
BEARGRASS NEWS



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VOLUME 11, NUMBER 8 BEARGRASS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) AUGUST 2018

Wednesday Evening Kicks-off

Wednesday evening children's programming will resume Wednesday, September 5. Programming for 1st to 5th grades will be offered through music and Bible study. Classes will run until November 14. Childcare is available in the ARK wing for children kindergarten and under. Chalice Hall will be open from 5:30-6:30. Families are welcome to bring their own dinner and enjoy food and fellowship during that time.
5:45-6:15 – Children's Bell Choir (Room 200)
6:30-7:30 – Children's Choir and Bible Study (starts each week in Room 203)

Space for Grace Kickoff August 19

By Steven Straub

Beargrass children and youth going into 3rd – 12th grade and parents, it is time for Space for Grace, to resume on Sunday evenings.

A special kick-off is planned on Sunday, August 19 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. The night will include inflatables, games, get-to-know-you activities, and parent meetings. EVERYONE needs to wear tennis shoes, and parents need to plan to stay the entire time as they will be involved in both meetings and activities. Childcare is available for younger siblings on the ARK wing. Any questions? Contact Steven Straub (steven@beargrass.org).

Promotion Sunday Sunday August 19 at 10 am

Children should report to their current Sunday School classrooms where they will be escorted to the sanctuary for the promotion ceremony. After promotion, they will be taken to their new classrooms with their new teachers. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony. At the end of Sunday School hour, parents should pick up their children from their new classrooms and introduce themselves to their children's new teacher. Contact Steven Straub (steven@beargrass.org) with any questions.

New Youth and Young Adults Minister Rev. Rob Shrader Called

By John Hull

Beargrass Christian Church has called the Reverend Rob Shrader as Minister of Youth and Young Adults. Rob will begin his ministry at Beargrass on September 1, 2018 and will be present for the fall kickoff of Space for Grace on August 19.

Rev. Shrader brings a wealth of experience to Beargrass. He is currently Pastor of Campbellsburg Christian Church, in Campbellsburg, Kentucky. He began in ministry there in 2011. He previously served as Senior Minister of First Christian Church, London KY (2004-2010), Associate Minister of First Christian Church, West Palm Beach FL (2002-2004) and as a Student Associate Minister at Dry Ridge (KY) Christian Church.

Rev Shrader was educated at Transylvania University (BA 1998) and Lexington Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity 2002). He has twenty years of experience counseling and directing at Disciples of Christ summer camps, primarily at Camp Wakon-Da-Ho. He co-directed Junior Camp with Steven Straub during several summers. Many of our youth have experienced Rob's leadership at camp. Rob has also organized and led many mission trips in the various congregations he has served.

Rob is married, has four children and lives in the Louisville area. The Ministry Leadership Team and the Official Board of Beargrass voted to call Rev Shrader on July 2 on the recommendation of the Youth Ministry Search Team led by Liz Barlow. Other members of the Search Team include Kelly Haile, Jessica Pehlke, Sara Thurston, Jack Whittle and John Wilhoit. Bob Gilewski, Keith Wilson and Leigh Bond participated in the search team process. Thank you to the Search Team for their excellent work.

We are very excited to welcome Rob Shrader as the next Minister of Youth and Young Adults.

Newcomers Classes Scheduled

By Leigh Bond

The next Newcomers Class is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 16, and 23, at 10:00 am in room 114. The class offers an informative introduction to the mission and ministries of our church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I recommend the class to people who are new to the church or considering Beargrass as their church home. Childcare is available for all sessions. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can register for the class by calling the church office at 896-1161 or by emailing me at leigh@beargrass.org.

Beargrass Music Notes

By Leigh Bond

The Beargrass Choir is back after their annual summer break! They have worked very hard this year and took on a number of additional performances and projects, so we are pleased to welcome them back to the 11 am worship services. Rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Child care is available. If you love to sing and would like to get involved, this is a wonderful time to get started. If you have questions, please contact Daniel Spurlock at 643-0201 or booksds16@gmail.com.

The Chalice Group will meet Tuesday, August 7 from 6:30-8:00 pm

The group will meet in the Conference Room. We will discuss chapters 7-12 of *The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity* by Philip Gulley. All are welcome to join this group of spiritual learners. For more information contact Melissa Draut at meldraut@bellsouth.net or 897-3975.

Hope 4 Tomorrow Presentation With Kenneth Sese, Wednesday, August 22

Kenneth Sese with Hope 4 Tomorrow will be at Beargrass to discuss Hope 4 Tomorrow and the relationship with Beargrass. He will update us on the latest with the children and we will discuss the plans for our Guatemala Trip in Summer 2019. Please join us Wednesday August 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. If you have any questions please contact Dale Mercker at 419-4791 or dmercker@gmail.com.

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Scouting at Beargrass



You Are Invited to be a Part of the Celebration.

Beargrass chartered its first Scouting program in 1943. To commemorate this special occasion, Troop 115 and Pack 115 are hosting a Scouting celebration on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 4-7 pm.

The Chris Georgehead Scout Center will be open for tours from 4-5 pm.

A dinner and program will occur in the Activities Building from 5- 7 pm. The program will include special reflections, award presentations, skits from the Scouts, and the opening of the time capsule from the 50th Scouting celebration in 1993.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Scoutmaster Jim Sams at bccscouttroop115@gmail.com or 502-377-8427.

SHARING HOPE

By Mike Puckett

In his message on July 8, Rev. Steven Straub implored our church family to go into the world and offer hope. Certainly, hope is in short supply for the 25 million refugees of the world who have been so designated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Each is currently living outside her/his country of birth, unable to return there due to violence or persecution resulting from their nationality, ethnicity, religion, race, or political persuasion. A minute number of them are selected each year (in 2016 it was just 103,000 worldwide), after years of vetting and then resettled to another country. For the year ending September 30, 2018, the USA will allow some 20,000 to come here, down from 85,000 two years ago.

Beargrass is preparing to offer such hope to at least one family in the coming weeks, by co-sponsoring a family in Louisville in conjunction with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Wayne Mayes will lead the Beargrass team as we prepare for our 12th refugee family over the past two decades. We need volunteers for the lead team; furniture for their lodging; household items; and of course, your prayers. If you, family or friends have furniture to discard, arrangements for pick-up can be made by contacting KRM at 479.9180, ext. 523, or at donate@kyrm.org. Please alert KRM on any direct donations that they are on behalf of Beargrass so that they can be isolated for our incoming family. Household items may be delivered to the Agape classroom at church.

We need your help in this endeavor to honor Steven's imperative to share hope! If you are willing to serve on the Beargrass lead team, please contact Wayne Mayes at 502.551.7534 or w_mayes@bellsouth.net, or Mike Puckett at 502.593.7148 or mike.t.puckett@gmail.com. We are likewise available for any questions. Thank you for your prayers for the refugee family (specifics yet to be determined) whom God will soon deliver to us.

Book Club Meets on Thursday, August 16

1:30 pm in the Library. *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

6:30 in Youth Room. The Disciples Women's Book Club will not meet in August.

Pool Parties

Sunday, August 26

Chi Rho (6th -8th grades) 4:30-6:30 pm
CYF (9th- 12th grades) 6:00-8:00 pm

Whittle's home (7900 Montero Drive, Prospect)

For more information contact John Whittle at (502) 418-9239 or jkwhittle@bellsouth.net

JYF Kickoff Trip

Children's Museum of Indianapolis

Saturday, August 25

(8 am – 8 pm)

(For rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders)

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule

By Gerald Box

As we head into the month of August, we hope to see some new faces who will join our committed core of men for our weekly Sunday afternoon meetings at 4:30 pm in room 201. We'll wrap up one series and begin a new one. Here is the schedule for the next couple of months. Please contact me at Jerrybox@rocketmail.com if you have questions or need more information.

August 5—Conclusion of "Inside the Heart of a Man" Series

August 12—No Meeting because of Retreat at St. Meinrad

August 19—New Series Begins—"Sermon Points of Interest"

August 26—Reflections from the Men's Retreat

September 2—No Meeting because of Labor Day Weekend

September 9, 16, 23, 30—"Sermon Points of Interest"

Parents' Day Out 2018-2019

Classes begin Wednesday, September 5. Classes for toddlers through Pre-K meet Wednesday and Friday. Contact Kathy Wise 502-425-2494 or kdwise923@gmail.com for more information. Space is limited.

The Parents Day Out program at Beargrass Christian Church meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We have classes for children from infant through age 4. Enroll your child today. They will enjoy playing and learning with other children.

Parents are to provide lunch and beverage for their children. Children in diapers need to bring disposable diapers. All children need to bring a change of clothes. Please label with the child's name all lunch boxes, diaper bags, back-packs, coats, etc.

2018-2019 School Year Fees: Monthly payments are averaged over the 9-months

Beargrass Member Fee per Month: 1 day – \$62.00 per child, 2 days – \$124 per child
Non-member Fee per Month: 1 day – \$65 per child, 2 days \$130 per child
Registration Fees: \$25 per child
The 2018-2019 year will begin Wednesday, September 5 and Friday, September 7.

Bad Policy Weather Closing: We are closed if Jefferson County Elementary Schools are closed for inclement weather or have a delayed opening related to weather.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach and love your children! For more information, contact Kathy Wise, director at (502) 425-2494.



Sports Shorts
By Leigh Bond

Softball Teams Have Another Super Season!

The Beargrass softball teams have had another super season and continued to add to their already impressive trophy collection.

The Red and Blue Co-ed Teams finished the regular season in 1st and 2nd place for the 2nd year in a row. Thanks to Jim Sams for managing the Red Team and Brandon Bond for taking care of the Blue Team.

The Thursday Night Men's Team had an excellent 7-1 record during the regular season and an even better tournament as they beat Hurstbourne Baptist 19-1 in the semifinal and Fellowship Christian 22-17 in the exciting final game. Congratulations to Brian Bennett, Brandon Bond, Matt Gillies, John Wise, Matt Shufeldt, David Mills, Pat and Conor Mullaney, John and Jack Whittle, Mike Spanton, Brian Beurle and Curran Wilkinson.

Thanks to all of the players and fans who have represented Beargrass this year!

Volleyball Leagues Begin in September

Beargrass will host the Disciples Volleyball League on Thursday nights beginning on September 20. The league is open to any men or women, high-school age or older. Folks may sign up as a team or as individuals. For more information contact Jim Sams III at 377-8427, or email him at jimsams@beargrass.org. We plan to have "competitive" and "recreational" divisions.

Upcoming Basketball Tournament

Preseason 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament October 27, 2018. Double Elimination \$75 per team. Registration deadline Saturday, October 13. Call or text David Girton at (502) 931-8388.



Donations to Beargrass

By Marikeith Mercke

The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of **Harry Troutman**.

- Carl and Ellen Prohaske
- Kathryn Scott
- Margaret Cregor Radford
- Mary Collis Hancock
- James and Chase Roth
- Don and Marian Smith
- David and Mary Brittain
- David and Jennifer Heintzman
- Catherine Newton/Gordon Strauss

In recognition of what would have been the 77th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Lois Jones a donation has been made to the Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund by Jane E. Hourigan.

A donation to Beargrass Christian Church Choir has been made in memory of Lisa Spurlock Gilmore by Gregg and Carol Schumann.

A donation to Beargrass Christian Church Library Fund has been made in memory of Kathleen Stone by Gregg and Carol Schumann.

A donation to Beargrass Christian Church Library Fund has been made in memory of Betty Gillis by Gregg and Carol Schumann.

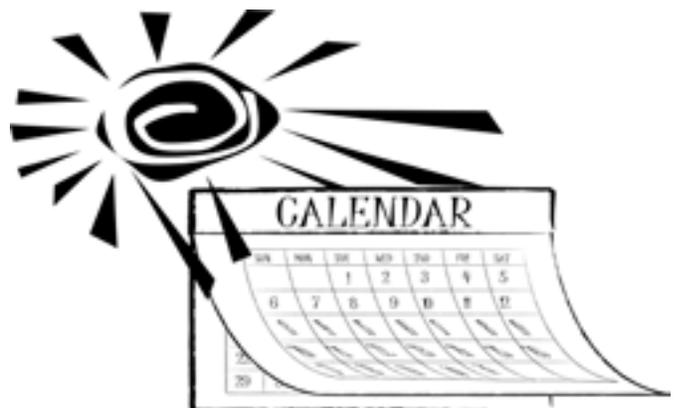


August Requests

School supplies distribution to area children in need by August 8th. We are still in need of the following items:

- Backpacks for younger age boys and for middle & high school age girls.
- Washable Markers
- Colored Composition Notebooks
- 1 " Binders
- Pencils and Colored Pencils
- Highlighters

Also St. MAM is in desperate need of food pantry volunteers for the month of August to cover the vacations of regular volunteers. Anyone interested can contact us by phone at 893-0205 or by email at suzannedegregorio@stmam.com.



Do you have upcoming information to share with the Beargrass family?

Email your announcements to michelle@beargrass.org

To be considered for inclusion in the September Newsletter email your items by Friday, August 24.

To submit items for the weekly bulletin please email by Tuesday of prior week.

Expressions of Appreciation from 2018 Beargrass Christian Church Scholarship Recipients

Thank You from Mark V. Blankenship, Vice President for Advancement, LTS

The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by the generosity and kindness of Beargrass Christian Church. We thank you for valuing the work of the seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS; words cannot describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$10,000.

Thank You from Michael Townsend

I am so grateful that you have provided the Beargrass Christian Church Scholarship this academic year and I am excited for the education such a gift bestows. I currently serve as Associate Minister at The Woodlands Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in The Woodlands TX. I am a Commissioned Minister with Standing and I am currently under care of the Christian Church of Southwest Region in the Ordination Track. My current ministry includes Stephen Ministry Leadership and Care Groups as well as Contemporary Worship.

I have been a student at Lexington Theological Seminary since May 2015 and have been consistently taking courses with a few intentional breaks for self-care and other family duties. My education at LTS goes through times of intense study mixed with more leisurely-paced courses at other times. At my current pace I still have a couple of years before I will graduate, but with the support of family, congregational members, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ such as those at Beargrass, it will be over before I know it. Balancing five aspects in my life (family, work, church, school and self) is a difficult task at times. It is one that takes time as well as finances. Through your generosity the financial burden has been lifted for a good deal of the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your investment in the Kingdom of God, Lexington Theological Seminary and students like me.

Thank You from Melissa Frantz

What a blessing it was to open an email from Lexington Theological Seminary and discover I have been awarded a scholarship from your congregation. I am honored and oh so grateful for your generosity. Thank you does not seem like a strong enough word, but thank you all so very, very much!

I had the pleasure of worshiping with you when Rev. Sharon Watkins preached there. Your sanctuary is beautiful, and I absolutely love your communion table! I pray God continues to bless all of you at Beargrass as you continually bless others.

Thank you all again! AND if you are ever in Daytona Beach, FL- be sure to stop by and see me at Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church.

Thank You from Kofi M. Frempong

Please accept this acceptance letter as my sincere thanks for awarding me the Beargrass Christian Church Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. I am so humbled to have been considered for this honor and it is my sincere prayer that our Lord and Savior continues to bless the Beargrass Church for their generosity.

As I continue my studies at the Lexington Theological Seminary, I will be forever grateful for the church's financial gift toward my endeavors. Thank you again and God bless.

Thank You from Tamika Nelson

I am so thankful and humbled by the gift from your congregation to continue my studies at Lexington Theological Seminary. As an older student it takes quite a bit of determination to begin such a rigorous program along with family obligations. This gift empowers me to forge full steam ahead, the financial support is wonderful, but knowing that there is a congregation praying for my success is equally encouraging. Thank you again for planting this seed in my ministry, which will equip me to serve others.

Thank You from Foster Frimpong

I am so appreciative for such a blessing. Your continuous generosity for me towards my seminary training for the mission of Jesus Christ in this fragmented world is well appreciated. My family and I express our heartfelt appreciation to the entire church family of Beargrass and the awarding committee for honoring me with the Beargrass scholarship.

May the Lord bless you with abundant blessings so that you will continuously have abundance to bless others. Once again thank you. I will also work hard in the might of the Lord to make this investment in me productive in my academics and Christ's missions.

Thank You from Christian Care Communities

Beargrass Christian Church is a wonderful friend to our older adults served by Christian Care Communities. Please share our thanks with your members for your gift of \$5,600. You are living out the words of Isaiah 46:4, when God through the prophet said, "I will still be the same when you are old and gray, and I will take care of you. I created you and will carry you and always keep you safe."

Through gifts like yours, Christian Care is able to provide a full range of services for older adults. These services include adult day care for those living with dementia and Alzheimer's, safe and affordable housing on one of our nine campuses, rehabilitation services for transitioning to home, and skilled nursing care for those who are frail and in need of constant care. You are a blessing!

Pedal Power Staying the Course

Pedal Power accepts bicycles of all types. Bikes in working condition or in need of minor repairs are preferred.

Bring your no-longer-used bike to Beargrass Christian Church. Drop it off at the Pedal Power bike shop (in the back parking lot with a bicycle rack in front). Call the church office (896-1161) if you need help getting the bicycle to Beargrass.

The Pedal Power team is always open to those with an interest in repairing bikes or transporting them. Call the church office to find out how you may become part of Pedal Power.



BEARGRASS PROPERTY WISH LIST - VOLUME #1

Last month, I wrote an article about several property needs at Beargrass that are not able to be addressed with the general operating fund. Today, I have the first of what I hope will be several projects that the members and friends of Beargrass might be willing to support. I am beginning with a request for funds to update the window treatments in the Conference Room. Earlier this year, we installed new windows from Renewal by Andersen. This was done because of cracks/holes in some windows, the breaking of seals and poor insulation of the older windows. The funds for these windows came from the property budget and the General Operating Fund. These windows have no panes, which facilitates better viewing. They are beautiful windows and are in sore need of new window treatments. The existing window treatments are 20 plus years old, dingy, wrinkled and soiled. Our proposal is to replace the existing window treatments for the exterior windows, the four interior doors, and the interior window with the following:

(8) 3" ROOM DIMMING SHEER SHADES, COLOR EGGSHELL OR MASCARPONE, MOUNTED INSIDE FRAME OF FRONT WINDOW, ON 4 DOORS AND INSIDE ONE INTERNAL WINDOW. CONTINUOUS CORD LIFT SYSTEM AND MATCHING FABRIC COVERED HEADRAILS.

Here is a breakdown of the cost of the room dimming sheer shades:

3 Exterior Windows:	\$1,877.00
4 Interior Doors:	\$1,983.00
1 Interior Window:	<u>\$1,344.00</u>
Total cost:	\$5,204.00

These prices include shades, measuring and installation.

The Conference Room is a place that is used for church meetings, Sunday school meetings, and small group gatherings. Leigh meets there with prospective members to the church, and we certainly want to have an inviting space in which they can meet. We have also had small receptions in this space in the past. An update for this room is long overdue. These window treatments are a very worthwhile way to enhance this space. If you have an interest in helping fund these wish list items, please designate your gift of any size for "Window Treatments-Conference Room" and send it to the attention of Jenell Buckman. Thank you for your consideration of this item. Keith Wilson, Board Chair



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Important Recycling Information

By John Hull

Recycling Growing Pains

OUR RECYCLING BIN HAS LIMITATIONS

Our recycling vendor charges large penalties for contaminated recycle bins. The Beargrass recycle bin has been flagged on multiple occasions.



Recycling DON'TS

- Don't recycle plastic bags or plastic wrap
- Don't place non-listed plastic in recycling (see below).
- Don't place Styrofoam cups, containers, materials in recycling.
- Don't recycle batteries, bulbs, or electronics in our containers

Recycling DOS

- Recycle CLEAN bottles, jars and jugs (glass or plastic)
- Recycle CLEAN cans
- Recycle CLEAN foil containers
- Recycle paper
- Recycle cardboard
- Make sure containers are clean and empty
- Recycle plastic by shape! Bottles, jars and jugs are accepted
- If in doubt—toss it out!

Better to throw away an item that could be recycled than for the church to incur a hefty fine.

Thank you for helping make Beargrass GREEN