



# BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

March 2021

## Be still and know...

BMPC 2021 Lenten Season

One of my favorite devotionals is *Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations with Frederick Buechner*. One poignant paragraph provides the theme for the book which I often revisit in hard times. “If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say ... it would be something like this: Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement or gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis, all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.”

Honestly, our lives have been filled with more boredom and pain in the last year than excitement and gladness! Due to isolation from others and the fear of catching a contagious disease, our consciousness of death has never been more intense. If we must name our lament, the past eleven and a half months has felt like one long Lenten season that has never ended!

So, when it came time to pick our theme for Lent 2021, I must confess that I was done with wilderness.

Our past year has been nonstop upside down world chaos and I wanted no more of it! However, I did see a need for deep listening to our lives and the community of faith and people we belong to. That is why our theme this year both in worship and in our small groups is Be Still and Know.

During this particularly extended and difficult season of isolation as well as national, community, and personal reflection, I pray that our worship life and small groups will be a critical point of connection and encouragement as we listen to one another. The word “encourage” comes from the French *encoragier*, which means to “make strong, hearten.” Now more than ever, let us gather to find strength in our community and hearten each other so that we may see that the key moments of our life together are filled with grace that we can touch, taste, and smell ... even in the most difficult year.

Faithfully yours –

**You can still join in the offerings during Lent. See page 6-7 for details.**

# We hope you'll join us in worship on Sunday mornings starting at 8:30 on YouTube.

Sunday Vespers will commence again on  
March 14, 4:00-4:30pm. Children and families:  
let's play on the playground at 3:30 before worship!

## SUNDAYS

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Church on Zoom**  
a time to connect and hear a story
- 9:45 a.m. Becomers Class on Zoom**  
[George Thompson](mailto:revdr3george@gmail.com) (revdr3george@gmail.com)  
We begin a new topic, "Hearing 'The Story' in the Psalms,"  
– Psalms 78, 105, 106, 135, and 136
- 10:30 a.m. Biblical Explorations on Zoom**  
[Austin Brown](mailto:austin.brown.c54@gmail.com) (austin.brown.c54@gmail.com)  
*Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a  
Controversial Rabbi* by Amy Jill Levine.
- 3:30 p.m. Mental Health Support Group on Zoom**  
1st & 3rd Sundays [Bunny Alexander](mailto:bunny6alexander@gmail.com)  
(bunny6alexander@gmail.com) or 317-517-0334
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group**

## MONDAYS

- 8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle on Zoom**  
[Beverly Thompson](mailto:drbeverlythompson@gmail.com) (drbeverlythompson@gmail.com)  
Contact Beverly if you are interested.
- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Series** with Pastor David  
*The Overstory* by Richard Powers  
[email [Jackie](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org) (jackie@bmpcnc.org) for Zoom link]

## WEDNESDAYS

- 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Matthew Bible Study on Zoom**  
[Lewis Galloway](mailto:lewisgalloway1951@gmail.com) (lewisgalloway1951@gmail.com)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Leadership Group**

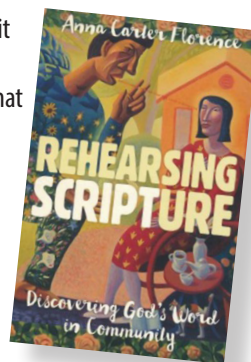
## THURSDAYS

- 7:00 p.m. Men's Group on Zoom**
- 8:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting on Zoom** with Bob Tuttle  
March 4 and 18

Co-Chairs for the capital  
campaign are Mary Carroll  
Dodd and Bill Waterstradt  
and the campaign team is  
coming together!

## New in the BMPC library

SCRIPTURE. We can study it carefully. We can listen to sermons on it and read what the experts say about it. But in the end, says Anna Carter Florence, Scripture needs to be rehearsed and encountered – and we can do that best in community with others.



In this book Florence offers concrete, practical tools for reading and rehearsing Scripture in groups. Suitable for new and seasoned Bible readers alike, Florence's *Rehearsing Scripture* invites solitary readers to become community readers as well – to gather around a shared text and encounter God anew together.

*"This book is a gorgeous invitation to experience the Bible as a living thing. Anna Carter Florence nudges the reader, saying 'Can you feel the breath of it on your skin? Can you see how it moves? Can you hear what it's saying in your own ear? Can you taste both the bitter and the sweet?' She knows that if we do this, Scripture will always, always hand over the goods. I'm so grateful for her work, her love of the Bible, and her insistence that in it we find truth."*

**Nadia Bolz-Weber**

author of *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the wife of David Carter Florence, our associate pastor. Her other books include *Preaching as Testimony*.

# Do you enjoy working with children?

Have you thought about volunteering to help in Children's Ministry programs at BMPC?

Do you have skills and talents that you can share with our youngest members?

Do you want to be a part of nurturing the faith of our kids?

As we move towards slowly reopening the church in the coming months, one area where help is needed is in our Children's Ministry programs. If you love music, drama, arts and crafts, recreation, storytelling, being a mentor, teacher, making snacks, or just working with children – **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Please contact [Brittany Williams](#) if you would like to help.

- **RAD! Wednesdays** – this program is for Kindergarten through fifth grade and is a time of recreation, art, drama, music, snacks, and fun! We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will have a six-week session beginning April 14 – May 19.
- **Vacation Bible School** – this program will take place the week of July 26-30. Time and other details are still being determined but we know that LOTS of help will be needed.
- **Kids Night In** – a quarterly program for all children! Parents drop the kids off for fun, games, food, and a movie! (Dates TBD – late Summer/early Fall 2021)
- **Pre-Youth Group** – a program for 4th and 5th graders that happens on the 3rd Sunday of the month, September through May. The purpose of this program is give these children an idea of what Youth Group will be like when they get to Middle School.
- **Church School** – Sunday mornings at 9:45 the children gather in one of the classrooms upstairs for a Bible lesson, music, and games. Curriculum and supplies are provided. (Begins on Rally Day, Sept. 12, 2021 and continues weekly through May 22, 2022.)
- **Extended Session** – Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. service. There are two groups: three-year-olds through kindergarten; and first through third graders, who will leave the sanctuary after Faith Sharing with Children to hear a story.

*All volunteers will be required to attend the Child Protection Training and pass a background check to become an Approved Adult at BMPC. It is a two-part training with Part I being online and Part II being in-person.*

# God Is the Wildest Being in Existence by Wendell Berry

Solomon and Saint Paul both insisted on the largeness and the at-largeness of God. He is not to be fenced in, under human control, like some domestic creature; He is the wildest being in existence.

The presence of His spirit in us is our wildness, our oneness with the wilderness of Creation.

This is why subduing the things of nature to human purposes is so dangerous and why it so often results in evil, in separation and desecration.

The amount of wilderness remaining on Earth, our Eden, has dropped from 64% to 35% between 1954 and 2020 – one short lifetime. The human race absolutely depends on the complex web of life, but we are killing it off by destroying habitat through overpopulation, development, logging, mining, and burning fossil fuels.

Humans care deeply about the natural world, and we rush to help the threatened “star species” like sea turtles, polar bears, monarch butterflies, and elephants. What we can’t see without study are the millions of overlooked invertebrate animals and micro-organisms that form the foundations of God’s Creation, Earth’s ecosystems. Most of these species, plant and animal, can only survive in wilderness.

This spring we will write about solutions for rewilding the Earth proposed by three prominent scientists: E.O. Wilson, David Attenborough, and Douglas Tallamy. Entomologist E.O. Wilson’s *Half-Earth: Our Planet’s Fight for Life* offers the boldest solution of all: “The situation facing us is too large to be solved piecemeal. The Half-Earth proposal offers a first, emergency solution commensurate with the magnitude of the problem: Dedicate fully half the surface of the Earth to nature, in order to save 80% of existing species.” Why one half? Wilson does not mean to cut the planet into two halves, but to save large plots, whether they already stand or are created from corridors connecting smaller plots. These harbor many more ecosystems at a sustainable level. They give species room to breed and move about looking for food.

One moving example is the work of M.C. Davis, self-taught ecologist and businessman, who restored a swath of longleaf pine savanna in the Florida panhandle, which had been harvested until less than one percent of the original forest remained. Davis recognized that restoring the longleaf pine was key to the sustainability of the Panhandle and Southern U.S., and as a private citizen chose single-handedly to do something dramatic about it. He bought up large sections of degraded land just behind the beach zone, cleared the land, and planted more than a million longleaf seedlings. Soon the rich understory began to return.

Then he said, “We might create a wildlife corridor, consisting of a narrow but continuous strip of natural environment along the Gulf of Mexico coast from Tallahassee west to Mississippi.” The project is now under way, allowing the return of bears and cougars to areas they once inhabited. “The parts, achieved and planned, include state and federal woodland, coastal river floodplain forests, military buffer property, and privately owned wildland tracts.”

The half-earth solution sets for us an ambitious, worthy goal. “We must save life on earth by giving life a place to exist.”

– Jeannie Franklin

## EARTH CARE NEWS

Our book group is a great way to stay in touch with friends and enjoy lively discussion. We recently concluded our study of *Natural Saints* by Hillary McDuff, and hope to host her for an event this spring. Our book study during Lent is *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. (details on page 6)

Our garden project with the First Baptist Church continues this year; plans are in place to prepare the ground for planting as soon as the weather allows.

We’re looking at other ways to extend our outreach with youth, local civic groups, and other faith-based environmental organizations, including the WNC Presbytery Earth Care Team. Some of our members recently attended a virtual symposium presented by the Creation Care Alliance in Asheville.

We expect word on our recertification as an Earth Care Congregation in early April.

# The Changing Flags of Lent

On Ash Wednesday, we entered into the liturgical season that we call Lent, and during this time, there will be a series of fabric flags hanging on the front of the church. As the season progresses, the flags will change and I shall say more about that, but first some thoughts about this particular season.

The word, “Lent,” actually is an Old English word that refers to the lengthening of the days as spring slowly begins. It is a time when new life slowly emerges, that which can appear dead begins to come back to life. The colors of the flags, although subdued, will reflect the soft colors of early spring.

As every gardener and farmer knows, for plants to grow and flourish takes preparation even before the seeds are planted. That is actually what Lent is. Originally it was a time when new converts prepared for Baptism and to join the church at Easter. For that reason, it is a time of penitence and introspection, a time to draw close to God.

Each season and holy day of the liturgical calendar has certain colors associated with it. Ash Wednesday is grey. Palm Sunday can actually be red in reference to the blood of the martyrs but we shall use a bold green like the palm branches that were waved and used to line the way for Jesus’ entry. The bold color will signify our entry into our holiest week which begins on such a bold note but ends in seeming despair.

The overall liturgical color for Lent is violet, a color that is associated with penance, sacrifice, and preparation. It is not the royal purple, but a softer, more somber shade and that is the color that will be revealed on Maundy Thursday. Also, if you look closely, you will see that that color underlies all the others.

Finally we will see the black of Good Friday, and then there will be nothing.

So we are led through the season of Lent and left with seemingly nothing until we meet again at the foot of the cross.

– Ellen Phillips Smith



We are happy to promote an innovative way for you to keep up with the BMPC calendar, mobile directory, and easy online giving with the FREE Church Life app! You can download it onto either an

iPhone or Android using your app store. The app works with Access ACS (our church database) to put more of BMPC at your fingertips. Instructions on how to install the app and set-up your account can be found on the BMPC website at <https://bmpcnc.org/get-the-church-life-app>. If you need assistance, please contact Brittany at [brittany@bmpcnc.org](mailto:brittany@bmpcnc.org) or 828-669-2725.

## Has everyone been fed?

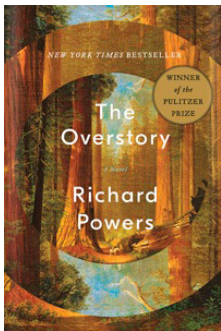
We hear that question and know Jesus calls us to offer spiritual food and actual food. Our Blessing Box free pantry on Montreat Road is one way to do this. Can you help? Take one week, check the box to keep it clean and stocked with shelf stable foods and personal care supplies. [Use this sign-up genius link](#) that’s easy to do and you will receive an email reminder before your week. This is a family friendly mission activity and the Outreach Team hopes to get all weeks staffed through June, or even till the end of the year! Questions? Contact Debbie Bailey or Patti Pyle.

# Lent with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

## Be Still and Know God

### MONDAY AFTERNOONS

**EARTH CARE BOOK STUDY on Zoom**  
beginning February 22, 1:00 p.m.



We will read and discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Our theological understanding is broader and deeper than we imagined only a decade ago. Now our Biblical, historical

narrative is waking up to all forms of life and the nuances of climate, biomes, ecosystems, tree roots, mycelium, and microscopic life – God’s bounteous creation revealed! Join in the reading and discussion of this significant piece of literature.

Richard Powers is the author of 12 novels. He is the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, the National Book Award, a Pulitzer Prize, and was four-time National Book Critics Award finalist. He lives in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

*“Monumental... The Overstory accomplishes what few living writers from either camp, art or science, could attempt. Using the tools of the story, he pulls readers head-first into a perspective so much longer-lived and more subtly developed than the human purview that we gain glimpses of a vast, primordial sensibility, while watching our own kind get whittled down to size... a gigantic fable of genuine truths.”*

– Barbara Kingsolver

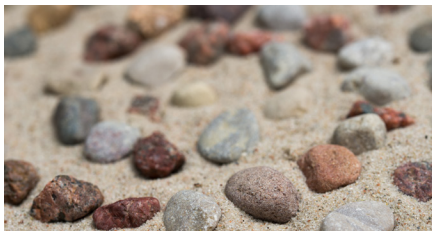
Email [jackie@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org) if you would like to receive the Zoom link.

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

**MORNING PRAYER on the church lawn**  
beginning February 24, 7:30 a.m.

Led by David Carter Florence, Ellen Phillips Smith, and Susie Burns. Start your day with contemplative prayer on the church lawn. Bundle up in woolens or down, bring a chair, and join in morning prayer.

Time To Be Still – To Sense God  
To Await the Holy Spirit – To Live in Light



### WEDNESDAYS

**MUSIC & VISUAL ARTS LENTEN THEMES on videos**  
beginning February 24

Mike Barker will curate a self-directed exploration of Lenten themes using music and visual art during the upcoming season. He will host a weekly video overview of a musical work paired with a work in the visuals arts. Each video will include links to listen to the music and to view the visual artwork. Participants will be encouraged to listen to, view, and reflect on them. Participants will be able to add comments to the videos asking questions, sharing impressions and otherwise engaging with other participants. The videos will appear weekly on Wednesdays though participants may engage with them at any time.



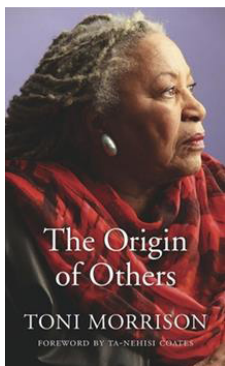
Access to the Internet is required. Register by emailing [michaelb@bmpcnc.org](mailto:michaelb@bmpcnc.org).

Soichi Watanabe, The Bamboo-Emptiness-Flexibility-and-The Holy Spirit, 2008.  
Oil on canvas, 18" x 15". Image accessed via <https://indigenousjesus.blogspot.com/>

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

### RACIAL EQUITY TASK FORCE BOOK READ on Zoom

beginning February 24, 7:30 p.m.



Why was race created and projected as a deciding factor of estrangement? What has caused humanity to Otherize and why does the Other evoke fear?

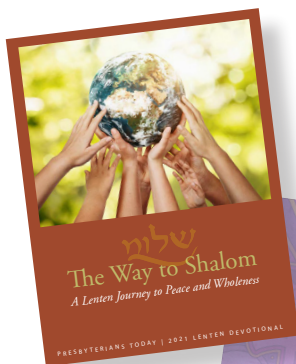
In *The Origin of Others*, Toni Morrison undertakes such questions that inquire the significance of definitions, identity, and the national redundancy of “otherizing” individuals that do not suit conceptualized norms. In this collection of essays, she employs the complexities and historical allusions within a few of her most renowned works

of fiction: *Paradise*, *Beloved*, and *A Mercy*.

Morrison also brings authors such as Ernest Hemingway and Harriet Beecher Stowe into the conversation as well as her own detailed memories. In a thoughtful reflection on identity, Toni Morrison discusses the projected definitions of blackness through various dimensions from science, politics, and social dynamics.

Led by Pastor Mary Katherine Robinson and Retired English Professor and BMPC member Dr. Alan Belsches

*Purchasing the book is not required, but strongly encouraged. Register by emailing [jackie@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org) and to receive the Zoom link.*



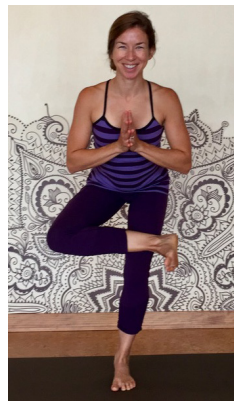
*Read a daily devotion during Lent on [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org) or pick up a printed copy in the narthex.*



## FRIDAY MORNINGS

### YOGA with Mary Carroll on Zoom

beginning February 19, 8:30 a.m.



Come move your body and still your mind with a Zoom Yoga Class during Lent! Yoga means to yoke or to unite in Sanskrit. Through breath control, simple meditation and bodily postures, yoga is a practice that helps us to be

more conscious, more present to the Divine in our midst. Christians often use yoga as a preparation for prayer – as a practice which makes room for God in our contemplative life. Mary Carroll Dodd is an experienced yoga teacher, a mother of two, a teacher, and a farmer. If you’ve been to the church or around town, you’ve probably seen Mary Carroll leading something. Her thoughtful and warm leadership in strategic planning, organic farming, family ministries, and the Guatemala partnership make her a gift to our church and town communities. She makes yoga comfortable and challenging. This class is open to anyone seeking to grow in their whole being. All are welcome, even if you have never experienced yoga before! Modifications will be given for all postures. Class runs through March 26.

So... go to a quiet place, be still, and set up your mat, a bottle of water, a towel or blanket, and Zoom with Mary Carroll.

*Email [marycarolldodd@gmail.com](mailto:marycarolldodd@gmail.com) to register and receive the Zoom link.*

# Library News

'Tis the season of Lent – a sobering time of reflection and repentance, a time perhaps of deliberate sacrifice of something pleasurable. So ... what is so new about that, one may ask. Isn't that what we have been doing for nearly a year now? Last year we experienced Lent with a pandemic raging and many unwanted sacrifices made for our own health and that of others. We are ready for good news and celebration, not the somber season of Lent.

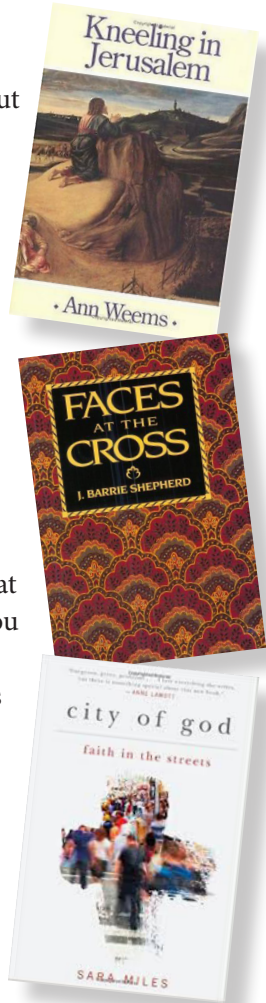
There is a saying that I have heard and read several times that perhaps is more true this year than ever before. We want to bypass the cross and go straight to the empty tomb. I have to admit that I have felt that way myself. However, we are cautioned that it is necessary to face the cross before running to the empty tomb. In that vein let me suggest a few books in the library which may make that journey more rewarding.

The late Ann Weems, in my mind the “Poet Laureate of the PCUSA,” wrote a book entitled *Kneeling In Jerusalem*. It is filled with short insights not only about the events of Holy Week and Easter but also of contemporary situations that resonate with our own experiences. If you are already a fan of Weems' writing, you may want to reread her observations of this holiest time in the life of a Christian. If you are not familiar with her work, you are in for a treat. Look for it and others on the display shelf to the right as you enter the library.

Another well-known and prolific PCUSA author is J. Barrie Shepherd. His book, *Faces At The Cross*, consists of monologues which conceivably might have been uttered by the people who encountered Jesus during the days of what we now call Holy Week. They include both names known to us and those whose names we do not know. What might a bystander have thought watching the events as they unfolded those fateful days? How about the two thieves, the centurion – we know only the lines recorded in the Gospels. What else could have they thought or said? The latter part of the book includes two poignant meditations, one suitable for Maundy Thursday and one for Communion. This is a beautifully inspiring work.

In a different vein, *City Of God: Faith In The Streets* is an account of an Ash Wednesday when Sara Miles and an assistant spent most of the day offering ashes to people on the streets of San Francisco. In a previous book, *Take This Bread*, which, I confess, impacted my theology of Communion, Sara Miles describes one of the most unlikely conversion stories I have read. In this work she details how she exhibited her belief that the church belongs on the streets, as well as in a building. It makes for fascinating reading and, in this extraordinary time when drive-by imposition of ashes is suddenly common, will not seem nearly so far-fetched as it might have when the book was written.

– Sally Woodard

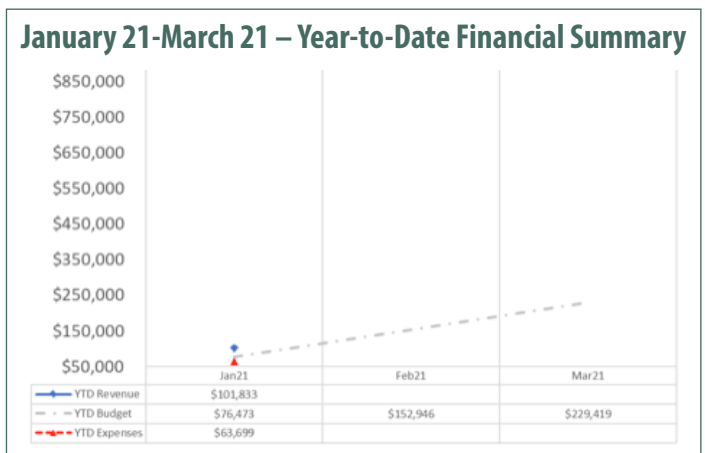


**These and other inspiring books are available in your very own BMPC library. Check it out!**



# January 2021 Financial Highlights

- YTD Revenues of \$101,832 are higher than the \$76,473 budgeted by \$25,360
- Note that revenue includes pre-paid pledges of \$48,583 for January 2021
- YTD Expenses of \$63,699 are lower than the \$76,473 budgeted by \$12,774



## Contributions to Restricted Funds

Capital Campaign contributions	\$103,108	Gifts from individual contributors
Memorials	\$225	Gifts in memory of the Bannermans, Muriel Hart, and Margie Tyas
Friends of Creation/Earth Care	\$10	Zoom event registration fee

## Expenditures from Restricted Funds

Next year pledges	\$29,800	2021 pledges prepaid in 2020, reclassified from Restricted Funds to prepaids for 2021
Capital Campaign contributions	\$18,375	Horizons consultant fees, Hurt Architecture invoices
Emergency Relief Fund (LERF)	\$1,994	Virtual classroom assistant payroll expenses, mortgage payment for family in need
Seminary	\$500	Emily Beaver support

## Presbyterian Women

We are still going strong during the Pandemic, continuing our Bible study each month, *Into the Light...Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*. Although some of our Circles are not meeting in person, some are meeting via Zoom, and Karen Austin provides lessons available on YouTube, accessed through our church website. The Coordinating Team is meeting monthly via Zoom as well, and have just elected new Officers who will begin to serve in May. PW is also working on plans for some remote events for Holy Week, and acknowledgment of our local public school teachers in May. PW life is moving along and we are all looking forward to the time when we can all gather together in the same place!

## Join Black Mountain Counseling Center Tuesday, March 16, from 7-8 p.m. for their next virtual fundraiser!

Ina Hughs, gifted writer, newspaper columnist, and author, (and BMPC member), will be leading a Journaling Workshop. Participants will travel through the corridors of memory and, prompted by specific writing exercises, begin or continue to craft their memoir. The cost is a \$25 minimum donation and all proceeds are used to support BMCC. BMCC appreciates all of your gifts and donations. Sign up for the event by visiting [blackmountaincounseling.org/events](http://blackmountaincounseling.org/events). See you there (virtually)!

# Lenten Prayers for an End to Hunger

from *Bread For The World*

Second week in Lent, February 28 – March 6

## Jesus invites us to take up the cross

[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” – *Mark 8:34-35*

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

– *Psalms 22:26-27*

**PRAYER** O God, you desire that all people should eat and be satisfied. As we follow Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross, may our hearts be so transformed that we lose our lives in sharing your bounty with all in need. Amen.

**REFLECTION** Dietary quality, nutritional content, affordability, and accessibility are factors that support resilient and efficient food systems. Strong food systems are essential to protecting everyone’s health and reaching those most at risk of falling further into hunger and poverty. Notice where your groceries come from and reflect on how our food systems are interconnected.

For more Lenten Prayers: [bread.org/lentoffering](http://bread.org/lentoffering)  
To sign up to receive emailed prayers throughout the year: [bread.org/pray](http://bread.org/pray)



**March 11, 1:30-6:00 p.m. at BMPC**

Make an appointment

The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood and continues to do COVID-19 antibody testing for anyone who donates.



## Virtual National Gathering – March 5-7

*“When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.  
The new dawn blooms as we free it, for there is always light, if only  
we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”*

Amanda Gorman – *The Hill We Must Climb*, Inauguration Poem 2021



Our dear friends, with ecstatic hearts we are elated to claim such freedom, light, and bravery – and to do so together! In the spirit of climbing that hill with one another, join us for our 2021 National Gathering: Breaking, Blessing, Building – A Call for the Common Good!

This year, NEXT Church is breaking, blessing, and building with the hope to reach further and connect even more deeply than before – especially as an ecumenical community of faith! We are the church, the broken and raised body of Christ, and the spiritual leaders of our times; and let us be so together!

Click [HERE](#) for more info on this year’s theme

# March Birthdays

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| <b>1</b> Betsy Murphy<br>Nada Barnett<br>Bella Van Note                                | <b>17</b> Mary Hunnicutt   |
| <b>2</b> Perry Sprawls<br>Alice Patton<br>Joe Carreiro<br>Kim Reece                    | <b>19</b> Bobbie Johnson   |
| <b>3</b> Neil McMillan   | <b>20</b> Kevin McDaniel   |
| <b>4</b> Johnny Wood<br>Jackie Garrison<br>Abraham Mailander                           | <b>21</b> Rick Hughes  |
| <b>7</b> Nancy Beaver<br>Emily Beaver  | <b>22</b> Anne Cooper<br>Melzer Morgan, Jr.  |
| <b>8</b> Cullen Ferguson<br>Patti Pyle<br>Mike Duckworth<br>Tyler Smith                | <b>23</b> Jim Adams<br>Martia Rachman<br>Jessi Stitt<br>Sarah Hutcheson<br>Gus Nelson        |
| <b>9</b> Don McMahill  | <b>24</b> Burkley Reece<br>Scottie Cannon  |
| <b>10</b> Darrell Johnson<br>David Kadau<br>Knox Gunn<br>Scott Roy<br>Jennifer Partlow | <b>26</b> Josie Davis<br>Munroe Robinson   |
| <b>11</b> Pam McMurray   | <b>27</b> Bill Pollard<br>Jamie Munn<br>Paul Garrity<br>Harrison Partlow<br>Wilder Hutcheson |
| <b>12</b> Ellen Coward   | <b>28</b> Ginny Soll<br>Kaitlyn Duckworth  |
| <b>14</b> John Smith<br>Karen Davis  | <b>29</b> Martha Murphy<br>Judith Burt<br>Max Dodson   |
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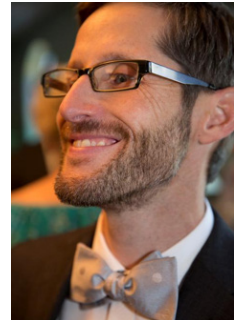


# HIKES are back!

Let's meet at the Folk Art Center on **Sunday, March 14, at 1:00pm** for a three-mile, moderate hike. Contact Margie at [margiewboyd@gmail.com](mailto:margiewboyd@gmail.com) with questions.

## Presbytery of WNC celebrates 75 years of ministry with Jim Cogswell!

### Jamie Munn BMPC member wins Teacher of the Year at Owen Middle School



This is Jamie's 23rd year of teaching since graduating from Warren-Wilson College. He recently renewed his National Board Teaching Certification and earned a graduate degree from Western Carolina University in Middle Grades Math Education. Jamie previously taught at WD Williams before moving up to middle school.

## Church Directory

We recently learned that *Lifetouch* will no longer be offering Church Directory services. BMPC was scheduled to have *Lifetouch* at the church in late April/early May but we will now need to find an alternative option. While we are figuring this out, we want to encourage members to send in a photo – either individual, family, or both – and we will update pictures in the Church Life profiles. Please email these photos to Brittany at [brittany@bmpcnc.org](mailto:brittany@bmpcnc.org) and be sure to include your first and last name. You can also come by the church and Brittany, Sam, or Jackie can take a photo to be uploaded!



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## SAVE THE DATES

Summer Events for Youth (Middle and High School)

**June 21-25 Presbytery of Western North Carolina Mission Camp**

Local service in our town! Gardening, Permaculture, River clean-up

**July 13-16 Backpacking Trip up Mt. Mitchell**

9 slots open for hiking trip from Montreat to Mt. Mitchell  
Co-Led by East Brentwood Presbyterian from Nashville

**August 1-7 Montreat Youth Conference "Called to Connect"**

Open to High School students rising grade 9 and 2021 graduates

**Hold your spot! Contact David Carter Florence at 404-550-2115 or [David@bmpcnc.org](mailto:David@bmpcnc.org)**