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Minister's Moment

I'm excited! I'm excited because there are so many wonderful things happening at Bridgeport Christian Church. Our committees are working hard to make a difference in our church and in our community.

Two big things are happening this summer. The first is that we will welcome Jackson Campbell to be our new Youth and Children's Director. He will start with us on June 4. He will be in charge of organizing our Children Worship and Wonder and Following Jesus programs, as well as work with the Education Committee on Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, and the Youth Groups. You can read more about Jackson in this newsletter.

The second big thing happening this summer is Vacation Bible School! Vacation Bible School is going to be a little different this year. Instead of running Sunday to Thursday with lessons, we will start our week off by having a pool party at Juniper Hills Aquatic Center on July 16 from 7-9 p.m. with First Christian Church, Lawrenceburg. Then, we will have a regular VBS on Monday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20, with a celebration on Sunday, July 23. Another way our VBS will be different this year is that I will offer an adult class from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. each night! We will explore the same Bible lessons as our children, but look at them through "grown-up lenses." We will meet in the Education Annex living room (former youth house).

This summer promises to be one of fun, fellowship, and growing in our faith for all of us. I am so glad to be here and to be able to serve as your pastor.

Peace,
Ann

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Do you have a person in your family graduating from high school or college?

CLASS OF
OF
2023

Let the church know if you have a family member graduating! We will honor our graduates in worship on ^{June 4.}
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

We will have a light lunch after church to continue the celebration. If you can help with food, please contact Donna Long

The Helping Hands Circle would like to thank the congregation for making our Spring project a big success! We were able to fill over 200 purses with toiletries and deliver them to the women's shelters at Fresh Start, the Franklin County Women's Shelter at 303 E. Third St., and The Simon House transitional housing and emergency housing for women at 231 E.

Main St. and Campbell Street. The staff at all locations assured me that they are ALWAYS in need of toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, and body wash as well as cleaning supplies.

The Helping Hands Circle will wrap up our year with a potluck and is planning a meeting on June 6 at 6 p.m. at Diane Pratt's home, 359 Harrodswood Rd.

Any women interested in joining us for fun and Christian fellowship are always welcome!



Thank you

Help us welcome our new Youth Corrdinator Jackson Campbell

Jackson Campbell, He/Him



Jackson Campbell's dynamic ministry traverses the fields of pastoral care, LGBTQIA+ Inclusion, spiritual formation, and communications. Most recently, he returned from New York City, where he spent six months in intensive study with theologians at Union Theological Seminary. Jackson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Transylvania University, where he studied religion at the crossroads of race, gender, and sexuality. During his time at Transylvania, Jackson served Buechel Park Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Jackson has served in many capacities as an advocate for LGBTQIA+ individuals in the Baptist tradition. In addition to vocational and career opportunities, Jackson has been a faithful member of Central Baptist Church in Lexington since 2018 and is currently being carefully examined as a candidate for ordination into the Gospel ministry. He is very excited to be serve in ministry at Bridgeport Christian Church and is honored to be able to serve God alongside a wonderful congregation. He looks forward to meeting all of the beloved folks that make up Bridgeport. To God be the Glory.

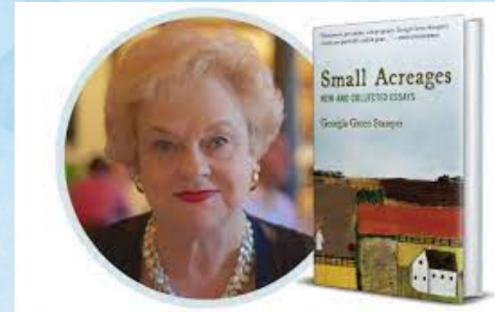
Kentucky author Stamper will visit BCC book club

Kentucky author Georgia Green Stamper is scheduled to join the BCC book club for its June meeting as we discuss “Small Acreages,” a collection of Stamper’s essays.

Stamper has written three nonfiction books. Her work has appeared in Kentucky Humanities magazine, Kentucky Monthly, and other literary journals, magazines and newspapers, and on public radio station WUKY-FM in Lexington. A native of Owen County, Stamper resides in Lexington.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 27. For more information, or to be added to the book club mailing list, contact Ted Sloan at tsloan76@bellsouth.net.

BCC book club selections are available at a discount at Poor Richard’s Books in Frankfort and Joseph-Beth in Lexington. Just tell them you are a member of the BCC book club. We encourage you to support our local booksellers!



Bridgeport Choir News June 2023

As summer approaches, I’ve encouraged our wonderful Bridgeport Choir to take a well-deserved break. I want to share a great big thank you to each member of the choir for the music they have shared this year – you are much appreciated and treasured.

A break will give them an opportunity to enjoy worship sitting with you, dear family and friends, and give them some time off from weekly rehearsals. We all look forward to when the choir resumes later in the season.

As you know, Bridgeport is blessed with many talented musicians, and we will seek to have special music more frequently this summer. Please let me know if you (or someone you know) would like to share special music – when we share your musical blessings, they multiply in the hearts of the listeners.

Love,

Laura Foley



Membership Committee to meet June 5

The Membership Committee will meet on Monday, June 5, at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. For more information or if you would like to join, please contact Donna Long.

COKEBURY'S

HERO HOTLINE

Called Together to Serve God!

VBS

Date Change

VBS Kick off
July 16
Juniper Hills
7-9:00 pm

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!
Sunday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20 * 5pm to 8pm each night. For age 4 to Grade 5.

A graphic for 'Hero Hotline' featuring a cartoon superhero dog character with a red cape and a blue and yellow suit, standing on a yellow background with a black border. The text 'HERO HOTLINE' is written in large, bold, blue and red letters. Below it, the tagline 'Called Together to Serve God!' is written in smaller black text. The graphic is surrounded by yellow stars and a blue background.

GRADUATES 2023

The Membership Committee will proudly honor our college and high school graduates (see Helping Hands Scholarship article) on Sunday, June 4, during morning worship followed by a luncheon. Congratulations to each of you! May God be your source of strength in all that you do.

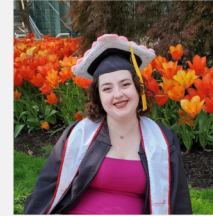
Congratulations

YOUR NEW JOURNEY HAS BEGUN.
HAPPY GRADUATION!



Julia Martinez

Julia Martinez is the daughter of Allison Lile and Jeremy Martinez. She graduated from Northeastern University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. Julia completed an internship at Eaton Vance and TJX. She has been hired at TJX as a software engineer.



Rachael Hudson

Rachael Hudson is the daughter of Tammi and Scott Hudson. She attends the University of Kentucky where she is completing a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Following graduation, Rachael plans to work at a neurologic rehabilitation facility.



Desiree Riley

Desiree Riley is the daughter of Wendy Evans, and the late Ivan Riley and is mom to little Lucy. She graduated from the University of Kentucky and earned a Bachelor's degree in Community and Leadership Development. Desiree plans to continue her employment with Montplast of North America, Inc. as a production planner in automotive manufacturing. She is also a Platoon Sergeant for the Kentucky Army National Guard.



The Helping Hands Circle is pleased to award scholarships to these three High School Graduates.



Glenna Tuttle Wingate Scholarship awarded to

Annabelle Barnes

Annabelle is the daughter of Todd Barnes and granddaughter of Al and Kevin Perkins. She graduated from Western Hills High School, where she participated in Volleyball, was a member of the Majorette Squad, Beta Club, and received the Kentucky Academic All State awards in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Annabelle will attend the University of Kentucky, where she will major in Foreign Language and International Economics with an emphasis on Arabic. After completing her degree, she plans to become a translator.



Helping Hands Scholarship awarded to

Samantha Harrod

Samantha is the daughter of Christina and Casey Hayden and Chris Harrod, and the granddaughter of Larry and Annette Hayden. While attending Franklin County High School, she was a member of French Honors and played on the Volleyball team. She will continue classes at Midway University and then transfer to Transylvania University to complete her degree in Studio Art. She plans to practice Art Therapy after graduation.



Hugh R. Moore, Jr. Scholarship awarded to

Jack Yeary

Jack is the son of Chris and Amanda Yeary and the grandson of Vicki Lea. He graduated from Western Hills High School, where he participated in Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis, and was a member of Beta Club.

Jack has also volunteered at L.I.F.E. House 4 Animals and A New Leash on Life. Jack has been accepted to the University of Kentucky, where he plans to major in Business and Economics. Upon completion of his degree, Jack wants to go into real estate and sports management.



High School Youth News

Thank you to all who have “invested” in our CYF as we travel to Slidell, Louisiana for a week-long Mission Trip. A small but enthusiastic group will join with First Christian Church of Lawrenceburg from June 11-17 for a week of work, with fun and spiritual growth thrown in. The youth attending are Evan Alford, Kinsley Alford, and Denisha Dodge-Summerour with adult leaders Anita Bolen and Suzy Rogers. While this is a new adventure for us all, we look forward to helping others and learning more about each other and ourselves. Your support in our many fundraisers over the past four years has made this trip possible. Please stay tuned for updates the week we are gone.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you good with
electronics and
technology?
We need your help!

Looking for volunteers
to help in the AV booth
Contact Pastor Ann if
you are interested.

What you need to know about Solar Energy: A summary of Lunch and Learn, May 21

Some 25 people attended our first Lunch and Learn since COVID to hear about Solarize Frankfort and the benefits of solar power. Andy McDonald with Apogee Environmental and a member of Solarize Frankfort, and Kevin Anderson, an installer with Pure Power Solar, presented and answered many questions. A summary follows.

Did you know that solar energy is the cheapest source of power?

That's because it comes from the sun – a clean and renewable resource. Solar panels are guaranteed for 25+ years and last 30-50 years. They are low maintenance and increase property values. The cost is limited to the materials and installation (no battery needed).

Over the last 10 years, prices for solar energy have fallen 74 percent. In Kentucky, enough solar has been installed to power 6,800 homes, creating nearly 1,500 jobs in the solar energy industry. By 2026, the \$165 million investment in solar energy in Kentucky will power 127,520 homes.

Did you know that federal tax credits and installation discounts are available to residences and businesses? A 30 percent federal tax credit is available until 2032. This means that, if a solar array costs \$15,000, a \$4,500 tax credit will be deducted, leaving a total cost of \$10,500. But tax credits are only one discount available. Through Solarize Frankfort, installers offer wholesale, discounted rates of up to 15 percent off in addition to the federal tax credit. Discounted rates apply to houses of worship and other non-profits as well. Other discounts may be available through the Inflation Reduction Act. Grants are available through the Green Chalice Ministry and other organizations.

Another advantage of owning your solar power generation is locking in your electric rate for 25 years instead of just buying electricity from the utility company at the current market rate. For example, if the net cost of a solar array is \$14,085, and it produces 209,521 kilowatt hours (kWh) of energy over 25 years, the average cost per kWh is 6.8 cents. The current cost of energy from the grid is 10 cents per kWh and in 25 years is projected to cost 20 cents per kWh. So a savings of 35 percent over the current utility rate will become a savings of 67 percent in 25 years.

What is Solarize Frankfort? It is a community effort to bring affordable solar to Frankfort and Franklin County and all adjacent counties. The City of Frankfort has partnered with the Kentucky Solar Energy Society and other local organizations to help residents, small businesses, houses of worship, and non-profits reduce their energy costs. Two solar installers were selected after an extensive vetting process – Pure Power Solar from Louisville and Wilderness Trace Solar from Danville. The installers do not subcontract and are solely responsible for the entire installation.

Whether your electric power is provided by the Frankfort Electric and Water Plant Board (FEWPB), Kentucky Utilities, Blue Grass Energy, or another power source, you can enjoy a savings by using solar power and in most cases receive a credit valued at the cost of production for excess electricity generated by your solar array and returned to the grid.

Keep in mind that utility rates are regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC) with the exception of municipal/publicly-owned utilities such as the Plant Board. Utilities may change the rates they will credit for solar power generated by residential and business customers and channeled into the grid (subject to approval by the PSC in the case of utilities regulated by the commission). Current Kentucky law protects existing solar power systems from changes in the law. The Kentucky General Assembly may amend state laws governing solar energy any time it is in session.

For more information, visit Solarize Frankfort at www.frankfort.ky.gov/1953/Solarize-Frankfort.



Calendar of Events

- 6/4 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am In-person & Online worship
12:00 pm Graduate Luncheon
- 6/7 6:00 pm Helping Hands Circle Meeting
- 6/11 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am In-person & Online Worship
- 6/12 5:30 pm Community Engagement
- 6/14 7:00 pm Administrative Board
- 6/15 6:00 pm Men's Group
- 6/18 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am In-person & Online Worship
- 6/25 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am In-person & Online Worship
- 6/27 5:30 pm Book Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 2 Emily Shaw, Casey Hayden & Addison Harrod

June 4 Tracy Averill

June 7 Clay Yeary

June 10 Julia Martinez

June 13 Larry Hayden

June 16 Jodie Hillard & James Terry

June 18 Allison Lile

June 25 Carol Kelien

June 25 Hollis Rosenstein

June 26 Betty Martin & Robert Rowland

June 27 Logan Coffey & Jeff Pratt

Date	Greeters	Worship Leader	Elder	Worship & Wonder	AV Booth
6/4	Mary Watts Team	Jeff Pratt	Anita Bolen	Karen Averill & Denisha Dodge-Summerour (Baptism)	Larry Hayden & Tommy Smith
6/11	Mary Watts Team	Ted Sloan	Betty Martin	Donna Long & Laura Begin (Book)	Wayne Begin & Tommy Smith
6/18	Mary Watts Team	Ronda Sloan	Don Flinn	Karen Averill & Kirk Shepherd (Book)	Larry Hayden & Tommy Smith
6/25	Mary Watts Team	Debbie Rodgers	Larry Hayden	Anita Bolen & Kirk Shepherd (Book)	Wayne Begin & Tommy Smith

Worship Service Opportunities

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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.

Date	Scripture	Topic
June 4	2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Creation
June 11	Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Healing Two daughters
June 18	TBD	Mission Trip Report
June 25	Genesis 21:8-21 Matthew 10:24-39	Leaving the Past Behind

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