

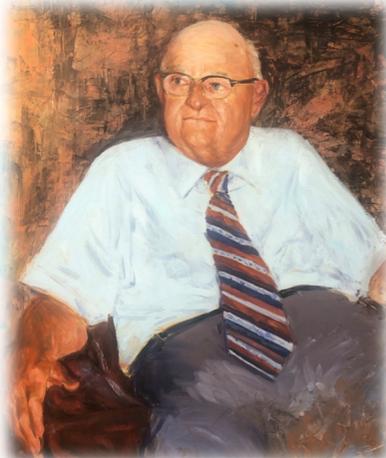


BCC Celebrates 175th Anniversary: July is Men's Recognition Month

By Annette Hayden

*As part of the 175th anniversary celebration at Bridgeport Christian Church, we have set aside July to salute the men, past and present, who have called BCC their church home. One of the most well-known, accomplished, and beloved of those men was **Roscoe Calvert Harrod**, affectionately known as "Shorty," who served in various capacities in the church until his death in 1975. While this feature is focused on Mr. Harrod, we encourage you to send a note to families of other deceased members whom you want to recognize and to living members who have contributed or are currently contributing to the growth of BCC.*

Roscoe Harrod was a long-time member of the Bridgeport



community and Bridgeport Christian Church. He and Emily Richardson married on June 23, 1921, and made their home in downtown Bridgeport in the big white frame house, which is now the site of the former Utterback house.

"Every morning would start with 'Mimi' reading from the Bible and an inspirational book right after breakfast was served," said David Harrod, Shorty and Emily's grandson. "The day didn't begin any other way. It was their ritual. I was blessed to have such grandparents."

The Harrod home was enjoyed by the community. They had the only telephone in the area, and neighbors were free to use it when needed. There was a well with a hand pump that everyone was free to use also. One room in the Harrod home was

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Worship Information for July

By The Reopening Committee

The Reopening Committee is announcing the lifting of some restrictions beginning July 4. Those include the following:

- Temperature checks no longer will be conducted prior to morning worship, unless requested.
- Small groups (12 people or fewer) may begin meeting in the Education Annex (former Youth House) or in the Pavilion. Groups also may meet on Zoom if they prefer. Please contact the church office to reserve a meeting space. We ask that those attending continue to wear a mask and sanitize the area after the meeting is over. No food is allowed at this time. The work in the basement of the church is not completed. An announcement will be made when that space becomes available for small-group meetings.
- Children Worship and Wonder, Following Jesus and the Nursery will be available during morning

worship beginning July 4. Those ages 3 and older will be asked to wear a mask.

- The worship leader will be in the sanctuary, and one elder will be at the communion table beginning July 4. Social distancing will be observed.

At this time, Sunday school classes and groups with more than 12 members will continue meeting via Zoom. Youth groups will resume in-person meetings in August.

The mask mandate remains in effect at this time. We have heard your criticisms and comments, but this decision is not about individuals — it is about the entire community of faith. The reasons for this decision include the following:

- Not everyone in the congregation is vaccinated. It is not welcoming to segregate people according to vaccination status. We do not know everyone's vaccination status, and we will not ask. The unvaccinated group also includes children under age 12 who are

not eligible at this time. We believe adults should not only care about protecting the younger members of the congregation — we also should set a good example.

- Some members of our congregation have serious medical conditions and would not be able to attend without this safety precaution. Some with compromised immune systems are still vulnerable, even after vaccination. If we truly care about those sitting in the pews with us, wearing a mask for 45 minutes on Sunday morning is not too much to ask.

While we all want to return to normal life, the pandemic is not over. Only about half the eligible population in Kentucky is vaccinated. To meet indoors in a poorly ventilated area with no precautions is not responsible behavior.

We would appreciate your cooperation.

A Thank You and Reflection

Several of my devotions of late have focused on sacrifice. In reflecting over the past year and a half, sacrifice looms large.

I want to personally thank my BCC family for your continuing sacrifices. As a person with a couple of rheumatic diseases I am particularly grateful that you are willing to do things like masking for church so we can keep our vulnerable and, now especially our kids safe and able to come in the doors of church! I know it's only an hour a day but it's a lovely and Christ-like sacrifice to make.

We're closer to getting back to a new normal but, for now, your sacrifices are appreciated!

Yours in Christ, (talk about sacrifice!)
Diane Dominick

Sermon Series on Gifts of the Holy Spirit

On Sundays July 11, 18, and 25, we will be focusing on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each Sunday we will look at a different aspect of the Holy Spirit and what it means for our lives. We will focus on the Holy Spirit as a catalyst for new beginnings, using Acts 19:1-6 as our guide; the Holy Spirit as a source of unity in the church and beyond, using 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; and the fruit of the Holy Spirit, using Galatians 5:16-25. It will be wonderful to look at the Holy Spirit in a whole new way.



Guest Pastors August 1 & 8

Ann will be on vacation from July 30 to August 8 and we are excited to welcome two guest preachers on August 1 and 8!

On August 1, we will welcome the Rev. Dean Phelps. Dean is currently finishing his time as the transitional Regional Minister for the region of Kentucky. He has also served as interim regional minister in Oklahoma and Central Rocky Mountains. Dean is also an accomplished musician.



On August 8, we will welcome the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper. Nancy Jo served as interim minister at Bridgeport in 2019 and is retired, having served in many places, including as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches. Nancy Jo is looking forward to being with Bridgeport again.



Roscoe Harrod Continued

even set aside for lodging for a student minister for Bridgeport Christian Church. Larry Hayden recalled that when his father, Arthur, suffered a heart attack in the late 1950s, “the Harrods took me and my brothers in for a week or two until Dad could come home from the hospital.”

“I remember one of Shorty’s favorite things to do was go to the [Bridgeport] high school at the time on summer nights and watch the softball games,” David Harrod said. “He gave everybody a nickname. Popi, as I called him, had a black friend, Poodle George, that would help him around the farm. Poodle would ride to the stockyards in Lexington when it was time to sell or buy cattle. Poodle was treated as a friend more than hired help. Popi taught us that he had the same dignity and value as we did, simply by the way they treated each other. That was pretty significant before any civil rights movements were ever conceived.”

Shorty served the community as a deputy sheriff and was a charter member of the Bridgeport Ruritan Club that met monthly in the church building beginning in April 1957. The Ruritan Club is a civic organization whose objective is to strengthen the union between farmers and the business and professional sector of the community.

Shorty served BCC in many capacities – elder, treasurer, administrative board chair, and trustee, to name a few. He was instrumental in securing funding to construct a new church building following the 1948 fire when a lightning strike destroyed the building. Shorty deeded to the church in 1953 the property for the parsonage to house the minister, which is today’s Education Annex, also known as the Youth House. Throughout the remainder of his life, he was active in routine maintenance of the property and grounds and more substantial repairs, including installing drain tiles to stop a basement leak and for “having the hot electric lines moved away from the church and from over the pine trees,” according to the 1968-69 yearbook.

The Harrod family has remained an integral part of BCC over the years. Harrod-Carter Concrete donated all the concrete for the latest expansion (1987 Case Hall and Choir Room). When the lower parking lot was added, the company again donated gravel for the base layer.

BCC is very grateful and thankful for the love and kindness that Roscoe Harrod and his family have bestowed upon the community and church.

Region of Kentucky calls the Rev. Dr. Don Gillett, II to be Regional Minister

“Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II has been called as the new regional minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. The regional board voted unanimously on Saturday, May 22, to approve the Regional Minister Search Team’s recommendation that Rev. Dr. Gillett be called to this position. He will start in this position on Aug. 1.”

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

2021 Graduate

Jack Allen Caldwell is the son of Kelly and Bill Caldwell was recognized on Graduation Sunday, June 6, along with other 2021 graduates who were featured in the June Bridge.

Jack graduated from Western Hills High School, where he was a member of the baseball, football, swimming, and soccer first teams, DECA, Spanish Club, BETA Club, and Academic All State. He will be attending Centre College in the fall, where he plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Jack is the recipient of the Casey Sparrow Memorial Scholarship and Centre College Legacy Scholarship. Congratulations Jack!



Guest Speaker Coming to BCC

By Ted Sloan

Derek Penwell, a Louisville author, speaker, pastor, and activist, will fill the pulpit for Bridgeport Christian Church's 175th anniversary service on November 7.

Derek is the senior pastor of Douglass Boulevard Christian Church in Louisville and a lecturer at the University of Louisville in Religious Studies and Humanities. The Association of Humanities Academics at UofL awarded Derek with its Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2011.

Derek has a Ph.D. in humanities from the University of Louisville and is the author of articles ranging from church history to aesthetic theory and the tragic emotions. His book *Outlandish: An Unlikely Messiah, a Messy Ministry, and the*

Call to Mobilize focuses on understanding the political nature of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as



a model for forming communities of resistance capable of challenging oppression in the pursuit of peace and justice. He also is the author of *The Mainliner's Survival Guide to the Post-Denominational World*. Both books are published by Chalice Press of St. Louis, the

publishing arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served as a columnist for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal, The Huffington Post, and The Good Men Project.

Derek advocates on the local, state, and national levels on issues of racial justice, LGBTQ+ fairness, interfaith engagement, and immigrant and refugee rights. To learn more about Derek, go to derekpenwell.net.

November 7 marks the anniversary of the dedication service for Bridgeport Christian Church in 1846. BCC is commemorating the anniversary with community service projects throughout the year. To find out more, go to bridgeportchristian.org/175th-anniversary.

175th Challenge

An anonymous donor has gifted Bridgeport Christian Church \$175 to celebrate our 175th anniversary. The donor has requested the gift be used toward installation of an elevator in memory of the donor's friend, Ms. Evelyn Hayden. Along with the gift comes a challenge to BCC: match the gift to honor Ms. Hayden or another loved one. Who will support this worthy challenge? A very warm and sincere "Thank You" to the gracious donor!



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Addresses Wanted

By Ted Sloan

We are searching for former members, relatives of members, guests – anyone with ties to Bridgeport Christian Church who might be interested in joining us for our 175th anniversary service on November 7. And we need your help! If you know of anyone who once was part of BCC but hasn't been around for a while, or has moved away, please send their name and contact information to Paula at secretary@bridgeportchristian.org so we can send them a "Save the Date" notification. Let's make November 7 a celebration and a family reunion!

Giving Is Easy

By Ted Sloan

Bridgeport Christian Church depends on your generosity to enable us to serve our community. Here's how you can contribute to the work of the church:

- Give in person at church;
- Mail your check to the attention of our administrative assistant, Paula McQuate, Bridgeport Christian Church, 175 Evergreen Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; or
- Donate online through Givelify, either through the Givelify app or by clicking the Donate button on the BCC website, bridgeportchristian.org.

Thank you!

New Children's Worship Space Coming Soon

By **Lorrie Devers**

We are so excited to tell you about a new children's worship space in our church! Following Jesus is for our children in grades 2, 3 and 4. (If families of 1st and/or 5th graders feel discussion is needed regarding Following Jesus, please let us know.)

Following Jesus is an extension to Worship and Wonder that is more age appropriate for older children. It is meant to prepare children for Pastor's Class (class run by Pastor Ann that prepares children in making the decision about baptism.)

Following Jesus stories are different than the stories the children have heard in Worship and Wonder because those stories focus on the whole Bible. The stories told in Following Jesus focus on the life and ministry of Jesus and the beginnings of the church. For example, children will hear the story of "Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand", "Lazarus Dies and Jesus Makes Him Alive Again" and stories that talk about what the followers of Jesus did to start the church after the Ascension.

Following Jesus also works to prepare children for worshipping with the whole community. Therefore, the children will return to the sanctuary to participate with the whole community for Offering, Communion, and Benediction. The storyteller and greeter will remain with the group and will be seated in the front of the sanctuary. Families will pick up their child in the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.

Again, we are beyond excited for our children to hear these new stories and enjoy this new worship space. Either I or Pastor Ann will be contacting you soon to discuss additional details in preparation for our July 4th opening!



The Education Annex

(Formerly known as the youth house)

By **Kim Minter**

The Education Annex has been overhauled. We have cleaned, painted, and updated furniture and fixtures. The Annex is ready to have members back in it. We will be using the Annex for youth groups, Sunday school groups (16-24 year old Sunday school class: Hint we need a teacher for this, and God Squad), and it is set up for meetings among the different groups. When you have time, please come check it out. We can't wait to welcome everyone!



Green News

*Bench Dedicated for 175th Anniversary
... made from recycled plastic!*

By Annette Hayden

During the June 27 worship service, a bench was dedicated to memorialize BCC's 175 years of service to the community. The attractive, 6 foot, red bench, located outside the front of the church building, is made from plastic bottle caps and lids that we, the congregation and friends, have been collecting for nearly two years.



The bench also represents our commitment to the environment. The 200 pounds of caps and lids used to make the bench were diverted from the landfill and molded into sturdy lumber and supports. The bench will last for decades to come.

With several pounds of caps and lids remaining, the youth and Green Team are beginning to plan the next project: a three-sided picnic table that will accommodate persons with different abilities. Meanwhile, as we continue to collect plastic caps and lids for our next project, we should review the list of acceptable ones vs. unacceptable or contaminants.

The staff at Green Tree Plastics were pleased overall with our delivery and found only a handful of contaminants. These included a few Ensure caps that contain metal centers and some hypodermic needle caps. Metals and medical wastes are never acceptable. So please refer to the chart as you save plastic caps and lids for future projects. Your church and environment thank you!

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

- Medicine bottle caps (info packet removed)
- Milk jug, creamer caps
- Detergent caps
- Hair spray caps
- Toothpaste caps
- Applesauce pouch caps
- Drink bottle caps (soda, water, juice caps, sports drink)
- Flip-top caps (ex. Ketchup)
- Spout caps (ex. Mustard)
- Ointment tube caps
- Shampoo & Conditioner caps

ACCEPTABLE LIDS

- Cottage cheese
- Yogurt lids
- Mayonnaise jar lids
- Peanut butter lids
- Ice cream bucket lids (under 8" in diameter)
- Cool whip container lids
- Pringle can lids
- Coffee can lids
- Butter lids
- Cream cheese container lids
- Spice lids

For more information, visit www.greentreeplastics.com

NEVER ACCEPTABLE

- No metal
- Drink bottles
- Prescription bottles
- Plastic Ziplock type bags
- Trigger sprayers
- ALL fast food drink lids
- Plastic that is not a cap or lid, plastic pieces and parts
- Human or animal medical supplies
- METALANY
- TRASHANY
- ALL food containers
- Carboard liners
- Soap pumps
- Lotion pumps
- Grocery bags
- Caps or lids with (1) (3) (6) or (7) recycle number
- K-cups and straws
- PAPERANY

Dear BCC Family,

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my graduation. Your gift and thoughtfulness means a lot to me!

Sincerest thanks,
Katie Grasc



Dear BCC,

Thank you so very much for your kindness and donation. Bridgeport Christian Church has continued to help The Sunshine Center support victims in our community flee family violence.

Sincerely,
Amber Logan
The Sunshine Center

Hello Bridgeport Christian!

We received your \$100 donation. Thank you so much for including Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light in your giving!

Blessings,
Rev. Dawn Cooley
Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light
Executive Director

Dear BCC,

Thank you for your generosity! Your contribution will help us provide needed services to women and families in need.

Janet Gates, Executive Director
Franklin County Women and Family Shelter

Calendar of Events

- 7/4—11 am In-person and online worship service
- 7/7—6 pm Ripped from the Headlines on Zoom
- 7/8—6 pm Education Committee Meeting at Education Annex
- 7/11—11 am In-person and online worship service
- 7/14—NO Administrative Board Meeting
6 pm Ripped from the Headlines
- 7/18—11 am In-person and online worship service
- 7/21—6 pm Ripped from the Headlines on Zoom
- 7/25—11 am In-person and online worship service
- 7/27—5:30 pm Book Club Discussion Group on Zoom
- 7/28—6 pm Ripped from the Headlines on Zoom

***Our 11 am online worship services are on our Facebook page and our YouTube Channel.**

****Pastor Ann will be on vacation from July 30 through August 8.**

Disciples Virtual Gathering

Saturday, August 7, 2021

An opportunity for Disciples to connect, learn, worship, and imagine new ways of gathering as church. Through Bible study, workshops, and worship, the event will focus on the covenant we share as Disciples. Sign up for updates at

<https://disciples.org/2021-virtual-gathering/>

July Birthdays

- July 3 Becky Ramsey
- July 4 Sherry Lile
- July 8 Donna Hedges
- July 13 Deborah Wingate
- July 18 Catherann Terry
- July 19 Annette Coffey
- July 22 Troy Bailey, Marilyn Hughes
- July 27 Lee Ann Pope
- July 30 Thomas Quisenberry



June Food Drive Exceeds Goal!

By Annette Hayden

As we continue our year-long 175th anniversary celebration, the June food drive exceeded the goal of 175 nonperishable items.

At the end of the month 180 nonperishable food items were delivered to the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry. Items included canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, peanut butter, applesauce, noodles and much more.

Thank you BCC for your generosity as we continue to serve the community by demonstrating the love of Christ.



175th Anniversary Upcoming Events

As we move through the year, please watch the monthly Bridge newsletter and Wednesday Email Blast for event details.

- ◆ **August** - Collection of supplies for young people who attend the Kings Center.
- ◆ **September** - The annual GreenStock celebration will recognize the congregation's 175 years of service to the community.
- ◆ **October** - Donation of 175 handmade plastic mats. See our Facebook page for instructions on how to begin this project .
- ◆ **November** - Big weekend celebration! On Saturday, Nov. 6, we will host an ice cream sundae party for the community. The service on Sunday, Nov. 7, will feature a guest speaker and commissioned music. Immediately following the service, we will share a catered fellowship meal.
- ◆ **December** - Special BCC 175th anniversary Christmas ornaments will be available for sale.

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, & Volunteers for July

Date	Scripture	Theme	Worship Leader & Elder
July 4	Isaiah 35	Return Pinnacles National Park	Ted Sloan & Ronda Sloan
July 11	Acts 19:1-6	Gifts of the Holy Spirit New Beginnings	Annette Hayden & Donna Long
July 18	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	Gifts of the Holy Spirit Source of Unity	Lorrie Devers & Ron Kelien
July 25	Galatians 5:16-25	Gifts of the Holy Spirit Fruit of the Spirit	Morgan Minter & Sissy O'Brien

Worship Service Opportunities

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

YouTube -
[www.youtube.com/channel/
UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U)
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