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

**Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church**

1722 Bardstown Road

Louisville, KY 40205

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Dear Siblings in Christ of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

I am looking at the 2020 Louisville Bats' Schedule hanging on my wall in my office. As most of you know, I am a huge baseball fan. I was truly looking forward to some days and evenings out at Bats' games. My wife Gillian and I are a part of a season-ticket group where we have a share. We had ticket for four seats to six different games this summer. Our final game was to be this evening, July 28, against the Scranton Railriders (the Yankees Triple-AAA team). I'm not going to lie- I'm sad. On many levels. I need to create just a bit of space to mourn the loss of a few things in order to make space for will be ahead of us these next months in to 2021. I need to acknowledge my emotions, and I hope and pray that you will make some space to do so as well. It's ok to be sad about the things we are all missing right now!

But here's the thing - being a past professional singer I know whole-heartedly that the show must go on. Yet I know whole-heartedly that there's a cost to the show simply 'going on' if we don't take some time to acknowledge the experiences that we are all sharing right now. Since we can't see each other at the church, I need to come to you. Let's find some creative ways to meet with masks on, physically distanced, outside in drive ways, on back porches, or in a park or public space. I will be reaching out to schedule many visits over the next months.

In the next several months of our church calendar there will be many challenges. How will we have a Congregational Annual Meeting August 23 if we can't meet in person? How will we elect our new Session Elder Class of 2023? How will we share in Confirmation 2020 Classes with our young people? How will we continue to offer our Children Sunday School? We are working diligently on the answers to all of these questions and more. Keep your church in your prayers during the next month as we learn and experience new ways to be together as a church family. Stay tuned for some information about our Annual Meeting Sunday, August 23rd.

God's blessings to all of you!  
Pastor Mark



**NEIGHBORFEST 2020 CANCELED**

Neighborfest is cancelled for this year. Thank you for all you have done, and see you next year!  
*Becky Shafer*

**COVID GUIDELINES**

Gov. Beshear requested that all in-person church services be suspended thru August 2 (Drive up/drive in and outdoor worship are still permitted.) The presbytery is encouraging all congregations to adhere to Gov. Beshear's request as he rolls back some reopening guidelines in light of the significant increase in Covid-19 cases throughout the Commonwealth.

**PULPIT GUEST at BRP on AUGUST 16, 2020**

Rev. Dr. Catherine Evans Knott is the Chaplain at Hanover College. She will be leading the Sunday service at BRP on August 16 while Pastor Mark is on vacation.

*The Chaplain's Office is a resource for students, whether it be a need for a chat, finding a faith community or getting involved in the spiritual life of the campus.*

Rev. Dr. Catherine Knott is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Catherine received her B.A. at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, her M.Div. and Th.M. (Pastoral Theology) from Princeton Theological Seminary, and her Ph.D. (Theological Ethics) from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. She has served congregations in the U.K. and in the Chicago area, and has also served as a hospital chaplain in Evanston, IL.

**WE ARE THANKFUL:**

- For the generosity of the BRP community.
- For the health of the community.
- For the leadership from the session and the pastor.
- For the committees that continue to serve.

<b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b>	
	Todd Guelda	4
	Sheldon Shafer	11
	Lin Block-Coalter	13
	Tony Aja	13
	Laura Lear	15
	Beverly Gradisek	15
	Anna Foshee	17
	Gillian Hollis Kraus-Neale	17
	Rev. Mark Eldred	17
	Robert Moss	18
	Gus Kotheimer	19
	Linda Bowman	24
Bob Kotheimer	29	
Arianna Vanamburgh	29	

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## HIGHLIGHTS BRPC SESSION MEETING July 21, 2020

Session held its monthly meeting in combined circumstances of in-person and virtual participation. After summary of the Moderator's report (which was made available online), the Session agreed to concentrate on four key issues: ReEntry process of congregation and other mission groups; Annual Meeting planning (scheduled for August 23); Budget reviews by Session Committees; and transition of Elders.

In the two worship services conducted with in person opportunities on July 12 and 19 attendance totaled 29 (some duplicated individuals). The cooperation with precautions outlined by the ReEntry Committee was excellent. Discussions are ongoing with other organizations and groups who had previously utilized the building. Due to recent increases in reported persons infected as well as return of smaller limits on group sizes imposed by Commonwealth of KY officials, most groups will delay return until September or meet in small numbers with all precautions in place.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will meet at conclusion of abbreviated worship service on Sunday, August 23, 2020. This meeting is critical for presentation of the Administrative Manual of Policies and Procedures of the congregation on which the Session has invested much time and effort. Additionally, the election of a four candidates to the Session, three for the class of 2023 and one to fill a vacant spot in the class of 2021, will occur.

Committee chairs will meet with pastor on upcoming Saturdays to revise budgets for 2020 in light of program adjustments and to project budget expectations for 2021.

The Permanent Nominating Committee is commended for its deliberate and conscientious effort in approaching prospects and completing a slate for the election. In August 2020 the class of 2020 will be released from the extension of their services and the newly elected officers will be oriented.

### CHOIR CADENCES

As I was reading an email today it was entitled Jubilate Deo, and I thought to myself "Jeanie, that would be an excellent anthem to sing when we are allowed to sing together once again".

I talk to myself a lot during this unusual time of "no singing".

I guess we can still sing in our cars or the shower, but it's just not the same thing as lifting our voices together as a choir.

We will again lift our voices in song and "Praise our Maker while we have breath".

We are so blessed to have Gillian sing for us during this pandemic. We've also been pleased to have Sydney Smith, Daniel Rapp and Brian Shaw lead us with special music.

We have also had the pleasure of Anne Campbell playing piano and organ for me.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Pastor Mark as he lifts his amazing voice every Sunday.

I miss you all. Peace be to each and every one of you. "Bless Be the Ties that Bind".

P.S. Anyone wishing to be a soloist some Sunday, please let me know. Gillian would enjoy a week off occasionally.

Love ☐ Jeanie

**BRPC DIRECTORY—**  
The BRPC Directory is being updated and will be available very soon.



*Johanna*



## Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

Together in Justice, Together in Faith:  
Standing against Racism, and in Solidarity  
with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of  
Color)

Monday - **Tentatively, August 10** - 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.  
Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church  
1722 Bardstown Road, Louisville

All Covid regulations will apply; Please wear a Mask!

Depending on any changes/updates to Covid regulations,  
we will gather on our church lawn and the east side of our  
parking lot. We look forward to sharing presence together  
physically distanced but socially united.

Please bring a sign that reflects what's on your heart.  
There will be no speaker rally or marching on to the street  
from our property. Please be considerate of passers-by  
on our public sidewalk. The church building will not be  
open for restrooms.

## PICTURES FROM PAST SOLIDARITY EVENTS





## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

Thanks to many wonderful folks, HCM received more donated items in their recent Curbside Food Drive than they usually receive in a normal summer when churches collect and deliver their donations! Thank you to all BRPC folks who contributed!

If you were unable to drop off donations on July 19, you haven't missed your opportunity; you can still help in one of these ways:

- Drop off food, toiletries, or \$25 Walmart or Target gift cards (call HCM to check times).
- Make an online donation at <https://hcmloouisville.org/donate>
- Mail a check to HCM.
- Mail a check to BRP, made out to BRPC with "HCM donation" on the memo line.

### **BRPC FOOD PANTRY and TARC BUS PASSES**

Even during this time of quarantining, we often have occasion to try to help those who come to the church door in need. Please consider:

Donating **non-perishable ready-to-eat snack items** such as cheese/peanut butter crackers, individual tuna or chicken salad with crackers, cereal and granola bars, beanie wienies, pudding cups, and other no-cooking-needed, non-refrigerated items.

Making a financial contribution to help with our purchase of TARC Partner Passes, as we have no budgeted money for passes at this time. You may mail a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line. Thank you!

### **CEDAR RIDGE CAMP**

Cedar Ridge Camp has been a busy scene this summer, in spite of the pandemic. In June, children and youth were able to attend two weeks of Monday-Friday day camp--masked and socially distancing. In July, approximately 40 campers and staff experienced 21 days at an overnight Quarantine Camp, where they were able to be normal campers—sans masks—following two rounds of Covid-19 testing. August will see other day camp opportunities, for the weeks of August 3, 10, and 17; for camp info for your child, check the camp website [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) or contact Alicia Bloos, 502-496-0345 or [aliciabloos@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciabloos@hotmail.com).

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BRPres was nicely represented by campers Justin Nibruta, Oriverye Ndizeye, Maddie Vanamburgh, and Ari Vanamburgh, and volunteer Ivona Nijimbere. BRPres Mission Committee was able to provide some scholarship money for our young disciples, thanks to the generous giving of church members.

Work has begun on the lower level of the new **chapel**! The official groundbreaking ceremony occurred on July 1, with representatives of a number of contributing churches wielding gold shovels, including BRPres minister Mark Eldred!

Cedar Ridge Camp still needs your support. Some funding is still needed to complete the chapel project. Also, because of no usage by school, church, civic, or private groups this spring, and reduced summer camp programming, Cedar Ridge Camp's operating income has been reduced. You may help CRC with donations at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) or by sending a check to camp, or to BRP with "Cedar Ridge donation" on the memo line, marked "Chapel" or "General Fund." Thank you for any assistance you can provide to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's Camp and Retreat Center!





## CALENDAR ITEMS

*All mentioned below will be contingent on what the Covid guidelines are at that time.*

The proposed Annual Meeting date for our congregation will be August 23, 2020 after our abbreviated church service. The committees of the church will be presenting narratives about their work in 2019. We will rehash the finances of 2019 which were already covered in a called meeting earlier this year. We will vote on a slate of 2023 Session Elders. We will vote on a slate of Trustees. We will also approve a Manual of Operations for our Church. .

June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, and July 19, we held worship livestream on Facebook live. July 12 and July 19, we held worship both in-person and virtually. Although not without challenges, Confirmation 2020 has been shifted to the fall of 2020. We hope to have a confirmation Sunday near Thanksgiving.

VBS, with Immanuel United Church of Christ, was virtual on the five Wednesdays of July; July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29. A wonderful curriculum was chosen. Special thank you to Molly Rapp, Keith Clements, Doug Rapp, Bill Bowman, and Gillian Hollis for their appearances in this summer's VBS with Immanuel.

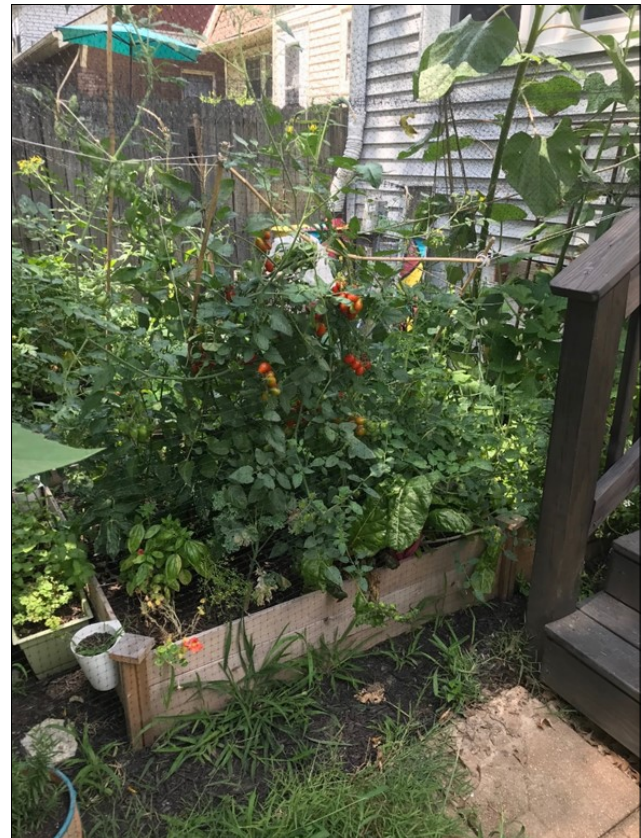


Please stay tuned as plans are announced for an adult exploratory class. New Membership will begin virtually later this summer, and proceed into the fall. We look forward to a potential new member class sometime before 2021!

## PRESBYTERY MEETING

The next stated meeting is Monday, September 21, 2020. Conversations are ongoing regarding the location and format.

## Gillian's Garden "Gardening is an instrument of grace"



# Online Video Production Camp!

by HCM and Beargrass Media

Sign-up deadline: Wed., Aug. 5

**Beargrass Media and HCM 2020 On-Line Summer Video Camp**  
August 10-14, 2020 9 AM – 4 PM  
Cost \$175 per student  
**REGISTER BY AUGUST 5TH**

Highlands Community Ministries  
grow. heal. play.

Details at:  
[www.beargrassmedia.com](http://www.beargrassmedia.com)

Students will learn how to write, record, edit, and publish videos On-line format with a mixture of group video calls, one on one video tutorial calls, student "video assignments", files transferred back and forth between students and instructors, and quality finished videos produced.  
Students will use phones, tablets and computers owned by families (Although we have some loaner equipment as well.)

In 2020, we have adapted our in-person video production clubs to remote learning. In the Summer camps, we will be taking this spring's on-line video experience and enhancing it to include more focus on including as many tech elements as possible. We have developed a curriculum that meets each student at their level of expertise.

**WHO:** Students in 3rd through 9th grades

**WHAT:** Week-long camp on how to write, record, edit, produce, and publish video productions

*The students will learn how to write, record, edit, and publish video and audio productions. The students will use phones, tablets, and tripods to create their videos. Some more advanced students will use video cameras, microphones, a teleprompter, green screen, and other tools. The students will take stories from start to finish through the following steps: idea, storyboard, script, recording, file management, editing, special effects, sound design, and final video. The students will work on a variety of media styles including skits, journalistic, personal narrative, and dramatic interpretation. Students who have participated in one of our video camps before will be put in a separate advanced group.*

**WHEN:** August 10 – 14, 9am - 4pm

**WHERE:** Online

**HOW:** For more information about the camp and how to sign-up, visit [www.BeargrassMedia.com](http://www.BeargrassMedia.com). Cost is \$175. Registration deadline is Wed., Aug. 5.





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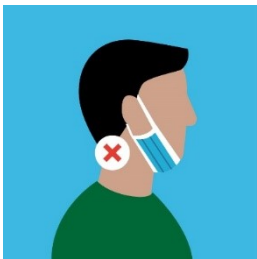


For those with phones or devices with scan readers, you can scan the image above and it will open the BRP website. For others, the web page is at [www.brpres.org](http://www.brpres.org)

#### HELPFUL HINTS!



Make sure the mask fits to cover your nose, mouth and chin.



Don't wear the mask under your chin with your nose and mouth exposed.



Don't leave your nose or mouth uncovered.