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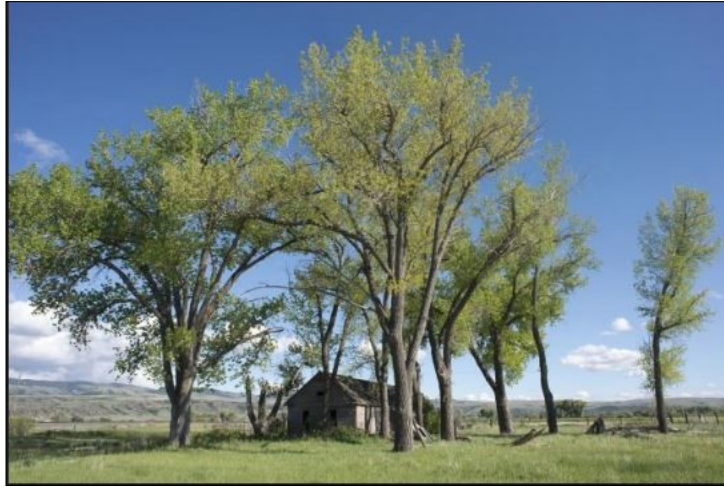
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Dearly beloved,

This past weekend Paul, Rachel Marie and I drove out west to Kansas for the Nebelsick Family Reunion. It was wonderful to see my beloved aunts and uncles and innumerable cousins. When I was a child we would take a similar trip west every August and every Christmas. To pass the time, my father and I would sing, somewhat tunelessly his beloved WWII ballads and songs of the west. A particular favorite was "Don't Fence Me In" which describes the essence of freedom.

"Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above.
Don't fence me in.

Let me ride through the wide open country that I love.
Don't fence me in.

Let me be by myself in the evenin' breeze. And listen to
the murmur of the cottonwood trees. Send me off
forever, but I ask you please. Don't fence me in.

Just turn me loose, let me straddle my old saddle
underneath the western skies.

On my Cayuse, let me wander over yonder till I see the
mountains rise.

I want to ride to the ridge where the west commences.
And gaze at the moon till I lose my senses. I can't look at
hovels and I can't stand fences. Don't fence me in."

Cottonwood trees are particularly magnificent. They protect, but don't hem in. With trunks that can grow to over 8 feet in diameter and are often multi branched, they shelter farmsteads and adorn country roads. In the evening their leaves rustle as if they are whispering secret hopes.

And yet, they are "messy". When they reach maturity they send their seeds wafting through the air on downy tendrils of fluff. The seeds land wherever the wind takes them. Some seeds land on hard interstate tarmac. Other seeds fall on gravel farm roads. Still others settle on top of vigorous scruffy plants growing in soil the texture of concrete. None of these seeds sprout easily, if at all. Happily for the traveler, whose eyes scan the horizon, and for anyone seeking shelter and refreshment on broiling hot days, there are others who bury themselves deeply in fertile land and grow vigorously to reach the sky.

BRPC is very much like the cottonwood tree. BRPC's roots reach deep into fertile soil, its branches shelter friend and stranger alike and it sends forth its seeds of faith generously out into the world.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Mary

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 16, 2019

On July 16, 2019 the Session opened with a hymn borrowed from the Vacation Bible School which was in progress. Actions of the Session included approval of the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Manual of Administrative Operations. Considerable time was spent reviewing a proposed Policy and Procedure of the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Regarding Allegations of Sexual Misconduct. Final action on the Sexual Misconduct document is delayed until a Called Session meeting on July 30, 2019.

The Membership Report acknowledged with pleasure that Margot Tomsen joined the church on July 14, 2019.

Marty Hageman, Treasurer, highlighted that the church has a year to date balance of \$3,283 with income of \$28,155 in June and expenses of \$15,650. The church budget continues to be supported by quarterly transfers of funds from investment funds which underlines the importance of pledged as well as gift income.

The Building and Grounds Committee continues to solicit ideas for use of a \$25,000 to improve the appeal of the church building.

Dates are set for children and youth to tour the zoo and swim at Lakeside. All families and friends of the church are invited to attend a Louisville Bats game in August.

While concluding a series of informal worship experiences during July, the Music and Worship is planning a special service on August 25, 2019 to honor the Rev. Richard Teaford.

WE ARE THANKFUL:

For the continuing generosity of the BRP congregation.
 For the bequest from Robert Kennedy. (below)
 For Molly and Samantha and for their leadership during another successful VBS!
 For the Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue their work.
 For the joy of Kris and Alicia Bloos who recently witnessed the baptism of two grandsons. Andrew Eugene Bloos, infant son of Casey and Lindsay Bloos, was baptized June 9 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Olean, Indiana, and grandson William David "Liam" Miller, infant son of Rob and Brandi Miller, was baptized on July 21 at Highland Presbyterian Church, Louisville.

Thank You Robert Kennedy!

The church received a bequest from the estate of Bob Kennedy of approximately \$6,500 of which \$650 will go into the Mission Tithe Bequest Fund and the remainder into the General Bequest Fund. The Mission Tithe Bequest Fund is used to encourage church participation in mission projects but near and afar. Bob gave to the church in so many ways and especially being part of the weekly children's sermon with Agathos and Sherman. He was also a wicked softball pitcher on the Monday night men's softball team. Bob will always hold a special place in our hearts and we appreciate yet another gift to the church.

WELCOME NEW BRP MEMBER

Welcome to Ms. Margot Tomsen who is now a member of BRP. Ms. Tomsen has attended BRPC frequently since relocating to Louisville upon her retirement. She had been employed as professor of English at Hanover College. She was baptized at Hanover Presbyterian Church and, as a member there, she participated in the Mission and Service Committee, Adult Sunday School class and as an ordained Elder. BRP is also fortunate that she has volunteered to be our Bible study leader. The Day Circle will continue to meet on the second Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. in the club room.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	Todd Guelda	4
	Sheldon Shafer	11
	Lin Block-Coalter	13
	Tony Aja	13
	Laura Lear	15
	Beverly Gradisek	15
	Anna Foshee	17
	Robert Moss	18
	Gus Kotheimer	19
	Gabriel Siniremera	21
	Linda Bowman	24
	Bob Kotheimer	29
Arianna Vanamburgh	29	

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The Aspen Challenge, et al.

Hello, my name is **IVONA NIJIMBERE**. I've been at this church for a while now. This church has become my family and a joyful place to spend my time and days. This summer has been full of adventures and explorations that I would love to share with you all. For the 2018-19 school year I joined clubs called **The Aspen Challenge and Educators Rising**. These programs helped me grow academically and as a person.

The Aspen Challenge was a program that created a platform for youths like me to have an opportunity to speak about their community and make positive change for their community. Educators Rising is a program for young people who aspire to be future teachers/leaders. Both of these programs enhance public speaking and engagement skills. They both required competitions that weren't easy. During The Aspen Challenge we were given six challenges to choose from and my group chose "to foster civic participation by engaging the community in important constitutional conversations." We decided to hold forums, partner with the law magnet, and create lessons in our reading classes to create positive change in our school and community. The program lasted for 8 weeks, after which we had to present our report, and my team, Central High School, was chosen to go on a free trip to Aspen, Colorado. Winning was great, but the trip was even better. We got to explore the small city of Aspen, the Aspen Mountains, the Maroon Bells, and so much more. I was able to attend the Aspen Ideas Festival where I met people from all around and got to hear amazing, talented, famous, smart, and educated women and men. This trip was all in all amazing and memorable. I'm glad I had an opportunity to experience it and come back to share stories.

Educators Rising Conference was held in Dallas, Texas. In Dallas we attended learning sessions and college fairs. This focused on educating us on the pathways to become a teacher and the ups and downs of it. They gave us ideas on lessons and ways to enhance the classroom for all students of all grades and different cultures. Although we were there for a conference, we got a chance to explore the city for a while. We saw the reunion tower, restaurants, The African American Museum, and the John F. Kennedy memorial. This trip was short but amazing. I'm glad I was given the opportunity to be able to go.

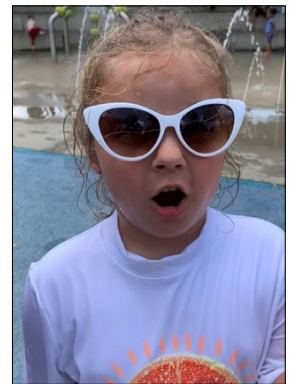
I also attended **Cedar Ridge Camp** as a C-I-T (counselor in training). Getting to work with kids and having a little bit more freedom than when I was a camper was amazing, but the sun was no joke. I didn't worry about sunburns before this, but after this week I have worn sunscreen ever since!

My last program for the summer is the **African-American Youth Female Leadership Summit**. It will be held in Ohio and we will stay on campus at Central State University (HBCU). We will attend sessions of empowerment and have lessons on "how to become better leaders and promote positive change to ourselves and the community". Thank you for reading this.

IVONA

YOUTH AT WATERFRONT PARK

On Sunday July 21, a sweltering afternoon, we switched our field trip plans from melting at the zoo to chillin' at Waterfront Park. Sarah's friend, Jody, and her gymnastic son, Clayton, joined us for an afternoon of waterworks and then, since it was National Ice Cream Day, a trip to Ehrler's on Main.



Did you turn in an idea for a special project?

The session wants your input for ideas that the congregation can get excited about and work together to make it happen. Maybe it is updating some parts of the church, maybe it's a new outreach, maybe it's something you have wanted to suggest that would help create a renewed energy and involvement. Take time to express your ideas and send them to John Elgin as we will be presenting them to the session for review. The money that would be set aside for these ideas is \$25,000. Please include how you think the changes will help create new energy, involvement, as we carry out our new mission statement... **"Blessed with God's love and grace, we seek to support each other as we extend God's message of hope and love to the world around us by our words and actions."**

Vacation Bible School 2019: We Did It!

Our ReNew: The Green VBS program with Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian and Immanuel United Church of Christ was a big success. Our 25 adult and youth volunteers worked hard and well together to create an enjoyable and enriching experience for all 22 children who participated.

This adventure empowered our children to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Each morning we explored different aspects of Jesus' Parable of the Sower (Mark 4: 1-9) from the perspectives of self, community, and the world. Afterwards, the three groups of children rotated through activities which included music, crafts, snacks, recreation, and reflection time. The theme for the day was discussed, and interactive activities made the message come alive.

On Monday, we focused on why God and people plant seeds. Exploring, and tasting seeds in blueberries and watermelon, playing a good, better, and best soil game, making reusable water bottles, and singing "Peace Like a River" made us aware that God's love is a seed in us.

On Tuesday, we discussed plants taking root and identified our spiritual roots. Creating roots of faith sculptures, participating in seeds and paths relays through different terrains, and making seed mosaics we witnessed God's love taking root in us.

On Wednesday, we talked about growing, and what people and plants need to flourish. Singing "Oats and Beans and Barley Grow", making garden tool bags, snacking on soil and worms (oreo cookies and gummy worms), and playing the game "Who Took my Seeds"? showed us God's love is growing in us each day.

On Thursday, we focused on plants and people, rocky ground and thorns, and the way God helps us through the difficult times. Planting our painted pots for our shut-ins, learning to recycle paper, plastic, and aluminum appropriately, and singing "This Little Light of Mine" helped us remember that God's love helps us face challenges.

On Friday, we had the children participate in interactive skits reviewing what they had learned over our VBS week. After our opening time we traveled to Hogan's Fountain in Cherokee Park, picking up trash and recyclables to serve God and beautify our surroundings. We also enjoyed some time to play and picnic together.

On Sunday morning we gathered at BRP to worship together. Adults, youth volunteers, and some of our children served as liturgists, while VBS participants of all ages shared joyful music together. Our VBS program also collected supplies to support the HCM Back to School drive. We wish to thank all our adult and youth volunteer who helped make VBS so special!

Molly Rapp and Samantha Barrett, VBS Co-Directors



Vacation Bible School



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Cedar Ridge Camp

Six BPR campers, Maddie and Arianna Vanamburgh, Alisson Calderon, Esperance Niyibitanga, Oriverye Ndizeye, and Ivona Nijimbere, participated in "Splash into Kindness," the church camp experience this summer at Cedar Ridge Camp, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's own camp and retreat center right here in Louisville. You will find pictures of them enjoying various camp activities elsewhere in this newsletter. When you see these youth, be sure to ask them about their experiences!

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Volunteers are always needed for HCM's Dare to Care Food Pantry. HCM is seeking volunteers to pick up donated food from local vendors and bring back to our Food Pantry on a weekly basis. Driving and lifting required. Pick-up location: Varies. Drop-off Location: HCM's Main Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge St. (at the corner of Barret Ave.) For details, contact: Program Director, Danah Smith, 502/451-3695 x213 or Food Pantry Coordinator, Tiffany Murphy, 502/451-3695 x260.

HCM is looking for volunteers to help with other aspects of the food pantry program as well, either on a regular basis or as occasional fill-ins, for a variety of tasks: sorting food, 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, and shaving cream & razors.

Thank you!!! to everyone who donated items for the Back to School Supplies Collection and the Summer Food Drive. We surpassed our goal of 30 backpacks and also collected a bit of soup and crackers. If you purchased items but just haven't brought them to church yet, you may still bring them; they are always needed! Your generous concern for neighbors in need is appreciated!

Save the date! HCM's major fundraiser emphasizing the problem of hunger in our community, Empty Bowls, will take place October 10, 2019 during the annual Week in the Highlands festival. The event features soups from area restaurants and pottery bowls crafted by area artists, as well as raffles and a silent auction. Watch upcoming newsletters for more details and information about obtaining tickets.

HABITAT NEWS

Many Presbyterian churches gathered during the middle of July--the hottest time of the hottest month of the year!--to begin working with Mary Makulata on her new Habitat for Humanity house. The house is located in a new subdivision, Park Springs, off Westport Road in far eastern Jefferson County. The subdivision contains several other Habitat houses and some from commercial builders.

Doug Rapp and Bill Bowman endured the heat and humidity on the one Saturday that BRP was scheduled to help. They were joined by 4 members of CCC (the church that meets in our building on Sunday afternoons) and other churches to install windows and get the exterior of the house ready for siding. Everyone only worked half a day due to the extreme heat. Everyone also drank plenty of water as well!

BRP provided lunch for the 35 workers that day. Mary and Emmanuel Muyenza and Joe Anne Overstreet provided a delicious meal. All the tired and hot workers were very grateful! The next Habitat workday will be **Saturday, August 24**, and you're invited to help out the BRP team that day. *Bill Bowman*

The **next Mission Committee meeting** is Tuesday, September 10, at 7 P.M. in the Club Room. If you have interest in the work of this committee, please join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

In September the **Presbyterian Women's Circles** will begin the 2019-2020 *Horizons* Bible Study, "**Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments**," by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do, but instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. "Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community."

Love Carved in Stone is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world. Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions. Study books may be ordered for \$10.

The morning circle meets the second Tuesday of each month September-May at 11:00 A.M. in the Club Room for a brown bag lunch and discussion. If interested, contact Joe Anne Overstreet or Margot Tomsen. The evening circle meeting times are, as yet, undetermined. If interested, contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or aliciabloos@gmail.com.

KIDS AT CAMP



Ori playing basketball at Sports Camp

Alisson Calderon at Art Camp



Ari doing archery



Ori Ndizeye, Ari Vanamburgh, a camp friend, Maddie Vanamburgh, Alisson Calderon



Ori at ice skating with a friend

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
4 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick Preaching	5	6	7	8 6 pm CE Meeting	9	10 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
11 Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	12 7pm Congregational Life meeting	13	14 JCPs back to school	15	16	17 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
18 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	19 7pm Worship Committee Mtg. in the Club Room	20 7 p.m. Session Meeting, Club Room	21	22	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24 8 a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market 8:30 am Habitat workday
25 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Nebelsick preaching	26	27	28	29	30	31



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 4	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
August 8	6:00 p.m.	CE Meeting
August 11	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, with Communion, Rev. Mary Nebelsick preaching
August 12	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
August 14		JCPS Starts School
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
August 18	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Rev. Nebelsick preaching
August 19	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting, Club Room
August 20	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting, Club Room
August 24	8:30 a.m.	Habitat Work Day
August 25	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Nebelsick Preaching