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Let's Grow! Let's Evangelize!

Numbers are great. They can tell us a lot about our health and our wealth. One of the significant numbers in Church Vitality Studies is the number 100. If a Church has 100 active members then it has a good chance of being able to continue to minister to the community. If it has less than 100 then the Church should take a look at its ministry priorities and ask, "Do we want to grow?" "If we do want to grow what kind of evangelism efforts will we undertake so that we have a chance of growing."

Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church has 87 active members. To get to the "magic 100" we need 13 new members. Does BRPC want to grow? If BRPC wants to grow, what kind of evangelism efforts will we undertake so that we have a chance of growing?

What is the heart of BRPC's spiritual DNA? What do we value most? What is at the heart of our mission? What are our core passions and commitments?

How do we invite people to join us at BRPC so that we can follow Christ together?

Do our values flow from encountering the risen, resurrected Christ? Do we invite people to come and touch and see Jesus with us?

How central to our ministry is encountering the risen Jesus? How central to our message is inviting people to join us in encountering the risen Jesus?

How do we witness to being more than a religious social club in which we can all get together with people who have similar outlooks on life and create a close knit community?

How do we witness to being more than a social service center in which we're trying to help people and correct the problems and injustices of the world?

How do we witness to being more than a society of religious rituals where we gather to sing and pray, and ask God's blessing on our children when they're baptized, or on them when they get married, or over our loved ones when they die and pass away?

The faith we profess at BRPC is about an encounter with Jesus Christ, and if we don't encounter Jesus while we are involved in all these other activities, then we are missing the point.

In the first Advent after he was elected pope, Pope Francis said, "The most important thing that can happen to a person

Pope Francis has said, "The most important thing that can happen to a person is to encounter Jesus, who loves us, who has saved us, and who gave His life to us."

We are Christ's witnesses to God's miraculous work in the world!

All of us experience God's miracles every day. Let us go out and talk about it!

Let us spend time talking with each other about how God has touched our lives.

Let us open the doors of the Church wide on Sunday Morning. Let us have greeters stand on the Bardstovwn Road Church Door, and the Parking Lot door, bulletins in hand, and invite people in.

Let us go out as evangelism calling teams every month.

Let us set up a booth at the Farmer's Market and invite people to Sunday Services and Youth Group Events.

Let us talk about how the risen Jesus has called us into ministry and how our lives have been transformed!

I can't wait to grow together!

FLORENCE WRIGHT SHOEMAKER

Mrs. Florence Wright Shoemaker, age 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Florence was a long time member of Bardstovwn Road Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder, as a member of Session and on many committees in a leadership role. On 1/9/54 she was received at BRP by Letter of Transfer from Buechel Presbyterian Church.

Florence was a bright and caring woman who was always aware of local and national politics. She had an extensive knowledge of world history and kept up to date with Louisville's current events. She had a fascinating and productive life and touched many people's lives.

She was married to her loving husband, Dr. Gradus L. Shoemaker, for 66 years.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are announcing a Congregational Meeting to elect new officers on Sunday May 6 directly after Worship.

Claire Detlefs was nominated to join the Ruling Elder Class of 2019. John Elgin, Lester Gamble and Sarah Hageman were nominated to constitute the Ruling Elder Class of 2021.

Ruling Elders, currently serving on the Church Session:

| <u>Class of 2018</u> | <u>Class of 2019</u> | <u>Class of 2020</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Keith Clements | Carol Brees | Lin Block-Coalter |
| Jennie Guelda | Mary Mpanje | Linda Bowman |
| Doug Rapp | | Jeanie Grosz |
| Laura Stone | | Cathy Moss |

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 6: Congregational Meeting to elect officers
- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 14: Presbytery meeting
- May 20: Pentecost Sunday
- June 10-13: Buckhorn Service Trip
- July 23-27: VBS
- July 29: VBS Worship Service

From Rev. Odom at Mid-Kentucky Presbytery:

Dear Session, Staff and Congregation, Please know that I have been holding Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church in my prayers during this past week. I am grateful for your witness to Jesus Christ in the Highlands and am thankful for your rich history of service and leadership. I ask God to bless you with strength, courage, imagination and discernment as you use your time of pastoral transition to claim your congregation's identity and to clarify your vision of what Christ is call you to do. May your faith increase and your community expand as you grow— day to day—into the fullness of Christ.

*Peace,
John*

BRITTANY'S SEND-OFF

Please **Save the Date** for a potluck on Sunday May 27.

It will be Brittany's Last Sermon and then her last supper. (with us!)



Join us after church to give her a heartfelt sendoff as she graduates from LPTS.

The church will provide meat and drinks and the members of the congregation can bring salads/sides/desserts.
Jennie Guelda

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| MAY BIRTHDAYS | 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 | |
| Anne Payne | 25 | |
| Ella Hunt | 27 | |
| Stuart Bowman | 28 | |
| Amber Kenzer | 28 | |
| Beth Sheridan | 28 | |
| Philip Green | 30 | |

| Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Rev. Mary C. Nebelsick | Transitional Pastor |
| Rev. Jim Brees | Pastoral Associate |
| Jeanie Grosz | Director of Music Ministries/ Organist |
| Brittany Hesson | Children's & Youth Minister |
| Johanna Fears | Office Manager |
| Claire Detlefs | Treasurer |
| Theo Prince | Sexton |
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MARCH 27, 2018 SESSION SUMMARY

- For the devotion, Rev. Nebelsick gave each member of Session a copy of the Book of Order which is the foundation of Presbyterian Polity. We reviewed the index to be familiar with the contents. The devotion was closed with the singing of the hymn, "Spirit of the Living Good".
- Rev. Nebelsick stated in her Moderator's Report that "we are a life-giving multi-generational, multi-national and multi-ethnic congregation". She reviewed her activities during the past month including officiating at the baptism of Mary Caroline Purnell-Gatewood and participating in the HCM Lenten Luncheon Series.
- Future communions will be served by intinction due to the smaller size of the congregation.
- A walk from Louisville to St. Louis to promote the divestment of fossil fuels will start on May 27. BRP was asked to assist the participants.
- A new AT&T phone system is being installed which will save \$1,800 per year.
- The position for a custodian has been advertised to replace Woody who quit. Daniel Rapp has been doing some of the duties until the replacement is hired.
- The 2018 Operating Budget is requiring \$100,000 to be taken from our investments which will not be sustainable over the long term. A sound fiscal policy of the best use of our funds and budget is necessary. The budget will be discussed at the next Session meeting.
- Seventy-five large font bibles will be purchased for \$1,500 with the Schmid Funds and donations from the congregation.
- The job description for the Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator is being reviewed with limits set for responsibility for age groups and supervision. The position will be advertised in April so it can be filled in June after Brittany leaves.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

The offering will be collected at the **MAY 20 service**

"Red is the color for the day"

Transforming Spirit,
Bless our children, youth,
and young adults with
a faith that grows their
whole lives long.

May these gifts we offer
shape the future of
your Church.

Amen.



BRP DERBY PARTY

Are you ready for our annual Derby Party? It will be held Saturday, May 5th, at the home of **Doug & Molly Rapp** at 2215 Brighton Dr. We will begin about 4:30, 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 13th 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. **There will be a choir of young adults and young people of high school age.**

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 20th. The fall schedule will resume in September.

NEW BIBLES

BRP has purchased NRSV Bibles with a large font.

If you would you like to donate a bible in honor or memory of someone special in your life, the cost is \$20. Please make your check payable to BRPC.

There will be a dedication book plate in the bible.

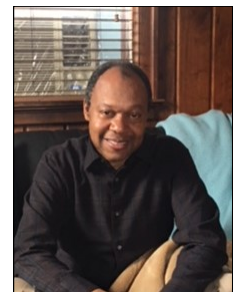
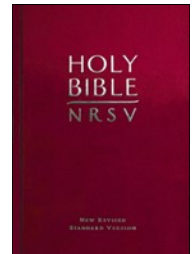
Thank you for your generosity.

Worship Committee

NEW SEXTON

Please welcome Theo Prince who is the new Sexton for BRPC. He started Monday April 16.

You will be seeing him in the building. Please introduce yourself!



Volunteers needed!!



HCM's Dare to Care Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels



HCM is seeking adult volunteers during the following times to interact with Highlands community members who experience food insecurity:

Food Pantry:

Mondays 10am – Noon

Wednesdays 10am–Noon and 4- 6pm

Thursdays 10am–Noon

Contact Assistance Director, Danah Smith at 502-451-3695 x 213

Meals on Wheels:

Delivering Meals Mondays 10am – Noon

Packing Meals Fridays 9-11am

Delivering Meals Fridays 10am – Noon

Contact Coordinator, Donna Douglas at 502-451-3695 x 206.

Location: HCM's Main Campus 1228 E. Breckinridge St. (at the corner of Barrett Ave.)

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.



New graduate:

Chelsea Lloyd graduated from Sullivan University with an Associate Degree in the Culinary Arts on Saturday April 21. Congratulations Chelsea!

ST. LOUIS WALK

May 31-June 1

Thanks to all the BRP folks who've agreed to house one or more of our guests for the night of May 31!

In case you missed last month's Newsletter article, we have several guests coming to Louisville on the 31st to get ready to walk to St. Louis. These guests are members of Fossil Free PC(USA), a group that's going to advocate for passage of the fossil fuel divestment overture at the General Assembly in St. Louis in mid-June. These out-of-town guests are going to arrive in Louisville on May 31 and begin their walk on June 1. BRP has agreed to feed these individuals a meal (in Fellowship Hall) on the evening of the 31st, host them for the night, feed them a light breakfast, and get them to the Presbyterian Headquarters building the morning of June 1 so they can begin the walk from there.

Walking to St. Louis (a distance of about 260 miles) will highlight the need for the GA to pass the divestment overture, so that the church (and its agencies) agree not to profit from the destruction that climate change brings to the planet. Fossil fuel companies are responsible for much of the greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change, so they are being targeted by the overture. So far, 39 presbyteries (including Mid-Kentucky) have concurred with the overture, so there is a lot of momentum across the country to pass this measure.

Please let the church office (451-8305) know if you can host one or more people coming to town on May 31.

TOP CHEFS COOK FOR YOUTH

A huge thank you to the people who prepared meals for the youth group who participate in All Day Church. The kids got to try some new food and everyone seemed to have a good time. It was a good opportunity for an intergenerational activity.

So, if you see: Anne Teaford, John and Peggy Elgin, Joe Anne Overstreet, Linda White, Lin Block-Coalter, Shirley Shaw, Anne Campbell or Mary and Emmanuel Muyenza....please say "thank you" for their good food for our young people.

Thanks again to our Top Chefs!

*Linda Bowman, Chair, Congregational life
Jennie Guelda, Chair, Christian Education
Brittany Hesson, Youth director*

EASTER BREAKFAST/EGG HUNT

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



KIDS CLUB

The May Kids Club will be Saturday, May 26. We'll meet in the Club Room at noon and then take a field trip to House of Boom. After that, we'll grab some ice cream and be back at the church for pickup at 4:30 p.m. Permission slips available in worship on Sunday, May 6. All students in grades kindergarten – 5th are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP

All 6th-12th graders are invited to youth group at 3:45 p.m. on Sundays up on the 3rd floor. Our May activity schedule is as follows:

May 6 – Painting Projects

May 13 – (NO ALL DAY CHURCH) Field Trip to Second Pres for Brittany's Graduation (3 p.m.)

May 20 – (NO ALL DAY CHURCH) No Youth

May 27 – End-of-Year Party

GIVER'S RECORDS

The BRP Giver's Records are being mailed.

If you have any questions or corrections, please contact the church office.

Doug Rapp



BRPC IS A CERTIFIED EARTHCARE CONGREGATION

May 3: National Day of Prayer

May 12: Fair Trade Day

BUCKHORN MISSION TRIP Sun June 10 – Wed Jun 13



Come work and play in the breathtaking mountains of Kentucky! We drive over on Sunday afternoon and return Wednesday afternoon.

This intergenerational trip has a 20 year history at BRP. The kids must be rising 6th graders and the adults don't need special skills. Well, except Joe Anne, who works her magic keeping us nourished.

We stay at guest houses at Buckhorn State Park. It's a perfect retreat after a hard day's work. There's a pool. There's the lake. There are deer. All of this and mini golf!

Our efforts benefit the staff and recovering foster children who live and work at the Buckhorn Children's Center. We usually paint, clean or spruce up the grounds. After 20 years, we are welcomed like big city cousins.

Expected costs (for food and comfortable lodging):

Adults \$75

Youth \$60

Assistance is available, talk with Mary or Jennie.

Call Jennie Guelda (558-8151) or email jennieguelda@gmail.com if you can go. It helps in planning housing and meals if you can commit by Memorial Day.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

For 2017-18 Women's Circles, the study is "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 final meeting is May at 11 A.M., to study Lesson 9; contact Joe Anne Overstreet for information. Please feel welcome to join the group.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you! to all who donated to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on Easter, helping those in need around the world.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Spring Happenings

Cedar Ridge Camp is a happening place! School groups are visiting on their spring field trips, and children are eagerly signing up for summer camp, Bardstown Road folk may be helping at a Spring Work Day (date to be announced). Contact Alicia Bloos 502-496-0345 or alicia-bloos@hotmail.com to express your interest in helping.

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, retreat, 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!

Thanks!

Thank you to all who donated during our worship service on **April 29** for the **FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING** collected to be given to Cedar Ridge to help with their costs of summer camp scholarships. (Check marked for camp may still be turned in to church.) Keep up with camp offerings year round at www.cedarridgecamp.com. In addition, monetary donations for scholarships, programming, camp up-keep, etc., can always be made online. If you missed the 2017 Adopt-a-Cedar-Tree program in honor of the camp's 60th anniversary, you can still donate for that. Thank you for your continuing support of OUR camp!

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWS

Highland Youth Recreation

HYR and HCM are working together so that 50 children and youth from KRM (Kentucky Refugee Ministries) are able to participate in the spring soccer season.

Easter Food Baskets

Thanks for your help! Because of your generosity, we were able to provide food for five families. If you missed out on donating food, you still have an opportunity to contribute. You may make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of perishable items needed to complete the baskets. Simply mark your check "Easter food baskets."

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. ***The need never dwindles. Please think of your neighbors when you shop for groceries**

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Thank you to all who contributed to the **3rd annual drive for personal hygiene kits**, again sponsored by Strathmoor Presbyterian Church. Kits were assembled at Strathmoor on **April 21, 2018**. BRPC contributed **MANY 1"-wide bandaids!**

Yet help is always needed. Check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at www.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 are interested in participating or helping with fundraising.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mission Committee will meet in the Club Room at 7:00pm, May 8. You are welcome to join us for what is usually a brief, informative meeting and to share your concerns and ideas.

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.

May 2018

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 | 2 7:30 pm Choir | 3 | 4 | 5 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market 4:30 pm Derby Party at home Molly and Doug Rapp |
| 6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Congregational Meeting Rev. Nebelsick preaching | 7 7pm CE Meeting, Pastor's study | 8 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in Club Room 7 p.m. Mission Committee- Club Room | 9 7:30 pm Choir | 10 | 11 | 12 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market |
| 13 Mother's Day 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching | 14 1 p.m. Presbytery Mtg, PCUSA Downtown 7pm Worship Team Meeting | 15 7 p.m. Session Meeting | 16 7:30 pm Choir | 17 | 18 | 19 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market Session Retreat |
| 20 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sch 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Christian Iosso preaching | 21 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 7pm Congregational Life Mtg- Club Room | 25 | 26 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market Noon Kids Club |
| 27 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Brittany Hesson Preaching | 28 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 29 | 30 7:30 pm Choir | 31 | | |



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| May 2, 9,16,30 | 7:30 p.m. | Choir |
| May 5 | 4:00 p.m. | Derby Party at the home of Molly and Doug Rapp |
| May 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching |
| | | Congregational Meeting |
| May 7 | 7:00 p.m. | CE Meeting in the Pastor's Study |
| May 8 | 11:00 a.m. | Day Circle, Club Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Mission Committee, Club Room |
| May 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School—Mother's Day |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching |
| May 14 | 1:00 p.m. | Presbytery Meeting, PCUSA Downtown |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Team Meeting |
| May 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting |
| May 19 | | Session Retreat |
| May 20 | 9:30 a.m. | Last day for Children's Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Christian Iosso preaching |
| May 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Congregational Life Meeting |
| May 27 | 9:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service with Communion, Brittany Hesson preaching |
| May 28 | | Memorial Day |