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Greetings Siblings in Christ,

I can't tell you how wonderful the energy of Easter Sunday was, and looking out to see so many people attend worship. It's not about the number, it's about the collective spirit and energy that gathering brings to a church sanctuary space. I want to say a special thank you to many of you for going that extra mile to make so many worship services and events happen these past few weeks, from our burial service for Bill East at St. Michael's cemetery, to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Breakfast Saturday, and all the way to our Easter Alleluias. God's presence has once again guided us through.

I am excited for many things right now. I am excited to be a part of our pollinator garden being tended too, cleaned up, further planted, watered, weeded, and enjoyed once again. It is a very solid illustration of what the church can be in the world. It is also a constant reminder that in many ways we reap what we sow. Our intention to the growth of this once again new garden has a direct effect on its ability to sustain itself and to thrive. The weeds can easily overtake growth - therein we are called to keep at it as literal gardeners and gardeners of our faith.

I am excited for some small changes and new items in our building facility that will facilitate God's work in the world. The new technology project in Fellowship Hall has already shown itself to be of use - we gloried with family and friends in photos and memories of both Anne Teaford and George Dumbaugh at their memorial services. Our livestream project has been an on-going learning process, and facilitates participation both for members of our community and even folks from all around our world. There is an inherent charge in newness. What else might we need to be doing to stay with the times? I am excited to explore that conversation with the leadership and community of the church.

I am excited by the mouth to mouth evangelism of some of our community - being invitational to neighbors, friends, and folks in our variety of outside circles in this great community - telling others that there might be a place of worship for them too. Let us be a community who is unconditionally welcoming to all. I am excited to see new folks in our community find their niche, and for existing folks in our community to reassess where they might continue to serve and to thrive in our midst.

I am excited that Easter Breakfast regathered wonderful folks who haven't seen each other in person in a long while, and that there will be a Derby Party and many other future opportunities for us to get back to table fellowship and a variety of ways be in touch, in person, as a community.

Most importantly, I am excited to be your pastor! I look forward to the path ahead with all of you. May we remember that it is to God we give all glory and honor and praise! Amen and Amen.

Peace and blessings to all,

Pastor Mark

**Good-bye Jeremy and Luta:
Hello Cheryl and Janet
From the Mission Committee**

You may remember that we have been giving to Presbyterian Missions in support of Luta and Jeremy Garbat-Welch who were based in Malawi and working with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in the areas of chaplain training (Jeremy) and Community Health Evangelism (Luta). They will be leaving their positions at the end of June and would appreciate prayer, both in their transition and for their Malawian colleagues who continue to minister there. We appreciate their years of service.

The mission committee has chosen to redirect the funds budgeted for Jeremy and Luta to the Presbyterian Mission Agency in honor of two other co-workers who also minister in Malawi and neighboring countries.

Allow me to introduce them to you: They are **The Rev. Cheryl Barnes and The Rev. Janet Guyer. Full bios will appear in the next newsletter.** We are excited to be developing a congregational relationship with these two wonderful women! *Carol Brees*

In her most recent letter (Fall 2021), **Cheryl** gives thanks for her call and all that she is learning about her siblings in Malawi. She is seeking to build relationships with Educators and Education Directors in order to build a sustainable model for classroom instruction that incorporates active learning. She appreciates our prayer.

In her most recent letter (Dec. 2021) **Janet** asked for prayers for two projects that were starting. One is the starting of a village saving and loan project and the second is a grassroots project to help keep girls in school. At the writing of that letter, she was still in the USA due to COVID restrictions and I am sure she would also appreciate prayers for help in discerning the timing of her return.

Received many pictures –will print as many as we can



Choir on Palm Sunday



Easter Sunday—Anne P, Pastor, Jeanie G, Anne C

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Winnenberg	5
Stephen Overstreet	6
Max Moss	7
Paul Johnson	8
Vivienne Rusk	8
Ryan Clements	9
Jim Brees	11
Ella Green	12
Emmanuel Muyenza	13
Ernie Romans	24
Anne Payne	25
Ella Hunt	27

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SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

During his Moderator's Report, Rev. Eldred thanked everyone for helping with all the events during Holy Week. We used "muscle memory" to get things done as they were done before the pandemic.

Keith Clements presented Shirley Shaw's suggestion to have our church make a donation to Cedar Ridge Camp for a memorial stone for the chapel walk in honor of Grad and Florence Shoemaker. Grad had tirelessly worked at the camp building and repairing the cabins.

A motion was made and approved allocating \$200 from the Mission Bequest for an 8" x 8" paving brick for the memorial walk honoring Grad and Florence Shoemaker.

The Membership Report acknowledged the death of Bill East who died on March 30, 2022 and was buried on a hill in St. Michael's Cemetery in Louisville. Several members attended the grave site service.

Marty Hageman reported that \$75,000 has been designated for the Building and Grounds Maintenance Reserve Fund and \$5,000 was donated to Living Waters for the World in honor of Jeff Wagner.

The water/sewage and gas utilities are exceeding the budgeted costs to date due to mechanical leaks and higher utility rates.

LLester Gamble stated that our building is getting more use in post covid times and a work-day is planned once in-house tasks can be determined.

The Alcoholics Anonymous Group is getting bigger and need a larger space. They moved downstairs during Covid but need to return to Fellowship Hall. They do not need to use the sound system or the kitchen. Rev. Eldred will meet with the group to have clear expectations about their use of Fellowship Hall.

A motion was made approving that the AA Group can use Fellowship Hall on Friday night once repairs are done to the restrooms which is anticipated to be by May 6, 2022 with guidance from Rev. Eldred.

Doug and Molly Rapp will be hosting the Derby Party on Saturday May 7 at 5:00 P.M. They will provide the entrée and guests will bring side dishes and appetizers.

The roping will remain between the alternate pews for safe distance seating and LLester will be contacting people to usher.

Jennie Guelda said the Adult Education Class and the One Room Sunday School are continuing and activity books with social justice topics will be used for the youth. Bill Bowman will be taking a group on July 7 to 10 to Southwestern Kentucky near Madisonville to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance clean up following the December

Alicia Bloos is setting up a meal train schedule for providing doughnuts and preparing coffee for the Coffee Hour.

Bill Bowman mentioned that KY Interfaith Power and Light is co-sponsoring with other groups and congregations to raise funds to install rooftop solar panels on schools and government buildings.

Clare Lewis said that our church will start putting our bulletins (only the service information) on our website on a weekly basis. She will be looking at some alternative designs for our church logo to consider for new platforms.

Becky Shafer was thanked for organizing our Easter Breakfast in Cherokee Park.

New bibles are in the pews and book plates will be made to honor the donors.

LLester was pleased with how our participants presented themselves at our Stand-in-Solidarity gatherings promoting social justice and not political issues.

A work session is scheduled on May 14 to prepare the soil and install plants for the pollinator garden. Beargrass Creek Alliance will assist with the planting.

DID YOU KNOW for May 2022

Did You Know:

That Sarah Hageman walked in the three Kentucky Derby Festival Triple Crown Races? The 5K, the 10K and the 15K were all in March. She will participate in the Mini Marathon on April 30. Way to go Sarah!

That 18 BRP ladies (and one man), enjoyed the renewal of the Womans Birthday Lunch on March 30 at The Café at Paristown? Thanks Martin for bringing Sue to the event. There wasn't one in April – no ladies birthdays to celebrate. All women of the church are invited – watch the newsletter and emails from the church office for information on the May lunch – birthday ladies are Peggy Winnenberg, Anne Payne and Ella Hunt.

That there is a sign-up sheet to supply flowers for the Sunday service? Sign-up to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation; or in memory of someone; or just because. Johanna will contact you a week or so before "your" Sunday, to see what you would like written in the bulletin. Flowers can be whatever you like – cut flowers, blooming plants, seedlings, whatever!

From the MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

EMPTY BOWLS! May 15, 2022! Plan now to attend this 25th annual fundraiser, join in raffles and silent auctions, buy handmade pottery soup bowls, and sample soups and chilis with the opportunity to vote for your favorite!

***Needed: 1)** BPR will be providing several themed baskets for the raffle. Our baskets are a Highlands Holidays basket (seeking items related to holidays observed in the Highlands, such as a gift card for O'Shea's, for St. Patrick's Day) and a Gardening basket (seeking tools, plant nursery gift cards, seeds, and bulbs, for example).

***Needed: 2)** Volunteers are needed to make 3 gallons of soup for the Cook-Off (Pastor Mark is making one batch!), and to help serve BRP's two soups at the Cook-Off. Contact Alicia Bloos or Marty Hageman for more info.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

CALVIN CHAPEL Project: Work is progressing! Visit the camp's website cedarridgecamp.com or Facebook or Instagram accounts to read updates and view photos. Check out our display case outside Fellowship Hall for pictures and more!

As part of the chapel project, you may memorialize or honor your loved ones in an entrance patio paved with commemorative bricks, with either a 4"x 8" standard brick or an 8"x 8" deluxe brick, with an option to include graphics. Order bricks through the **Memorial Brick campaign** online at cedarridgecamp.com or pick up an order form in the church sanctuary and mail it back to camp. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for day and overnight camps! Did you know you can provide a gift certificate to help a grandchild or friend with summer camp costs?

STORM DAMAGE: Recent severe storms brought down 15 trees at camp. Amazingly, a mission group was already scheduled to come to camp a few days later for the purpose of training their young volunteers to do tree work.

BRP CHURCH DOOR MINISTRY

Many come to the church door in need. Please consider: Donating **money** to purchase **TARC Partner Passes**, discounted passes for the elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. **You may write a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line.** We can use also use **Kroger Cards, bottled water, tuna and chicken lunchables**. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

POLLINATOR GARDEN

It's time to start planting! And watering and weeding! Please make a note on your calendars for the Saturday after Derby, **May 14**, for part of the afternoon for working on the newest area of the Pollinator Garden. Once again, BRP volunteers will be aided by volunteers from the Beargrass Creek Alliance in the planting effort. Let the church office know if you're willing to help out.

DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP

The BRP Mission Committee is organizing a trip to help our fellow citizens in Western Kentucky this summer. You'll remember the pictures of the destruction left by several tornadoes back in December (a sample scene is shown here). We're going to take 4 days in July to travel to the western part of the Commonwealth to see what we can do to help in the clean-up.

Please check your calendars for the dates of **July 7-10** (Thursday-Sunday), and let Bill Bowman or the church office know if you're interested in participating in this trip.



CITY SOLAR PANELS

BRP members are participating in a campaign by Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light to encourage the city to budget for solar panels on the roofs of city buildings. Postcards were distributed during the worship service on April 24, to encourage members to contact their Metro Councilperson about this project. If you weren't able to participate on April 24, please contact the church office and ask for a postcard that you can send.



May Ladies Birthday Luncheon

VBS 2022- Summer Intergenerational Sundays

Our joint VBS program with Immanuel United Church of Christ will take on a new format this summer. Samantha Barrett and I decided to do a series of three Sundays (one each month) during the summer with an intergenerational opportunity for our churches. Our theme for the program is based on the scripture from Micah 6 Verse 8: What does the Lord require of you? We are still firming up many details of this program but below is a short overview of each Sunday's agenda. The programs will be held from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on each date.

June 5th - Pentecost Sunday

Both congregations will gather at Hogan's Fountain for the afternoon. We will have lunch and we will be cleaning up the park. We will also be making Flood Buckets and each church will be asked to donate certain supplies for this project. There will be some organized games and activities for both children and adults.

July 10th

This will be a Mission Fest afternoon. We will meet at Immanuel United Church of Christ. Following lunch together we will be providing mission opportunities for work at all age levels. Some of this mission service will occur at various locations in the city. There will also be a service project for those who do not wish to leave IUCG for the afternoon.

August 7th – Traditional VBS Day

We will gather at IUCG for a one afternoon blast for a VBS day for children and youth based on the Micah scripture. While our young people gather with a few of the adults for their experience, we plan for our congregants to have their own time for discussion of this important scripture passage. We look forward to this unique opportunity to work and play together with our IUCG friends and to provide mission ministry to our community at large. Please put these dates on your calendar. Look forward to seeing you!

Molly Rapp- VBS Co-Director

Derby Party 2022

The Rapps will once again be hosting the BRP Derby party on May 7th at 5:00p.m. Our address is 2215 Brighton Drive 40205. We will be providing the main dish and beverages.



We are asking you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will enjoy some games, betting on the race, and good conversation. Please RSVP by May 4th to Molly (502) 558-5339, or Doug (502) 648-9439, and let us know what you will be bringing. We look forward to a fun day with our BRP community!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lenten and Easter Sermon Series

Join Pastor Mark and Rev. Bill Williamson in an optional church wide read of "The Lost Art of Dying" by L.S. Dugdale M.D. in a Lenten and Easter Sermon series titled "Living and Dying in Christ". Interested folks can join in conversation following church in an Adult Sunday School format. You can find the book on any on line bookseller or order it through local booksellers such as Carmichaels on Bardstown Road. You do NOT have to have read the book to join in this conversation. Join us for the last three weeks!

May 1 - John 21:1-19, Chapters 6 & 7: Body and Spirit
May 15 -John 13:31-35, Chapter 8: Ritual
May 22 - John 5:1-9, Chapter 9: Life

One Room Sunday School - June 12 - August 28

Attention all families of youth and children, we will begin a one room Sunday School gathering this summer Sundays after church in Fellowship Hall starting June 12. We will be utilizing a curriculum through Disney Junior called "Rise Up, Sing Out", which incorporates 21st Century styles of music and current conversations of youth in our nation and world. We hope that you will pencil in Sundays for this summer to gather! If you have Disney Plus you can access the "Rise Up" shorts. Here is a link to a preview of the shorts - <https://www.disneyplus.com/series/rise-up-sing-out/1me648Gbg6a3>

MISSION

Justice and Faith Table - Farmer's Market

On the first Saturday of each month, our church Mission Committee has been facilitating a Justice and Faith Table, shared with local and national mission partner of our church. Past partners at our table have been the P.C. (U.S.A.) Hunger Program (PHP), Louisville Community Grocery, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). May 14 we partner with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. BRPres has participated in shared mission with KRM and Immanuel United Church of Christ to provide welcome teams for two refugee families recently. We still await our second family's arrival. Please come out to the Farmer's Market on May 14 to hear more about KRM and to support the mission of the church.

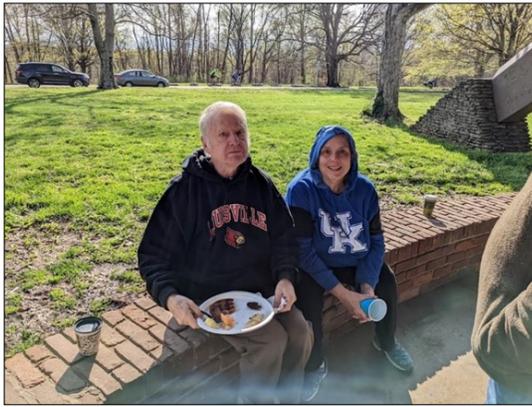
Easter Breakfast- Carol B, Pastor, Sarah B & Baby



Easter Breakfast and Easter Sunday



Anne P, Marty H, Keith C, Lorena



Clinton & Jeanie



Kelsey Family



Emmanuel, Mary, Nancy W



Sally G



Martin B, Sue B, Sheldon S, Becky S



Jennie G, Lester G, Linda B, Sarah H



Ellis Family



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May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	2	3 6-9 PM CCC Meeting in FSH	4 7 pm Mission Meeting	5	6	7 9 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market 5:00 pm Derby Day! Party at Doug & Molly's house
8 Mother's Day 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	9 10am Congregational Life Meeting, FSH 5-6:00 p.m. Solidarity	10	11	12	13	14 9a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m. Pollinator Garden
15 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	16 7 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg	17 7 p.m. Session Meeting	18	19	20	21 9 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
22 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	23 5-6:00 p.m. Solidarity	24	25	26	27	28 9 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
29 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	30 Memorial Day	31				



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EASTER BREAKFAST EASTER SUNDAY



Johnson Family



Paul & grown-up Kanah



Jennie G



Carol B & Baby Calvin



Daniel & Jorge



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