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Dearly beloved,

I drove on miles of gleaming highway this past weekend on my way to our family's reunion. Indiana gave way to Illinois. Iowa came next and finally, 15 hours later, we entered South Dakota. Every major town had its own story. I peeled away my childhood memories of making the same trip in an old diesel Mercedes Benz that invariably ran aground in Iowa. This time I drove a little white Prius. It hummed along as if the 900 mile trip were a breeze. When we reached Sioux Falls it was already dark. We had missed the early gathering, the raucous swimming and the competitive family baseball game. But we were there! We are a big family. My grandparents had 12 children. Three babies died as infants. The nine who survived took God's command to be fruitful and multiply seriously! Now there are over 150 aunts, uncles and cousins who span four generations. Most of my cousins already have grandkids. They are beautiful children: sturdy, loving, independent and happy. They cluster around their grandparents (my cousins) and great grandparents (my aunts and uncles) like busy bees around flowers. They dip in for a hug, a kiss and a kind word. It is wonderful to see.

After the meetings we drove further to the little town, Emery. There standing where it has stood since 1923 sits St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. This lovely brick church is the center of my grandparents', aunts and uncles' and cousins' faith journey. It is also the center of my faith journey. As a missionary kid, there was only one church that our family returned to again and again. Here, sitting next to the local elementary school, was the church of my heart. No other church has ever taken its place. My cousin Richard called a friend who had the key to the church. He met us in front of the lovely edifice shaded by leafy trees. As soon as we entered and I breathed in the air I felt at home. The soft afternoon light filtered through the chancel window. There Jesus is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. You all know the window. It also graces the chancel of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church. I relived cold Christmas pageants where each of my cousins played a role in the manger scenes. I heard again the lilting sounds of children's voices singing, "Little baby in the manger, I love you." I recalled sitting in the basement learning the Sunday School lessons, taught by my Aunt Margery, that have sustained me my entire life. It was in this church that my faith was anchored and in this church that we held the last of my father's funeral services.

Our final stop was the cemetery where my father is buried. One would have thought we could have found it easily. But somehow we couldn't. After all, the roads are laid out in a grid pattern. But we kept getting turned around. We toured field after field of corn and soybeans. We travelled up and down gravel roads.

Finally we found it. It is only a grassy field dotted with grave stones, but the grave markers tell of loves and loss. Little children are buried under stones with lambs on their lintels. The grave of one of the first pastors of the German Presbyterian Church sits next to the grave of his little daughter. They died the same year. He was 42, she was only six. She died in January, he lived until June. The stories are stories of love. My father is buried next to his parents and his favorite brother. It is a beautiful place. The groundhogs scurry in and among the grave. Delicate purple wildflowers bloom on the edges of the fields. Tiny frogs jump and hop in the tall grass. Over it all the blue dome of the sky arches overhead until it caresses the green fields at the edge of the horizon. We walked along the neat rows of grave stones. I remembered my beloved relatives and older friends. Here, among the grasses and the corn, they were not so far away.

I returned, refreshed, knowing the real meaning of family. It is enduring, girded and supported by faith. It is everlasting. It is elastic. It embraces all who come. I pray that you too, will know this meaning of family. I pray that all of us will open our arms to welcome all those who come.  
Your fellow servant in Christ,  
Mary

*The Khat Khai Refugee family at home and learning computer skills! Jennie Guelda's article is inside (pg. 6) with more pictures!*



**NEIGHBORFEST: Save the Date! 9/15/18**

The 10th Annual NeighborFest is Saturday, **September 15** 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 and Covenant Community Church. 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*



**DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

The news is full of news about natural disasters and many may be wondering what you as an individual or we as a Presbyterian Church can do. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) website <http://pda.pcusa.org/> lists actions and activities where you can lend a helping hand either with your checkbook or by planning to volunteer.

Recent fires and floods or any other natural disaster initially needs donations to help individuals dealing with the consequences of the incidents. Actual work following fires, floods or tornados tends to be done by those with special training.

There are, however, a large number of volunteer opportunities for those with non-specific skills. Those then to be rebuilding efforts that tend be for disasters that have occurred a year or more ago. A number of churches offer assistance in housing and directing activities to help with the rebuilding campaign. They include: First Presbyterian Church, Hammond, LA; First Presbyterian Church Lafayette, LA; Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders, Denham Springs, LA; Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO), an outreach ministry of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans; and University Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, LA.

They ask that volunteers work through PDA by calling or emailing the call center to set up reservations. Members of the various churches with then contact volunteers with specifics.

*Peggie Elgin*

**For more information:** Cameron Stevens, [\(800\) 728-7228](tel:8007287228), x5839

**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

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## GIVE YOURSELF A SMILE!



*Theo and Vivienne enjoying their ice cream.*



## AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK DINNER

**Mark your calendars  
August 12, 2018**

Hopefully by that date the Session can provide an update on the process for a pastor search committee. Bring your questions to share along with a yummy dish.

Brought to you by your Congregational Life Committee

## FROM PASTOR DONNA FRISCHKNECHT JACKSON

It was wonderful being with you on Sunday July 22.

I really felt a warm and welcoming spirit among the congregation. And the music was amazing!

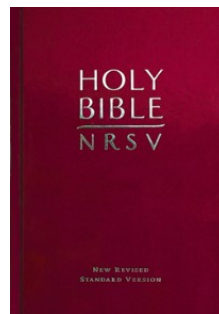
## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

It hardly seems possible that summer is flying by this quickly. Our Worship Committee has been meeting monthly to enhance our Worship Services with Chimes, opening of our beautiful large Bible, pouring water to remind of us of our own Baptism, use of traditional and contemporary hymns and Liturgy and so much more. We appreciate any input from the congregation as this is Our Worship Service. We have been blessed to have soloist Anne Payne and the young adult choir sharing their gifts of music while the Chancel Choir took their July Break. We hope you enjoyed the Service.

*Jeanie Grosz*

## 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. Please see forms in the rear of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your generosity.

*The Worship Committee*

## JCPS STARTS AUGUST 13

It's back to school time for all Jefferson County Public School students on Wednesday, August 13.

## USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR BRPC!

Please contact Jeanie Grosz at 643-7660 if you would like to volunteer or call the church office at 451-8305.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congrats!** to Ivona Nijimbere, who recently completed the Northwest Area Health Education Center *Healthwise* program, an intensive month-long schedule of classes and field trips to explore careers in the health field. Way to make good use of summer vacation, Ivona!

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 17, 2018

- The Session met on July 17, 2018 with marked progress in the integration of returning Elders. Upon recommendation of the Worship Ministry Team the Session voted to return to the nomenclature of "Committees" rather than "Ministry Teams." Session considered the importance of involvement of member and church participant to meet the discipleship goals which the Committees are establishing .
- The Rev. Mary Nebelsick summarized her written report which included dates on which she preached (June 24, and July 8 and 15) , the joint worship with Deer Park Baptist Church on 7/1/18, and the number of Home Communion services as well as visitations to members in care facilities. She provided leadership to the Session in a discussion of the five questions that Mid-Kentucky Presbytery has asked BRPC to answer in preparation for electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Rev. Nebelsick continues to host homeless community members who come to the building to share food and cold water, to power their cell phones, to participate in a caring moment.
- Session members reviewed the information on BRP from the Church Vitality Report. Session members found some of the reports disappointing: members report decreasing involvement and that church is not prioritizing faith formation and disciple making. It was noted that the respondents did not include recent additions to the congregation.
- For the month, the church's operating budget had receipts of \$24,377 with expenses of \$18, 749. Year to date the income is \$114,452 with expenses of \$87, 887, leaving a surplus of \$7,816. While pledges are down, this was anticipated in the 2018 budget. Some income areas are up including unpledged giving and Love Gifts.
- John Elgin, co-chair of the Building and Grounds committee with Lester Gamble, surveyed the facility. A short-term goal is plan is that BRP will provide paint and materials and Louisville Home School (LHS) will provide labor to freshen up the area that is utilized by LHS.
- The Congregational Life Committees plans contacts with homebound individuals as well as nursing care facility residents on second Friday of each month. Any church member or friend is invited to participate by bringing lunch to church, 1200 pm, and then doing visitation.
- The display case near the Fellowship Hall is being utilized to highlight activities of the Mission Committee. In June, the subject was Buckhorn Children's Services and the Nehemiah Project (a capital project for the renovation of residential cottages). For July the theme is the church's continuing involvement with Habitat for Humanity, including work days on 7/28 and 9/8 for the Presbyterian Habitat House. The Khai family has arrived from Burma and pictures are available elsewhere in the newsletter.
- On behalf of the Worship and Music Committee, the Rev. Jim Brees will offer a workshop for Liturgists on 8/7, 8/12 or 8/19 to review expectations for the role. Ernie Romans, former student intern, will preach on 8/12.

## 2018-2019 MINISTRY TEAMS/Ruling Elder Assignment

**Clerk of Session:** Lin Block-Coalter

**Building and Grounds:** John Elgin, Lester Gamble

**Christian Education:** Sarah Hageman, Mary Mpanjie

**Mission and Service:** Bill Bowman, Carol Brees

**Outreach:** Doug Rapp, Lin Block-Coalter

### Support

Administration: Lin Block-Coalter

Finance: Claire Detlefs, Doug Rapp

Stewardship: Lin Block-Coalter

Personnel: Claire Detlefs, Doug Rapp

**Worship and Music:** Jeanie Grosz, Carol Brees, Claire Detlefs, Cathy Moss, Lester Gamble, Anne Teaford, Anne Campbell, Siram Coalter

### Commissioner to the Presbytery:

Keith Clements (Alternates are: Alicia Bloos, Claire Detlefs)

## BAPTISM AT BRPC



Kellgren/Overstreet Baptism 6/24/18

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES**

Planning is beginning for the 2018-19 Women's Circles. The 2018-2019 *Horizons* Bible study will focus on *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. According to the Presbyterian Women website, the study "takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestations of God's presence but rather on God's actual articulation of God's promise. We will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age."

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, so we may order a study book (\$10) for you. We hope you'll join us!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **Cedar Ridge Camp**

**Cedar Ridge Camp** is the camp, retreat, and conference center of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery located right here in Louisville. The latest news:

- Summer 2018 was busy at CRC! **245** children attended day camp and **121** attended overnight camps. Many children's lives have been changed by getting to know each other and God in this natural setting. **BRP campers** in June included **Ari and Maddie Vanamburgh**, and **Esperance Ni-yibitanga and Oriverye Ndizeye**. When you see them, ask about their experience!
- Alainna Brummert is the new Program Director and is happy to field calls from anyone wanting to make a reservation at camp.
- Many new trees were planted this year, thanks to donations to the *Life is Sweeter Under the Cedars* campaign to plant 60 new trees in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp in 2017. (*cont. next column*)

### **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. Bus tickets can be purchased from the Fifth Third Bank at 2000 Bardstown Road.

## **Highlands Community Ministries**

### **Personal Care Items Needed**

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. The following new items are most needed:

Bars of Soap  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Deodorant  
Laundry Detergent  
Shaving Cream + Razors

Donations may be placed in the designated spot in the rear of the sanctuary.

**Thanks !**

Thank you to all who donated to HCM's Summer Food Drive and the Back to School Program. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide backpacks for many students for the 2018-2019 school year and to help restock the food pantry with lots of macaroni and cheese. (Watch for final totals next month!) Also, thank you to all who made monetary donations to HCM during our Fifth Sunday collection on July 29 (If you missed it, checks may still be submitted—just write "HCM donation" on the memo line.). Thank you for your continuing support of HCM!

### **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. In August we return to collecting **canned meats and soups**. There is a plastic tote in the back of the sanctuary where you may place the requested 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!**



**Cedar Ridge pictures**

## REFUGEE FAMILY KHAI



We are seeking donations to help our newest refugee family.

Or if you are at Valu Market, a gift card would be great. Every day, there are many things to help them with.



## Investing in the Future!

Khat Khai and his family of 8 arrived in Louisville three weeks ago. Bardstown Road is partnering with First Pres and First Christian churches of Shelbyville to provide this wonderful family with three months of initial support. Session has approved a one time commitment of \$800 that will help with rent and utilities until the parents and two older kids find employment.

Bill Bowman, Kathy Bean, Wes Overstreet, along with Mary and Rachel, helped prepare the house. It is at 112 E. Woodlawn over in Beechmont. It's a great location for the bus, the library and the Americana Community Center. Some of our support has included:

- Consignment clothes shopping for all 8. We hit Goodwill and Once Upon a Child
- An outing to the Riverfront and a walk over the Big Four Bridge together
- Two separate bus trips to KRM when Mary and I taught them all we know about Louisville's bus system.
- Drop by visits where Mary got the three teens over to Iroquois Library for some computer time, problem solving with the stove, washer, dryer and water dispenser.
- Finding a push mower and preparing it for them to use in the small yard
- A visit to take Hau out for her birthday outfit and a trip walking to the nearest Asian market for rice and a birthday treat.

They have yet to receive their food stamp benefits. Some of our grocery expenses will be split between our three churches; however, BRP has not requested donations to a specific fund for this family. If you would like to support this refugee effort, please either commit with a cash donation or a gift card from ValuMarket would also be appreciated. There's one at Iroquois Manor as well as Mid City Mall. If you'd like to come along to visit with me or Mary, let me know. We can walk the neighborhood; hit the library or

Iroquois Park. When you are in their home, there are always questions: a light on the porch is out, demonstrating the washer and dryer, sorting through cleaning supplies (comet, dryer sheets, PineSol...) and what they are used for. Mary even found a Wee Sing book with CDs and we sat with the entire family singing kids' action songs (Itsy Bitsy Spider).

The family is comprised of:

Khat Khai dad 38, Zen Cing (Tsing) mom 37, Don girl 19, Suan (Swan) boy 18, Mung (Moong) boy 16  
Vung (Voong) girl 14, Hau (How) girl 12, Nau Cing (Now Tsing) girl 3

The family moved from Malaysia, but come originally from the Chin hills of Myanmar. These Christians are persecuted by Buddhists in their home country. This family is excited and motivated to succeed. They have the warm support of a Zomi church over on Dixie, but will certainly be invited to Bardstown Road soon for a meet and greet.

It is my pleasure to support them in their transition to life here in Louisville. Join me. *Jennie*

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
5 <b>Communion</b> 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching 5th Sunday Offering for July	6	7	8	9	10	11 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
12 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship After worship potluck Ernie Romans preaching	13 JCPS starts school year  7pm Congregational Life meeting	14  7pm Mission Committee, Club room	15	16	17	18 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
19 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	20  7pm Worship Committee Mtg. in the Club Room	21  7 p.m. Session Meeting, Club Room	22	23	24  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 5	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion, Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick preaching
August 12	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Ernie Romans preaching
	Noon	Potluck
August 13		JCPS Starts School
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
August 14	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting, Club Room
August 19	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick preaching
August 20	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting, Club Room
August 21	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting, Club Room
August 26	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Dr. Mary Nebelsick Preaching