



The Bridge

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Minister's Moment

What an amazing month we have just had together! It was so wonderful to experience Holy Week worship with you all and see so many of your smiling faces on Easter Sunday! And I am so proud of our youth and youth sponsors and Green Team for the hard work they put in to educating us during worship on Earth Stewardship Sunday. You can check out more information about how to prevent food waste, including being part of the team who volunteers to glean at the farmer's market every week by checking out our Green Tips for April, as well as April's and May's Green News. Lastly, our celebration of Hollis was beyond special. It is such a privilege to have worked with such an amazing, kind, giving woman and musician over the past few years. I know we are all so grateful for the many things that she has done for us individually and as a church.

And now, we move into a time of transition at Bridgeport. This time of year is always a bit of a transition within the church because we reach the end of the school year and summer vacations begin, but this year will be a little bit different. We will have different musicians filling in until we are able to call a new music director, which will be different for us. Our music will sound a little bit different too. But there is so much that will stay the same. We will still come together every week to sing and pray and praise our risen Savior and our God. We will still have smiles and laughter and sharing of community. And we will continue to grow, both in our spirits and faith and as a church.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that to every thing there is a season. As we move into a new season at Bridgeport Christian Church, let us remember that God is with us, calling us up and out into Franklin County and the world beyond Franklin County. And that all things are possible with God.

As always, I am blessed to be your pastor and I love you all.

Peace,
Pastor Ann

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Missions Committee News and Projects

During April, members of the Mission Committee were able to purchase and prepare 30 Easter Baskets which were distributed to the Simon House, Women and Family Shelter, and Access Soup Kitchen.



What's Next!



Our next project is scheduled for May 16, when we will travel to Wilmore to help residents plant the Thomson-Hood garden. If you would like to participate, a departure time will be announced closer to that date.

Men's Group

May 19 6:30 pm

The men's group will be meeting at the Church for a pot luck dinner.



SAVE the DATE
June 12, 2022

175th Anniversary Celebration
Luncheon to Follow



Guest Minister - Rev. Dr. Donald Gillett, II, Regional
Minister, Christian (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky.

Worship Opportunities

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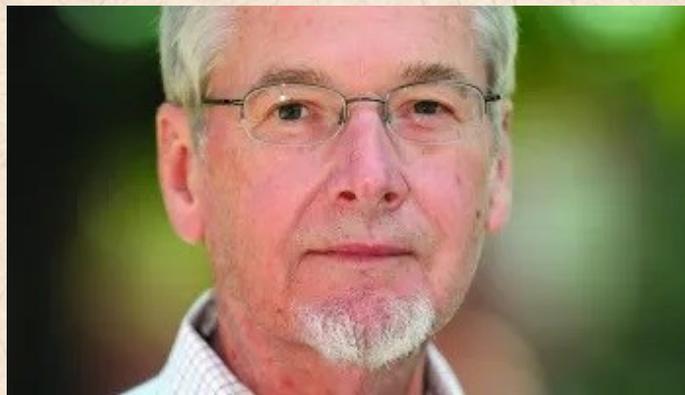
Book Club Special Guest Richard Taylor

May 17th 5:30 pm

The book club is reading “Elkhorn: Evolution of a Kentucky Landscape” by Frankfort author and former Kentucky Poet Laureate Richard Taylor. To accommodate Professor Taylor’s schedule, the book club will meet on May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at church.

In “Elkhorn,” Taylor guides the reader through the natural and cultural history of an eight-mile stretch of Elkhorn Creek from prehistory to the present.

Richard Taylor is a professor of English and Kenan Visiting Writer at Transylvania University. He is the author of six collections of poetry, two novels, and several books of nonfiction



THANK YOU BCC Youth + By Annette Hayden

I would like to thank our youth for delivering the message during worship on April 24, Earth Stewardship Sunday. “Sacred Lunch”, a message about the simple things we can do to prevent food waste was presented by Evelyn Geijer, Evan Alford, DeNisha Summerour, Kinsley Alford, Richard Phillips, Annastyn Alford and Nathan Minter as Clucky. “Dirt Made My Lunch” was sung by Steve Fry on ukulele and accompanied by our children and youth on the chorus.

Also, I would like to thank Anita Bolen and Ann Shepherd for composing and editing the script, and Kenney Dunavent and Tommy Smith for AV assistance. Lastly, a big thank you goes to our retired Music Director, Hollis Rosenstein, for choosing the music that inspired the focus on the simple things we can do to care for our Earth. Hollis directed the choir for the last time and accompanied her friend Whitney Sherman, our guest soloist, to close the service with “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”

If you were unable to attend Sunday’s service or just want to view it again, visit our YouTube channel. It’s worth a second watch.



Helping Hands Circle Meeting
May 4, 6:00 pm

Volunteers Needed to Glean at the Farmers Market

Do you have an hour or so a week or two a month to help get fresh produce to those in need? Glean Kentucky/Franklin County needs you to glean the Farmers Market on the Saturdays of your choice.

Beginning at 11:40 a.m., it only takes about an hour to collect excess produce and baked goods from market farmers, weigh, and then deliver to the ACCESS Soup Kitchen and St. Vincent de Paul food bank for distribution. And farmers gladly donate their extra produce. Last year Glean volunteers collected nearly 4,000 lbs. of excess fresh fruits and vegetables from the Franklin County Farmers Market.

A Hearty Thank You

I would like to recognize and thank all those who helped clean and spruce up our church and grounds for Easter: Karen and Tracy Averill, Lucy Eddins, Kim Minter, Kenney Dunavent, Ted Sloan, Wayne and Ethan Begin, Steve Fry, and Larry Hayden. I apologize if I have left anyone off the list. Know you are appreciated!

Casey Hayden, Property Chair



Juneteenth Community Celebration

Volunteers Needed

Focus on Race Relations (FORR) is sponsoring a 4-day event to celebrate Juneteenth (June 19), the holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Events include a 5K Race on Friday, the 17th, festivities at Lakeview Park on Saturday, spiritual events on Sunday, and a special event at the Paul Sawyer Public Library on Monday.

Volunteers are needed Friday to register 5K Race participants and on Saturday to assist with the silent auction and oversee vendors. If you can help, please contact Mary Watts at mawatts49@cs.com.

Welcome New Members!

We are so excited to have welcomed three new members to Bridgeport Christian Church! Jim and Cathy Terry are long time attenders at BCC, who officially joined on March 27. Nathan Minter, who has grown up at BCC, joined by profession of faith and baptism on April 17. You can find their contact information in the [Breeze portal](#) or on the Breeze app.



Community Outreach Project for May L.I.F.E. House for Animals

The 175th Committee is sponsoring a supply drive for the **Betty J. Martin L.I.F.E. House for Animals** during the month of May. Items needed include:

- Gallon ziplock bags
- Cat litter - scoop-able
- Dog chews (rawhide-free)
- Temptations cat treats
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- 'HE' laundry detergent (High Efficiency)
- Kong toys for dogs
- Peanut butter (NOT sugar-free)
- Dog food
- Cat food

Items can be dropped off at the designated space at the church front entrance. Thank you for supporting our monthly community outreach projects.



Green News

Ideas for Better Living in Today's Climate

(Adapted from The Good Guide to Reducing Your Carbon Footprint by Rebecca Gao)

In the April issue we explored ways to minimize food waste and reduce our carbon footprint. Specific actions were presented by our youth on Earth Stewardship Sunday, April 24. This month, as we continue our series on climate change and global warming, we will explore more actions we can take at home to live sustainably by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases we emit into the atmosphere through daily living.

1. Join the energy efficiency train. On average, an American home uses 25 percent of its energy on heating, 13 percent on water heating and 11 percent on cooling. The remaining half is spent mainly on appliances.

Consider investing in a home energy audit to show you where your weak points are.

Add proper insulation like fiberglass and cellulose can reduce your home's carbon footprint.

Install a cool roof, made of reflective material that redirects light away from your house, is another way to reduce your energy consumption.

Clean or replace HVAC filters every three months, as a dirty filter will waste energy, making your system work harder than it has to.

If you use central heating, block drafts and seal windows to help keep the warmth in during wintertime.

In summer, close the blinds to keep the sun's heat out. Use ceiling fans to circulate cool air.

2. Check your appliances. Energy-efficient appliances will help reduce your home's carbon footprint.

Look for the Energy Star certification to ensure you're getting a credible product, and check for rebates and tax credits.

Reduce the number of appliances. Do you really need that second fridge in the garage for your yearly holiday leftover overflow, or could it be discarded (responsibly) to lower your household energy use?

Refrigerants used in refrigerators and freezers emit greenhouse gases during their entire life cycle especially when disposed of improperly.

Updated regulations mean new models are less harmful. Get rid of an old fridge or freezer responsibly, and upgrade to a smaller energy-star model.

3. Little changes can make a big impact.

Install a programmable or smart thermostat to automatically regulate temperatures. Also check your settings and make your house a little warmer in summer and a little cooler in winter to save energy.

Use energy-efficient lighting like LEDs. LEDs last 25 times longer and use 75 percent less energy than other bulbs. And the quality is way better than it used to be.

And guess what? You can actually buy clean energy. Give your utility company a ring, ask how they source the electricity they supply and see if you can opt in for "green pricing" to pay just a little bit more to use alternative energy sources. Arcadia Power, a nationwide service, connects churches, homeowners, and renters to clean energy at no cost.

4. Make laundry cool again. Bet you didn't know that approximately 75 percent of the total energy used during a single load of laundry comes from heating the water.

Switching to a cold-water wash will get your clothes just as clean and reduce your carbon footprint in the process.

Skipping the dryer will help, too: if every American line-dried their clothes for just half a year, it would save more than 3 percent of the country's total residential CO2 emissions.

5. Run less water down the drain. Water usage affects your carbon footprint in a couple of ways: not just from heating the water, but from the infrastructure and energy required to treat it and transport it to your home. So conserve water.

Take showers instead of baths, and the shorter the shower, the better. According to the EPA, a full bathtub requires about 70 gallons of water, while a five-minute shower uses a maximum of 25.

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

Newer model dishwashers do not require pre-rinsing before loading. If you must pre-rinse dishes, use a container to hold a minimal amount of water. Don't rinse under a faucet of running water.

Use a low-flow shower head and water efficient faucet heads and toilets.

Install a rain barrel to save water to use on the garden or to wash your car.

6. Get rid of your lawn. Lawns are on the hook for nearly 3 trillion gallons of water annually, plus 20 million gallons of gas from mowing and 70 million pounds of pesticides. Replacing your lawn with drought-tolerant plants, or other climate-efficient landscaping, can reduce your water consumption by up to 75 percent—and save you a ton of effort.

7. Get your house naturally cool with shady trees. Plant shrubs and trees, nature's insulation, around your house. A deciduous tree on the south or west side of your home, will help shield it from the sun in the summer, reduce cooling costs, and let in that light and heat in the winter. A row of evergreens on the north side of your house will help block the icy winter winds.

8. Downsize your digs. If your house has outgrown your family, consider a smaller house, an apartment, or condo to help reduce your carbon footprint in multiple ways. People who live in smaller homes use less energy for heating and cooling. But they also tend to buy fewer things and generate less garbage.

Let's do our part to *walk more gently on God's Good Earth* for the benefit of all today and for the future of our children and grandchildren!



Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School
July 10-14

If you would like to volunteer, contact Kim Minter.



We will welcome the Rev. Molly Smothers, preaching for us on May 22. Molly is the Acting Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. Molly has served congregations around Kentucky, including Mt. Sterling, Morehead, and Harrodsburg. We look forward to welcoming Molly!



In Honor of Mother's Day and all the women of Bridgeport Christian Church, the Membership Committee is making a donation to the Simon House and the Franklin County Women and Family Shelter.

BBC Financial Snapshot

Giving in April	\$15,816
Giving to date	\$67,119
Budget to date	\$85,900



Do you want a Bridgeport Christian Church t-shirt? How about a mug or a water bottle? Now you can! Visit our shop and order t-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers, and more with our logo on it. You can even pick what color shirt you would like! Order between now and May 4 and receive a 15% discount!

<http://bridgeport-christian-church.myspreadshop.com/>

Calendar Events for May

May 1– 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

May 2- 2:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

May 4– 6:00 pm Helping Hands Circle Meeting

May 8- 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

May 10 - 2:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

May 11 - 7:00 pm Administrative Board

May 15–10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

May 16– Missions to Thompson Hood
 5:45 pm Community Engagement

May 17– 2:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
 5:30 pm Book Club

May 19– 6:00 pm Men’s Club meeting

May 22– 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

May 24– 2:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

May 25– 11:00 am Elders Only Meeting

May 29– 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

May 30– Office Closed

May 31– 2:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

Pastor Ann will be on vacation May 20-22



May Birthdays

May 1 Heather Hedges
 May 6 Dennis Martin
 May 11 Carolyn Rogers
 May 13 William Arflack
 May 18 Sue Clark
 May 19 Diane Dominick
 May 23 Dove DeNigris, Don Flinn
 May 30 Don Morse

Ways to Continue Your Giving to BCC

- Mail in your Tithes and Offerings! Mail is checked every day and deposits are made once a week. Our address is 175 Evergreen Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601.
- Use our new locked drop box, located by the side door of BCC! Our Administrative Assistant and our Treasurer are the only ones with keys to the box.
- Give using the Givelify app or website.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Worship & Wonder</u>	<u>Following Jesus</u>	<u>AV Booth</u>
May 1	Jeff Pratt	Ron Kelien	Jackie Hensley & Angie Grasch	Lorrie Devers & Donna Long (The Good Shepherd and the Lords Supper 1)	Brian Devers (Jesus Commissions the Disciples)	Larry Hayden & Tommy Smith
May 8	Diane Dominick	Donna Long	Linda Wilson & Susan Rogers	Karen Averill & Laura Begin (The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper 2)	Lorrie Devers (Jesus Appears to the Disciples by the Sea)	Wayne Begin & Tommy Smith
May 15	Ronda Sloan	Don Flinn	Kim & Morgan Minter	Lorrie Devers & Kirk Shepherd (What is God?)	Anita Bolen (Jesus Again Asks Peter to Follow Him)	Kenney Duna-vent & Tommy Smith
May 22	Debbie Rogers	Jeff Pratt	Diane Pratt & Donna long	Anita Bolen & Laura Begin (Who is Jesus?)	Lorrie Devers (God's Gift of the Holy Spirit)	Wayne Begin & Tommy Smith
May 29	Morgan Minter	Sissy O'Brien	Charles Brown & Dianne Pratt	Karen Averill & Angie Kendall (Ascension)	Lorrie Devers (Peter, Follower of Jesus, heals a Lame Man)	Larry Hayden & Tommy Smith

Who is Bridgeport Christian ?

Founded in 1846, Bridgeport Christian strives to serve God and our community in the best way we know how. We are a certified Green Chalice Congregation and an Open & Affirming Congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Scriptures & Topics for May

Date	Scripture	Topic
5/1	Matthew 6:24, Acts 9:1-19a	Paul's Transformation
5/8	Luke 6:18-19; Acts 16:16-34	Paul & Silas in Prison
5/15	John 1:16-18; Acts 17:16-31	Paul's Sermon at Athens
5/22	Luke 9:46-48; Philippians 1:1-18a	Partnership in the Gospel
5/29	Luke 6:43-45; Philippians 2:1-13	The Christ Hymn

Worship Service Opportunities

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