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Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

July 2022

## Strategic Planning Congregational Survey Update

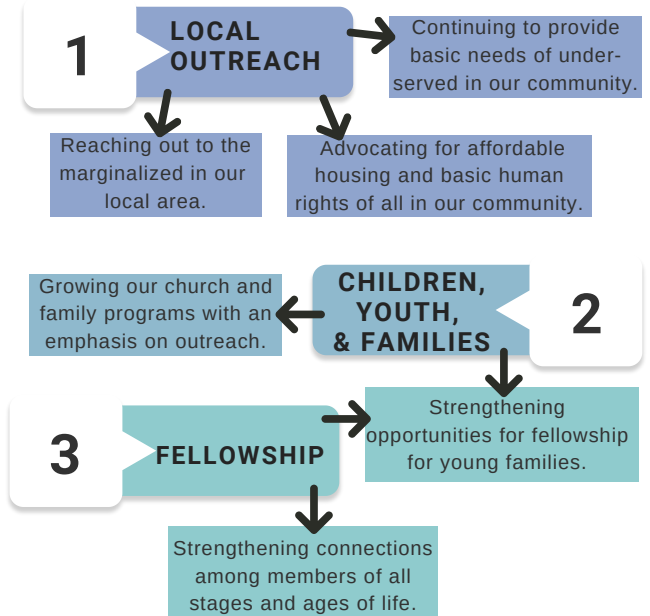
At BMPC we gratefully recognize the implementation of previous strategic plans in response to the clearly identified priorities of the congregation. We have witnessed the rebuilding of the church house and will soon be able to use its facilities.

We anticipate improvements to the main church, and we continue to be blessed by the excellent work of our collaborative, high performance staff.

Moving forward, the results of the church survey taken earlier this year have registered the congregation's desire for emphasis on local outreach, children and youth ministries, and fellowship among the congregation as a whole. As we work toward these faith goals, we will continue to examine the structure and duties of the church staff, consider the ways our current and improved building facilities are used, and encourage the leadership teams to support these areas and the other ministries and activities of the church. Our overall aim is to live into our mission to embody the love of Christ by welcoming, nurturing, inspiring, and equipping through worship, programs, faith formation, and active mission.

In response to your expressed priorities, several actions are underway: the search for music and youth leadership; implementation of a coordinated curriculum providing common themes for worship, adult, youth, and children's study, connecting all of us and equipping all for service to our neighbors; and expanding our various fellowship opportunities, including small group gatherings, studies, and activities like the recent Bluegrass and BBQ evening worship, and the church picnic planned for Sunday, September 11. Your current Strategic Planning Committee invites your input as we move forward to serve today and prepare for the needs of the future.

### Responses Indicated Highest Priority for:



### Other Areas of Importance



If you have questions or would like more details related to the survey results, please contact a member of the Strategic Planning Committee: Margo Smith, Kristy Beaver, Jamie Munn, Russ Spiller, and Tommy Wilkinson.

# JULY 2022

Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S
<b>Atlas and Avery McClary will be baptized during the Sunday worship service on July 3.</b> Letter from the McClary's on page 7.					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>3</b> <b>9a</b> Worship Service <b>10:30a</b> Montreat Summer Worship  <b>5p</b> Food & Fellowship <b>6p</b> Gathered at Six	<b>FOURTH Church Office Closed for Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> <b>11:00a</b> Staff Mtg <b>1:00p</b> Worship Planning <b>7p</b> Worship Music Rehearsal	<b>6</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch	<b>7</b>  <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>10</b> <b>9a</b> Worship Service <b>10:30a</b> Montreat Summer Worship <b>11a</b> Sunday FunDay <b>5p</b> Food & Fellowship <b>6p</b> Gathered at Six	<b>11</b> <b>1:15p</b> Earth Care Book Study  <b>6p</b> Session <b>7p</b> Earth Care	<b>12</b> <b>11:00a</b> Staff Mtg <b>1:00p</b> Worship Planning <b>3:30p</b> Cong. Life <b>7p</b> Worship Music Rehearsal	<b>13</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch	<b>14</b> <b>1:30p</b> Red Cross Blood Drive  <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett <b>6p</b> Men's Group	<b>15</b>  <b>6:35p</b> Asheville Tourist Baseball Game	<b>16</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>17</b> <b>9a</b> Worship Service <b>10:30a</b> Montreat Summer Worship <b>4p</b> Finance Team <b>5p</b> Ice Cream Party <b>6p</b> Gathered at Six	<b>18</b> <b>1:15p</b> Earth Care Book Study <b>1:30p</b> Worship  <b>7p</b> Personnel	<b>19</b> <b>11:00a</b> Staff Mtg <b>1:00p</b> Worship Planning <b>6p</b> Faith Formation <b>7p</b> Worship Music Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch  <b>6:30p</b> Strategic Planning	<b>21</b> <b>3p</b> Book Group with Ina Hughs  <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul  <b>7:30p</b> Family Movie Night
<b>24</b> <b>9a</b> Worship Service <b>10:30a</b> Montreat Summer Worship <b>1:30p</b> Hike <b>5p</b> Food & Fellowship <b>6p</b> Gathered at Six	<b>25</b> <b>1:15p</b> Earth Care Book Study	<b>26</b> <b>11:00a</b> Staff Mtg <b>1:00p</b> Worship Planning <b>7p</b> Worship Music Rehearsal	<b>27</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch	<b>28</b>  <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>31</b> <b>9a</b> Worship Service <b>10:30a</b> Montreat Summer Worship  <b>5:00p</b> VBS Kick-off <b>6p</b> Gathered at Six	<p><b>Mark your calendars!</b></p> <p><b>BMPC Annual Picnic at Camp Rockmont</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, September 11 – 2:00-6:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM Waterfront • 5:00 PM Vespers • 5:30 PM Potluck Cookout</b></p>					

# Faith in Action

We hope you will involve the whole family in this outreach opportunity! Drop off these items in the narthex on Sundays or during the week during office hours (M-F, 9-2). The Outreach Team thanks you!

## July 3 and 10

Baby wipes for Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries

## July 17 and 24

Backpacks and school supplies for Hand in Hand

## July 31 and August 7

Travel-size personal care items, gallon ziplocs, snack bars for blessing bags for the homeless

## August 14 and 21

Sign up to link your Ingles card with our Weekday School for proceeds from Tools for Schools

If you want to get involved in gathering and delivering these items, please call or text Patti Pyle at 262-573-8242.

# ICE CREAM PARTY

before Gathered at Six



**Sunday, July 17**

**5:00-6:00 PM**

We will celebrate National Ice Cream Day with ice cream sundaes! Bring a gallon of ice cream to the church to share with your favorite toppings – sprinkles, cookies, cherries, whipped cream, candies, etc.

# Take me out to the ballgame!



We have reserved 60 tickets for the Asheville Tourists game on Friday, July 15, at 6:35 PM when the Tourists play Winston-Salem Dash. The seats are in section GG which is covered and towards the bottom. Hot dogs will be \$1 and there will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$9. Please indicate when you register if you would like to carpool or ride the bus (limited to 14 passengers).

**Reserve your tickets at [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org) or call the church office, 669-2725.**

**Please reserve your tickets by July 12.**

**Friday, July 15 – Tourists vs. Winston-Salem Dash  
Game starts at 6:35 PM**



Sunday, July 10, 11 AM  
at Montreat Park



Movie Night  
Saturday, July 23  
7:30 PM

outside in the courtyard or  
in fellowship hall if it rains

Bring snacks or a picnic as we come together for fun and fellowship!

## 2022 Backpack Buddies

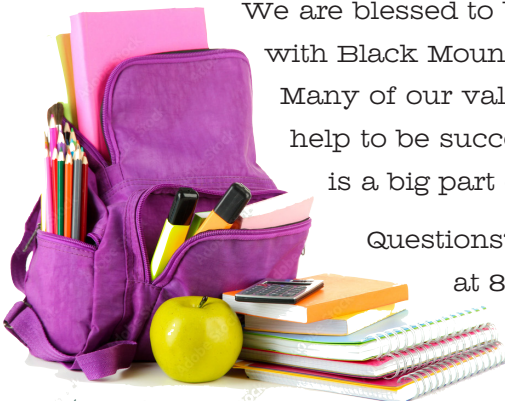
### Hand In Hand Backpack Program

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.

We are blessed to be a mission partner with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Many of our valley students need our help to be successful in school and this is a big part of that success.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Holt  
at 828-230-8613 or Kyle Holt  
at 828-606-0631.



### Supplies needed most

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

# Won't You Be My Neighbor? inspired by Mister Rogers!

We're turning traditional VBS into a Sunday event for everyone – all ages! Gathering together each week to see, help, and connect with our neighbors. Register online or by calling the church office for the five-week, intergenerational event. Nursery will be available for children ages birth-two years. Dinner will be available for everyone before joining in the **Gathered at Six** worship service.



*We look forward to making this a hope-filled time each week with biblical teachings, music, art, mission, and fun for all ages.*

Sundays July 31-August 28, 4:00-7:00 PM

## Tentative Weekly Schedule

**4:00 Welcome** – Storytime and music as we all gather together

**4:15 Activities** – break into small groups to move through different stations including: movement and recreation, arts and crafts, a group art project, and helping our neighbors through mission projects

**5:30 Dinner** – Free and provided each week for everyone

**6:00 – Gathered at Six** – worship for all ages

**6:30 – Free play and fellowship**

Please reach out to Brittany or Pastor David if you have any questions.

## COMING IN AUGUST



### Thursday Night Live

White Horse  
August 11, 7-9 PM

Comedy Improv  
with musical  
accompaniment  
by Aaron Price

Laugh the night away with **Reasonably Priced Babies** at the White Horse. Tickets are \$12 with proceeds going to Black Mountain Counseling Center. Watch for a link for tickets in August emails.

### End of Summer Celebration

Town Square Park  
Friday, August 19  
6-7:30 PM

Dj Munn will play music for dancing and there will be games and activities for the kids to celebrate summer coming to an end.

**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). We look forward to sharing excerpts with the congregation this summer.

## Earth Care According to John Muir

From John Muir, *Hetch Hetchy Valley*, 1912

The making of gardens and parks goes on with civilization all over the world, and they increase both in size and number as their value is recognized. Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike. This material beauty-hunger is made manifest in the little window-sill gardens of the poor, though perhaps only a geranium slip in a broken cup, as well as in the carefully tended rose and lily gardens of the rich, the thousands of spacious city parks and botanical gardens, and in our magnificent National Parks – the Yellowstone, Yosemite, Sequoia, etc. – nature’s sublime wonderlands, the admiration and joy of the world.

Nevertheless, like anything else worth while, from the very beginning, however well guarded, they have always been subject to attack from despoiling gain-seekers and mischief-makers of every degree from Satan to Senators, eagerly trying to make everything immediately and selfishly commercial, with schemes disguised in smug-smiling philanthropy, industriously, shampiously crying, “Conservation, conservation, panutilization,” that man and beast may be fed and the dear Nation made great. Thus long ago a few enterprising merchants utilized the Jerusalem temple as a place of business instead of a place of prayer, changing money, buying and selling cattle and sheep and doves; and earlier still, the first forest reservation, including only one tree, was likewise despoiled. Ever since the establishment of the Yosemite National Park, strife has been going on around its borders and I suppose this will go on as part of the universal battle between right and wrong,

• however much its boundaries may be shorn, or its  
• wild beauty destroyed.

• *Muir lost his battle to save the Hetch Hetchy Valley,*  
• *a wonderland adjacent to and comparable to Yosemite.*  
• *Its river was dammed to supply San Francisco with*  
• *water. But he preserved Yosemite, founded the Sierra*  
• *Club, and never stopped writing.*

### • **Group objects to Nantahala timber cut**

• from the May 7, 2021 *Asheville Citizen-Times*  
• “In an eleventh-hour bid to protect stands of old  
• growth trees in sensitive natural areas deep in the  
• Nantahala National Forest, conservationists on April  
• 30 called on the U.S. Forest Service to scrap what they  
• call a bad plan based on outdated science that does  
• not consider climate change. . . The project calls for  
• commercial logging dispersed throughout an analysis  
• of more than 29,000 acres in southeastern Macon  
• County and southern Jackson County, just east of  
• Highlands.” The question was asked, “If you have a  
• very, very small amount of trees that are 200-plus  
• years old, where does that come back? If you cut the  
• only ones that are that old, how do you replace that in  
• a way that’s better than leaving them alone?”

• As Muir prophesied, the battle between caretakers  
• of the natural world and commercial interests goes  
• on, but there are many ways we can help. The goal in  
• saving wild forests is to provide habitat for thousands  
• of species, sequester carbon, cool the earth, clean the  
• air, enjoy beauty. We can fight to preserve wild places.  
• We can plant trees, install pollinator gardens, grow  
• vegetables; like two Black Mountain women, meet  
• weekly to discuss what more they can do. Never forget  
• that millions of other people are doing the same.

## How Are Our Solar Panels Doing?

**May 2022:** Energy captured from the sun - 2360 kWh • Money saved - \$260  
CO2 saved from going into atmosphere - 2,000 pounds (one ton)

# GIVE BLOOD

 American Red Cross *You can make a difference.*

**in fellowship hall  
Thursday, July 14**

Sign up at:

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-  
results?zipSponsor=BMPC](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=BMPC)

## July birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Arlene Brandon    | 12 Holly Douglas   |
| Janine Spiller      | 13 Pat Tuttle      |
| 3 Levi Bannerman    | Bunny Alexander    |
| Polly Miller        | 14 Alice Smith     |
| 4 Terry Soll        | 15 Hal Scheidler   |
| Bill Chilton        | 18 Marion Ward     |
| Holly Sosebee       | Parker Davidson    |
| 5 John Murphy       | Joan Kline         |
| Maia Cogbill        | 20 Carl Franklin   |
| Jonah Lehman        | Bella Mohr         |
| Bill Arens          | 22 Margo Smith     |
| 6 Charlotte Corn    | 23 Jean Holder     |
| 8 Alida Grady       | Bradley Rachman    |
| Bradley Campbell    | Lisa Donaldson     |
| Andrea Dewitt       | 24 Liz Riley       |
| 9 Gay Mothershed    | 27 Aidan Schneider |
| Martha Henegar      | 28 Kristy Beaver   |
| 10 Tyler Scouten    | 30 Camilla Goins   |
| Linda Caldwell      | 31 Keaton Williams |
| Alan Belsches       |                    |
| 11 Nancy McClintock |                    |
| Jane Belsches       |                    |
| Debby Vial          |                    |



## Hi friends at BMPC! We are the McClary Family: Cain, Ashley, Atlas, and Avery.

For those of you we know, it's so exciting to be back and see you again. For those whom we're just getting the chance to meet, we wanted to introduce ourselves. We became members of BMPC in 2017 and were active in the young adult groups. From the wonderful sermons, to thought-provoking discussions, to community

volunteering and youth engagement we truly grew as individuals and as a couple surrounded by the love and friendship of BMPC. Unfortunately, jobs took us away from Black Mountain in 2019. We now live in Austin, Texas where Cain continues to run his Venture Capital Firm, KdTV. Ashley has recently taken a hiatus from her career as a Pediatrician to be a full time mom. Atlas, born in NC, is full of energy and loves dinosaurs, cars, and "going fast." Avery loves to explore and play with her brother. She also gives the best cuddles! We are fortunate enough to be spending July back in the mountains of NC and could think of nothing better than to finally have our two littles be baptized at BMPC. Thank you in advance for welcoming us back!

## Blessing Box needs YOU! Fun for the whole family!

Our Blessing Box is an opportunity for you to show God's love to our town by stocking it with nonperishable food and personal care items.

Please sign up online or at [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org) under the CONNECT tab. Especially helpful in hot weather is bottled water, sunblock, hand sanitizer, wipes, snack bars, canned goods with pop tops, rain ponchos and large heavy-duty trash bags that can provide waterproofing for our homeless friends.

Check the narthex for supplies you can use.

Call Patti Pyle 262-573-8242 with questions.



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



an Earth Care Congregation



**BMPC Child Protection Policy**

*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



**Congratulations to the Amire family as they move into Canada  
to unite with family and a large Afghan community!**