hope that you will consider gathering together to share in this Lenten Journey. We will worship on Sundays, gather for an adult education conversation on Howard Thurman and Martin Luther King Jr after church for one hour on March Sundays (bring a brown bag lunch if you get hungry at noon), we will gather for Lenten Dinners on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, where we will hear leaders from the national church share with us their experience with discipleship and service through the lens of justice. and we will host and take part in Highland Community Ministry's Lenten Lunches on Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2.

Some folks often set the goal of 'giving something up' for Lent. In past years, I have benefited from adding a spiritual discipline during Lent. One year I challenged myself to read scripture and to write daily. Another year I challenged myself to sit in prayer each day for our world. Another year I challenged myself to consider daily the ways in which I waste the resources that I have been given, food, natural resources, electricity, money, time. I hope that you will consider a way to spend intentional time with God during Lent.

God's blessings,

Pastor Mark

ADULT EDUCATION

Starting March 1, Pastor Mark will be offering an Adult Education opportunity, sharing in conversation on Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* and Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letter from Birmingham Jail*.

The course will run five-weeks, for one hour after church, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Over five weeks, we will read both works and hold discussion that will parallel the March conversations in Confirmation 2020 and our Lenten Dinner series.

Pastor Mark has six copies of the book if anyone would like to purchase a copy or loan a copy. Further copies of the book can be found at a reasonable price on-line. M.L.K. Jr.'s *Letter* is accessible for free by pdf on-line. Pastor Mark will have pre-printed copies if needed.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN DINNER/ PROGRAMS

Please plan on attending the Wednesday evening Lenten Dinners, 6-7 P.M., March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 where the theme will be "The Discipleship of Justice and the Justice of Discipleship". We will have five speakers from various areas of the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission, including Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Earth Care, and Self-Development of People. We hope that many of you will attend to welcome those national denomination agencies who benefit from the Special Offerings that we take up four times per year.

HCM's 2020 LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

"Compassion on the Journey"

Thursdays during Lent, noon-1pm

Soup lunch at noon

Devotional at 12:30 by Highlands Congregational Leaders

March 5: Bardstown Road Presbyterian

with speaker Rev. KT Ochels of Strathmoor Presbyterian

March 12: Immanuel UCC

with speaker Rev. David Platt of Deer Park Baptist

March 19: Deer Park Baptist

with speaker Rev. Darren Brandon of St Paul UMC

March 26: St. Paul UMC

with speaker Rev. Mark Eldred of Bardstown Road Presbyterian

April 2: Strathmoor Presbyterian

with speaker Rachel Small-Stokes of Immanuel UCC



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alicia Bloos	3
Linda Bowman	7
Jonathan Teaford	9
Brad Harris	16
Daniel Houglund	17
Dan Rapp	18
Wesley Overstreet	19
Evie Macway	23
Becky Shafer	24
Clinton Grosz	27
Matt Smith	31
Kim Clements	31

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEB. 11, 2020

At the Session meeting on February 11 the Session received a report from the Moderator that outlined a full schedule of activities during the Lenten and Easter seasons. The seven members of the Confirmation Class are displaying persistence as well as the ability to address serious faith questions.

Marty Hageman, Treasurer, reported that in January 2020 the total income was \$33,300 with expenses for the period coming in at \$20,400. In addition to receiving the January 2020, financial report, the Session reviewed and approved unanimously a revised budget for 2020. The budget will be presented to the congregation for final approval at a Congregational Meeting on February 16, 2020.

John Elgin and Lester Gamble, Building Grounds Committee, reports on the persistent efforts required to maintain our aging building. In February eight feet of leaking pipe in the heating system had to be replaced. In early March a glass company will replace thirty plus broken windows on the side and rear of the building.

A new picture Directory of church members will be available in March.

Communion dates for the remainder of the year were approved.

Coming soon: Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church on Facebook!!



BRPC CONFIRMATION 2020

Few of us remember the day of our infant baptism, but do any of you remember your Confirmation day? These first few weeks of confirmation are important for our seven young Confirmands. In the first two weeks we have worked individually and with mentors on defining what a Covenant with God is and answering the question "what is Confirmation?". Over the next eight weeks, we will be discussing the concepts of trust, sin, Lord, Savior, discipleship, mission, and service to the Glory of God. I have been asked how you might best support our seven confirmands: Ivona, Esperance, Secret, Gifted, Gabe, Ari, and Maddie? As you continually consider your own faith and how you might be called to follow God in life through that faith, keep our seven in your prayers that they may each experience this in their own individual way and as a class. Lord, we lift up the gift of individual and collective faith in you, and may your Spirit's presence guide us all. Amen.

SUE CROSIER

Prayers for the family of Lillian "Sue" Crosier who died on February 18, 2020. Sue became a member of BRPC in April of 1986. She was 99 years old.



Fourteen Ladies attended the February BRP Birthday Luncheon at Rafferty's.

The March Birthday Luncheon will be March 20th at the Olive Garden on Hurstbourne Lane near I-64 exchange. We'll meet at 11:30 AM and celebrate Alicia Bloos' and Becky Shafer's birthdays.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING— March 1

The Birthday Offering is a Presbyterian Women's offering collected each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

The offering will be collected on March 1.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1: Birthday Offering

Lenten Dinner/Programs: March 4,11,18,25, April 1.

HCM Lenten Lunches March 5 (at BRP),12,19, 26, and April 2

April 5: Palm Sunday

April 9: Maundy Thursday

April 10: Good Friday

April 11: BRP Easter Breakfast

April 12: Easter Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing

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 12th** we will print recognitions of those you wish to remember or honor in the church bulletin.

MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY

At its February 15, 2020 meeting, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery honored nine ministers for a total of 142 years of ordination.

- Ministers are celebrated at five-year intervals on the anniversaries of their ordination
- Recognized the Louisville Korean Presbyterian Church's 40th anniversary
- Collected over \$1000 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Puerto Rico storm/earthquake relief
- Concurred with three overtures to the 224th General Assembly (2020):

- 1) OVT 13 – Fossil Fuel Divestment, 2) OVT 09 – Advocating for Reduction in Firearm Violence, and 3) OVT 13 – a Korea Peace Treaty

Since its November 2019 meeting, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery has:

Accepted the honorable retirements of three ministers

Approved membership transfer of one minister from another presbytery

Approved membership transfer of two ministers to other presbyteries

Overseen the installation of BRP pastor Mark Eldred Guided 18 churches through a transitional process

On January 24, 2020, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery sponsored a one-day retreat for clergy at Cedar Ridge Camp. 50 ministers were treated to a free day of rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation which included worship, a catered lunch, chair massages, spiritual direction, professional coaching (some of which was provided by BRP's own Kris Bloos!), and informal conversations with colleagues.

-from Alicia Bloos, BRP Commissioner to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

Palm Sunday Parade on April 5

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 April 9 at 6 p.m.

Remembering the "Last Supper" Jesus shared with his disciples during Holy Week, people will gather for a simple meal and program in Fellowship Hall.



Good Friday Service on April 10 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 12

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.



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 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.

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.



THANK YOU MARY KUTTER From Rev. Odom

The Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky celebrates the silver anniversary of its office manager and friend, Mary Kutter.

"For 25 years, Mary has been a quiet, kind, and helpful presence to Mid-Kentucky's congregations, ministers of Word and Sacrament, certified Christian Educators, and commissioned pastors. Mary has managed the presbytery's office and its affairs. Hers is the recognizable, soothing voice on the other end of the phone when you call the presbytery office. Mid-Kentucky Presbytery is blessed to have Mary's consistency, competence, institutional memory, and long-term tenure".

Please take a moment this week to reach out and thank Mary on her 25th Anniversary. Let her know that you appreciate her.

EASTER BREAKFAST BREAKFAST IN THE PARK— SATURDAY, April 11,

9:00 –11 a.m. at Hogan's Fountain

Once again, it is time for our annual Easter Breakfast at Hogan's Fountain and Easter egg hunt! **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 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*

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Congregational Life Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 9 at 10 a.m.

Visitation by the Congregational Life Committee and any others who would like to visit members: please meet at church on Thursday, March 19 at 11:30 with a brown bag lunch. Visiting will be at 1 p.m. (by twos).



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME starts on March 8. Please set your clocks forward one hour.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

The **Presbyterian Women's Circles' 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study** is "**Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,**" by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

The **Morning Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room for a brown bag lunch and discussion led by Margot Tomsen. If interested, contact Joe Anne Overstreet.

The **Evening Circle** is tentatively scheduled to meet Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 P.M. For more info contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

4th Annual "A Taste of The Highlands, Mardi Gras!"

– Thanks to all BRP members who supported HCM by attending this event February 25! It was a fabulous evening with lots of great food and lively music, celebrating Louisville's Restaurant Row while benefitting Highlands Community Ministries' Dare to Care Food Pantry and Senior Meals Programs.

Lenten Lunch Series – Lunch and study, Thursdays in Lent, at various Highlands churches. Watch the church bulletin boards and worship bulletins for details. BRP will be hosting on Thursday, March 5. Plan to attend this brief but meaningful lunch study.

Save the Date! The 50th anniversary celebration of HCM will be November 17, 2020.

BRPC FOOD PANTRY, TARC BUS PASSES, AND COLD-WEATHER GARB

We continue to try to help those who come to the church door in need. Please consider:

Donating **non-perishable ready-to-eat snack items** such as individual tuna or chicken salad with crackers, Vienna Sausage, cereal and granola bars, beanie wienies, pudding cups, and other no-cooking-needed, non-refrigerated items.

Making a financial contribution to help with our purchase of **TARC Partner Passes**.

Bringing warm **hats, gloves, and scarfs** during cold winter weather. Contact Johanna Fears or Alicia Bloos for more info.



CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Great progress is being made toward the construction of the Calvin Chapel at Cedar Ridge:

-Over \$700, 000 has been received or pledged from churches, individuals, and grants; and only about

- \$50,000 is still needed to meet the project goal. Permits are being acquired and groundbreaking should occur sometime this spring.

PROJECT WARM NEWS

The team from BRP has wrapped up its season of weatherizing homes of low-income and elderly neighbors in our community. During the winter months we helped 6 families tighten up their houses and reduce their heating bills. We will plan on doing that again in November 2020, and we invite other church members to join us and make a difference. This year's team members included Bill Bowman, Chris Clements, Devin Clements, Keith Clements, Liam Clements, and Paul Johnson. Please talk to any one of them to learn what the work is like.

BATTERIES

"Do not throw used batteries in the trash!" Did your mother ever tell you that? If she had, she'd tell you that old batteries in the landfill can leak harmful heavy metals that cause all kinds of environmental damage. So, the best thing you can do is take old batteries to a hazardous waste disposal site. However, it makes no sense to drive about 20 miles (from BRP and back) to drop off a handful of old batteries. That's where the church can help! For the next couple of months, until early June, the church will collect old batteries and dispose of them properly for you. All you need to do is drop off your batteries in the church office or in the box in Fellowship Hall. Acceptable kinds are flashlight batteries, TV remote batteries, hearing aid batteries, and any other kind of household batteries. Let's keep these materials out of the trash!



March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Noon Adult Ed Rev. Eldred preaching	2	3	4 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner/program 7:00 p.m. Choir	5 Noon –1 P.M. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at BRP	6	7 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
8 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Noon Adult Ed Rev. Eldred preaching Daylight Saving Time	9 10 a.m. Congregational Care Mtg	10 11 am Day Circle, Club Room 7pm Mission Committee	11 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner/program 7:00 p.m. Choir	12 Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at Immanuel UCC 7 p.m. Evening Circle	13	14 8 a.m.-Noon Farmers' Market
15 9:30 a.m. Sun. Sch 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Noon Adult Ed Rev. Eldred preaching	16 7pm Worship Team Meeting, Club Room	17 7 p.m. Session Meeting	18 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner/program 7:00 p.m. Choir	19 11:30 Visitation planning Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at Deer Park Baptist	20	21 8 a.m.– Noon Farmers' Market
22 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Noon Adult Ed Rev. Eldred preaching	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner/program 7:00 p.m. Choir	26 Noon-1 p.m. HCM Lenten Devotion Luncheon at St. Paul UMC	27	28 8 a.m.– Noon Farmers' Market
29 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sch 10:30 am Fellowship 11 am Worship Noon Adult Ed Rev. Eldred Preaching 5th Sunday Offering	30	31				



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Birthday Offering	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Eldred preaching
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Noon	Adult Education
March 4,11,18, 25,4/1	Noon	BRP Lenten Dinner/programs
March, 4,11,18,25	7:00 p.m.	Choir
March 5	Noon	HCM Luncheon/program
March 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Eldred preaching
March 9	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Care Mtg
March 10	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle, Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting
March 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Eldred preaching
March 16	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
March 17	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
March 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Eldred preaching
March 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Eldred preaching
		Fifth Sunday Offering