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as we respond to God's call for a just and sustainable world.

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Hello Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

This past week, I celebrated my sixth month with you! Is it me, or does it seem like we have been together longer already? Gillian and I are loving Louisville and BRPres. I want to thank you for all your support, and prayers, and kind words through Lent and Holy Week. I have enjoyed seeing your comments on our Facebook Livestream after worship. And although all is going well with the virtual worship, I so look forward to your return to the pews in due time.

Your Session has voted to hold virtual worship Sundays at 11 A.M. through Sunday, May 31. In the near to not-so-distant future, you will receive some tentative processing on how we will reconvene as a church family. A return to 'normal' will happen in phases. I hope that you will keep an open heart and an open mind as we slowly seek to be back together in person!

Thank you for all the wonderful photos and stories that you have all sent to the church. A special thank you to Doug Rapp and our new temporary Sexton Frank Fry for all the hours that they have put in deep cleaning the church. You will see some of the photos of their work on pages 6 and 7.

The church is still alive and functioning! On the back page of the newsletter you will see a hypothetical timeline of church functions that we had planned. I sent this list to Session as we start to think about our summer and how to work through scheduling functions of the church moving in to fall of 2020. I can already tell you that the Annual Meeting and Confirmation dates will be pushed back. Continue to keep your session in your prayers as they respond to the life of the church.

I pray for our church and for all y'all daily! Continue to reach out to fellow church folks, and to be seeking where we can be Christ's hands and feet in the world in which we live.

God's blessings to you,

Pastor Mark

**Since we first heard the word  
Coronavirus... How have we changed?**

Are we more sensitive to the needs of others? Are we kinder to ourselves?

People are stepping up everywhere to help each other. In many ways the virus crisis is bringing out the best in people.

BRP is fortunate to be able to continue services via livestream with Pastor Mark, Gillian, Jeanie and Anne. The services will continue until it is safe to return to the church building.

**THANK YOU!**

Jeanie called to acknowledge that Molly Rapp has been helping Susan and Dan Rapp by taking food to them and also to the Gamble residence; as well as doing her online teaching.

The Congregational Care Committee has been making phone calls, daily, to members of the congregation in order to find out if they are ok, and if they need anything.

Birthday cards continue to be sent by Shirley Shaw.

**DOCTORS AT NORTON**

Doctors at Norton are providing meals for health care workers and giving local restaurants some help financially to provide the meals.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
May 10**

In honor of the many women who give and nurture life in so many ways, with so many people.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY May 31  
"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.

**No beautiful Easter Lilies this year,  
unfortunately!**

If you would like to give to the Hemophilia Foundation who provides the beautiful plants, please send a check to BRP and reference what it is for. The cost of each plant was \$10.00. We will make up for it next year!

<b>MAY BIRTHDAYS</b>	Peggy Winnenberg	5
	Stephen Overstreet	6
	Nathaniel Brees	6
	Max Moss	7
	Paul Johnson	8
	Vivienne Rusk	8
	Ryan Clements	9
	Jim Brees	11
	Ella Green	12
	Emmanuel Muyenza	13
	Chris Clements	19
	Liam Clements	22
	Ernie Romans	24
	Shannon Greer	25
Anne Payne	25	
Ella Hunt	27	

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*Good Friday – Mark and Gillian*



*The names of our Youth  
In the pews*



*Ash Wednesday at Deer Park*



*Easter*



*Lenten Dinner 1*

## BRP/HCM

HCM had to cancel our plans to collect food and distribute it to three families in April. So, there were no tags with food items, no Easter tree, and no Minutes for Mission about Easter baskets.

The Mission Committee is urging that BRP members write a check or send an online donation to HCM in lieu of providing food for the Easter baskets this year. Hopefully, we can help HCM with Christmas baskets this winter and Easter baskets next spring.

## HCM's Food Pantry. Beginning Monday, May 4, 2020:

HCM's Food Pantry hours are changing to the following:  
Monday and Tuesday: Closed  
Wed, Thur, Fri: 10am to 1pm

Only a few clients will be admitted at any given time, to allow for social distancing. Clients are asked to wear a mask or face covering if they have one available. HCM serves residents in 40204, 40205, and 40218.

## HCM EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

They can be contacted for help with rent and utilities; by phone appointment only. Please call Danah Smith at 451-3695 x 213.

## MEALS ON WHEELS – STILL GOING

Louisville Metro's weekly frozen meal delivery to seniors on Fridays is still ongoing for **HCM clients**. Staff and volunteers who work this program have had no physical contact with employees in the food pantry building.

## GIVING PANTRY

There is a food pantry at the corner of **Bardstown Road and Grinstead Drive**, in front of the Speedway station. If you would like to contribute, please do. There has been so much generosity since the beginning of the Virus crisis. People are more in need than ever before.



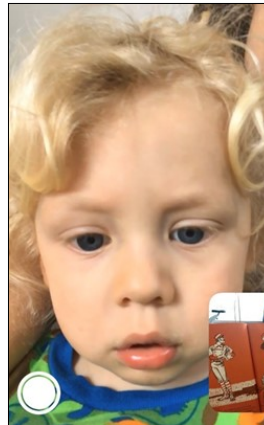
## Making necessary equipment to fight the virus: Our Speed School steps up!

Like it did for most students, COVID-19 drastically changed everyday life for students at the **University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School**. Like most students, their classes are now online, but the engineering students are also focused on finding solutions to some of the biggest problems for health care workers fighting the virus.

UofL started making the personal protective equipment for health care workers when Ed Tackett, the Speed School's Director of Workforce Development, got a request for a face mask from his sister-in-law, who works as a pharmacist in another state. Tackett started researching ways to build a face shield from scratch, then created it on his home 3D printer. He was soon inundated with similar calls. Before you know it, we've got orders for 30,000 face shields," Tackett said. "It just kind of exploded." He asked for help from the Speed School's engineering students, and hundreds volunteered. They're now working in shifts, 16 hours per day, seven days a week. On top of that, they are engineering N95 masks and swabs.

## SWEET THINGS

Joe Anne Overstreet ordered books from Carmichael's and they dropped them on her porch. She's set for great grandkid's gifts through August.



Jennie G. is grateful to Daughter, Sam, for Face Timing at least once daily. Owen is 2 and enjoys books, so for 2 weeks now she has been scrounging around for preschool books to read across the miles!

Alicia Bloos said she had been informed that she was slacking in posting pictures of Van, the "turnip". He is a few years older now!



**Restaurant Workers Relief Program, Churchill Downs serve meals to 1,000 LMPD, VA employees**

Just one day after all Kentucky restaurants were told to shut down dining rooms due to the coronavirus spread, Chef Edward Lee and The Lee Initiative began the process of turning his restaurant 610 Magnolia into a relief center. Now, branches of the Restaurant Workers Relief Program, in partnership with Maker's Mark, operate in 16 cities across the country and have served 59,000 meals to out-of-work service employees.

The Lee Initiative is also partnering with David Danielson, executive chef of Churchill Downs, to donate dinners to more than 1,000 employees at the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Veterans Affairs Hospital.

**How A Muslim Taskforce Came Together to Help the Louisville Community During COVID-19**

Members of Louisville's Muslim community have joined forces to help the city during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We wanted to be proactive in our response to the gradual restrictions put in place by local and state governments", Civic Engagement Committee member Hamza Foy said. Various community and mosque leaders and representatives came together to form this response team to create an executable plan for those families with elderly, infirmed, handicapped members and those laid off due to the virus.

Since the team started, they have supplied food and hygiene products to over 120 families and worked with Louisville Metro Government, chiefly the Office of Globalization, to translate content in Arabic, Bosnian, French, Turkish, Urdu, Wolof and other languages. They've also partnered with Americana FiberWorks to collect fabric donations to sew masks for healthcare providers



*Earthcare!*

*Pictures of spring from Bill Bowman, Carol Brees, Lindsay Bilyeu, Jennie Guelda*



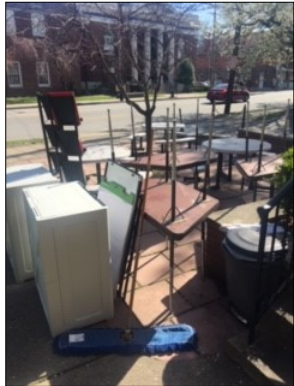
## CLOSED FOR CLEANING — DOUG RAPP



### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Volunteers and our custodian Frank Fry have drywalled, painted, mopped, waxed, washed, cleaned, stripped, swept and disinfected to make your return to God's house with a feeling of cleanliness and safety to return.

Due to damaged plaster from water damage, walls were repaired and then painted. Trim and doors to the room were painted as well as the fireplace. A dry erase board was hung to help accommodate meetings better.



All the furniture was removed from the room and the floor was buff cleaned and then was waxed with three coats of wax. The furniture was rearranged and two new storage cabinets were purchased and placed in the room to handle the miscellaneous supplies so that the room could be kept in a more orderly manner and was hung to help the room accommodate meetings better.

### CLUBROOM KITCHEN

The floor of the kitchen was buffer cleaned and given three coats of wax. Shelving was purchased and put in the large basement area to move some of the clutter.



### FELLOWSHIP HALL

The furniture was removed and the floor was machine buffed clean and was then given two coats of wax. Furniture was then reset. Work still needs to be done to repair walls and the back entrance as well as general painting and updating. Floor is clean and looks better.



### KITCHEN

The mats were removed and the floor was machine buffed cleaned and given 3 coats of wax. The equipment was cleaned with stainless steel cleaner and the mats were cleaned and replaced. A case of paper towels was purchased and made available and batteries were replaced in the soap dispenser for the sink. Compost tubs emptied and cleaned.

## CLOSED FOR CLEANING (cont.)



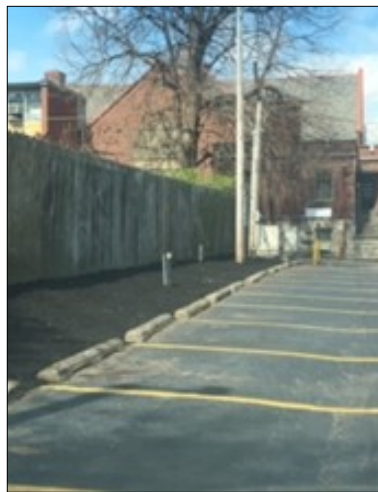
**YOUTH ROOM THIRD FLOOR:** The furniture was moved around so that the floor could be machine buffed and given two coats of wax. The floor is in poor shape due to water damage from a leak in the ceiling but looks better than it was and is clean. Furniture was replaced for the Sunday school class. One of the youth computers was totally updated for use by the youth. One laptop is still to be located and updated.



## HALLWAYS

The hallways on the first and second floor were machine cleaned and given two coats of wax. This will help make a better presentation for the Cottage Home School when they return and for our members as they use the first-floor halls to go to Fellowship Hall, the nursery and other areas.

## INSIDE AND OUT



The parking lot was striped again and the area by the privacy fence was mulched to give a better outside appearance to our property and for the Farmer's Market.



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### CALENDAR NOTES

From Pastor Mark

This a timeline to consider as we start to think about this late Spring and summer – this is the number of weeks that we are from all of these events. This will help our perspective in how we realistically plan moving forward.

May 17 Proposed Annual Meeting date– 5 weeks

May 19 Session – 5 weeks

June 14 Confirmation Sunday – 9 weeks

June 19-21 Session Retreat – 10 weeks

July 13-17 Vacation Bible School – 13 weeks

July 20 Stated Presbytery meeting 13 weeks

July 25 Session Budget Saturday – 14 weeks

August 15 Session Budget Saturday – 17 weeks

September Derby Week – 20 weeks

Sept 11-12, Family Camp – 21 weeks