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Dear Siblings in Christ,

You have heard many mentions now of this organization C.L.O.U.T. (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together). This past summer we held a town hall style meeting to dialogue and ask questions of Rev. Robert Owens, long time Lead Organizer with CLOUT, and their newest member of the support team John Aden, Associate Organizer. Rev. Robert will retire at the end of this month as Camille Bradford, our initial CLOUT support person, returns from maternity leave and transitions from her role as Associate Organizer to the role of Lead Organizer.

Camille and John will be the support for our Team Leaders, Jennie Guelda and Paul Johnson, who I am sure many of you have heard from on the phone or in person with invitations to September house meetings. Our first CLOUT year has begun.

I was blessed to be sent to the DART Justice Ministry Conference this past July. As so many organizations do, they speak in acronyms. D.A.R.T. stands for Direct Action and Research Training Center, which is located in Miami, Florida and is the larger umbrella to more than thirty organizations like CLOUT – Louisville.

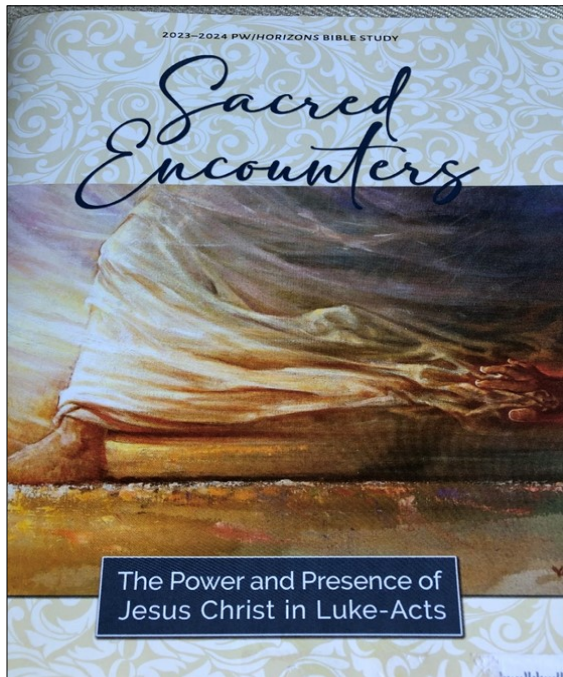
It would be impossible for me to share with you all of the knowledge that I gleaned from the conference. The take away is a very solid overview and comfort level with the work that both DART and CLOUT does. They have a specific way of getting from point A to point B that they feel works and is effective. The conference was mostly about how all of the pieces of the DART year puzzle fit together and work together.

There is one point of this justice ministry that I want to lift up today. One of the primary goals of the work of DART in justice ministry is in building and sustaining relationships through common interests. The way that we find the interests of our community starts with a house meeting. On the front end, I want to say that my very hope for this first year of CLOUT, for us as a community, is this intentional gathering process where we share in a common conversation but with the hope of our individual voices and stories being heard by one another. This gathering for the adults very much parallels the work that Sarah and I will be sharing with the youth and children.

I can't think of a better time than now to re invest in our relationships, to rebuild our connections, and to be in a safe and nurturing space that allows us all to feel heard and loved. I look forward to seeing many of you this church year at adult education, CLOUT house meetings and gatherings, youth and children's Sunday classes, and other ways that we will gather and share in God!

God's blessings, Pastor Mark





WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study, meeting the third Tuesday of each month, will begin Tuesday, Sept 19, 2023. We meet from 11 am to 1 pm in Miralea of Masonic Homes, 2nd Floor Conference Room. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks provided. Our study this year is Sacred Encounters: the Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts by Olive Mahabir. The author presents Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

FROM PASTOR MARK

Youth Kick Off Sunday – September 10, 2023 after worship

Calling all Parents of Youth and Children – Sundays September 10 and 17, Christian Ed. will be kicking off a year of youth and children’s education focusing on the attributes of Jesus and other characters in our bible. Join us September 10 for lunch and a conversation about confirmation Individual Faith Projects, and September 17 as we take a closer look at different characters and stories in the bible that narrate Compassion. Future dates of Youth/Children Sundays are October 1 and 15, November 5 and 19, and December 3 and 17. In the Winter/Spring we hope to meet three to four times per month continuing the same conversation. Join us!

Adult Education - Testimony – Living our Faith Out loud

Will be led by Pastor Mark and begins September 14, Thursday, 6-7:15PM in Fellowship Hall. There is no pre preparation other than show up inspired to utilize your imagination, creativity, and life experiences. Similar to our young people, we will be focusing on common life attributes of Jesus – September 14 – Compassion, September 28 – Empathy, October 12 – Grace, October 26 – Forgiveness, November 9 – Love, and November 30, Braveness. Hope to see many of you in class.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Garrison	2
Martine Wilson	6
Carol Brinkman	14
Cheri Baize	15
Charles Bensenhaver	18
Marlena East	18
Steve Ellis	19
Justin Ortiz	24

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
NEIGHBORFEST FOURTEEN
AT 1722 and 1733 Bardstown Road
Saturday, September 16, 2023
3:00 to 5:00 pm
A Compassionate Louisville Event
HONORING BECKY SHAFER**

Pony Rides, Free Food, Hamburgers/hot dogs, Live Music, Fire Truck, Bubble Bug, Cotton Candy, Snow cones, Inflatable Jumper, Corn Hole Toss, Cake Walk/Walk in the Garden, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Crossing Guard at Bardstown Road

Live Music "Another Colour"

Co-sponsors:

***Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 451-8305,
www.brpres.org Deer Park Baptist Church, 451-7220,
Deer Park Neighborhood Association,
www.deerparklouisville.com
Covenant Community Church, www.cccoflouisville.com***



The Neighborfest will be celebrating fourteen years on September 16. Becky Shafer has planned and supported this community event from the beginning. To perpetuate her guiding spirit, this Neighborfest will be dedicated to her honor.

SAVE THE DATE:

Choir retreat here in the church and in the club room. Read music for the fall and have a potluck luncheon. September 23 from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

BRP TABLECLOTHS

If you have taken tablecloths home to be laundered, please return them as soon as possible. We seem to be missing the burgundy ones and yellow/gold ones. Thank you

CLOUT MEETINGS

CLOUT holds many meetings every year. The ball gets rolling every September when member congregations meet to support each other and to raise their personal concerns. Paul Johnson and I are looking forward to holding several house meetings this month.

Paul's will be at his house on Speed:

Th Sept 7 6-7:30

Sun Sept 24 12:30-2

Jennie will meet with you in the Clubroom or fellowship hall:

Wed Sept 27 5:30-7

Sat Sept 30 1:30-3

Call them if you need to change your commitment or if we have neglected to schedule a house meeting with you.

Jennie 502-558-8151

Paul (502) 715-7949

**Help Promote Fair Trade in Louisville – join the
Just Creations Board**

Just Creations, Louisville's Fair Trade Marketplace, is seeking new members for their Board of Directors.

Volunteers with an interest in finance, development, community engagement, or communications are needed. Meetings are held monthly at Just Creations, with participation in special events throughout the year encouraged. Help them continue their 33-year mission of advocating for marginalized communities of artisans and farmers through the promotion of Fair Trade and social justice.

Please contact Joan Frisz at (502) 897-7319 or info@justcreations.org. Information sessions will be held in September and October. Inquiry deadline is September 22, 2023.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR

Rev. Bill Williamson for officiating at the Memorial Service for Becky Shafer during Pastor Mark's illness.

Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Rev. Ben Heimach-Snipes, and Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus for being Pulpit Guests during Pastor Mark's time away.

All who set up the Fellowship Hall and brought food to make the reception after the Shafer Memorial a very special gift.

Carol Brees who played the music for the service on Sunday August 20 while Jeanie was recovering from Covid.

Five new members who were welcomed into BRPC on August 6, 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 2023 SESSION MEETING

Rev. Eldred will be on vacation from August 15 through September 5th. He will be conducting the memorial service at BRP for Becky Shafer on August 26th at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. A private burial at Cave Hill cemetery will be immediately after the reception.

Marty Hageman reviewed both the June and July Treasurer's reports. The session approved the motion put forth by the Finance committee to increase the amount of our investment principal that is not available for operating budget expenditures. Blessed with some legacy gifts, the committee felt it was important to protect the funds use, stay prepared for economic uncertainties, and continue to honor those who made the undesignated gifts.

Molly Rapp reported that the Personnel committee and Building and Grounds committee have begun conducting interviews for the Custodian position. A revised job description has been written and shared with the session. Many ongoing improvement projects are taking place this month.

The Home School will be using our building on Tuesdays this year.

Rev. Eldred reported that the Adult Education Class will meet this Fall on Thursday evenings from 6:00p.m. to 7:15p.m. The dates are September 14th and 28th, October 12th and 26th, November 9th and 30th. Youth and Children's programs will alternate between Confirmation, Individual faith projects, and Bible based Sunday School. September 10th will be the kick-off for Confirmation and September 17th will be the kick-off for Bible based Sunday School. Dates for Confirmation class are October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd. Dates for Bible based Sunday School are October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th.

Jennie Guelda and Paul Johnson have been chosen to be Team Leaders for CLOUT. Alicia Bloos has been asked by Presbytery to be Vice-Moderator this year.

Neighborfest will be held on September 16th. Bardstown Road Aglow will be held on December 2nd.

The next communion will be held on September 3rd. The session voted to pursue the request to host World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United. This will take place in March 2024.

The session agreed to hold their monthly meetings for 2023-2024 on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session meeting will be held on September 19th.

Molly Rapp- Clerk of Session

FAITH AND JUSTICE TABLE SEPTEMBER 9 FARMER'S MARKET



EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE

Educational Justice is a non-profit striving to end educational inequity by pairing 5th-8th grade students with high-achieving high school peers for long-term one-on-one tutoring and mentorship to improve their academic performance and social development.

Educational Justice recognizes that educational inequity is a challenge in communities everywhere. EJ is working to increase capacity to expand its mission to other areas of the United States but currently only serves students in the Louisville KY Metropolitan Area, and limited locations in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

The Presbyterian Women of Mid-Kentucky

2023 Annual Prayer Service
will be held on Saturday, September 9th
at Shawnee Presbyterian Church,
101 South 44th Street
Louisville, KY 40212.

We will gather for fellowship and refreshments
at 10:30 a.m.

The program will begin at 11 a.m.

Offering

"Play Cousins" a Black family collective engaged in "building a village around our children" will receive the offering. Additional information can be found at playcousinscollective.com. Shawnee Presbyterian is seeking to provide a similar program for children and families in their west Louisville neighborhood.

Collection

New and gently used elementary-aged books will be collected and given to children through the Shawnee Presbyterian neighborhood family program.

From the MISSION COMMITTEE

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

OPPORTUNITY! September 14 is Give For Good Louisville (hosted by Community Foundation of Louisville), when you have the opportunity to make donations to support area non-profits, and in many cases, have your donation matched to increase your giving power! Please consider a donation to benefit HCM. You already know the good HCM does for our community. Go to www.giveforgoodlouisville.org to see at what time your donation might earn matching funds and to donate that day.

MANY THANKS, again, to all who donated backpacks, and food and toiletry items, to help support **HCM's Summer Food and Back to School Drive** when the HCP Van returned as our partner at our Faith and Justice Table at Farmers' Market on July 15. Thanks to your generosity, many students were well-equipped and well-nourished when they returned to school!

Check out all that HCM offers, including childcare; senior activities; art, yoga, and tai chi classes; rental event spaces; and all Highlands Youth Recreation sports, at hcmlouisville.org.

CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

SAVE THE DATE! *Autumn Under the Cedars*, the annual fundraiser gala for Cedar Ridge Camp, is Friday, October 13, 2023, at 6 P.M. at camp. The event begins with a cocktail hour with appetizers, musical entertainment, raffles, and silent auction, as well as an optional add-on bourbon tasting, followed by dinner (catered by Ladyfingers) with a brief program. Tickets are \$85 per individual, or save by purchasing a table for 8 for \$595. Visit cedaridgecamp.com for details or to purchase tickets, or if you wish to organize a BRP table of 8, contact Alicia Bloos at alicia-bloos@gmail.com or 502-496-0345.

HELP NEEDED! Mission Committee is asking for donations of wine for a BRP gift basket to be raffled at *Autumn Under the Cedars*. If you are out and about and discover some interesting wines, please consider purchasing a bottle or two to donate. Contact Alicia Bloos with questions, aliciabloos@gmail.com or 502-496-0345.

MORE HELP NEEDED! *Autumn Under the Cedars* also features a silent auction, for which we are seeking donations. Have great sports tickets to share? A lake cottage to loan for a weekend? Or can you share a talent? A homemade quilt, baby afghan, winter scarf? A homemade dessert every month (for 3, 6, 12 months)? A hand-painted picture? An original, framed photograph? Original wood crafts? Contact Alicia if you have something to contribute. Thanks!

INTERESTED in leading a camp activity for children, youth, or adults? Facilitators (from young adults to seniors) are needed year-round for school, church, and other groups. Activities include Archery, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Team Building, Native American Lore, Settlers' Toys, Orienteering, Trekking Through the Trees, Bug Safari, Crime Scene Investigation, Low Ropes Courses, and Ziplining. Training is provided, and there is compensation. Interested? Contact Alainna Brummert, Program Director, at alainna@cedaridgecamp.com.

BRP CHURCH FRONT DOOR MINISTRY

Many come to the church door in need. Please consider: Donating **money** to purchase **TARC Partner Passes**, discounted passes for the elderly, disabled, and those on assistance. The need has multiplied, but the budget is small! **You may write a check to BRPres with "TARC passes" on the memo line.**

Tuna and chicken lunchables are always needed. Also fruit bars (soft ones), men's socks, bottled water, packages of razors.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

BATTERIES AND...

We will be collecting household batteries again this summer, to deliver them to the Hazardous Waste facility in the fall. Please collect your batteries--from flashlights, hearing aids, remote controls, toys, and other household gadgets--and bring them into the church in the next couple of months. There is a container in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

We've also discovered that **mercury thermometers** can be recycled at the same facility, so add those thermometers to the things you'd like to recycle, and we'll get them taken care of. Just like batteries, thermometers should not be thrown in the trash due to the heavy metals they contain.



Leadership Louisville Lunch with Troy Burden and HCM Board Chair Tom Herman

BUILDING AND GROUNDS- BEHIND THE SCENES

You may not have realized it but there has been a lot going on behind the scenes over the last month. Below is a list of some of the things completed and some of the things we are still working on:

- Steam cleaned the sanctuary carpet and each of the pew cushions. Also had carpet stretched to take out some of the creases that could cause a hazard when walking.
- Pastor's bathroom was updated. Walls were repaired and painted along with new lighting fixture.
- The flat roof over the office and over the stairwell on opposite side of building were repaired. Leaks were causing damage on the ceilings and walls. Soon we will begin doing those repairs.
- A Contract was signed and working with TK Elevators to do annual maintenance on our elevator and to do the annual required state inspection. Lubrication of the lift should reduce noise.
- New air conditioners were put in the following areas: one in the Clubroom, two in Fellowship Hall, two on floor 2 ½ which is where Home School meets, One repaired on second floor classroom. These will complement the three new mini-split air conditioners previously installed in the kitchen, office, and pastor's study.
- New plastic round tables and cart were ordered and in place in the Fellowship Hall. These replaced the damaged wood round tables.
- New white board hung in the office for messaging and other needs.
- Several window blinds were replaced.
- Worked with a contractor and installed new light fixtures in the hallway on the first, second, third floors and over-steps leading to basement. Lighting fixtures in other areas were re-wired and converted to LED bulbs. Close to a hundred bulbs were installed. This eliminates ballasts.
- A dumpster was order and was completed filled with old furniture, broken items, etc. and another one is planned soon to continue the clean up.
- Shrubs were trimmed and flowers planted below the sign in front of the church.
- Second floor classroom and hallway was cleaned and waxed and a partial floating floor was put in one of the classrooms as well as ceiling tile replaced.
- Committee is also interviewing for a new custodian with some handyman skills.

There is still a significant list of things we want to get done but we are making progress. We want to thank those that have helped us in many of these areas. Bill Bowman, Jonathan Baize, Paul Johnson, Clare Lewis, Cheri Baize, Molly Rapp, and Lester Gamble. We appreciate the stewardship of helping maintain God's house. We will continue to make it more inviting to all who come.

Doug Rapp

BRP second floor being used by the Home School with new lighting and a polished floor.

Many thanks to Doug and Building & Grounds.

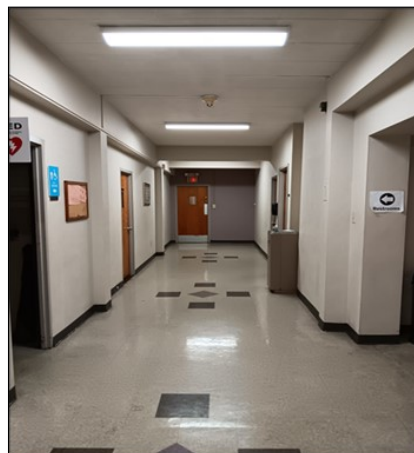
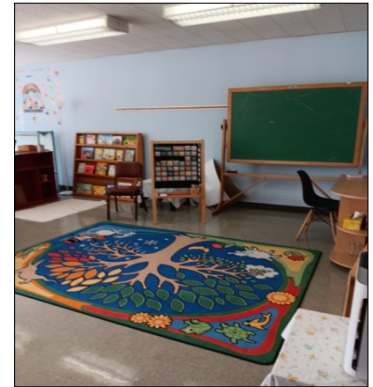


KENTUCKIANA HOMESCHOOL

Kentuckiana Homeschool's Tuesday cottage school program, Wildflowers Academy, begins our ninth school year at BRPC on Tuesday, September 5th. This year we've expanded to 6 classrooms (Kindergarten - Middle School) and 59 students!

The KHS board and Wildflowers staff are so thankful to Doug Rapp and the rest of the Building and Grounds Committee for all the repairs and updates that have been done over the summer to keep our classrooms bright, cool and safe!

A Home School classroom prepared by the teachers for a September 5 start!



New lighting on the Fellowship Hall floor

September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Personnel Meeting	1	2 9a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
3 COMMUNION 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Dr Laurie Kraus preaching	4 Labor Day	5 First day of Home School nka Wildflowers Academy	6	7 6:00 PM CLOUT meeting at Paul Johnson's house	8	9 9a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market Faith & Justice Table: Educational Justice
10 Christian Ed Youth Kick Off 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching Youth Luncheon	11 10:00 a.m. Congregational Life Mtg 5-6PM Standing in Solidarity	12	13 6-7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg Fellowship Hall	14 6:00 –7:15PM Adult Education in Fellowship Hall	15	16 9a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market 3-5 PM Neighborfest
17 Christian Ed Youth Kick Off 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching Youth Conversation	18 7 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting	19 11AM Women's Bible Study Masonic Homes 7PM Session Meeting	20	21	22	23 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market 1-4PM Choir Retreat
24 10 a.m. Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred preaching 12:30 PM CLOUT meeting at Paul Johnson's house	25 5-6PM Standing in Solidarity	26	27 5:30 PM CLOUT meeting with Jennie G in club room or fellowship Hall	28 6:00 –7:15PM Adult Education in Fellowship Hall	29	30 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market 1:30 PM CLOUT meeting with Jennie G in Club room or fellowship Hall



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