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Dearly beloved,

Spring is finally here. After the freezing rain and biting cold, it is a delicious gift. The air is soft, the trees are budding, birds are singing, leaves are bursting forth and we can finally feel the warmth of the sun. It is as if we too have burst forth from the cold of winter into a world bursting with possibilities.

One of my mother's friends gave me a slim book of poetry when I was about ten. The first poem that I read when I opened the pretty yellow cover began with the words, "To see the world". I've always thought of it by that name. I love that little poem, "To see the world in a grain of sand / And heaven in a wild flower / Hold infinity in the palm of your hand / And eternity in an hour." Not surprisingly the little poem is actually the first four lines of a much longer poem called "Auguries of Innocence" written by that master poet William Blake.

I always loved the idea that the tiniest part of the universe like a grain of sand or a wildflower could give us a glimpse into the mystical, artistic mind of God. There is so much of a miracle of the coming again of life into the world that it is hard to believe that all

this beauty is mere happenstance or the result of a random combination of atoms and energy. It is all so beautiful - so breathtakingly beautiful.

It is as if God is calling to us and we proudly tell others about our love with the luminous words of the Song of Songs, "My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land, The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'"

It is as if that lovely little ballad, "Today" has cajoled us into relaxing into happy luxurious warmth. "Today, while the blossoms still cling to the vine, I'll taste your strawberries, I'll drink your sweet wine. A million tomorrows will all pass away, Ere I forget, all the joy, that is mine today." Today is beautiful, not only because of the blossoming of spring but because of the love that surrounds us and calls us onward.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Mary



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING
The offering will be Collected at the JUNE 9 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 12: Mother’s Day
- May 20: Presbytery Meeting
- June 9: Pentecost Sunday
- June 10-13: Buckhorn Service Trip
- July 15-19: VBS
- July 21: VBS Worship Service

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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.



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 12th** 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.

NEW SEXTON

Please welcome **Corey Bullitt** who is the new Sexton for BRPC. His father, John, was the Sexton many years ago and Corey has good memories of the church. He started on April 10. You will be seeing him in the building. Please introduce yourself!

We are thankful for:

BRPC members who have had medical procedures and recent hospital stays and are continuing to recover.

Evie and Ivona’s teams at Manual and Central and the Aspen.

Marty Hageman who is contributing as a volunteer in the finance office.

The BRPC Committees for all that they do.

The continuing generosity of the BRPC congregation.

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MARCH 27, 2019 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Moderator's report on April 16, 2019 established a sober tone which characterized the entire meeting.

Rev. Nebelsick highlighted the pastoral needs of the membership at present with multiple persons hospitalized, needing nursing home or intensive home care.

Rev. Nebelsick shared a model policy for selective organizations that is recommended by our insurance company for the church. The policy addresses policies and actions for the reduction of risks of abuse occurrences and false allegations. The need for our staff to be trained and well supported in the provision of ministry to children and adolescents, particularly to persons who have experienced dislocation and traumatic experiences, was processed. The Clerk of Session agreed to edit the model policy in a manner appropriate to the needs of BRPC.

During the receipt of Committee reports, a motion was approved to increase the budget of the Mission Committee by \$1200 for scholarships to Cedar Ridge Camp.

A new sexton, Corey Bullitt, is hired and has begun caring for the building. He is warmly welcomed as a friend since his father previously worked for BRPC.

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 19th. The fall schedule will resume in September.

FROM LINDA WHITE

A note to my dear BRP family for all your help, thoughtfulness, and expressions of kindness and compassion in the wake of my recent (April Fools' Day, appropriately enough) auto accident and injuries. Since 1993, when I came to Louisville and discovered this church, the BRP community truly has become the *sine qua non* of my life.

With love, Linda White, Elder

ASPEN CHALLENGE – EVIE AND IVONA

The Aspen Challenge is launching in partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools in 2019. Twenty teams from across the city will participate. Over eight weeks, teams of students from high schools across Louisville will design creative solutions to pressing issues in their communities and showcase them for a panel of local judges.

Both **Evelyn Overstreet** and **Ivona Nijimbere** are in teams for their respective schools, Manual and Central, competing in the local leg of the Aspen Challenge. It's part of the prestigious Aspen Idea Fest that is for high schoolers. Out of 17 schools in Louisville, 3 (Manual and Central included) get an expense paid trip to Aspen in late June. So congratulate Evie and Ivona when you see them and ask them about their projects!

EASTER BREAKFAST/EGG HUNT MONSOON EASTER BREAKFAST!

With temps in the 40's and a steady rain falling, over 25 of us gathered Saturday for Easter Breakfast at Hogan's Fountain. Joe Anne, ever optimistic, declared "The company is warm and the fresh air feels great." Thanks to Steve, Martin, John and LLester for the set up. *Jennie*



ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S HOME

My name is Beth Wade, and I work in the Therapeutic Foster Care and Adoption Program at St. Joseph Children's Home. Kentucky is home to nearly 10,000 children who are in need of foster and/or adoptive homes due to abuse and neglect. My goal is to help spread the word about foster care, and to recruit families who can provide safe and loving homes to these children. I would love to find a way to team up with Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church!

I have a small blurb and a flier I could send you, if you would be interested in sharing it on a community board, or via email. Please let me know if you would like me to send you these items, or if you have any questions. I would also be happy to talk about other ways to share information about how to become a foster parent with members of your church.

I look forward to a possible collaboration! Please feel free to contact me by email or phone!

Thank you
Beth James Wade, Foster Care Recruiter

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Palm Sunday at BRPC!



HCM's Child Care Centers Full-time Part-time

Highlands Community Ministries' Child Care Centers have full-time and part-time job positions available. Starting hourly wage is \$10.55/hour and benefits apply for over 20 hours per week. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or G.E.D.

Please contact Debbie Smith, Director, at 502/458-8723 or 502/458-3045 or dsmith@hcmlouisville.org.



Holy Thursday at BRPC
Seder Meal with Matzo Ball Soup

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

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

The Morning Circle meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room. The next meeting is May 14 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, May 13, at 7 P.M. at the home of Alicia Bloos. Please contact Alicia Bloos for more information, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Attention Parents and Grandparents! Summer Camp is coming! Information about fabulous summer camp opportunities is hot off the press! Now is the time to enroll your child! 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 on the camp website, www.cedarridgecamp1.com. **DISCOUNTS!** **If you register by Derby Day**, you can get \$50 off on a week of overnight camp or 50% off on a second week of day camp. Presbyterians can also get **\$50 off per child** by registering online and using the coupon code "Presbyterian" when they check out. Also, Cedar Ridge Camp offers scholarship help, and BRP is offering partial scholarships. Contact Alicia Bloos 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 kiddos' summer experience! They will love it!

The Fifth Sunday Offering on March 31, 2019 was designated to go to Cedar Ridge Camp for their summer camp scholarships. BRPC members generously donated \$425. Thank you!

Chapel Project \$550,000 has been raised toward the \$750,000 projected cost of a chapel. The chapel will be a perfect place for weddings; memorial services; ordinations; and of course, worship services for campers, churches on retreat, etc.; and many other uses. The lower level will serve as a storm shelter. Donations are accepted at any time! As you make charitable contributions for 2019, please 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, as other improvements are always in the dream or development stage. For more information, see www.cedarridgecamp1.com.

Thank you to everyone who donated food and funds to help us provide **Easter Food Baskets** for several families receiving assistance from Highlands Community Ministries. **Thank you** also to Lin Coulter and the youth who helped sort food, and to Paul Johnson who helped deliver baskets. Your generosity to help neighbors is always amazing!

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. Donations may be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. The following **new** items are most needed: Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Shaving Cream & Razors

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 & tuna and soup**. There is a **plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary** where you may place the 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! **Please remember these donations should be newly purchased non-perishables!**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kit Project

For 2019, Beulah Presbyterian Church is spearheading this annual Mid-Kentucky Presbytery project. BRP will be collecting **individually wrapped bars of soap**, unscented or only lightly scented (no Irish Spring, please!). Items are **due to BRPC by Sunday, May 12**, to be delivered to Beulah PC on Monday, May 13. YOU are invited to help with **kit assembly at Beulah on Saturday, May 18**. It would be fabulous to have a full car-pool of BRP folks! Finished kits will be transported to a PCUSA PDA warehouse to be ready for any disaster that may arise. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com, or any other Mission Committee member: Bill Bowman, Carol Brees, Joe Anne Overstreet, Peggie Elgin, or Laura Stone. Please plan to help purchase items and to gather on May 18 to assemble the kits. **Thank you!**

BRPC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

BRPC IS A CERTIFIED EARTHCARE CONGREGATION



May 3: National Day of Prayer
May 12: Fair Trade Day

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.



LADDER MINISTRIES

Ladder Ministries is a group in Uganda that you probably haven't heard of before. The BRP Mission Committee has been learning a little about this organization in East Africa and had decided to support it with a small contribution. As we hear more from them, we'll be sharing that information with you in the future.

The recent civil war in the country of Uganda left many of their forests damaged or leveled. Ladder Ministries has stepped in to supply tree seedlings to orphans, schools, and community centers to help the environment and to improve family income. The organization also acts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and connect youth to educational materials and economic opportunities.

POLLINATOR GARDENS

Alicia Bloos, Bill Bowman, and Mary Nebelsick attended a Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light meeting a few months ago to learn about pollinator gardens. Did you know that Monarch butterflies are in decline? Did you know that bees in our neck of the woods are under stress? One thing some of our neighborhood churches have done is plant gardens to help these species.

None of the three members attending the recent meeting are experts in the subject, but we plan to call on the experts who gave presentations to give us a hand. We plan to meet on Saturday, May 11 (the week after Derby) to look at the location and plants that will help us help our neighbors, the pollinators. Please come join us!

The next Mission Committee meeting is Tuesday, May 14, at 7 P.M. in the Club Room. If you have interest in the work of this committee, please join us!

BUCKHORN MISSION TRIP June 9-12

Buckhorn Mission Trip Sun June 9 – Wed Jun 12
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 and Claire, who work their 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. Bring some snacks. Bring some cereal. Wear old clothes/shoes. I mentioned swimming, right?

We waited awhile for JCPS to decide when the last school day would be as well as rescheduling graduation dates. We want to continue this year, but we only have the cabins for this weekend. Let us know if you have special circumstances and we'll try to accommodate.



May 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 pm Choir	2	3	4 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
5 Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching <i>CE Meeting</i>	6	7	8 7:00 pm Choir	9	10	11 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
12 Mother's Day 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	13 10am Congregational Life Meeting	14 11:00 a.m. Day Circle in Club Room 7pm Mission Team Meeting	15 7:00 pm Choir	16	17	18 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
19 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sch 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	20 7 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg 11 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Harvey Browne and Louisville Korean	21 7 p.m. Session Meeting	22 7:00 p.m. Choir	23	24	25 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmer's Market
26 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching	27 Memorial Day	28	29 7:00 pm Choir	30	31	



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:30 p.m.	Choir
May 5	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service with communion, Rev. Nebelsick preaching CE Meeting
May 12	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School—Mother's Day Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
May 13	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
May 14	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Day Circle, Club Room Mission Committee, Club Room
May 19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Last day for Children's Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service with Communion, Rev. Mary Nebelsick preaching
May 20	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church and Louisville Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Committee Meeting
May 21	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
May 26	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service, Rev. Mary Nebelsick preaching
May 27		Memorial Day