

The Bridge

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Regathering Delayed Until Nov. 7

By Reopening Committee

Due to the continued high rate of COVID-19/Delta variant in Franklin and surrounding counties, the Reopening Committee has decided to delay the regathering date to Nov. 7. Church worship services and other activities will continue virtually through October.

Nov. 7 also will be the celebration of our 175th anniversary. Although the event will be scaled back from original plans, we hope everyone will join us for this special service. More events will take place in 2022 when it is safe to do so.

When we regather in November, masks will be required for all church services or activities.

We don't believe the situation has improved enough at this time to return to in-person worship. Our goal continues to be the protection of our church family.

Minister's Moment

Fall is probably one of my favorite times of the year. The weather gets cooler. The trees change. Everything seems like a lovely Pumpkin Spice Latte...More than that, fall seems to be a time when nature starts to slow down.

All of this is making me think about Sabbath. God instituted the idea of Sabbath at the very beginning with creation, when God worked for six days and rested from work on the seventh. Then, when God gave the ten commandments to Moses, God made sure that one of the commandments said to remember the Sabbath and keep it

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Looking for a Nursery Attendant

We are looking to hire a second nursery attendant. If you know someone from outside the congregation who would be interested in this position, please have them contact Diane Dominick at 502-803-1894 or by email at Diane.dominick@gmail.com.

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BCC Has A New Treasurer

By Ted Sloan

Dave Rodgers brings an extensive business background to the office of treasurer at Bridgeport Christian Church. The BCC Administrative Board appointed Dave as treasurer and accepted the resignation of Don Morse in its September meeting. In August, the Board voted to secure the services of Harrod & Associates for the church's bookkeeping and financial reporting.

Dave was owner-operator of Video Dave's video rental store in Franklin Square for almost 17 years until the business closed in January 2000. At the time, Video Dave's was the largest video rental store in Kentucky. Dave managed weekly payrolls, compiled profit/loss statements, and learned to forecast products that would improve cash flow in addition to



all the other responsibilities of a small business operator.

After Video Dave's closed, Dave worked for the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission until he retired in 2018.

Dave began his working career as a conductor on the F&C Railroad in Frankfort for several years. Dave and his wife, Debbie, moved to Arizona in 1981. "While there, I managed a store for a guy who was developing this new-fangled notion of renting VHS movies to the public," Dave said. "After a couple of years and seeing the video business explode, we moved back to Kentucky." They opened Video Dave's on March 31, 1983.

Dave and Debbie graduated from Shelby County High School in 1970. Dave attended Eastern Kentucky University as an English major for one year before going to work.

Dave also is a singer and guitarist who performs with other musicians in Sunday worship services and in BCC's GreenStock creation care festival. Dave delights his Facebook followers with his "name that tune" videos. He and Debbie joined BCC in the summer of 2013.

Dave is the son of BCC member Carolyn Rodgers.

Don Morse stepped down after serving several years as treasurer. Don's achievements as treasurer include streamlining BCC's investment portfolio, assuming bookkeeping responsibilities in addition to his duties as treasurer, and taking the lead in securing a new insurance company after finding that BCC's former insurer expressed opinions that did not align with the church's values.

Don also has helped to upgrade the church building during the COVID-19 pandemic and renovate the Carter House. Don is an Elder and an active member of the men's group.

Don, thank you for your service!

The Kings Center Receives Donations

By Ted Sloan

Bridgeport Christian Church delivered two trunk loads of supplies to The Kings Center in Frankfort on Sept. 15. BCC collected office supplies, water bottles, paper towels, snacks, art supplies, and many other items for The Kings Center during August as part of its 175th anniversary celebration. Thanks to everyone who gave to this worthy organization!



Minister's Moment Continued

holy. We have translated all of this, in our Christian context, to understand Sabbath as our day of worship, which is usually Sunday. But Sabbath is holy rest.

But I want us to think about Sabbath in a new way. Sabbath does not have to just be done one way or one day. Sabbath is a time that we take to rest and renew and it can look different for each person. I often think about my childhood. Every September, around my parents' anniversary, my mom would plan a weekend away for us to go to Big Meadows Lodge on the Shenandoah Parkway. There were no TVs in the rooms and someone would have to go out of their way to find us if they needed something. We would also miss church on that Sunday, but that weekend, no matter what we did together, was Sabbath.

What does Sabbath look like for you? Is it having a barbecue with your family? Or reading a chapter of a good book? Is it a bubble bath or a long hot shower? A hike in the woods? There are so many things that can be holy rest for us. So, this month, I want us to try something new – take time for holy rest. Find something that helps you both rest and reconnect with the world around you...and with God. May God send blessings to all of you in the ways you find holy rest.

Peace,
Ann

Green News



Submitted by Annette Hayden

From MountainTrue, a nonprofit that advocates for resilient forests, clean waters, and healthy communities in the Southern Blue Ridge, here are some sobering facts about plastic pollution:

- 100 billion - the number of plastic bags used by Americans every year.
- 12 million - the number of barrels of oil needed to produce a year's worth of plastic bags.
- 12 minutes - the amount of time the average plastic bag is used.
- 25 billion - the number of Styrofoam cups used by Americans every year.
- 1 million - the years a Styrofoam cup persists in our environment.
- 345 - the number of local governments that have plastic bag bans.
- Every year, plastic production adds as much greenhouse gases to the atmosphere as 189 new coal plants.
- Microplastics are everywhere - from dust particles in the atmosphere to the deepest parts of the ocean. We all breathe or consume approximately one credit card's worth of microplastics each week, the health effects of which are unknown.
- A plastic product is effectively recycled — meaning a plastic bottle is recycled into another plastic bottle — only 2% of the time.
- Plastic products can usually only be recycled one or two times before they reach a form that needs to be thrown away.
- The United States exports much of its plastic waste to smaller, developing nations that don't have the infrastructure to deal with it — where it ends up in landfills or incinerated.

Think about these facts the next time you consider buying or using a product in a plastic container. Perhaps you can find an alternative.

Order Your 175th Anniversary T-shirt

By Annette Hayden

Our anniversary t-shirts with the logo designed by Steve Fry, are now available to order. The front logo in black and electric red will be printed on light gray shirts. Youth sizes are made of a preshrunk cotton blend of 99% cotton/1% polyester. Adult sizes are made of 50/50 preshrunk cotton/poly. Sizes and prices are:

Youth - XS, S, M, L, XL	\$10
Adult - S, M, L, XL	\$12
Adult - 2X and larger	\$15



To order, call or email Paula at 502-223-1165 or secretary@bridgeportchristian.org. **Orders must be placed by October 11.** So order yours and some for your family today. HINT: t-shirts make awesome Christmas gifts.

175th Anniversary Update

By Annette Hayden

With the continued surge in COVID cases and the recent decision to continue with virtual worship through October, we are uncertain whether our November 7 anniversary worship service will be virtual or in-person. But for certain, the Rev. Dr. Derek Penwell, senior minister at Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Louisville, will be delivering the message at 11am. Also, County Judge Executive Houston Wells will present a proclamation designating November 7 as our 175th Anniversary Day.

Moving on through the remainder of 2021, we will continue with our projects as planned. Please watch the monthly Bridge newsletter and Wednesday Email Blast for event details and/or changes.

- October: Begin collection of homemade plastic sleeping mats for homeless persons. Instructions can be found on YouTube for crocheting or weaving plastic bags into mats.
- November: Continue to collect and deliver plastic sleeping mats for homeless persons. Provide monetary support to BCC Missions to purchase Christmas gifts for youth who have aged-out of local support systems. 175th Anniversary coffee/tea mugs and refillable drink containers will be available for purchase.
- December: 175th Anniversary Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase.

We will NOT go without a celebratory gathering. In the spring or summer of 2022 (as COVID allows), we will gather at the church for a special worship service with a guest speaker, music (a commissioned piece) by the chancel choir, and an outdoor meal. Both oral and written histories along with pictures and artifacts will be featured. It may be delayed, but it promises to be a celebration you won't want to miss!

Calendar of Events

- 10/3—11 am Online Worship Service & Call-in Option
- 10/6—6 pm Helping Hands Circle Meeting on Zoom
- 10/10—11 am Online Worship Service & Call-in Option
- 10/11—5:30 pm Community Engagement Team on Zoom
- 10/13—7 pm Administrative Board Meeting
- 10/17—11 am Online Worship Service & Call-in Option
- 10/24—11 am Online Worship Service & Call-in Option
- 10/26—5:30 pm Book Club Discussion Group on Zoom
- 10/27—11 am Elders Meeting on Zoom
- 10/31—11 am Online Worship Service & Call-in Option
3 pm Halloween Event for Youth and Children

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.



- 10/1 Norm Arflack, Bailey Pederson, Jan Riddle
- 10/3 Judy Zeigler, Teri Eads
- 10/4 Walker Miley
- 10/5 Ann Shepherd
- 10/6 Ruth Van Meter
- 10/7 William Thornton
- 10/9 Linda Younkin, Norma Smith
- 10/10 Elizabeth Huffman, Keith McNeil
- 10/11 David Rodgers
- 10/13 Leslie Dunavent
- 10/19 Kent Dotson
- 10/23 Ericka Bailey
- 10/27 Clay Devers
- 10/28 Tammi Hudson
- 10/30 Diana Fry



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Worship Opportunities

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian/livea>

YouTube - 11 am on Sundays
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg

Call-in Option - 11 am on Sundays

We have a phone number for the call-in option. The Meeting ID and Password remains the same. Below is how to access the call-in option for Worship at 11 am on Sunday mornings.

1. Call 1-301-715-8592 at 10:59 am or so on Sundays by using any kind of phone that can call long distance.
2. You will hear a recording which will prompt you to dial the Meeting ID 895 4649 4510.
3. After recorded message, dial #
4. After this, you will be asked to enter the password: 068564. After entering this, you should be on the call and able to hear all of the worship.

New Ministry at BCC

Community Engagement Team

Our new Community Engagement Team is a group looking for ways that we can engage more with the community around us and live into our calling as an open and affirming congregation. This group currently meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm on zoom.

If you would like more information or would like to be involved in the group, please contact Mary Watts at mawatts49@cs.com or join the next zoom meeting on October 11 at 5:30 pm.

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85007004527?pwd=SXU4YzFvTngvaFZkUmQzb2ZJOVhMdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 0700 4527
Passcode: 541223

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.

Worship Service Opportunities

[Facebook - www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian](https://www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian)

[YouTube - www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg)

Scriptures, Topics & Volunteers for October

Date	Scripture	Topic	Worship Leader Elder
10/3/21	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	God's Name is Revealed	Ted Sloan Ronda Sloan
10/10/21	Exodus 16:1-18	God Provides Manna	Annette Hayden Anita Bolen
10/17/21	1 Samuel 3:1-21	God Calls Samuel	Lorrie Devers Jeff Pratt
10/24/21	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14	God Calls David	Morgan Minter Donna Long
10/31/21	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13	Solomon's Temple	Diane Dominick Don Morse

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