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Greetings Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church,

Welcome to 2021! Our Advent and Christmas Season are behind us. These past several weeks we have had a major leadership transition in our nation's Capitol. We continue to work through our pandemic as best as we can. We are still church!!

I told our session this past week that I would be truly saddened if we are still virtual for Easter 2021. As you all know, my first in-person Lent with you was cut short due to the beginning of our pandemic. I think that I have come full circle with the emotional rollercoaster that all of this has been in that I am at some level of acceptance of what is. What is our other alternative? Even when I am not fully comfortable with all that is going in with the pandemic, in our city, state, nation, or world, I am somewhat resigned to the realities and challenges that are in our path ahead. At the end of the day, we are all still Children of God called to serve God as best as we can.

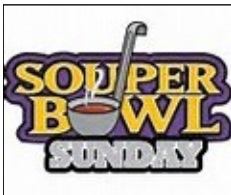
I am reaching out to all of you to offer that you join with me in a personal spiritual and theological Lenten Journey starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. For the Forty Days of Lent, I will be reading a book titled "40 Days of Prayer; for the Liberation of American Descendants of Slavery" published by Simmons College of Kentucky. Church member Linda Bowman brought this book to my attention. Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday, February 17 to Palm Sunday, March 28, and does not include the Sundays in the 40-days. As we have participated with one another out on our street in our Stand-In Solidarity; Together in Justice, Together in Faith, these prayers are an extension of that same justice mission and theology. This work was compiled by Cheri Mills, who serves in ministry at St. Stephens Baptist Church, Louisville, and is Assistant to the President of Simmons College of Kentucky, one of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities of our nation (you may often see them referred to as HBCUs). I will be using the book to guide my personal Lenten Devotion this year as we also head in to February, which is also Black History Month. Proceeds from this book benefit Simmons College. Might this book and conversation be something you are interested in using in guiding your own personal Lenten journey and prayer in 2021? I will be ordering 10 books to have on hand. If you are interested in joining in prayer this Lent, please reach out. This book can also be purchased at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Blessings to you this day!

Pastor Mark

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING— February 7

What is Souper Bowl of Caring?  
Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.



Due to Covid, there will not be a collection of foodstuffs or money at BRP to send to HCM. If you would like to contribute, please send a check to BRP and note "HCM" on the memo line.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 7: Souper Bowl of Caring

February 14, 2021:  
Valentine's Day Visits  
Annual Meeting for the presentation of the budget and the Annual Report. The meeting will be via Zoom after worship.

February 17: Ash Wednesday

March 28: Palm Sunday

April 1: Maundy Thursday

April 2: Good Friday

April 4: Easter Sunday

## CLAIRE DETLEFS

**Happy birthday** to Claire Detlefs who is 92 years old/young on February 13!



## JCPS DATES

Spring break—March 15-19

Graduation is May 8

*Last day of school is May 20*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jackson Irakoeze	1
Secret Waritay	1
Esperance Niyibitanga	2
Susan Rapp	7
Diedre Teaford	7
Chris Hofmann	12
Claire Detlefs	13
Thomas Ortiz	13
Anne Teaford	15
Stevie Bilyeu	15
Brian Shaw	17
Claire Kotheimer	17
Elizabeth McCormack	18

## Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Mark Eldred	Pastor
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### ASH WEDNESDAY (February 17)

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, from 5:00 - 5:45 P.M. Pastor Mark will be imposing ashes in a drive through process in the church's parking lot - please enter the church headed south on to the alley entrance and continue to proceed south through the parking lot to get your ashes. We will share in a virtual service for Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 P.M. which should give the ash parade time to make their way home to share in worship. There will also be a time for imposition of ashes during the 6:30 worship service. If you wish to participate at home and have ashes from a burn log or fire place, feel free to use that, but you can also use dirt from outside.

### BRP ANNUAL MEETING—February 14

February 14, 2021 - the Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Reminder that the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church will be held on February 14 virtually! Join in after worship as we hold our meeting for a presentation of the 2021 budget, a 2020 year review, and a time for rejoicing in thanksgiving for our congregation! You will receive an email with an invitation and directions on how to join in the meeting.

### VALENTINE'S DAY VISITS

We are planning another visit to the families of our younger members for Sunday February 14th.



Please help us share our love by dropping off fun items to the BRP office before that Sunday. We will be preparing 20 bags.



### BRPC CONFIRMATION 2021

Sarah Hageman, Pastor Mark, and the BRPres Confirmation class will be meeting Sundays February 7, March 7, April 11, and May 2 via zoom to share in a Virtual Confirmation Faith Scavenger Hunt! Our high school and middle schoolers will be asked to continue to think about and to express their faith in a variety of ways. Stay tuned to hear more about our Faith Scavenger Hunt.

Few of us remember the day of our infant baptism, but do any of you remember your Confirmation day? These weeks of confirmation are important for our seven young Confirmands. How can we best support our seven confirmands: Ivona, Esperance, Secret, Gifted, Gabe, Ari, and Maddie? As you continually consider your own faith and how you might be called to follow God in life through that faith, keep our seven in your prayers that they may each experience this in their own individual way and as a class. Lord, we lift up the gift of individual and collective faith in you, and may your Spirit's presence guide us all. Amen.

### READ-THROUGH-THE-BIBLE-IN-A YEAR

Our Read-through-the-Bible-in-a-Year group is still reading away with Pastor Mark. They have now read more than thirteen books of the bible. Each day participants read two to three chapters of a book of Hebrew Scripture (the Old Testament) and one chapter of Greek Scripture (the New Testament) or a Psalm. From September 2020 to September 2021, the entire bible is read. Feel free to jump in anytime at the beginning of a new month, or next fall, September 2021! Pastor Mark will offer this opportunity to read the great stories of our bible every year.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Join BRPres Adult Education on our last of four sessions to discuss Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letter from Birmingham Jail* - Monday, February 8, from 6-8 P.M. If you haven't been attending but are interested in joining the final zoom call, please email Pastor Mark for a link - mark@brpres.org. We look forward to new book studies that will be announced for Spring 2021.

## JANUARY 19, 2021 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Rev. Eldred proposed that the Session study the book "Neighborhood Church" from February to May. The book will be a guide to learn about reinvesting in our neighborhood. We will also reassess our four core ministry priorities.
- During the Moderator's Report, Rev. Eldred was conscious of fatigue and isolation in our congregation and stressed the importance of checking and caring for each other.
- The 2020 Annual Church Statistical Report was reviewed showing the demographic make-up of our congregation and finances. A correction was made to the Age Distribution of Education groups and the report was approved to be sent to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.
- Marty Hageman reviewed the year-end December 2020 Treasurer's Report. Due to less budgeted expenses because of the coronavirus, a surplus of \$26,550 was put back into Restricted Funds. The year-end balance for income and expenses was \$214,707.45.
- The 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget was presented by Marty showing a detailed breakdown for each category for income (\$265,544 total) and expenses (\$270,139 total) with an overage of \$4,595. Each committee was asked to review their allocated costs to verify their purpose and describe how the monies will be spent. There will be another Session Meeting to approve the 2021 budget on February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Congregational Life Committee is considering a Discretionary Financial Fund for church members in need to be distributed by the Pastor under the advisement of a committee. There may be another distribution of gifts to the Youth for Valentine's Day.
- The Mission and Service Committee is coordinating with Interfaith Power and Light to show three films in February about the environment and planning blood drives partnering with the Farmer's Market in Fellowship Hall starting in June.
- Worship and Music Committee is looking at how to do Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and other Easter events maintaining social distancing and having other people participate in the services.

## VACCINE INFORMATION

The **Covid vaccine** will now be given to anyone over 70 years old. Below is the link to the site with all the information you will need regarding the vaccine.

**If you are not yet able to schedule an appointment for the vaccine, it is because the demand is larger than the supply at the moment.** It is still a good idea to complete the form and be ready to schedule an appointment when they are available.

Once the form is completed you will be contacted regarding an appointment.

There are also phone numbers through the Health Department that will give you access to someone who will complete your form for you and where you can request an appointment to receive the shot.

**They are: 502-912-8515 and 502-912-8982.**

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-covid-19-resource-center/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Below is the direct link to the form:

<https://louisvilleky.wufoo.com/forms/zz29d2q1d5thfj/>

## VACCINE AT BROADBENT ARENA

You should enter the Kentucky Exposition Center via Gate 4, from Crittenden Drive. The entry gate will be open – you will not be charged for parking. You will be directed into a line of traffic. At the first stop, staff will ensure that you have an appointment and that you do not have a fever. You will be directed to the Broadbent Arena entrance, will be allowed to drive inside, and will be directed into one of five lanes of traffic. Please stay in your lane and follow all posted signs and directions from staff. Once in the lane, you will be asked several questions to ensure that it is appropriate to receive a vaccine today. After this is complete, you will pull forward to the nurse's station where you receive your injection through the window. The time it takes to pass through this process is estimated at 15 minutes, but may take longer at times of peak traffic. Following the vaccination, you will be directed into a specific parking area, where you will wait for fifteen (15) minutes [or thirty (30) for some special cases] before leaving the Kentucky Exposition Center. Staff will be circulating in the parking lot to check on you. If you feel ill or need assistance during this time, turn on your hazard lights to signal staff.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

### HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Because of the pandemic and resulting business closures and unemployment, **need continues** to be great in our community. The food pantry and emergency assistance programs at HCM are more critical than ever for many of our neighbors. You can help with the work of HCM at any time by visiting the website, [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org), and donating directly, or sending a check to BRPres with "HCM donation" in the memo line.

### BRPC FOOD PANTRY and TARC BUS PASSES

We often want to help those who come to the church door in need. Please consider:

**Donating** the following is quite helpful: individual **tuna or chicken salad lunchables** are the best because they are evidently quite tasty. **Beanie weenies** are also good, with the pop-top can. Nothing else is needed at the moment. As always, thank you for your generosity.

### CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF BUS PASSES IS NEEDED!

**If you are able to help, please make a financial contribution** toward our **purchase of TARC Partner Passes**, as we have only a small amount budgeted for this expense, and the need continues to grow. You may mail a check to church with "TARC passes" on the memo line. Thank you!

**A donation of Gloves, sox and scarves** is helpful for us to give to those who come to the door at BRP. (Men's)

### CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

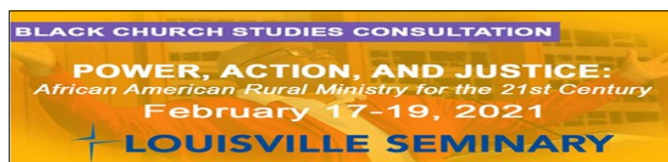
#### **Need a birthday gift for a child in your life?**

Cedar Ridge summer camp registration is open, and gift cards are now available! If loved ones are having trouble coming up with ideas for gifts, they can gift the camp experience. Also for the first time, there will be a Spring Break Camp, which is also open for registration and gifting right now! If you would like to register early and reserve your camper's spots, give the gift of camp, or send a gift card, please check out the website

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH- FEBRUARY 2021

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

The story of Black History Month began in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the above-mentioned Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.



**When:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:15 PM EST  
-to-Friday, February 19, 2021 at 3:30 PM EST  
**Where:** Online ZOOM Webinar

The 2021 Louisville Seminary Black Church Studies Consultation is designed to build scholarly and practical resources for African American ministers, ministries, and congregations in order to help them thrive.

The Consultation will provide resources and support for a neglected and understudied area of ministry and work to build relationships of trust and power between rural ministers and the communities they serve.

This event is presented by the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Black Church Studies Program with partial funding provided by the Lilly Endowment Inc. Thriving Congregations Initiative.

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**502-992-9358**  
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*The following poems were sent by Lindsay Bilyeu last year in honor of her Great Aunt, Ethel Seng Doll, her grandfather's older sister. She belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church on Highland Avenue her entire life. Both poems were in her bible. They bear re-reading.*

#### **A PRAYER FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

LORD, THOU KNOWEST better than I that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

KEEP ME from getting talkative; particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from trying to straighten out everybody's affairs.

KEEP MY MIND from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

I ASK FOR GRACE enough to listen to the tales of OTHERS' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

BUT SEAL MY LIPS on my own aches and pains; they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is growing sweeter as the years go by.

TEACH ME the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

KEEP ME reasonably sweet.

I DON'T WANT TO BE A SAINT – some of them are hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

MAKE ME THOUGHTFUL, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all; but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

#### **“LET GO AND LET GOD”**

Whenever you are troubled with worry and care,  
Let go – and let God take over from there,  
Unburden your troubles as you would to a friend,  
For He is with you from beginning to end,  
So when your cross is too heavy to bear,  
Let go - and let God take over from there,  
When o'er the darkness and clouds have gone,  
Remember Who has brought the dawn,  
Thank Him for all His blessings fair,  
Let go – and let God take over from there.  
*M. M. Payton*



#### **New storefront on Bardstown Road! A leap of faith!**

The store is called **Bubbly Bliss Bar by Kayla Marie**. Inside, you will find a mix of bath bombs, candles, soaps, and grooming products — all to help you relax during a time when we could all use it. Kayla started this business at the age of 14.

Kayla says she hopes to inspire others to follow their dreams and do whatever it takes to achieve them, like she did.



# February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 7 P.M. Personnel Committee Mtg	5	6 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
7 <b>Communion</b> 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching Super Bowl of Caring  Confirmation Class Via Zoom	8 10:00 a.m. Congregational Life Mtg  Adult ED 6-8 pm via Zoom	9 <i>Mission Committee Meeting</i>	10	11	12	13 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
14 Transfiguration 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Eldred Preaching BRP Annual Mtg Valentine's Day Visits	15 President's Day  7 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting	16 7 p.m. Session Meeting	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 5-5:45 p.m. <i>Drive thru in BRP parking lot for ashes</i>  <i>6:30 Service virtual at BRP</i>	18	19	20 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market  9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting via Zoom
21 11 a.m. Worship Rev. Mark Eldred preaching	22	23	24	25	26	27 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Farmer's Market
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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)



FRED ROGERS CENTER  
for early learning and children's media  
at Saint Vincent College

"I need thinking time when someone asks me a  
searching question. I wonder why it seems to be so  
uncomfortable for many people to wait through the  
silence. People of all ages have deep feelings, and if  
we have the patience to wait through the silence,  
it's often astounding what people will tell us."

-Fred Rogers