

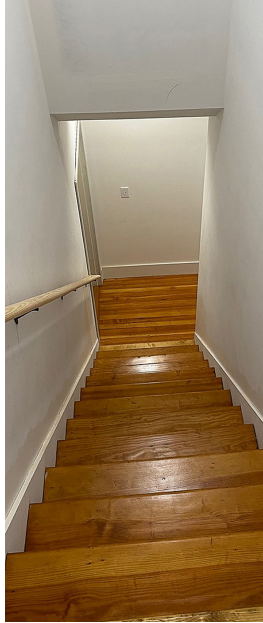


BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

August 2022

Asking for Blessings on the Church House and Our Ministries



On Sunday evening, July 17, with ice cream, music, and prayer we gathered at the newly renovated church house to celebrate a place for our ministry together. Whether we look at this space as a gathering place for all ages, a base camp for faith formation, or a launching pad for service and mission, this is an extension of the current spaces our church uses to live out our purpose together – ad gloriam dei – to the Glory of God.

As Aaron led us in singing hymns, Sam drummed along, Alice welcomed parents and our youngest children, David and Brittany led the prayers for a blessing of this house. Over 50 people gathered for a soft opening, a prelude to a big celebration with furnishings and final details completed when Mary Katherine returns in September. Volunteers led by Wayne Mullis, Alan Belsches and Mary Carroll Dodd continue to paint, and work on the interior design to make all things ready. Ken Kelly sourced foosball, air hockey, and ping pong tables for the attic youth room. Margie Stansel continues to hunt for the right dining room table. Sam Webber and Margaret Fouse are planning the landscaping and countless others have given in small, but significant ways. As this first phase of our capital improvement campaign comes to fruition, we are thankful for the hundreds of contributions to making our church a beacon of light in this town. Time, talent, and treasure pay off and create ministry opportunities for the church.



See [Ways to be a part of our church house](#) on page 7

AUGUST 2022

Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
<p>We return to two morning services at BMPC on August 14. FirstLight at 9am and Sanctuary Worship at 11am.</p>	<p>1 1:15p Earth Care Book Study 5:30p Hospitality and Welcome 7p Earth Care</p>	<p>2 11a Staff Mtg 12p PW Coordinating Team 7p Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>4 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>	
<p>7 9a Worship Service 10:30a Montreat Summer Worship 4p All Ages Bible Camp 5:30p Dinner 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>8 1:15p Earth Care Book Study 1:30p Worship Team 6:30p Mission 7p Personnel</p>	<p>9 11a Staff Mtg 3:30p Congregational Life 7p Prophets</p>	<p>10 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>11 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett 7p Thursday Night Live @ White Horse</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deadline for the September Window newsletter Monday, June 15</p>		
<p>14 9a FirstLight Worship 11a Worship Service 4p All Ages Bible Camp 5:30p Dinner 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>15 1:15p Earth Care Book Study</p>	<p>16 11a Staff Mtg 7p Prophets</p>	<p>17 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch 6:30p Strategic Planning 7p Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>18 3p Book Group with Ina Hughs 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>19 6p End of Summer Celebration @ Town Square</p>	<p>20 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul 1p David Kaylor Memorial Service</p>	
<p>21 9a FirstLight Worship 11a Worship Service 4p All Ages Bible Camp 5:30p Dinner 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>22 1:15p Earth Care Book Study 6p Session</p>	<p>23 11a Staff Mtg 7p Prophets</p>	<p>24 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch 7p Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>25 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>	
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image by Chelsea Goins

Thursday Night Live - August 11

7:00 PM at White Horse

music...
comedy...
dance!



TICKETS \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door
whitehorseblackmountain.com
(828) 669-0816

**REASONABLY
PRICED
BABIES**

The entertainment will feature Aaron Price accompanying the improv comedy troupe Reasonably Priced Babies! The evening promises lots of laughs and a surprise or two. This group takes ideas and prompts from you (the audience) and spins them into improvised comedy gold.

Also featuring tap dancer, Jarret Ditch!

Proceeds will support Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry.

Help support **The Weekday School** with your Ingles card



Wow!!! We can't believe that the summer is half over. Each year Ingles Markets offers schools assistance with their supplies through their Tools for Schools program. The Weekday School had a great response this year to our Ingles Tools For School sign ups. We received over \$1,900 in supplies and equipment. Each year we have to connect our advantage cards beginning in August and they stay connected

until the end of May. Therefore, it is time to sign up once again. In order to sign up, you can go online to <https://www.ingles-markets.com/> and connect your Ingles advantage card to our account. Our school number is 10820. If you are unable to do this online, there will be a sign up sheet at the welcome table in the church narthex. This is an easy way to support our Weekday School. Thank you all so much for your continued love and support. We are looking forward to the year ahead!

Eco-sustainable living practices worth repeating

DISHWASHING

For all church events involving food and drink, we utilize our reusable kitchen ware – silverware, plastic cups, and ceramic plates and coffee cups. This keeps us from adding to the use of paper and plastic waste. It does necessitate washing dishes! If your group is small and your dishes fill up two dishwasher trays or less, please rinse the dishes and stack them in a tray to the left side of the dishwasher. They will be washed in the next round of washing Monday-Friday. If your group is larger and you create more than two trays to be washed, please go ahead and run the washer, dry, and put away your dishes. By not running the dishwasher for smaller runs and combining dishes for larger runs, we save energy.

RECYCLING

Whenever you lead an event that involves waste, please set up recycling bins so that they are easily accessible for the attendees.

COMPOSTING

There are five-gallon buckets in our kitchens for compostable waste. Please add any plant products (including leftover foods), coffee grounds (with filters), and eggshells to these buckets and secure the lid tightly. They will be emptied into the compost bin in the garden on the south end of the building. Our compost is then added to fortify our gardens and reduce landfill waste. Branches and larger plants should go in the brush pile in the southwest corner of the south parking lot.



END OF

SUMMER

celebration

Friday, August 19

6:00-7:30 PM

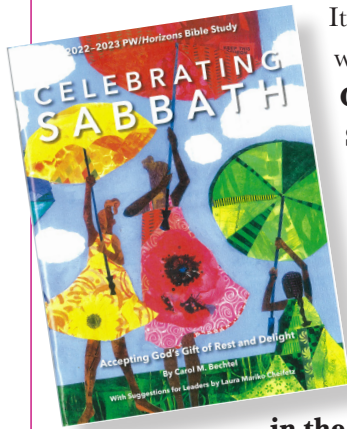
Town Square

fun for children and parents

featuring DJ Jamie Munn playing tunes



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



It's time to look ahead to fall and all women are invited to join a circle. **Circles will begin Tuesday, September 6.** There will be three morning circles, two afternoon, and an evening. If you are interested in joining a circle, please call Ginny (828-777-6970).

Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, August 2, at 12 noon in the church house.

Our new study book is ***Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*** by Carol M. Bechtel. *Carol was my favorite Old Testament professor years ago at Presbyterian School of Christian Education. It will be a good study, I am sure.* – Ginny Soll



Steve and Liz Riley help to build a home for a Habitat family on July 1.
















Backpack Buddies Hand In Hand Program

Let's help to make sure this is a successful year for Buncombe County students! **We will be collecting school supplies Sunday, July 17, through Sunday, August 14.** Supplies will be gathered and delivered to Tabernacle United Methodist Church which is the Hand in Hand delivery point. Volunteers will sort items and deliver the items to each of the six Owen district schools before Monday, August 29, when students return to the classroom. Hand in Hand is a local faith-based nonprofit working with local churches and businesses to help the children and teachers at the Owen District schools. Questions? Contact Jennifer Holt: 828-230-8613 or Kyle Holt: 828-606-0631.

Supplies needed

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| Pencil boxes | Poster boards |
| Glue sticks | Magic markers |
| Notebook dividers | Hand sanitizer |
| Backpacks (all sizes) | Tri-fold presentation boards |
| Sharpies | White board markers |
| Spiral notebooks (all sizes) | Stitched composition books |
| Crayons | Index cards |
| Scissors | Rulers |
| Pocket folders | Marbled composition books |
| Pencils | USB thumb drives |
| Copy paper | Notebook paper (college and wide-ruled) |
| Pens | |
| Tissues | |

Ways to be a part of our church house

-  Shepherd our children on the playground during extended session
-  Join in a small prayer group that meets on the front porch
-  Lead a Bible study around the hearth and fireplace
-  Enjoy a dinner around the dining table
-  Guide youth from fellowship to faith formation in the youth room
-  Study and pray with a PW circle in the living room
-  Mission planning over dinner on the deck
-  Mix with all ages during a BBQ on the back porch as children play on the playground
-  Build a strong youth group at the Ga Ga Pit and Basketball Court
-  Play and enjoy game night with all ages in the beautiful back room
-  Support scout groups in all of our spaces
-  Sing the songs of faith, inspiration, and praise together on the front porch
-  Study theology and world religions in the back room and on the porches
-  Garden and cook with children and youth in the garden and in the kitchen
-  Support one another in small groups and Sunday school rooms as we study

The church house is accessible to all ages. Please book space for your group with an email to [Sam Webber \(sam@bmpcnc.org\)](mailto:sam@bmpcnc.org) or [Brittany Williams \(brittany@bmpcnc.org\)](mailto:brittany@bmpcnc.org).

Intergenerational Bible Camp (formerly VBS)



Won't You Be My Neighbor? has begun!

If you are interested in joining us any of the Sundays through August 28, please let us know ahead of time by calling the church office (669-2725) so we will be sure to have enough food for everyone.

Nursery is available for children up to two years old. Dinner is provided before **Gathered at Six** worship service.



Mark your calendars!
BMPC
Annual Picnic
at Camp Rockmont

Sunday, September 11

2:00-6:30 PM

2:00 PM Waterfront

5:00 PM Vespers

5:30 PM Potluck Cookout



The Earth Care Book Group has launched a year-long study of *American Earth: Environmental Writing Since Thoreau*, edited by Bill McKibben (Library of America, 2008), and this summer we are sharing excerpts with the congregation. Featured this month are passages from John Burroughs, whose gift for close observation and large meaning introduced the nature essay as we know it, launching a million people with knapsacks out into meadow and forest in the late nineteenth century.

Earth Care According to John Burroughs from *The Grist of the Gods*, 1908

During the unthinkable time of the revolution of the earth around the sun, the amount of cosmic matter that has fallen upon its surface from out of the depths of space must be enormous. It certainly must enter largely into the composition of the soil and of the sedimentary rocks. Celestial dirt we may truly call it, star dust, in which we plant our potatoes and grain and out of which Adam was made, and every son of man since Adam – the divine soil in very fact, the garden of the Eternal, contributed to by the heavens above and all the vital forces below, incorruptible, forever purifying itself, clothing the rocky framework of the globe as with flesh and blood, making the earth truly a mother with a teeming fruitful womb. . .

Again, one cannot but reflect what a sucked orange the earth will be in the course of a few more centuries. Our civilization is terribly expensive to all its natural resources; one hundred years of modern life doubtless exhausts its stores more than a millennium of the life of antiquity. Its coal and oil will be about used up, all its mineral wealth greatly depleted, the fertility of its soil will have been washed into the sea through the drainage of its cities, its wild game will be nearly extinct, its primitive forests gone, and soon how nearly bankrupt the planet will be!

from *Asheville Citizen-Times*, July 2022

The Tragic and the Hopeful

The Tragic – Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon during the first half of 2022 [1,500 square miles] broke all records – a measure of the increasing destruction taking place under the presidency of Jair Bolsonaro.

The Hopeful – US renewable energy hit record levels in April. The percentage of U.S. electricity produced by renewable energy from wind, solar, and hydroelectric dams has been steadily rising, from 8.6% in April 2001 to this April's 28%... Renewables are simply the most economically competitive power currently available, said Kelly-Detwiler, author of "The Energy Switch" about the transition to a carbon-free energy economy. Another surprise was that in April, wind and solar together produced more electricity than nuclear plants... When all U.S. carbon-neutral energy sources are added together – nuclear, wind, hydroelectric and solar – almost 46% of U.S. electricity in April came from sources that don't contribute greenhouse gases to the environment, federal data shows.

from *Christian Century*, July, 2022

Keeping the Lights on in Texas

Unlike during previous extreme weather events in Texas that led to deadly blackouts, the power grid held up well in a June heat wave – thanks to strong performances from wind and solar, which generated close to 40 percent of the total gigawatts needed on one day of peak demand, "really sparing us a lot of heartache and a lot of money," according to one official.

How Are Our Solar Panels Doing?

June 2022: Energy captured from the sun - 2300 kWh • Money saved - \$253
CO2 saved from going into atmosphere - 1,955 pounds (one ton)

My Cup Overflows, A Family History by Nada Barnett (March 1, 1927-April 23, 2022)

Thoughts and recollections of Nada's growing-up years kept swirling around in Nada Barnett's head during the last two years of her life journey. They coalesced into a goal – write the story down as a gift to her three sons so that they and their families might learn more of their background. The idea became a memoir. It covers her life through high school. She included stories of her parents' backgrounds, life in small midwestern towns in the 1930's and 1940's, being a Preacher's Kid, holidays and vacations, and more. Fellow Givens Highland Farms resident, Betsy Atkinson, guided Nada in the organization of the book, and arranged for its printing. Nada did all the writing, and chose the cover. The book is available in the church library.

Library News

from Sally Woodard

Biographies! Does anyone read biographies these days? If so, the BMPC library has four shelves full of the life stories of the notable and the lesser known. Examples in politics include presidents from Washington and Adams to Carter and Obama. Other figures related to government include Eleanor Roosevelt and Colin Powell. Lives of well-known authors such as Pearl Buck, Helen Steiner Rice, Annie Dillard, and others are found in the shelves. Persons in the news business or show business, like Tom Brokaw, Tim Russert, Cokie Roberts, and Denzel Washington, also appear in the biography section. As one might expect, there are a number of figures from the world of religion, among them St. Francis and members of the Graham family.

The library also has special sections categorized as Regional Authors and BMPC Authors. Some writings of BMPC members are located there.

Some recent donations fall in the biography section. One is by James McBride, whose name may not be familiar to most. A former staff writer for the *Washington Post*, *People*, and *Boston Globe*, McBride is also a composer and saxophonist. His book, *The Color of Water*, reads more like a novel than nonfiction

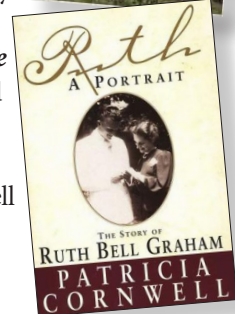
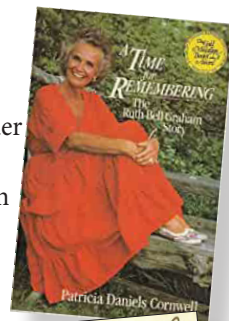
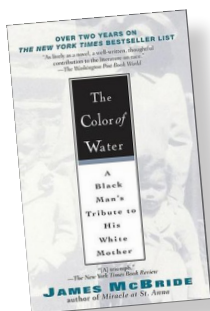
because of McBride's style. It is written in two voices: his mother's and his own. The subtitle gives a clue to his style: *A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*. His mother's Jewish family escaped from Poland and immigrated to America, where they

settled in Virginia. McBride's mother, a remarkable woman, and her first husband founded a church in Brooklyn, and later in her sixties she received a degree from Temple University. This is not the usual type of biography that one might expect, but it is enlightening and fascinating.

Another donation, which may interest readers in this area, is the second biography of Ruth Graham Bell written by well-known novelist Patricia Cornwell. On a personal note, prior to moving here, I knew Cornwell only as an author of murder mysteries. Thus to my surprise I learned that she has not only written two biographies of Ruth Graham, but she also was a longtime friend of Ruth and has contributed greatly to the Conference Center, as well.

The first volume is entitled *A Time For Remembering*, and the second one, the recent donation, is *Ruth: A Portrait*. It is obvious from reading either of these that Cornwell was privileged to be part of the Graham connection and regarded Ruth very highly.

These will be on the display shelf just inside the library door to the right. The entire biography section is near the back on the right. Learn more about both outstanding and less well-known people. Read a biography.



August birthdays

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| 2 Dave McClintock
Jeannie Franklin
Weston Hall | 20 John Snell |
| 4 Connor Watson Burns | 21 Matthew Baraki
Bob Tuttle
Leslie Applewhite |
| 5 Andy Banzhoff | 23 Joe Walker |
| 7 Anne Straughan
Barbara Griffin
Will Goins | 24 Kali Fleagle
Chelsea Goins |
| 8 Emily Munn
Joy Inabinette | 25 Adlai Boyd |
| 9 Jack Cordell
Kitty Fouche
Jeff Vancini | 26 Katherine Holman
Teddy Cappelli |
| 10 John Gibson | 27 William Neville
Melissa Kadau
Emily Cappelli
Elizabeth Turnage |
| 11 Cathy McMillan
Penny Mayronne | 29 Mike Beaver
Jesse Dannenberg
Linda Sperath |
| 12 Cis Wilde | 30 Phil Cogbill
Wade Burns |
| 14 Travis Reece | 31 Andrew Tyson |
| 16 Cheryl Wilson
Blake Martin | |
| 17 John LaMotte | |
| 18 Marc Begley | |
| 19 Carol Aho
Janice Griffin | |

Happy
Birthday

You can add information to your profile in our database, *Realm*, at any time. You can also find phone numbers and addresses of your BMPC friends. Contact Brittany or Sam for help with this. **If you prefer a paper copy of the directory, stop by the church office and we will print one for you.**

Dear BMPC

To our dear BMPC friends,

There are simply no words to adequately express our gratitude for the many kindnesses shown to us since Mike's diagnosis. Exceedingly generous financial gifts, cards, encouraging words on social media, rides to radiation treatments, food for body and soul – we are so very appreciative of all the ways you have shown your love.

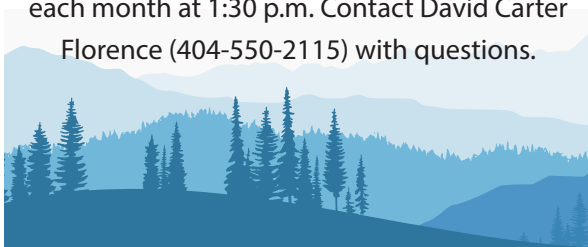
The Barker Family

Thank you for the love, support, and prayers as we continue to deal with the loss of Jamie Montgomery Davies "Lil Mo." God bless the Davies family.

Helen Davies

TAKE A HIKE WITH US!

Monthly hikes are open to all ages and your well-mannered dogs on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Contact David Carter Florence (404-550-2115) with questions.



name tags

If you ever need a name tag, simply email jackie@bmpcnc.org with your name the way you want it on your tag. Thank you!



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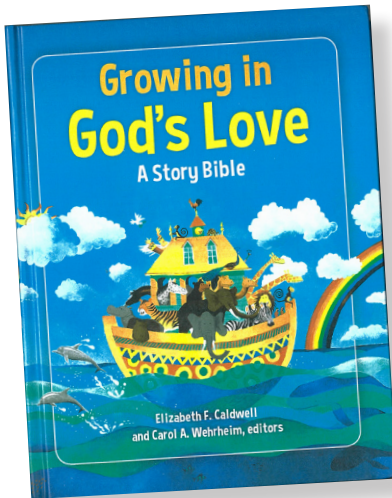


an Earth Care Congregation



BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



Children's Bibles now in the sanctuary!

In an effort to help children engage more during Sunday worship, we have added *Growing in God's Love* story Bibles to each pew in the Sanctuary. Look for a page number listed in the bulletin for a Bible story children can read – or they can choose their own story!