
BEARGRASS NEWS



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Thank you To The Beargrass Family,

The words “thank you” just don’t seem adequate enough for your support and presence this past Sunday. We had the most attendees in recent years at both the spaghetti dinner/cake auction and the children’s musical presentation. The dinner and auction raised over \$5000 for youth mission trips, an increase of nearly \$2000 from last year. The children also appreciated having so many people in the sanctuary to hear the musical that they had worked on for so many months.

One of the greatest strengths of Beargrass is that the church family has so many generations in the congregation. Sunday night was truly a beautiful and wonderful intergenerational event. Your support for our children and youth means more than you know.

Peace,
Steven Straub and Tiffany DeTienne

Youth Ministry Programming Update

Please join members of the Youth Leadership Team on Wednesday, June 6th, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Chalice Hall for a session focused on the future direction of youth programming at Beargrass. This discussion-based meeting will (1) allow attendees to hear about key areas in which the YLT is working and (2) provide an opportunity for attendees to share their hopes and dreams for the youth ministry at Beargrass. All Beargrass members, whether or not you have children in the youth program, are welcome to share in this discussion.

A Time for Baptisms and Baby Dedications

By Leigh Bond

Spring and early summer remind us of God’s gifts of new life and new birth. If you are interested in being baptized or participating in a service of dedication for a new baby or child, please contact the church office at 896-1161. Father’s Day is June 17 and that would be a wonderful time for a dedication service.

Reception for Tiffany to be Rescheduled

By Leigh Bond

Tiffany’s father has become very ill and has been moved to palliative care. She feels like she needs to go to be with him and her mother and the family. So we will reschedule the reception that was planned for Sunday, June 3, for a later date. Please continue to keep Tiffany and the family in your prayers.

Camp/Mission Trip Commissioning June 2-3

We have a great group of children, youth, and adults who will be participating in numerous summer camps and mission trips. We will take a few moments during the worship services this weekend to recognize them. If you are participating in any of our summer events, please plan to be present so that we can pledge our support and offer prayers for you.

A “Sweet” Night for the Board

By Leigh Bond

All new, incoming, and outgoing elders and deacons are invited and encouraged to be present for a “sweet” night at the church on Monday, June 18, beginning at 6:30 pm. An array of delightful, delicious desserts will be available. This gathering is the “transition meeting” for our Board members—a chance to look back and look ahead—and to give thanks to God for so many people who are offering their time, talent, and resources to serve the church.

“Message in Music” with Kim Lutes

By Leigh Bond

Kim Lutes will return to Beargrass on Saturday, June 9, at 5:30 pm to present a “Message in Music” in the sanctuary. She sings and plays at many places around town and a number of our members met her at some of the worship services at Luther Lockett. She brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm with her as she presents Gospel and contemporary songs. If you enjoy hand clappin’ and toe tappin’ you don’t want to miss her!

Summer Adult Bible Study, "Jesus Among Secular Gods" Begins June 14

Would you like to be better-equipped to share your faith in a culture of opposing world views and defend your belief in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world? Come join us in our study of "Jesus Among Secular Gods" by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale, beginning Thursday, June 14th, and running through July 26th, from 10:30 am until noon. This six-week study will include daily personal study, discussion, and video teaching sessions. The workbook will be available in the church office for \$13.00. If you require childcare, please notify the church office at 896-1161. If you have any questions, please call or text Missy Aultman at (502) 417-7046. Hope to see you there!

Summer Camps and Events 2018

By Steven Straub and Tiffany DeTienne

Junior Camp completed fourth or fifth grade – (June 18-22)

Camp 101 completed first or second grade (parent/guardian attends as well)

Camp 101A – (June 22-24)

Camp 101B – (July 20-22)

Vacation Bible School – Age four to completed fifth grade (June 10-14)

Mission Day Camp – children who have completed second to fifth grade (July 16-20)

Chi Rho Camp – youth who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade. (July 2-7)

CYF Camp – youth who have completed ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade. (June 25-30)

Chi Rho Mission Trip – youth who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade. (June 17-22)

CYF Mission Trip – youth who have completed ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade. (July 8-13)

Donations to Beargrass

By Marikeith Mercke

The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of:

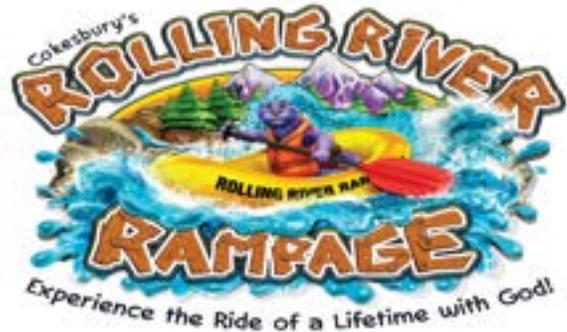
William Bruce Hamilton: Carolyn Poppell Sander and Family

Betty Gillis: Jean Crosier, Sarah Gividen, Heidi Gividen

Frank R. Mercke: Russell and Alison Mercke

Naomi Terri: Spreduto Thompson PLC, Martin Quanci and Angela Terry, Brandon and Patsy Nall, Margaret Anderson, Women First of Louisville PLLC

Betty Gillis: Karl and Sandra Neutz



Vacation Bible School will take place June 10-14, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 pm each evening. Most nights will include an opening gathering, snack supper, music, crafts, Bible stories, and recreation activities. The last night will include family potluck, music concert, and carnival!

This year's theme is "Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!" As the children learn about different stories and people from the Bible, they will find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace on the river!!

The Children's Ministry Team is currently planning a wonderful experience for all children, but they need volunteers to help make the magic happen! If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School (including but not limited to crafts, storytelling, science, music, registration, meals, decorations, and carnival), please call Steven Straub at 502.896.1161 or email him at steven@beargrass.org. All youth who have completed grades 6-12 can volunteer to assist with VBS. Any interested youth needs to complete a volunteer interest survey.

Again this year, JYF (those who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade) will have a separate program. While they will join the other children for the opening festivities and dinner each night, the rest of the evening will be spent in their own program designed around the theme. Activities will include special outings, service projects, and much more. A special flyer will be mailed to all JYF parents with more specific details.

Registration is based on grade COMPLETED in spring 2018, and all pre-school children must have turned 4 by June 1 to participate. Registrations can be made online OR registrations will be taken at VBS registration tables in the gathering space on Sundays. For those who register in June, the cost is \$15. For those participating in the special JYF program, an additional \$10 will be charged to cover the expenses for their special program. VBS Scholarships are available – contact Steven Straub for more information.

Adults are needed to be "shepherds" who take children from place to place. This is a job that requires little preparation, so if you have never volunteered for VBS, this is a great job for you! For more information or to volunteer contact Steven@beargrass.org.



Ellen Blackwell, daughter of Meg and Mike Blackwell, Ellen attended Manual High School and plans to study nursing at the University of Cincinnati. Her church activities include Youth Group, mission trips, camps, choirs and as a musician performing at the St Matthews Farmers Market. During high school Ellen was involved in all types of choirs and served as a baseball manager for two years. She will graduate high school with honors.

Elizabeth Coffman, daughter of Susan Knabel and Chris Coffman, is a graduate of North Oldham High School and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study Psychology. Church activities include being an avid handbell player. In high school Elizabeth participated in Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Bands, Pep Band, Kentucky Youth Assembly, Kentucky United Nations Assembly, Y-Corps, KYYMCA Leadership Training Conference, Speech and Debate Team, Louisville Grows Citizens Forester, Student Y Club. Her awards including Leadership Award, Marching Band. Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Annalee Holland, daughter of Tara Holland and Damon Holland. Annalee is a graduate of Assumption High School and plans to attend Belmont University. While at Assumption Annalee made the Principal's List and achieved a Varsity Letter in Field Hockey and on the Cross Country Team. She has been active as a church member in Youth Group, Mission trips (including the Guatemala Mission Trip) and serving as a Youth Elder and a Youth Deacon.

Luke Hoover, son of Barb and Bill Hoover graduated from Eastern High School and plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study business. Luke's church activities included mission trips, Youth Group, church camps and serving as a Youth Deacon. In high school, Luke ran track and cross country and was part of the Future Business Leaders of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Awards received in high school include; running on the All-State Cross-Country team, National Honor Society, All- State Academic, All-Area Academic and National Honor Society.

Christopher Humphrey, grandson of Carolyn & Hans Sander, graduated from Trinity High School and will attend The University of Louisville this fall to major in Computer Forensics with hopes of a future with the FBI or the CIA. He was an Honor Student on the Principal's A List and active in the Book Club. Hobbies include gaming and reading historical novels.

Julia McCartney, daughter of Tricia Barrett and Pete McCartney, is a graduate of Assumption High School and plans to study at the University of Kentucky in the fall. Tricia has been involved with Church Camp, Mission Trip, Youth Council and has served as a Youth Deacon and a Youth Elder. High school activities include Freshman Field Hockey and JV Field Hockey as well as being named to the National Honor Society. All-Area Academic and the A/B Honor Roll.

Meyer Mercker, son of Kim and Dale Mercker, is a graduate of DuPont Manual High School. He will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. During his youth at Beargrass, Meyer was involved in the youth group and Farmer's Market. In high school he was involved in soccer, Key Club, Executive Council and Dance Crimson. Honors include being an AP Scholar with Distinction and receiving a NSE gold and silver medal.

David Rademaker is the son of Mike and Karyn Rademaker. He is a graduate of Eastern High School and plans to attend Western Kentucky University. High school activities included playing on the Eastern soccer team and as a Co-op student with InterApp. David attended church camp, ski trips, locks ins, youth trips and participated in Youth Sunday as part of the Beargrass Christian Youth Group.

Do You Have Additional Graduates to be Recognized?

If you are aware of members or friends of the church family who are graduating from high school or college or receiving other degrees this semester, please contact the church office so we can pass along the good news.

***The heart of the discerning
acquires knowledge, for the ears
of the wise seek it out.***

Proverbs 18:15 NIV

BEARGRASS & WORLD REFUGEE DAY

By Mike Puckett

For the past decade and a half I've been inspired by the courage and resilience of refugees arriving in Louisville, and by the efforts of the staff of Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) to assist them in resettling here. During the past few months I've had occasion to meet with representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Church World Service (CWS), of which our denomination is a member, and most recently with Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Director of Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries. All of these people, their dedication to the plight of the refugee, and their overall efforts in advocating for and supporting our world's most fragile and vulnerable, were equally inspiring.

Our female members attending the Disciples Women's Ministries regional conference in Frankfort on April 28 had the opportunity to hear Dr. Stanley-Rea a day after I lunched with her in Louisville. They no doubt found her energetic, passionate and knowledgeable about refugee resettlement, just as I did. Sharon, who makes her office in Washington, DC, was keenly interested in the co-sponsoring support our congregation has provided eleven refugee families in Louisville over the years, as well as the vision and efforts of Pedal Power. Given the extremely low numbers of refugees arriving currently Sharon is strongly advocating for all Disciples congregations across the US to highlight World Refugee Day (June 20), which annually commemorates the strength, courage and perseverance of the refugees of the world. We last did so at Beargrass in 2014 when many of you heard the story of James Malou, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan.

The US welcomed as many as 200,000 refugees yearly under its longtime program in the early 1980s. Over the past decade the annual arrivals have been in the range of 75,000. A goal of 45,000 was set by this administration for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Yet, at the current pace it is anticipated that only 20,000 will be resettled throughout the country. This comes when we know the needs are at an all-time high, with some 65 million people globally displaced by war, violence, persecution and oppression, 16 million of whom have been vetted and certified by the UNHCR as "refugees", individuals who cannot safely return to their homeland. The violence and conflicts in Burma...in the Democratic Republic of the Congo...in Syria...persist, seemingly without end.

Dr. Stanley-Rea has challenged us to "raise our voice and values of faith....and to answer the call to 'speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.' (Proverbs 31:8)". Beargrass will respond with a presentation in Chalice Hall at 10 am on Sunday, June 17. We will be joined by KRM's Co-sponsorship Developer, whose name I am not providing here in order to protect her family since many of them remain in her native Syria (and this communication is online). Our featured speaker is an impressive woman, having completed her Ph.D. in Linguistics at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. I'm confident you'll enjoy meeting her and look forward to seeing you then!

Book Clubs Meet Thursday, June 21

1:30 pm in the Library. The Library Book Club will discuss *The Chilbury Ladies Choir*, written by Jennifer Ryan.

6:30 in Youth Room. The Disciples Women's Book Club will be discussing *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsberg* by Irin Carmon

All are welcome.

Men's Group Meets Sundays

All men are welcome to join us at 4:30 pm on Sundays at Beargrass Christian Church in room 201.

We also have some special events planned during the summer.

We are going to a Louisville Bats baseball game on July 15.

Please bring \$15 to cover the ticket cost this Sunday (we must prepay to get tickets).

Also, we need people to sign up for side items, drinks and snacks for the barbecue on June 10.

June 3 Inside the Heart of a Man, Chapter 8,

Battle to Fight: The Enemy, Part 1

June 10 BBQ Party @ the home of Kevin DeCoste

July 15 Louisville Bats Baseball Game

Beargrass Men's Group Second Chapter

Next Meeting Date:

Session 2 Saturday, June 16, 6:30 to 7:30 am

Meeting Location: McDonald's Restaurant
The Meeting Room, 287 North Hubbard's Lane,
Louisville 40207 by Kroger

Purpose:

The Men's Group at Beargrass is doing well. We have been meeting for the past 2 years. In an effort to allow more men the opportunity to participate in this important part of ministry, we are now offering a chance to meet together as men on Saturdays once per month.

Men's Group Motto: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."

1 Corinthians 16:13 NIV

Men's Group Goal: Our hope is to strengthen relationships and a sense of identity among men in the church family. The target men's group membership is adult men who would be more comfortable talking about spiritual and emotional issues in a supportive, all-male environment.

Contact John Fischer (unw.primrose@gmail.com) or Gerald Box (jerrybox@rocketmail.com) for