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God's Blessing is For You—to Share

It may be old news, but two significant events in the life of this church unfolded in the week after Easter:

- On April 18th I shared with the session the news that I will be ending my tenure as pastor of BRPC. I will be moving to Jacksonville, Florida, as Joyce accepts a new call to serve as the Executive/Stated Clerk with the Synod of South Atlantic.
- On April 22nd people gathered to get a clearer vision of how God is working in their own life and how God is moving this congregation to grow in faith, hope, and love.

It is hard for me to step away from y'all –my friends and colleagues in ministry. It feels like leaving creates a hole in my heart. It's hard to put into words, but the kind of community-belonging you demonstrate, and the care for God and neighbors that y'all showed me is a pearl of great price. Finding ways to share that treasure with others is a true blessing. I know I will be looking for it wherever I am.

Joyfully, Chris L.

A Bright Future – With Solar Panels

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church is an “EarthCare Congregation” and we are always trying to reduce our energy consumption (the guideline is to reduce, reuse, recycle) and to increase our environmental awareness and stewardship. Part of our mission statement as a congregation is to “ . . . **respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.**” What is more sustainable than solar energy? In April, the session approved a pilot project to install 8 solar panels on the roof of our education building. **Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light** is donating approximately \$2,500 and BRPC will designate approximately \$5,000 for the project. There's lots to learn and information about the details of this project will be freely promoted and shared with the congregation and neighbors in the community. For those who wish to do so, financial gifts may be made to reimburse the church for this investment in renewable energy and environmental stewardship expenses. Panels are expected to be installed during 2017.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is accepting names for (4) persons to serve on the session in the class of 2020 and (1) to fill a vacancy in the class of 2019. There are forms on the back table of the sanctuary. If you would like to nominate someone, check with that person, then put his or her name on the form (and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office). **The Nominating Committee convener is Mary Mpanje.**

A Congregational Meeting to elect new officers is on June 4th directly after worship.

Ruling Elders, currently serving on the Church Session:

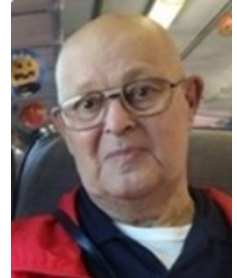
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Martin Blakeley	Keith Clements	Laura Green
Sue Blakeley	Jennie Guelda	Mary Mpanje
Linda Bowman	Doug Rapp	Daniel Rapp
Lester Gamble	Laura Stone	(vacancy)

ANNUAL BUCKHORN MISSION TRIP

Get out your calendar and plan to join us for our annual Buckhorn Mission Trip. **Dates: Sun June 11th – Wed June 14th.** This is an invitation to adults and youth (rising 6th graders and up) to travel to the hills of Kentucky for several days of work and play. We lodge at the Buckhorn State Park and travel over two mountains each morning to spend the day working at the Buckhorn Children’s Center. Our work is usually painting or landscaping – nothing too technical. Then in the afternoon, we head back to the state park for a little relaxation and a meal together. Bring your swimming suit!

THANK YOU SHAW FAMILY

Dennis Shaw was a very special person to not only the Shaw family but to our Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church family. His laughter was known by all and he would help anyone that needed a helping hand. For many years he made coffee and purchased doughnuts for coffee hour, before passing on the baton to others. After consultation and agreement by Shirley, the church has purchased and installed a new Bunn 3 Burner Carafe Coffeemaker in the kitchen. It is connected directly into our filtered water line so coffee is now just a push of a button. Regular, decaf, premium or hot tea can be made with ease. With every pot made, we will think of Dennis and how he catered to us all and know he still shares the special time at coffee hour with us all. Thank you, Shirley, for allowing some of the Shaw Memorial Gifts to be used.
Doug Rapp



THINGS TO BE HAPPY ABOUT!

Laura Green has been accepted into the Marriage and Family Therapy degree program at LPTS.

Brittany Hesson is a candidate for ordination as teaching elder and looking forward to serving as the Student Body President of LPTS.

The Purnell-Gatewood family is welcoming **Mary Caroline** into their family, joining big brother Ian and big sister Camille.

MAY BIRTHDAYS	Abby Wagner	1
	Peggy Winnenberg	5
	Stephen Overstreet	6
	Nathaniel Brees	6
	Max Moss	7
	Paul Johnson	8
	Vivienne Rusk	8
	Ryan Clements	9
	Jim Brees	11
	Rebekah Whitford	11
	Ella Green	12
	Emmanuel Muyenza	13
	Maggie Moore	14
	Chris Clements	19
	Amari Miles	21
	Scott Warrington	21
	Liam Clements	22
	Katie Bethune	23
Ernie Romans	24	
Shannon Greer	25	
Ella Hunt	27	
Stuart Bowman	28	
Amber Kenzer	28	
Beth Sheridan	28	
Philip Green	30	

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff	
*Rev. Chris Lieberman	Pastor
Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
Brittany Hesson	Seminary Field Ed. Student
*Jeanie Grosz	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
*Lanie Sipes	CE Dir. for Spiritual Growth & Mission
*Johanna Fears	Office Manager
*Doug Manier	Sexton/Custodian
Claire Detlefs	Treasurer
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MAY 16, 2017 SESSION SUMMARY

- **A new insurance policy will be initiated with Selective Insurance** which will provide adequate property and liability coverage. This lowers our deductible and saves about 16% on premiums.
- **The church will receive a generous donation of approximately \$2,500 from the Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light organization for partial purchase of 8 solar panels to be owned by and installed on the roof of the church.** Panels are expected to be installed during 2017.
- **Cathy Moss will be setting up a BRPC table during some upcoming Saturday Farmer's Markets to visit with neighbors and raise the visibility for our congregation as a community of care and spiritual support.** Check with her about the details.
- **Session endorsed a proposal from Central Presbyterian Church (Louisville) that the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky overture the General Assembly to create a task force to write a U.S. accompanying letter for the Belhar Confession** (which is our latest Confession in the PCUSA Book of Confessions).
- **Again in 2017 BRPC has been recognized and recertified as an Earth Care Congregation.** There are 208 congregations designated by the PC(USA) as Earth Care Congregations. (And, by the way, the list is alphabetical so BRPC is listed first)
- Some of the "Dennis Shaw memorial gifts" have been used to purchase new coffee brewing equipment for our kitchen ministry. Making coffee in the fellowship area is now convenient, automatic, and brings back fond memories of Dennis as the "Brew Master" for so many people for so many years.
- Several BRPC elders (Keith Clements and Linda Bowman) and several CCC elders (Mel Tubb and Rachel Rawlings) presented an initial draft of a Covenant Relationship Agreement between the two congregations. *Copies are available in the Sanctuary.*
- The February and March Treasurer's Reports were received and appreciation was expressed to Claire Detlefs and Doug Rapp for financial information that is consistently timely, accurate and available to any leaders and members of the congregation.

CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE Event *Part II* with Rev. Dr. Peggy Hinds on **Saturday, May 13th** from 8:45-11:45 a.m.

The first "Celebration of New Life" event was an energizing and healthy experience for our congregation.

People are eager to continue this time of holy conversation and openness to letting God work through us. Please plan on attending and encourage others to come.

Exciting things are underway and we're asking all members and friends of BRPC to be involved in this process for living into the future God is creating for this church.



BRP DERBY PARTY

Are you ready for our annual Derby Party? It will be held Saturday, May 6th, at the home of **Doug & Molly Rapp** at 2215 Brighton Dr. We will begin about 4:00, have lots of fun, sing "My Old Kentucky Home," and watch the races. Come and enjoy the good times and good food. This is for the whole family, so bring your children, lawn chairs, and a dish to serve 8 - 10 people.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS

Every mother will be provided a flower on this very special day. You're invited (and encouraged) to receive a carnation on May 14th in honor of the many women who give and nurture life in so many ways, with so many people. A **red carnation** if your mother is alive, or a **white carnation** if your mother has died. It is a joyous –and often difficult– day for those who gather together in the church family.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The full amount collected was \$1470.95. Thank you for your generosity!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

During the school year, we provide Christian education for people of every age beginning at 9:30 a.m. But during the summer . . . the routine changes and the classes ease into more informal and/or spontaneous gatherings. The adult Sunday morning class is continuing to meet, but **the last for children and youth CE program will be May 21st.** The fall schedule will resume on **September 10th.**

HCM SUMMER SAMPLER TOUR

HCM has announced an exciting *new* program in support of their congregations – the Summer Sampler Tour – a new way to experience the many flavors of worship in the Highlands.

Beginning Sunday, June 18, they will offer a free and fun option to sample services at churches in the safety and support of a like-minded group. Tour attendees will board a bus at the HCM campus for an early service at one of the congregations. The group will return to HCM for coffee, donuts and discussion, and then possibly leave again for a later service that same morning. Attendees will also have the option of meeting at the church if it is easier.

BRP is participating. HCM will publish the tour schedules so that the BRP congregation will know when to expect visitors. Should be an exciting summer!

NEWS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS

I can't believe it is already May! The year has gone by so fast...time flies when you are having fun, and we have made some wonderful memories together this year. The kids' have traveled to the Falls of Ohio, an election polling station, Lakeside, the Louisville Nature Center, and have had many fun parties. The Youth Group has been to retreats, a corn maze, ice skating, rock climbing, House of Boom, Waterfront Park, and put on a wonderful Mardi Gras Talent Show. The Young Adults gathered for trivia night, the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular, Taco Tuesday, a white elephant Christmas exchange, arcade games at Main Event Louisville, movie night, choose your own adventure night, and coloring Easter eggs. Most importantly though, we have all grown in faith together as we wrestled with tough questions, learned about God, and built caring friendships with one another.

So, my Scripture for this month has to do with just that, encouraging one another, growing in relationship with God, building friendships, and being thankful...

Colossians 3:12-15 (NRSV)

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

KIDS!

Kids' Club: We will have a **Luau on Thursday, May 18th from 6-7PM in the Club Room** (grades K-5th)! Get ready for the summer with food, games, crafts, dancing, silly songs, Scripture, and fun! *This will be our final Kids' Club until next school year, although we do have some fun summer activities planned, such as VBS.*

Kids' Sunday School: The last day of Sunday School for the year will be on May 21st!

Kids' Choir: Every Sunday from 12-12:30PM directly following worship!
For more information, contact Jeanie Grosz.



YOUTH!

Youth Group: All grades (6th-12th) meet every Sunday night from 6-7PM in the Youth Room (**May 7 & 14**)! Here are some important dates to keep in mind...

Sunday, May 7th

CRAFT NIGHT! We will be making lolli-pots, lolli-bouquets, and origami! If you have another crafting talent/idea you would like to share, we'd love to hear about it!

Saturday, May 13th, 8AM-Noon

FARMER'S MARKET FUNDRAISER - We will sell the craft items we made for suggested donations at the Farmer's Market as Mother's Day gifts...this is a fundraiser for summer mission trips/retreats, and we need as many people to participate as possible. *I will have a sign-up sheet and we'll work in 1 hour shifts (we'll need at least one adult and one youth per shift).*

Sunday, May 14th

Normal Youth Group from 6-7PM in the Youth Room - working on Youth Sunday plans.

Sunday, May 21st

YOUTH SUNDAY - We will be planning and leading the 11AM worship service - writing the prayers, Call to Worship, etc. for the service, and youth and kids' will be leading the whole service, Jacob Johnson will be preaching! Then, we will have our final Youth Group for the year...a **carnival themed party from noon-4PM in Fellowship Hall!!!** Fried food, ice cream, dancing, games, prizes, t-shirt tie-dyeing and time to reflect on the year! *This is also our final day for Sunday School until the fall.*

Saturday July 8th - Sunday July 16th

AMEN St. Louis Youth Mission Trip (8th-12th graders)! We have reserved our spot for the second week of July - *please let me know by Thursday, May 25th, if you would like to attend!*

Youth Choir: If you are interested in doing a vocal, instrumental, or dance solo, duet, or trio - *contact Jeanie Grosz for more information.*

YOUNG ADULTS!

Join us on **Tuesday, May 23rd from 7-8:30/9PM** at Waterfront Park for some fun lawn games, and a journey across the Walking Bridge to get ice cream! Meet at the base of the bridge.

Please contact Lanie at lanie.sipes@gmail.com for more information.

Peace and Love,
Lanie Sipes,
CE Director for Spiritual Growth and Mission

EASTER BREAKFAST/EGG HUNT

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped with the Easter Breakfast. It was great fun!
Becky



EASTER SUNDAY



Penn Muluhngwi (pictured in the middle) surrounded by friends and co-workers helping to celebrate the completion of his Ph.D. research work. Congratulations to the newest Doctor in the BRPC community of faith.

Presbyterian Women's Circles

The 2016-2017 *Horizons* Bible Study is "**Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes,**" by Judy Yates Siker. You are invited to join either of BRP's two circles to explore this thought-provoking material. The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, May 9, at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room, under the leadership of Joe Anne Overstreet. The Evening Circle will meet Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Carol Brees, to discuss Lesson Nine. New members and visitors are always welcome to join both circles. Contact Joe Anne or Alicia (454-5259) for more information or to request a study book.

Thanks from the Mission Committee

Thank you! to everyone who helped with the HCM Easter food baskets: to all those providing food items, to Laura Stone for helping sort and deliver, to Lindsay Bilyeu for helping sort, shop, and deliver, and to Lester Gamble for helping deliver. The recipients were grateful for your assistance and compassion.

Thank you! to the Louisville Homeschool folks who once again so generously provided numerous hygiene items for the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Disaster Assistance project being spearheaded by Strathmoor Presbyterian Church. **Thank you!** to all those who have donated to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, helping those in need around the world.

Cedar Ridge Camp

Summer Camps

Attention Parents and Grandparents: Summer is quickly approaching, but you still have time to provide your child with fabulous camping opportunities! Openings are available for both residential camps and day camps at **Cedar Ridge Camp**, the camp and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery located right here in Louisville! Various camps are offered for children ages 7-16. Check out opportunities and **register today** on the camp website, www.cedarridgecamp.com.

Presbyterians can get **\$50 off per child** by registering online and using the coupon code "Presbyterian" when they check out. **REGISTER BEFORE DERBY DAY FOR AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT!** Cedar Ridge Camp also offers scholarship help. In addition, Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church offers some scholarship assistance. Contact Alicia Bloos 502-496-0345 for more information or to request assistance from BRP. **Register today!** It only takes five minutes. Make a fun, rewarding, enriching experience part of your child's (or grandchild's) summer experience!

FIRST SUNDAY DONATIONS

On the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month, Mission Committee collects specific food items for the HCM food pantry. You may contribute at any time during the previous weeks. Thank you to all who have donated already. There is a plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the current requested items, **canned soups, canned meats: tuna, chicken, etc.** Please place donations in the tote at any time. Thank you in advance for your continued compassion for others.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mission Committee will meet in the Club Room at 7:00pm, May 9. You are welcome to join us for what is usually a brief, informative meeting and to share your concerns and ideas.

FOOD PANTRY & BUS TICKETS

Thank you for all the food items and bus tickets recently donated. **We do need bus tickets again.** Please give to the **BRP food pantry** as you are able. We need items to give away like: tuna and chicken lunchables, beanie weenies, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars, etc. All items should be in a single package and not need refrigeration.

BATTERIES

What do you do with all the used batteries from household appliances, toys, phones, hearing aids, and other things around the house? The Green Team at BRP recommends that you hang on to them for another month (May). We will be collecting them once again the first week of June to take to the Metro Hazardous Waste facility.



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.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 8: Presbytery meeting
May 13: Celebration of New Life
May 14: Mother's Day
June 3: Celebration of New Life
June 4: Pentecost Sunday
Congregational Meeting to elect officers
June 11-14: Buckhorn Service Trip
July 24-28: VBS
July 30: VBS Worship Service

May 2017

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Kids' Choir: Every Sunday from 12-12:30PM directly following worship! <i>For more information, contact Jeanie Grosz.</i>		Youth Group: Sunday evening 6-7 pm on May 7 & 14				
	1	2 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	3 7:30 pm Choir	4	5 8 p.m. Movie in parking lot "Secretariat"	6 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market 4pm Derby Party at home TBD
7 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Potluck Brittany Hesson-preaching <i>Brittany's last Sunday</i>	8 Presbytery Mtg at Cedar Ridge Camp, Louisville	9 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in Club Room 7 p.m. Mission Committee- Club Room	10 7:30 pm Choir	11 7pm Evening Circle at home of Carol Brees	12	13 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market 8am—Noon Youth: Farmer's Market Fundraiser 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Celebration of New Life
14 Mother's Day Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman preaching	15 7pm Congregational Life Mtg.	16 7 p.m. Session Meeting	17 7:30 pm Choir	18 6pm Kids' Club "Luau" 7pm Worship Team Meeting	19	20 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
21 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sch 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Youth Sunday Jacob Johnson preaching <i>Noon Party in FS Hall</i>	22 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	23 7-8:30 pm Young Adults at Water-front Park	24 7:30 pm Choir	25	26	27 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
28 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Lieberman Preaching	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 9:30 am Staff Meeting	31			



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 2 & 30	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Pastor's study
May 3,10,17,24	7:30 p.m.	Choir
May 5	8:00 p.m.	Movie in the Parking Lot "Secretariat"
May 6	4:00 p.m.	Derby Party at location TBD
May 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Brittany Hesson preaching (last Sunday at BRP)
	Noon	Potluck
May 8	1:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting at Cedar Ridge Camp
May 9	11:00 a.m.	Day Circle, Club Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee, Club Room
May 11	7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle at at the home of Carol Brees
May 13	8am-Noon	Youth: Farmer's Market Fundraiser
	8:45-11:45am	Celebration of New Life
May 14	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School—Mother's Day
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Lieberman preaching
May 15	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
May 16	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
May 18	6:00 p.m.	Kids' Club—"Luau"
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
May 21	9:30 a.m.	Last day for Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday, Worship Service with Communion, Jacob Johnson preaching
	Noon-4p.m.	Carnival-themed Party in Fellowship Hall
May 23	7-8:30 p.m.	Young Adults at Waterfront Park
May 28	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Lieberman preaching
May 29		Memorial Day