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Dear Church,

Sometimes it seems longer ago, and sometimes like it was just yesterday. Three years ago, almost to the day, I was in town interviewing with the Pastoral Nominating Committee to be your next pastor. Then, the concept of being the Pastor of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church was just a theory, or a concept for me to ponder. The week I was here interviewing there was also a heat wave. This entire summer reminds me of that week. When I return from a week of study leave and a week of vacation, Sunday August 7, I will be sharing with you the sermon that I preached at PeWee Valley Presbyterian Church as a part of my final interview weekend. I have never, not even once, reused a sermon that I have worked on, so this will be a first for me. I hope to see many of you there, and also attending Vacation Bible School at Immanuel U.C.C. after church that day.

August is a big month for me. I will celebrate my 50th Birthday, August 17. Deciding to come out of retirement as a professional singer, I will attend my first rehearsal as a member of the chorus of Kentucky Opera. And most importantly, I will take some time during study leave and vacation to consider what heading in to my Fourth year, starting October 2022, means. I am no longer new, yet sustaining the limits and restraints of our pandemic hasn't given me an accurate or 'normal' feel for what three years of life in our community looks like. Truth be told, we might start to consider that word a little more closely as a community. "Normal"? As a community, how do we respond when things shift and change and evolve in the world in which we live? What does it ask of us? These are questions your session and myself will grapple with these next years.

I leave you with a photo I took recently. I chalk it up to timing. Jennie Guelda and I were out near the pollinator garden as she had signed up for a week of watering duty. We were talking about something when this amazing butterfly arrived. We planted the garden for bees - to pollinate the bees - for bee food, but I had forgotten that butterflies also flock to certain plants and flowers. I posted this photo on my personal Facebook page and learned all sorts of new and amazing things. It is a Pipevine Swallowtail. They are somewhat rare. The color blue does not occur in many animals. This particular butterfly is most commonly found in forests, so what brought it to our pollinator garden? It was a wonderful moment in time. I ask that this August you take some time to rest and to appreciate the things that may cross your path any given day or time. Be blessed in this last official month of Summer 2022!

Peace,
Pastor Mark



BRPres BASEBALL FANS - GO BATS!!

We have been graciously provided a block of thirty ticket vouchers through our Metro Council District for August 31, 2022 - 6:35PM Game Louisville Bats v. Indianapolis Indians. If you are interest in attending the game with Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, email Pastor Mark mark@brpres.org or contact Sarah Hageman. Tickets will be on a first come, first served bases. Thank you to Louisville Metro Council for this gracious gift to the community.

Dear BRP Family,

Thank you so much for the loving words and the beautiful kalanchoe plant you gave to celebrate my retirement with me. It is so good to be part of such a supportive community.

Looking forward to many more years together!

In Christ,

Carol Brees

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FALL 2022

Third Annual Read-Through-The-Bible-In-A-Year - September 1, 2022

Pastor Mark will be offering Read-Through-The-Bible -In-A-Year again starting September 1, 2022. Is this your year to read the entire bible? Over the course of the year, it requires roughly fifteen minutes per day to read the entire bible, roughly three chapters per day. This year, Pastor Mark will be reading a newer translation of the bible, the Common English Bible, which some of his seminary professors helped put together in 2011. Join in and let's continue the tradition that Jesus lived and shared of reading God's word for us, and sharing together in its wisdom in our lives.

No really, what would Jesus REALLY do?

Are you familiar with the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" Have you ever pondered what Jesus might do with some of the situations we find ourselves in today? Join Pastor Mark after church for a two-week crash course **October 9 and 16**, covering some of the parables of Luke and a discussion about Jesus' life and ministry in consideration of our own. Stay tuned to the September Newsletter for more offerings in November and during Advent December.

Special birthday mentions:

Beverly Gradisek is celebrating her 60th birthday on August 15.

Pastor Mark is celebrating his 50th birthday on August 17.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Molly Rusk	1
Todd Guelda	4
Sheldon Shafer	11
Lin Block-Coalter	13
Marc Lewis	15
Beverly Gradisek	15
Keith Payne	16
Gillian Hollis Kraus-Neale	17
Rev. Mark Eldred	17
Robert Moss	18
Gus Kotheimer	19
Linda Bowman	24
Clare Lewis	26
Bob Kotheimer	29
Kai Vanamburgh	29

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BRP POLLINIATOR GARDEN UPDATE



Large flowering bush in the longer garden is Hibiscus



St. John's Wort, a new bee attractor



Magenta with butterfly is bee balm



Thank you to the BRP watering crew who help to keep the garden alive in the summer heat.



Blue Hyssop, a new bee attractor

Vacation Bible School 2022



VIDEO CAMP JULY 2022—BEARGRASS MEDIA THRU HCM AT BRP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL—led by Patrick Fitzgerald

At Beargrass Media clubs and camps, we teach students the A-Z on how to produce videos. We will use cameras, microphones, green screens, and laptop computers to produce finished video projects. The students will learn videography, audio recording, stop motion animation, and video editing software.



from the Mission Committee

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the SUMMER BACK-TO-SCHOOL AND FOOD DRIVE! If you missed the opportunity to give, never fear! HCM is always happy to receive your donations. Non-perishable food items, toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, laundry pods, small-size dish detergent, and Kroger & ValueMarket gift cards are always welcome. HCM is grateful for the generosity of BRPres! Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos. Don't forget to check out all HCM has to offer, including child care, senior activities, art and tai chi classes, and Highlands Youth Recreation sports, at hcmlouisville.org.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Summer is a busy time at camp! Overnight and day camps are winding down, but field trips by school groups will be starting soon. Churches and other groups are enjoying picnics, outdoor activities, and retreats. Check out cedarridgecamp.com to see what is available and to check the progress on the **CALVIN CHAPEL Project: And don't forget! You still have time**, as part of the chapel construction project, to 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. Don't miss your chance to remember a beloved minister, camp leader, or special experience at Cedar Ridge! Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Autumn Under the Cedars fundraiser gala will take place at camp on Saturday, October 9, 2022. Watch upcoming newsletters for more details

BRP FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

We help many who come to the church door in need. Please consider: Donating to help purchase TARC Partner Passes, discounted passes for the elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, and only a small amount has been budgeted for this! **You may mail a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line.**

Donating bottled water and items such as tuna and chicken lunchables, and travel size men's toiletries is always helpful.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

LAST CALL: Just a quick reminder that the **collection of household batteries (and mercury thermometers)** to be taken to Hazardous Waste disposal will end at the first of September. Please deposit those items in the container at the rear of the sanctuary during August.

DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP

There are just some things that instantly take you back in time, that create a smile each time you remember. Road trips do this for me. So do service projects. And church lock-ins. Interestingly, this trip to Madisonville, Kentucky, had all three elements. I'd been looking forward to this service weekend for several weeks, knowing that it would be filled with new people and places. It did not disappoint!

We spent the drive getting to know more about one another, learning among other things that we all share a fondness for crossword puzzles and working as a team to complete the New York Times Sunday crossword. We were met by Rick Lee at First Presbyterian in Madisonville, and he gave us the full tour of what would be our home for the next few days. He and Bill connected instantly with their shared experiences working with Living Waters for the World, and we got to see how First Presbyterian has been long-term caring for this community--buckets of cleaning supplies for those who are still recovering, food stocks to help meet the most basic needs, and housing for those of us lucky enough to go spend some time with them.

Our job site was "Ms. Donna's", and we got straight to work. Her front porch was a porch, but with no railing and no stairs. Her back porch had a ramp that ran half the length of her trailer, then turned and ran half the width--also with no railings. Our construction site supervisor, Joe, met us at Ms. Donna's and got us started adding the railings to the back porch, providing some tools and some guidance. We worked in the heat of the day, taking frequent breaks for some shade and lots of water, then headed back to the church to clean up. And then did it again on Friday, and then again on Saturday. It was hot, we were gross, but Ms. Donna kept checking in and offering cold drinks, and Joe kept getting more supplies as we ran out. And by Saturday afternoon both porches only needed their finishing touches!

We had lunches and dinners at various local establishments. We played games together at the church--foosball, Horse, and cornhole--and enjoyed their unending supply of ice cream sandwiches. Jonathan and I tried to catch up on our Read Through the Bible. And, to cap off the weekend, we spent Sunday morning worshipping with First Presbyterian and completed the rest of the NYT puzzles on our drive back home. And this is a trip that will create a smile each time I remember, and I hope we can do it again soon!

Cheri Baize

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**DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP 2022
DAWSON SPRINGS**



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
Rev. Eldred is on study leave and vacation from July 26—August 8						
7 Communion 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching VBS at IUCC	8 7pm Congregational Life meeting 5-6 PM Solidarity Stand-in	9	10 7pm Mission Com- mittee JCPS first day of school	11	12	13 9a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
14 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching	15 7pm Worship Committee Mtg. Club Room	16 7 p.m. Session Meeting, Club Room	17	18	19	20 9a.m.-Noon Farmer's Market
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28 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching	29	30	31 6:35 pm Louisville Bats Outing			



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PLACE
STAMP
HERE

The electric charging station at BRP is very popular.
What a great service to the community!



*From Rev. Odom:
The installation of free electric vehicle charging stations witnesses to the presbytery's commitment to the stewardship of all Creation and is one small step that shows the world that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seeks to practice the Earth care that we preach.*



Mid-Kentucky celebrates with the following congregations hosting fully-operational, free electric car charging stations on their property:

- Bardstown Road
- Beulah
- Cedar Ridge Camp
- Crescent Hill
- First Presbyterian, Elizabethtown
- Highland
- Hopewell
- Springdale