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Bardstovrn Road Presbyterian Church  
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Louisville, KY 40205

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Greetings Bardstovrn Road Presbyterian Church,

With shouts of "Back to School" already behind us, here we are heading in to fall of 2021. A year ago, I had some hopes that we would be having different conversations than we are. If anything, some of the conversations of church, mission, and ministry have increased in complexity when trying to consider how to serve the entire community. We head in to fall with some new ways of gathering, some new considerations, and hopefully some caution and patience on all parts.

Once again this year, I invite you to join with me in the second annual 'Read-Through-The-Bible-In-A-Year' starting September 1 of 2021 and ending August 31, 2022. Why is this important? Intention. God's Word for each of us and for all of us is the central reason that we gather as a community. The characters, stories, and truths ask each of us to consider and reconsider their relevance in our time, in the here and now. If you are interested in joining in this venture, please reach out to me so that I can begin setting up some virtual or in-person gatherings once per month that we might share in this venture in community.

After church on Sundays in October, I will be leading a four-week Adult Education study of the Book of Job read parallel with Ta-Nehisi Coates' 2015 best seller *Between the World and Me* (Spiegel & Grau Publishers, New York). The gathering will center on biblical topics of mortality, the body, connection, race, identity, spirituality, and the current state of our faith conversations in every day life. Coates writes a letter to his adolescent son, an epistle like journey of his personal observations of what it is to be a black man and black body in today's world. Adult Education will continue through May, gathering to share in other narratives and conversations to be announced.

All-Saints Weekend, Halloween Weekend, we will share in not only our All Church Retreat at Camp Cedar Ridge on Saturday, October 30, but Stewardship Sunday on October 31. October will be Stewardship 2022 kick off month. Let's all begin to be thinking about how we can best offer service to God and the church community through our time, talents, and treasures. If you ever would like to have a conversation with me about ideas that you have, please reach out. One thing that I will ask everyone to consider in forming new ideas of mission and ministry is how will that idea make its way to a mission or ministry that has the potential to thrive and succeed? What steps are necessary to make a vision a logistical and functional reality? We will be spending some time at All Church Retreat on these very conversations. At our retreat, we will also share in a segment regarding how we will continue to care for one another as a church community.

Dear Siblings in Christ, thank you for your patience, continued love, strong support, and most especially for your kind words and your presence at church and with one another during these past many months. We continue to be church in the world, in the ways that God is calling us to proceed. I give thanks today for Bardstovrn Road Presbyterian Church and for each of you!

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Mark

## FROM SARAH HAGEMAN, CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH COORDINATOR

Greetings BRP!

The time is upon us for another Sunday School year to begin! We are preparing rooms, lists, curriculum, and the things necessary for a successful year as I write these words. COVID has changed the way the youth have gathered in the past year and will continue to change how we gather in the coming months. 2020 was a doozy for everyone but especially for our youth. School changes from in-person to NTI, church "closing" and switching to virtual, Sunday school/ Confirmation being "cancelled", etc. sometimes our gatherings took place over Zoom but most often through group texts. Weekly and monthly group texts from "how is school going?" to "hey everyone, I miss you guys" to "each family group, pick a day this week because I am coming to visit." We have made it work for over a year to maintain connections and the youth family group we have spent time building. This year might still look a little different from past years, but we will continue to make it work. The younger Sunday school class will be getting together in the big 3<sup>rd</sup> floor room and will be adding new teacher faces with our very own Pastor Mark leading the charge along with Clare Lewis and our ridiculously wonderful veteran teacher Molly Rapp helping when she isn't off adventuring! The older Youth Sunday School class is an all-female group who have requested that we do some focusing on the women of the Bible and discuss real-world issues that are facing the young women of the world we live in. They are helping to create some of our curriculum by creating a list of topics they want to discuss because after all this is their time and they are the future of this world.

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Confirmation Class will also be resuming this year with more information coming! The youth, Mark, and I will be in active discussion about what this will look like and how we pick up from the remnants of last year. So be on the lookout for more information on the horizon.

All in all, the focus this year is first and foremost on being connected to each other. Being able to see each other's faces outside of a computer screen and learning new things. And hopefully taking some field trips so those of you who have been willing to volunteer in the past, your time will be coming.



*Carol Brees and Rev. Odum*

Thank you to Presbyter Rev. Dr. John Odom who was Pulpit Guest at the August 8, 2021 BRPC service while Pastor Mark was on vacation.

Rev. Bill Williamson will be the Pulpit Guest for the September 5, 2021 Communion Sunday while Pastor Mark is on vacation. Pastor Mark's vacation time is from August 30—September 6, 2021

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Garrison	2
Martine Wilson	6
Maurine Crossett	8
Carol Brinkman	14
Charles Bensenhaver	18
Marlena East	18
Steve Ellis	19
Justin Ortiz	24

### Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Mark Eldred	Pastor
Rev. Jim Brees	Pastoral Associate
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Sarah Hageman	Coordinator of Children's and Youth Ministry
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 2021 SESSION MEETING

For the Moderator's Report, Rev. Eldred said he had met with each of the staff to consider ways to re-energize with small groups in the church.

Since we have not heard back from Westwood P.C. about gathering together again, Keith Clements will contact Don Seeger, their moderator, about ways for a continuing our relationship.

There was no written Treasurer's report for July, but there was discussion of restarting the Kroger Community Rewards by acquiring credit points using Kroger cards.

Rev. Eldred has contacted other ministers along Bardstown Road regarding homeless people and how they are coping with them. Our "little library" was recently vandalized.

Due to so many requests for the use of our building, Rev. Eldred suggested a process by which church leaders could review and approve these requests so he can spend his time ministering in other areas.

The high school kids requested a study curriculum on women's issues this fall. The Sunday School leaders will include Rev. Eldred, Molly Rapp, Clare Lewis and, possibly, Allen Purnell.

Our sponsored mission couple, Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch are in need of a car and a house to rent while they are waiting for reassignment. They have been invited to do a Minute for Mission at a Sunday service in September.

The communion dates were approved through 2022. Christmas Eve was added for communion and there will be pastoral visits for home communion. Because the Delta virus is surging, wearing masks during the service is requested as per Gov. Beshear's mask mandate.

Covenant Community Church is planning to meet for services again on August 15. There will be a meeting with them to review their requirements.

Bill Bowman has offered to chair the Stewardship Committee with Clare Lewis as vice-chair. Stewardship Sunday will be October 31.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting to review our Sexual Misconduct and Safe Church policies, employee benefits and setting up staff reviews.

Keith Clements reported for Neighborfest on September 18. Deer Park Neighborhood Association will be involved and our Metro Councilwoman, Cassie Chambers Armstrong, has been contacted to promote our event.

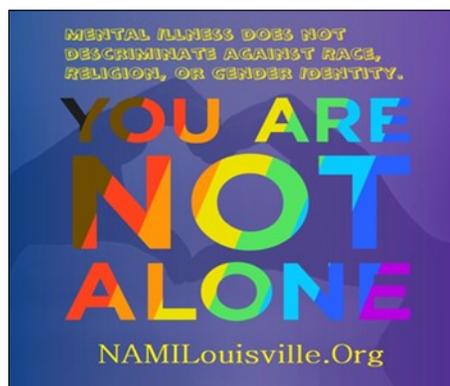
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Rev. Eldred promised that the Session Retreat on August 20 and 21 "will not be boring" planning for 5 and 10 years ahead.

Rev. Eldred and Sarah Hageman will be attending the Bellarmine Faith Fair on August 29 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to promote our church and Young Adult program.

Our church will share a Justice Table at the Saturday Farmer's Market. We will need several volunteers to rotate for this shared relationship of telling people who we are. Offering swag bags is being considered.



### NAMI Louisville's annual Virtual and In-Person Walk –October 1 through 8, and Saturday, October 9

Do you know what NAMI is? It is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness" (from the nami.org website). Many cities have a NAMI chapter which focuses on Mental Health needs of a specific city and communities. Pastor Mark and Gillian are individual family members of NAMI Louisville. If this is a topic that is of interest to you, feel free to check out the NAMI Louisville's website or to reach out to Pastor Mark. This year, he will be making plans to attend the virtual walk between October 1 and 8, which is participation on the individual level. Maybe in future years our church would consider joining in the In-Person walk which benefits the national NAMI organization, NAMI Louisville, and conversations about mental health out in the world of all of our daily lives? NAMI walks are the organization's largest fundraiser of the year and bring thousands upon thousands of folks out to walk for a cause – that of breaking the stigma of mental health!

## BRPres at the Farmer's Market

On Saturday, August 14th, Pastor Mark and Elder Jennie Guelda represented the church at the Bardstown Road Farmer's Market at a shared table with Andrew Kang Bartlett, Associate for National Hunger Concerns for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Presbyterian Hunger Program under the umbrella of "Justice and Faith".

Pastor Mark, Jennie, and Andrew greeted many folks and had many wonderful conversations about hunger in our city, state, nation, and world, and answered questions about the church and being Presbyterian. We hope to continue this presence at the Farmer's Market at future Justice and Faith tables shared with local and national mission and ministry partners of the church.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
NEIGHBORFEST TWELVE  
AT 1722 and 1733 Bardstown Road  
Saturday, September 18, 2021  
3:00 to 5:00 pm  
A Compassionate Louisville Event**



***Pony Rides, Free Food, Live Music, Bubble Bug  
Fire Truck, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Inflatable  
Jumper, Corn Hole Toss, Cake Walk, Magician  
Food Literacy Project, Carnival Games, Face Painting  
Live Music "Another Colour"***

### **Co-sponsors:**

**Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 451-8305,  
[www.brpres.org](http://www.brpres.org) Deer Park Baptist Church, 451-7220,  
[www.deerparkbaptist.org](http://www.deerparkbaptist.org)  
Deer Park Neighborhood Association,  
[www.deerparklouisville.com](http://www.deerparklouisville.com)  
Covenant Community Church, [www.cccoflouisville.com](http://www.cccoflouisville.com)**

Here are Ivona and her fan club, Joe Anne, Marge and Claire. We got to lunch at Miralea before shopping for her transition to Berea, Saturday August 14. Jennie



## WELCOME

## LOUISVILLE HOME SCHOOL

The Home School will begin classes again at BRP on Tuesday September 14 from 9am to 4 pm.

The classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the 2nd and 1/2 floors of the building.

## From the MISSION COMMITTEE

### HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Empty Bowls! Reimagined for the 25th Anniversary!

The HCM Annual Fundraiser to fight hunger

**Sunday, September 26, 2021, 4-7 P.M., 1228 E. Breckinridge St.**

To give local restaurants time to recover from the pandemic, without asking for their soup donations as in past years, HCM is hosting a **Soup and Chili Cookoff** on the main campus grounds where friends and neighbors will vie for bragging rights of "**Master Soup Chef**"! HCM is inviting each member church, area neighborhood associations, and others to enter the cookoff. Rumor has it that BRPres may be entering a soup or chili! WANT TO HELP???

Many popular events will be held as usual: Hand-made pottery soup bowls by local artists will be for sale, the ever-popular theme baskets by HCM's Member Congregations will be raffled, and a few special items may be offered in a silent auction. Tastings of the competing soups, bread, desserts, refreshments, music, and good times will round out this 25th annual event.

To purchase tickets, visit [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org). We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact BRPres representatives on the HCM Board of Directors, Marty Hageman and Alicia Bloos.

### **Annual Summer Food and Back-to-School Supplies Drive**

Thank you to all who supported the food and back-to-school supplies drive! Please remember that you can assist with HCM's work throughout the year any time; visit [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org) to make a monetary donation directly or send a check to BRPres with "HCM donation" in the memo line. Thank you for your support of our community through HCM!

### **CEDAR RIDGE CAMP**

#### **Autumn Under the Cedars—We're Back!**

CRC's annual fundraiser is returning October 9 in a brand-new format! The fundraiser will include both in-person and virtual events. In the big tent, you can enjoy a catered appetizers-and-desserts repast, entertainment, and more. You can also participate in raffles and showing support online. Visit [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) for details or to buy tickets, or contact Alicia Bloos for more information.

### **Calvin Chapel**

**Construction Update:** The floor has been poured for the lower level, creating a great acoustical box if any singers want to try it out! As obtaining the necessary steel to continue building upward remains a challenge, progress may continue to be slow.

**Memorial Brick campaign:** You now have the opportunity to memorialize your name or those of loved ones as part of the chapel project. The chapel design includes an entrance patio paved with commemorative bricks honoring camp supporters, celebrating camp experiences or special events held on the grounds, and remembering cherished loved ones. You may wish to honor friends, a church group, a minister, or an experience at Cedar Ridge. Perhaps you would like to remember departed loved ones or to record your family's name as a supporter of the chapel project.

You may purchase either a 4"x 8" standard brick or an 8"x 8" deluxe brick with an option to include graphics. You may order bricks online at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com) or pick up an order form in the back of the sanctuary and mail it back to camp. Questions? Contact Alicia Bloos.

To see updates about the Calvin Chapel construction and more, visit the CRC Facebook page [facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/](https://facebook.com/Cedar-Ridge-Camp-115963338425269/) or Instagram [instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/](https://instagram.com/cedarridgecamp.louisvilleky/). To read more about the project, see [presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/](https://presbyterianmission.org/story/ground-is-broken-for-new-chapel-at-cedar-ridge-camp/).

### **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Both Highlands Community Ministries and Cedar Ridge Camp are asking churches to donate a **gift basket** for their upcoming fundraisers.

For HCM, BRPres will again plan to fill a **Bounty of Bardstown Road** basket, so we will need your donations of items from the restaurants, shops, breweries, and other businesses on Bardstown Road, especially gift cards.

For Cedar Ridge, we are asked to donate a wine basket, so...bottles of wine, wine glasses, wine cocktail napkins, wine accessories, a gift card to a wine shop—anything wine—is needed.

HCM and CRC are also seeking individuals who can donate **special "big" items** to auction or raffle at their fundraisers. Do you have a special talent (woodworking, painting, quilting, knitting, etc.) and wish to donate a handmade item? Are you a gourmet chef or superb baker and will pledge a future special meal or dessert buffet? Can you donate a special item such as a trip, tickets to a cultural or sporting event, or a television, grill, firepit, fancy cooler, etc.?

Please let Alicia Bloos know how you can help, 502-496-0345 or [aliciabloos@gmail.com](mailto:aliciabloos@gmail.com). **All donations should be in Alicia's hands by Sunday, September 12**. Thanks for your help!



**(MISSION CONTINUED)**

**TARC BUS PASSES and BRPC FOOD PANTRY**

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.**

Donate bottled water, men's socks, and travel size men's toiletries if you can.

Because of the generous gift of two boxes of tuna and chicken lunchables from Dreams with Wings, we have enough for quite a while. What a generous gift.

**Thank you, as always, for your generosity!**

**HABITAT NEWS:** The Presbyterians will be building again in 2021! The Raise the Roof will be the second weekend of September, so we're planning on having a BRP team work on **Saturday, September 11**. Please contact Bill Bowman if you're willing to work that day. The new homeowner will be David Allen, age 47, who is a graduate of Manual High School. The new house will be in the Smoketown neighborhood, on the site of the old Sheppard Square apartments. BRP will be partnering with half a dozen other Presbyterian churches to fund the materials and provide labor for the new house.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**The Red Cross and the Deer Park Neighborhood Association partnered with BRP on a Saturday in June for a successful blood drive. These same groups will sponsor another blood drive on **Saturday, September 18**, and volunteers are needed for one-hour shifts to welcome visitors, answer questions, and check in the donors. Please contact the church office (451-8305) if you can spend one hour that Saturday to help out.

**POLLINATOR GARDEN:** Have you gotten up close to the new pollinator garden to see how the plants are thriving? Have you noticed how the bees and other pollinators have been enjoying the flowering plants? Have you noticed the moon flowers climbing up the steps outside the church office? Although the garden was planted in mid-May and it has certainly made the parking lot more attractive, the only way it can stay beautiful is with rain and the faithful watering by many volunteers. If you'd be willing to spend a week in September to be sure that the garden gets sufficient water, please let Bill Bowman know when you can help.

**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.

**PROJECT WARM:** The Project Warm Blitz is scheduled for **Saturday, November 13**. That's the day when volunteers will spread out across the city to weatherize the homes of low-income elderly and disabled persons in need. Over two weekends, over 300 homes are tightened up in advance of the cold winter months. Although we're in the middle of the summer, with steamy temperatures outside, please go ahead and mark your calendars for this upcoming opportunity!

**BRP will be providing soup!**

**Empty Bowls Hunger Benefit**

Reimagined for the 25th anniversary!  
Sunday, September 26, 4-7 pm  
Highlands Community Campus  
1228 E. Breckinridge St., home of HCM's Food Pantry

Soup & Chili Cookoff! A simple meal for a simple cause, picnic style! A big tent will be setup outside in the grassy area of our parking lot where we can enjoy the great outdoors while we endeavor to wipe out hunger in our area. Tickets include tastings of all the soups and includes bread, fruit, desserts, and a drink:

- \$25: Adults 18+
- \$10: Teenagers 13-17
- \$5: Kids 6-12
- Free! Munchkins 5 and under

Locally-crafted brews by Chimera Brewing @ V-grits will be available for sale. Inside, in the HCC Event Hall, a wide variety of locally hand-crafted artisan pottery bowls will be for sale. Theme baskets by our Member Congregations will be for raffle and a few top-shelf items will make up a silent auction. Cash, credit card, and checks accepted.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Visit our website for ordering information: [www.hcmlouisville.org](http://www.hcmlouisville.org). We look forward to seeing you there!



# September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Read through the Bible— begins	2 Personnel Meeting	3	4 9a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
		Rev. Eldred is on vacation from August 30— September 6				
<b>5 COMMUNION</b> 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Bill Williamson preaching  5PM -CCC	6	7	8  Mission Committee Meeting	9	10	11 9a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market  Habitat work day
<b>12</b> 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching  5PM—CCC	<b>13</b>  10:00 a.m. Congregational Life Mtg  5-6PM Standing in Solidarity	14	15	16	17	18 9a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market  9AM to 1PM Red Cross Blood Drive  3-5 PM Neighborfest
<b>19</b> 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching  5PM—CCC	<b>20</b>  7 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Session Meeting	22	23	24	25 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
<b>26</b> 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching  4-7 PM Empty Bowls  5PM—CCC	<b>27</b>  5-6PM Standing in Solidarity	28	29	30		9 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market



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