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Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church  
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**THE JOINT SERVICE WITH  
DEER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH  
AND  
BARDSTOWN ROAD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JULY 2, 2017**

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Our sharing in worship was a joy for our congregation. We thank you for "crossing the street" on July 2 in order for us to celebrate in a special way our common life as followers of Jesus Christ.

We especially are grateful to Doug Rapp, Jeanie Grosz and Brittany Hesson for helping to make this memorable occasion such a beautiful experience not only for each of our congregations but for several visitors who joined us that day.

Hopefully, we can continue our newly found tradition of sharing our life together in Christ. We look forward to working together in Neighborfest in the fall.

May the Lord's peace and grace be with us all.

In Christ's love,

David Platt



**GOODBYE TO LANIE  
Reception photo**



Brittany  
and  
Lanie

A lucky day  
for BRP  
when these  
two women  
came to the  
church!

**NEIGHBORFEST: Save the Date!**

The 9th Annual NeighborFest is Saturday, September 9 from 3 - 5 pm. There will be many of the old favorites, and some new attractions. If you would like to participate, if you would like to volunteer, we definitely need you This is a joint effort with Deer Park Baptist Church and the Deer Park Neighborhood Association. Volunteer sign up sheets will be posted in August!

It's a great time for everyone, and we definitely love volunteers. If you wish to help, call the church office or Becky Shafer at 895-0095.  
Thanks, Becky



**JCPS STARTS AUGUST 16**

It's back to school time for all Jefferson County Public School students on Wednesday, August 16. We wish that all our BRP youth will have a terrific school year. Please keep us posted on any special events and/or awards you would like included in the upcoming newsletters.

**SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER!**

On Sunday, Sept. 10, there will be a Sunday School and Youth kick-off beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Fellowship time beginning at 10:30 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m.



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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Todd Guelda	4
Oliver Hofmann	5
Sheldon Shafer	11
Chelsie Green	12
Lin Block-Coalter	13
Tony Aja	13
Laura Lear	15
Beverly Gradisek	15
Morgan Schmidt	15
Anna Foshee	17
Caroline Winnenberg	17
Robert Moss	18
Gus Kotheimer	19
Gabriel Siniremera	21
Linda Bowman	24
Bob Kotheimer	29
Ted Henson	29
Arianna Vanamburgh	29

**Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff**

Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
*Jeanie Grosz	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
*Brittany Hesson	Children's & Youth Minister
*Johanna Fears	Office Manager
*Doug Manier	Sexton/Custodian
Claire Detlefs	Treasurer
Brad Harris	Web Master Emeritus

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## AMEN ST. LOUIS TRIP STL Mission Trip (in Numbers)

1 week lived  
6 people moved  
8 non-profit organizations visited  
14 garden beds weeded  
27 bags of garbage collected  
40 emergency food bags packed  
580 miles traveled  
1,998 jigsaw puzzle pieces assembled  
3000 pounds of potatoes processed



### (In Words)

This July, 4 BRP youth, escorted by 2 adult chaperones, traveled to St. Louis, MO for a high school mission trip. The 6 of us stayed at the AMEN House, a ministry of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church. Each day, we woke up, shared breakfast at the house, and then went out to one or two area non-profit organizations for work projects. Lunches and dinners were eaten together back at the AMEN House. Each night, we closed our time together with devotion.

**MONDAY:** We started the day off at Kingdom House, working in their community garden. STL was under a heat advisory that week, so our work was cut short. After the garden, we took a tour of the KH facilities, which included classrooms for their education program, an inexpensive food market, a free food pantry, and a small bodega market. We processed several bags of donated items for the market as our last task there. After lunch, we went to Cornerstone Center for Early Learning, a local Head Start program. We cleaned the building and then spent our remaining hour playing with some of the toddlers after their naptime. The Cornerstone custodian, Bill, gave us a tour and shared that the work done that afternoon had saved their volunteer teachers hours of time for the week. Bill told our teens that he sees a bright future when he looks at them, and I'd have to say that I agree. As a treat, we all went out for frozen custard at Ted Drewes after dinner that night.

**Tuesday:** Because of the heat advisory, our scheduled work project of urban gardening was canceled and replaced by some indoor work at Isaiah 58 Ministries. We organized and inventoried school supplies for their upcoming back-to-school bash (thanks to all who donated items from BRP!). Then we helped restock their food pantry and packed dozens of emergency food bags for their volunteers to pass out to clients.

In the afternoon, our program director, Korla, led everyone in a sacred conversation on race in St. Louis, including the history of conflicts and discrimination faced by people of color in the area. We shared our own experiences of race in Louisville.

That evening, we got to play human foosball with some neighborhood teens at the OHPC youth outreach program. A local facility has life-size versions of chess, pool, connect-four, and human foosball for everyone to play. Jeanette and Ivona were team captains for foosball. Ivona, Stevenline, and Seo all played on the same team (no idea how that one happened) and they won the tournament! There have already been requests to replicate the game here in KY.

**WEDNESDAY:** We went to Lydia's House, a non-profit that aids women and children transition out of domestic violence situations, in the morning. There, we cleaned one of their community buildings in preparation for their community meals. Their director, Janelle, told us that she usually cleans this 2-story building by herself each week!

**THURSDAY:** Our morning project was a 45-minute drive through morning commuter traffic to the St. Louis Area Food Bank. This work was definitely the highlight of the week. Our small group of 6 processed and packaged 3000 pounds of potatoes in less than 2.5 hours! We had such great teamwork and high energy that the other groups around us were impressed. Jeanette is great at bagging potatoes, Ivona figured out a fast way to open plastic grocery bags, Stevenline and Hannah were 2 of our fastest potato sorters, and Seo worked so fast at unloading potatoes that he had to keep helping everyone else catch up at their stations. We all learned that a little healthy competition is just the thing we needed to make our work more enjoyable.

That afternoon, Korla brought us together to watch a documentary about a failed STL housing project, Pruitt Igoe. Everyone was so tired from potato processing that they fell asleep! Then our evening project was canceled due a huge storm, so we returned home (safely) and worked on some impromptu deep-cleaning of the AMEN House instead. That night, it was on to jigsaw puzzle #2!

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## **AMEN ST. LOUIS TRIP (CONT.)**

**FRIDAY:** For our last day of work projects, we returned to Isaiah 58 to help out in their fresh food giveaway. Each Friday, a huge truck delivers boxes of bread, dairy, meat, and vegetables, so volunteers make an assembly line to pass the boxes from the truck to the church fellowship hall. Then people get to walk through and do some free grocery shopping. At the end, we even got to take home some of the leftover bread, which came in handy at our alfresco lunch in the park when we found out that ducks and geese live in the fountain.

In the afternoon, we went to work in a community garden/farm for the International Institute, an organization that works to help refugees transition into the St. Louis area. Seo and Ivona learned how to operate lawnmowers while the rest of us weeded in the garden. This was definitely our most difficult work of the week, since it was still hot and we were all tired and sweaty!

As a reward for all the work done that week, we went out to a local restaurant called Three Monkeys and shared a nice meal together. Afterward, we had to make one last stop at Ted Drewes for some goodbye sweet treats.

**SATURDAY:** We packed up the van, said goodbye to the AMEN House and Korla, and traveled home to Louisville, arriving safely at 3:30 p.m. Now, we're all rested and ready for the youth year to kick off in the fall!

## **THANK YOU TO BRAD HARRIS**

Brad has been the official IT person for BRP for many years. His help has been invaluable and his ability to "fix" anything and everything, and very quickly, is quite remarkable.

Often he would receive a "please help" email and graciously answer with the right solution. When the system crashed a few years ago he was right here doing the tedious, painstaking work until it was complete and up and running. He also recently gave BRP a new, beautiful webpage.

Brad is now "retired" from this volunteer position.

*Many thanks from a grateful BRP!*

## **FROM ANNE TEAFORD**

Many thanks for the prayers, thoughts, cards & flowers received at the time of Carrie's death on July 9th. Carrie was our hero as she lived through fifteen years of radiation & chemotherapy while working full time until ten days before she died.

We are so grateful for our BRP family for all the love & support.

*Anne, Jeremy and Bruce*

## **2017-2018 MINISTRY TEAMS/Ruling Elder Assignments**

**Mission and Service:** Laura Green, Carol Brees

**Worship and Music:** Laura Green, Jeanie Grosz

Daniel Rapp (focusing on Youth Ministry and Worship)

**Congregational Care, Hospitality, Outreach & Fellowship:**

Linda Bowman, Keith Clements and Mary Mpanje

**Christian Education (Children, Youth & Adults):** Jennie Guelda

**Ministry Support:** Doug Rapp

**Clerk of Session:** Laura Stone

**Treasurer:** Claire Detlefs

**Nominating:** Mary Mpanje, Doug Rapp

**Commissioner to the Presbytery:** Keith Clements (Alternates are: Alicia Bloos, Claire Detlefs, Emmanuel Muyenza).

**Session Committee for Seeking Transitional Pastor** Keith Clements, Laura Stone, Mary Mpanje, Doug Rapp

## **TRANSITIONAL PASTOR COMMITTEE**

A Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed to find a candidate to serve in the role as Transitional Pastor while there is a search underway for a new Permanent Pastor for Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. The committee consists of Keith Clements, Laura Stone, Mary Mpanje, Paul Ray and Doug Rapp as committee chair. We have had four candidates reach out to us with notification of a fifth person. We have set up interviews as well as slotted the candidates into available Sundays to preach. This will take until the end of August which will give us a potential nominee to present to the session in September. We look forward to completing this task and having a candidate lead us in ministry and worship.

*Doug Rapp*



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Chris and Joyce Lieberman have a new grandchild Lily Peyton Lieberman, born July 8, 2017. They will visit August 2.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES**

Planning is beginning for the 2017-18 Women's Circles. This year the study will focus on "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." If you are interested in the Morning Circle, which meets September-May on the second Tuesday of each month in the Club Room, contact Joe Anne Overstreet. If you are interested in the Evening Circle, contact Alicia Bloos as soon as possible; its meeting day is flexible and will depend on those interested. Please make known soon your desire to participate if you have not already, so we may order a study book (\$10) for you. We hope you'll join us!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **CEDAR RIDGE CAMP**

#### **SUMMER CAMPS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the summer camp program at Cedar Ridge by sending your child or helping with scholarships!. Thanks to your generosity, five BRP children attended residential or day camp.

### **LIFE IS SWEETER UNDER THE CEDARS**

#### **AUTUMN UNDER THE CEDARS**

Mark your calendars now! Save the date of Saturday, October for the annual fundraising gala at Cedar Ridge Camp. More information coming soon!

#### **LIFE IS SWEETER UNDER THE CEDARS**

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cedar Ridge, donations to plant new cedar trees are being sought. Can you contribute \$60 for a new tree? More info available from Alicia Bloos.

## **HCM NEWS**

### **HCM BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

BRP again assisted the Highlands Community Ministries' Back to School program to stuff backpacks for children of needy families. Our VBS families also contributed. Next month we will be able to tell you exactly how much we helped!

### **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 current 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.

## **MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **New members are welcome!**

The next **Mission Committee meeting** is Tuesday August 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the Club Room. Please attend and see if this ministry is where God is calling you to serve. Anyone interested in our involvement with our community and the world is invited to join the conversation!

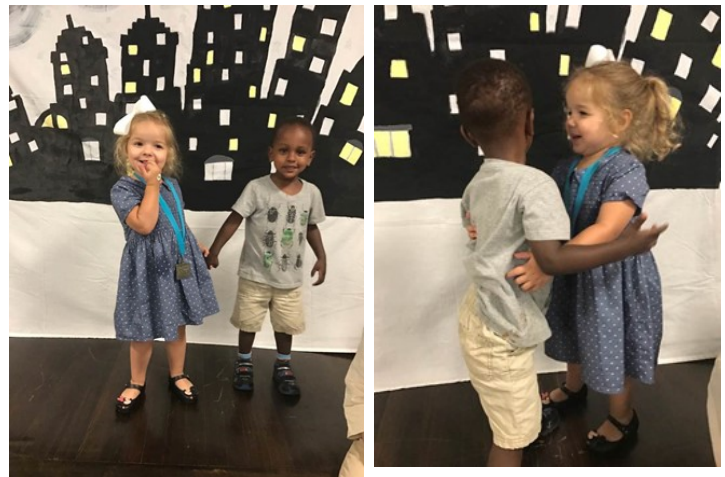
Contact Rod Eslinger at [erodric@gmail.com](mailto:erodric@gmail.com), 386-4303 or Alicia Bloos, [aliciabloos@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciabloos@hotmail.com) or 454-5259, for more information.

### **FOOD PANTRY and BUS TICKETS for BRP**

Please give to the **BRP food pantry** (for those in need who come to the door) as you are able. We need items that will stand the test of time: 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. Bus tickets can be purchased from the Fifth Third Bank at 2000 Bardstown Road.



Kids' Club

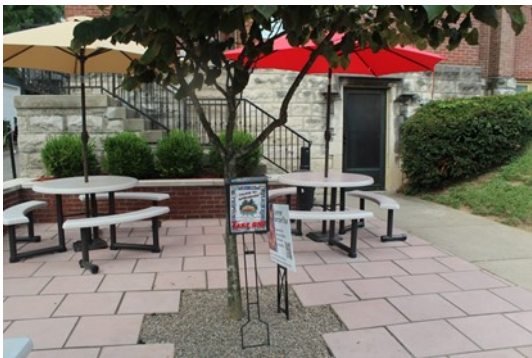


The sweetest!  
Theo and Vivienne



## CURBSIDE APPEAL WORKDAY

Linda, Jennie and Doug held a Curbside Appeal work day Sat. July 8. Doug escorted out a huge bush that was blocking our sign from view along Bardstown Rd. Gravel and mulch are helping spruce up our much used patio while new flowers have been started. Marigolds are in the planter around our sign and purple amaranths are along the Deerwood (the bank) side. Our new Little Library stand is already being filled (and emptied!). *Jennie Guelda*



## THE REFRIGERATOR ... Again

Brittany and the youth group cleaned out the refrigerator as a work project. They found outdated food, some of which they could hardly identify.



They did not throw anything out that was in date or that seemed edible.

HOWEVER...please, please....

IF you have an event with food...don't leave left overs in the refrigerator unless you know who will eat them the next day.

Mark whatever you put in refrigerator.....date it, even butter and milk. I now this sounds silly. But several groups use the fridge so we need to be aware of what is there.

Please thank Brittany and the young folks for a messy job well done.

Thanks... Session



Youth Group Ice Cream Party!



# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
6 <b>Communion</b> 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Brittany Hesson preaching	7	8 9:30 am Staff Meeting  7pm Mission Committee, Club room	9  3-5 pm Seminary Ice Cream Social	10	11	12 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
13 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick preaching	14	15  7 p.m. Session Meeting, Club Room	16	17  JCPS starts school year	18	19 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
20 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Potluck Rev. Elisa Owen preaching	21	22  9:30 am Staff Meeting	23  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24	25	26 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
27 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship TBD preaching	28	29	30	31		



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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 6	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Brittany Hesson preaching
August 8	9:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Pastor's study
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting, Club Room
August 9	3-5:00 p.m.	Seminary Ice Cream Social
August 13	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick preaching
August 15	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting, Club Room
August 17		JCPS Starts School
August 20	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Elisa Owen preaching
August 22	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Study
August 27	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Preaching TBD