



Adult Education Opportunities At Beargrass

Join us Sunday evenings in early 2022 for meaningful conversations on Beargrass and Disciples! Our Adult Education Team invites you to join in on the discussions being offered at 4:30 PM on the following Sundays:

- **January 9: God's Covenant of Love:**
Recognizing What Binds Us Together
- **January 16: A Movement for Wholeness:**
*Seeking Covenantal Relationships
with a Living & Loving God*
- **February 6: Understanding our Roots**
- **February 20: The Light of Scripture**
- **March 6: Serving with a Passion for Justice**
 - **March 13: Panel Discussion:**
We Are Beargrass/We Are Disciples
 - **May 1: Fieldtrip to Cane Ridge:**
We will depart shortly after 11:00 AM worship

These sessions are designed for ALL adults, young and old, longtime members or new to Beargrass, lifetime Disciples or those recently "Discovering" the DOC. Descriptions of each session will be released the week prior to the class. You may also catch a recording of the meeting on our website under the News Of Note on the homepage - **beargrass.org**.



Week Of Compassion

By John Richardson - Outreach Team

Week Of Compassion is - “the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.”

I have often thought of donations to Week of Compassion as the closest experience I have to giving a gift with no strings attached. A gift to simply benefit others—probably others, I do not know and will never meet. The purest kind of gift.

I remember being told about a Muslim man in a small village in Bosnia and Herzegovina, following the horrible Bosnian War, when thousands were killed because of their ethnicity and religion. He asked where the money being used by Week of Compassion to pay for the rebuilding of the dairy and creamery in his village came from. When he learned the money came from the pockets of members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) he replied, “Then, this gift is sacred money.”

As a congregation, we have given generously to our neighbors in western Kentucky to help them recover from the destructive tornados in early December. As has been publicized, after the search and rescue ended, and temporary shelter, clean water and food secured, cash gifts to pay for on-going assistance became the greatest need. Week of Compassion is, and will be present, as the ecumenical faith communities respond continues. Works groups will be organized to repair and rebuild the homes of our neighbors. And, just as our gifts in prior years are still helping to rebuild homes along the Texas, North Carolina and Florida coasts from years ago, Week of Compassion will remain true to their commitment to be the last to leave Western Kentucky.

Our Week of Compassion Special Day Offering will be received on February 20. Prayerfully consider a generous gift—it is a sacred gift.

January Birthdays

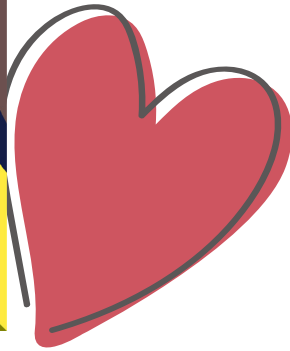
We wish you a very happy birthday!



- 1: Laura Johnson · Josef Woods · Katie McCartney
- 2: Melody Masoud · Mick Miller · Linley Elmer · Larry Herron · Edna Meyers
- 3: Eli Creech · Bruce Boggs Jr.
- 4: Cheryl Slaughter · Karen Smith
- 5: Eric Farris · Marvinna Yormie
- 6: Jackita Snelling
- 7: Aileen Kirkwood · Martha Broderick
- 8: Andrea Gold
- 9: Carolyn Mountjoy · Dale Mercker · Samantha Hance · Sophie Brillhart · Chris Porter
- 10: Lauren Coultas · Giana Sheldon · Kenneth Turner · Sharon Estlick · Payton Huey
- 11: Anthony Blackwell · Jay Sheldon · Max Ackerson · Charlie Gritton
- 12: Samuel Phillips · Jamie Elmer · Noah Swain
- 13: Sydney Travis · Allison Creech · Ainsley Price
- 14: Alvin Nabeta
- 16: Jason May
- 17: Jo Anne Cothren · Win Wilde · Crystal Olinger · Henry Kinser
- 18: Emery Tremayne
- 19: Tim Jolly · Will Barlow · Jean Wilkinson · Julius Tofte · Jordan Tofte
- 20: Nediva Quaye · Clay Morris · Megan Mears
- 21: Emily Thomas · Jean Anderson · Marty Smith · Aly Blandford
- 22: Randy Deskins · Duo Wang · Bob Shrader
- 23: Jackson Meyer · Julia McCartney · Hailey Durham · Regina Wagner
- 24: Taylor Sams · Nancy Phelps
- 25: Ryan Hance · Judith Goolsby · Lisa Thompson · Hannah Long
- 26: Max Phillips
- 27: Jacob Ferree · Bruce Barkhauer · David Kipp
- 28: Mark Holloway · Kevin Coddington · Ethan Conner · Meghan Wright
- 29: Barbara Frye · Lori Brillhart
- 30: Mary Jo Schraffenberger · Avery Woods · Kobe Bridwell
- 31: Amy Barker · Mark Barrens · Victoria Stevens · Max Wise · Kyle Brothers



Alternative
Giving Fair
2021



Beargrass Alternative Giving Fair 2021 - Giving Results

By Mike Puckett - Outreach Division Chair

You may recall that in spite of the fact we were not worshipping in person in December, 2020, our church family donated the most dollars ever to this Fair – \$17,575. We are pleased to announce that total was exceeded in 2021, when your generosity produced \$22,063, an increase of 25%! Here are the totals donated to each of the six Fair participants, all of which do outstanding work:

- **Habitat for Humanity** - \$7,215
- **Louisville Org. for Unsheltered (LOU)** - \$5,250
- **Hope for Tomorrow** - \$4,235
- **WaterStep** - \$2,397
- **Center for Women & Families** - \$1,626
- **Dare to Care** - \$1,340

These remarkable results came closely on the heels of much other Beargrass mission work: 75 Thanksgiving food baskets prepared and donated by Rev. Shrader's youth group to St. Matthews Area Ministries; 277 gift bags delivered by Rev. Straub's children's ministry to Family Scholar House resident children; over \$11,000 in capital campaign funds sent off to Camp Wakon'Da-Ho. And, in the midst of dozens of you assisting in the resettlement of Afghan evacuees in our community, and another \$15,000 being donated to Week of Compassion for tornado relief in western Kentucky.

Well done, Beargrass! You faithfully and generously honored the birth of Christ by serving, and being a blessing to, those in need throughout our community and beyond.

Beargrass Endowment: 2021 Recap

By Chad Turner

Greetings Beargrass Family and Happy New Year! As we kick-off a fresh new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to recap the Beargrass Christian Church Perpetual Endowment's 2021 performance and trumpet our thanks for your continued support!

Although we all may have struggled with the various stressors incumbent with the pandemic, the stock market seemingly shrugged off much of the negativity surrounding those headlines and soared to new highs. Amid a second and third COVID variant threatening more lockdowns, mask mandates, and additional boosters; supply chain woes; accelerating inflation; and generally perpetual uncertainty in our lives and world; the markets continued their impressive steady march higher and ended 2021 on a strong note. This, of course, translated into excellent returns for our Endowment. Much like 2020, we ended 2021 in a better position than when we started. We started 2019 at a balance of \$1.2 million, we now find ourselves with an Endowment valued at a little over \$1.8 million! Because of this solid growth, distributions from the Endowment to Beargrass' budget were in excess of \$62,000 last year. That is an increase of \$15,000 over 2020! In the two years like the ones we've just lived through, it is comforting to know that our Endowment will continue to enable Beargrass Christian Church to maintain a focus on its mission even in uncertain and stressful times. None of this would be made possible without the continually amazing generosity of the Beargrass family. We of the Endowment Board would like to recognize and thank those that made gifts and bequests to the Endowment Fund this last year. (See list below.) It is through contributions such as these that not only boost the sustainability of the Endowment Fund, but enable it to make larger and larger distributions to the general budget each year. Not only does the Beyond the Walls Mission Fund continue to grow, but contributions this year also enabled the Endowment to open a fund which focuses on

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Endowment Recap (Cont.)

Environmentally and Socially responsible investing. We also celebrate the creation of two new permanently restricted funds: the Youth Ministry Fund and the Bentley Children's Ministry Fund. These funds target the integral work being done with our youth and young ones. We look forward to another great year in worship, service, and fellowship with each of you as we continue to adjust to our new normal together. As always, I want to emphasize that we are continually grateful for and incredibly humbled by your unrelenting support of the work and mission of Beargrass Christian Church!

- Anonymous (3)
- Zella Johnson Memorial gifts
- The Estate of Elizabeth Barrens
- The Estate of June King
- The Estate of Malcolm Bentley
- Carl Crosier Memorial gifts
- The Board of Trustees of the Beargrass Endowment



St. MAM Souper Bowl of Caring

St. MAM is collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring again this year. The idea is to invite your Super Bowl Party guests to bring an item from our list to donate. Collections can be dropped off at St. MAM between **Sunday, January 30 and Sunday February 13, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. Since 2022 is St. MAM's 50th anniversary we hope to make an extra big splash in the community this year!

Requested Items:

Annie's Gluten Free Soup • Progresso Gluten Free Soup • Other Chunky Soups • Chili • Broths • Vegetable Soup

Please call 502-893-0205 to arrange a drop off of collected goods.



Beargrass Health Ministry Team Blood Drive

Sunday
Jan. 30
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Beargrass Gym

Beargrass Blood Drive

By Jan Shrader - Health Ministry Team

The need for blood donations is a constant for sustaining life after accidents or serious illnesses or surgeries. The normal lag in donations during the Winter months has been exacerbated so much this year due to the severe weather events and, of course Covid, area Blood Banks are at critical supply right now.

The Health Ministry Team are again pleased to be able to sponsor a Blood Mobile at Beargrass on **Sunday, January 30** in the gym from **8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**. You can make an appointment and walk-ins are welcome. Anyone who is able to donate, please consider doing so with us. For questions or more information see Susan Lowe (susan@beargrass.org) or Jan Shrader (Jan.shrader@outlook.com).

Gifts To Beargrass

In Memory of Davy Stallings:

Joyce Streever • Sharon Graham • Jeanette Wortham • Dolores Kurowski • Lynne Steineker • Kay Hyman • The Manor Creek Bunco Club • Nancy KupperSmith • William Escher • David & Elaine Branaman • Michael Dicken CPA • Richard & Barbara Vollmer • Ann Buckingham • Phil Gross

In Memory of Robert Steineker:

Ann Buckingham • Richard Barnett • Lynne's Book Club • Richey Bodine

In Honor of The Gillies Family:

Rebecca Gardner

Donation of The Sanctuary Projectors - For the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of Lynn & Hil Harding:

Missy and Keith Aultman & Family