Dear Friends,

Wasn’t our outdoor service in September fantastic? It was so good to see many of you and to worship together in God’s beautiful creation!

We will have another outdoor service on Sunday, October 11, at 10:45am – this time it will be a special “Blessing of the Pets” service! Here are some guidelines to make the day go as smoothly as possible.

Pets of any kind are welcome – dogs, cats, rabbits, horses, frogs, fish, etc.

Please keep your pet on a leash or in an appropriate carrier at all times.

Please bring anything that your pet might need to be comfortable for an hour or so, such as treats or a water dish.

Ordinarily, I would bless each pet individually. To observe social distancing, though, I will lead everyone in blessing their own pets. In other words, don’t be afraid that I or anyone else will “need” to get too close to you for this service.

The weather may be cooler, so feel free to bring a blanket. You are also welcome to bring your own coffee, water, etc.

Of course, we will also observe the same health guidelines as our September service:

Everyone (human) must wear a face covering (mask, shield, bandana, etc.) at all times.
Please bring your own chair. There will be people available to help you load and unload it from your car as needed.
Please stay 6 feet apart from anyone not from your household, even when talking to one another.
Touchless hand sanitizing stations will be available.
The church doors will be open for restroom access only.
The service will last about 30 minutes out of respect for those who may want to limit the time of their exposure to others; if you’re comfortable, you’re invited to spend the remaining half hour fellowshipping from a safe distance.
We will record the service and post it online by Sunday evening. We will also be mailing a printout of the service to our homebound members as usual.

While the weather is nice, remember that small groups may meet in the outdoor spaces of our church campus. If your small group would like to arrange a time to get together, please contact the property committee.

Online worship and coffee fellowship will continue throughout this month as usual. I remain in awe of our congregation’s creativity, flexibility, and joy in the face of so much change and challenge! I am deeply grateful to be your pastor, and look forward to seeing you for this special service and many others!

Peace,
Pastor Elizabeth
Prayer Concerns

Debbie Carlyle
Gillian Weber White, daughter to Pat Weber who has esophageal cancer.

Woody Webb is recovering at Truman West from surgery to repair a perforated colon.

Gordon Neal is recovering from heart surgery.

Bob Fray is recovering at home from a fractured pelvis.

Carol McCoy has a family member in the hospital.

Jim Bagby’s friend who suffered major complications following bypass surgery is Don Ransom, and he continues to need our prayers.

Christi Neal’s daughter Melody who is recovering from a traffic crash.

Steven S. friend to Barry Elbasani is in ICU with Covid.

Truman High School student Daniel Nickens’ white blood cell count continues to fall, plus he now has strep. The strep is responding to treatment; he will have a major leukemia test on Friday, October 2.

Barry Elbasani who is in need of a personal care attendant.

Carla Weisz
Pvt Christian Weisz, grandson to Carla, who is serving in Korea.

Kerri McCorkle
Linda Schumacher's sister-in-law, Linda Leonard. In addition to the bacterial and fungal lung infections she has been battling for many months, they have now found some cancer cells in her lungs.

Mary Lou and Gary’s daughter, Laura and her husband Mark.

Grandson to Paul and Donna Vance who is now stateside.

Todd Radenbaugh, nephew to Mary Lou and Gary Oberlander

Anita Briggs  John Sinden  Bruce Odenbaugh  Loydine Kranz  Jean Martin
Amy Banks  The KR Family  Lucy Becka  Margaret and Gordon Neal

JOY

Jerry and Marsha Elbasani celebrated their 49th Anniversary on September 25.

Larry Ham who has completed his radiation treatments and continues to keep our church grounds looking nice.
YOUR SESSION AT WORK

I love this time of year. The temperatures are cooler, the trees are starting to change, and I really love the trees with red and orange leaves! I do not know about everyone else, but the Worship on the Green restored my soul. It was wonderful to see all those that were able to attend and it was a true blessing to have a little bit of time to visit. Although, it was so hard not to share hugs! I truly hope we can incorporate outdoor worship even when we do not need to for social distancing reasons. Thank you to all that made our Worship on the Green possible, especially our amazing Deacons.

Your Session has been hard at work and our Pastor is amazing! I do not know how she keeps up with taking care of our congregation, attending all of the committee meetings, planning and recording worship services, learning new technology so that we can have online worship and Zoom meetings, conducting Presbytery meetings online and having a birthday during a Pandemic! We have been truly blessed and I am thankful! She is a such wonderful leader and keeps meetings on track! Your Session will be reviewing the recommendations of the Reopening Task Force and will share plans for November and December after our next meeting. We are also reviewing the Bylaws and will be presenting proposed amendments to those at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11. We want to ensure our Bylaws can accommodate changes in how congregations are worshipping and meeting and that we have an appropriate number of deacons and elders.

I will leave you with this, which is one of my favorite verses which I remember Reverend Blaney sharing at the end of service when I was 16, “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26.

May the Peace of Christ be with each of you today and always!

Yours in Christ,
Kim Scheerer
Christian Education is planning for Sunday School when it can be done safely. Yes, there are still unknowns and we don’t have all the answers. There may still be social distancing and guidelines in place, but CE will be ready for Sunday School so that together we can continue our spiritual growth and get closer to God. When the time is right, we will pick up where we left off in March. Elementary students will finish “The Beatitudes” and learn to “Soar with the Holy Spirit”; Jr and Sr High students will continue with “Talk Sheets” and the Adults will have another Bible study or book study. Keep the faith, stay strong and don’t worry!

Melanie Penn, singer/songwriter from New York (and niece of Jana Henderson) has spent her time at home writing new songs including one titled “Don’t Worry” (see lyrics). Check out her music and videos at www.melaniepenn.com

“I lie awake sometimes about a million regrets
All I’ve done and all I’ve left undone
My only peace of mind is that it’s incomplete
Your work in me is only begun
Oh, I believe it, even when I can’t see it
You are always watching over me
Oh, I believe it, even when I don’t feel it
You are watching over everything

Don’t, don’t worry, don’t, don’t worry now
Don’t worry it’ll be alright
Don’t, don’t worry, don’t, don’t worry now
Don’t worry it’ll be alright
Every bird on a wing or any flower that grows
Is never anxious for a single thing
My confidence is in the only one who can know
How to give me everything I need
Don’t, don’t worry, don’t, don’t worry now
Don’t worry it’ll be alright!”
It was so great to worship together on Sunday, 13th! Mission and Outreach thanks all of you who keep donating to MICAH and REAP. You are so faithful. We sent our percentage of the Peacemaking Offering to Newhouse Safehouse. The amount was $78.75. We just received a thank you from them, I imagine partly late because of all the confusion with the virus. Peace offerings will be accepted through October.

NOROC—New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children—sends a newsletter every week. It is a Presbyterian mission that has been going on for 23 years. This month featured young boy who had to write a favorite childhood memory to gain entrance to a university. He did, and his tutor asked if it were true. The boy answered that he had spent his whole life at the orphanage, so he did not have "family" memories. NOROC tries it’s best to provide the children with good memories and teaching them that God cares for them, and our church helps with our mission money from fundraising.

Stay safe, be blessed.

Linda Lockwood
Missions & Outreach Committee

Winter is Coming……...

MICAH NEW NEEDS:
Water
Tarps
Tents
Warm blankets, clothing
Hats, gloves, scarves, adult socks
Toilet paper as always

Your giving means so much.
Thank you.
Missions and Outreach
### FINANCE

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Still holding our own during these trying times. We appreciate all who have continued to support our church with their pledges & offerings. We have been working on the Proposed Budget for 2021. Thank you again & please be in prayer that we can continue to make all of the expenses without touching savings. Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Moore

### PER CAPITA

Heartland Presbytery provides our church with many services & we must support them with our Per Capita giving. Think of per capita as part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)’s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of this system.

The amount this year is $43.04.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

If your birthday is this month please consider contributing to the BRPC Endowment Fund. Pick an amount to contribute, $1.00, $2.00 or more multiplied by your age would help build this Endowment so that the interest earned can be used to help our community. Please make note on the memo line of your check and mail to our

PO BOX 16536  RAYTOWN, MO  64133

THANK YOU

### JOY SCHOLARSHIPS

REMINDER:

Please submit your scholarship application to Sandy Moore. Her email address is SANDYM433@aol.com or deliver to the office before October 14th. Thank you

### DEACONS

As a Deacon I try my best to reach out to my flock and church family to let them know I care, am thinking of them, and or praying for them. While recovering from my recent accident I got to be on the receiving end of my church family reaching out to me with words of comfort, healing, and acts of helpfulness. So, I want to say thank you to the Deacons and my church family for the cards, calls, food, and Diet Coke. Your caring reminds me of the 23rd Psalm - The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want... You have been my Shepherds and I am very thankful.

Peggy Sinden
Dear Friends,

Who wants a new BRPC t-shirt or sweatshirt? We will be ordering shirts again this fall. If you’d like a new shirt or two (or three or ten!), fill out an order form and send it, with payment, to Carol Schumacher by October 18. All mailing and check information is on the form itself.

Please contact the office if you did not receive a form.

Special thanks to Carol for doing the research and organization on this project!

Peace,

Pastor Elizabeth


Online Coffee Fellowship

BRPC will gather online every Sunday at noon for Coffee Fellowship! We will use the Zoom application to get together. You may join us from your computer, tablet, or smart phone by clicking this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/801765302>.

Or, if you’d like to call in by phone, you may call 312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID “801 765 302”.

Ask Me Anything: Want to get to know your new pastor? Pastor Elizabeth will be on Facebook Live every Tuesday for the foreseeable future and will invite you to “Ask Me Anything.” She responds to as many questions as possible – personal, professional, theological, etc! Please call in or email your questions to Pastor Elizabeth or Karen Argo.

I came across this little cartoon that I thought was SO appropriate for these unprecedented times. WHOO’d have thought we would ever be apart this long?

I also found some rather timely advice on a bookmark I have titled “Advise from an OWL”

Stay Focused

Be “Whoo” You Are

Trust in a Wise Friend

Live Off the Land

Glide Through the Dark Time

Be Observant

Life’s a Hoot!

Well, it may not seem like such a hoot right now...but, never the less...God is good “OWL” the time!

Linda Schumacher
Friends, thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, and gifts you showered on me for my birthday. I was overwhelmed with your loving support! Thank you for being such an amazing church family!

Love,
Pastor Elizabeth

A big thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls that we've received from all the church members. We really appreciate it. All of our love goes out to you.

Don and Carol Pine

Hi All,
Here is our schedule for Wednesdays at 1pm

**Oct 28**  The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (Faye Wasco)

**Nov 25**  to be announced (Martha Wallsmith)

Be well,
Marsha

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act, but a habit"  Aristotle

FRIENDS of PEB

“Joining Hands to Give

Wings to their Dreams”

On September 10 Shelley Melewski was elected to the board of Friends of PEB (Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan). Many of you will remember Veda Gill, executive director of PEB, who has visited Blue Ridge several times to talk about their work. Along with other churches in our presbytery, BRPC has helped support the work of the girls' boarding school and boys' day school in Sargodha, Pakistan. Shelley will be completing one year of a three-year term and then will be eligible to serve an additional three years on the board. Please pray for the work of PEB in Pakistan where children from poor families are exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and given an excellent education.

LOOKING FOR FULFILLING EMPLOYMENT!

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT

Barry Elbasani, Lee Summit, Mo

I am a quadriplegic seeking a Caregiver/PCA. I work full-time and live as independently as possible, but I need some assistance. This is a perfect job for an individual who does not want to work with multiple patients.

If interested please use the contact information listed below. Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you!

Barry Elbasani
belba444@aol.com, 816-868-9463
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

“BLESSING OF THE PETS”

BRPC will hold an outdoor "BLESSING OF THE PETS" SERVICE on Sunday, October 11. Please plan ahead to bring your pets in person, if possible.

If your pet is unable to attend but you'd still like for them to be included, please send Pastor Elizabeth a photo of your pet by Wednesday, October 7. These photos will be displayed during our service as part of the celebration.

Neither rain nor heat nor gloom of covid stays these members from the joy of “Traveling Coffee Fellowship”.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
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10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship Online  
12:00 PM Coffee Fellowship - ZOOM | 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM "Ask Me Anything" with Pastor Elizabeth - Facebook Live |          |          |          |        | BRPC Business Office Closed |
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|        | 10:00 AM All Staff Mtg.  
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM "Ask Me Anything" with Pastor Elizabeth - Facebook Live |          | 1:00 PM Christian Education Cmtee Mtg |          |        | 1:00 PM Bridge (Parlor) |
| 11     | 12     | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM Worship on the Green, "Blessing of the Pets!"  
11:30 AM Congregational Meeting | 1:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting | 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM "Ask Me Anything" with Pastor Elizabeth - Facebook Live  
12:00 PM Missions & Outreach Cmtee Mtg  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Property Cmtee Mtg |          | 5:30 PM Worship Comm. Meeting |          | BRPC Business Office Closed |
| 18     | 19     | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24       |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Worship Online  
12:00 PM Coffee Fellowship - ZOOM |        | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
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October
2020

The Mission of BRPC is to

- **Proclaim** the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- **Worship God** with reverence, warmth and joy;
- **Nourish faith and discipleship** through prayer, fellowship, giving, study and service;
- **Work** for justice and peace; and
- **Share the love of Christ** with the community and the world.

In God We Trust

BRPC Staff

We’re a Matthew 25 church
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