



BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

June 2022

Cherishing Summer Memories

What do you remember of your childhood summers? My memories of May in the Shenandoah Valley are full of sounds and fragrances and pictures of the season change from spring to summer. The chorus of spring peepers and toads would start in late February and continue into May as the Mayapples and Lilacs bloomed in our dooryard. My sister, Beverly, would have red velvet cake for her February birthday, and my sister, Lisa, would have cheesecake for her May birthday. School was ending and the teachers knew extra time on the playground and longer stories during storytime were a necessity as the warm days of summer freedom called to every child in the room. I remember my fifth grade teacher, Mr. Layman, allowing us to sit in the window sills while he read Jack Tales. Adult Church softball leagues were starting, and this meant riding my bicycle to the games so that we could play basketball on a dirt lot next to the field. I stocked up my tackle box with bright lures and spinners for pond and river fishing and my neighbor stoked up his steam engine for summer lawn parties and fairs. It was a very rich time of life to remember – a gift, full of freedom, flavor, and exploration.

The sensory power of your summers as a child probably holds a place in your memories.

Are you on your first, second, or third childhood this summer? As I reflected on my own memories of my own childhood summers growing up in Dayton and Weyers Cave, Virginia, I began to think of the differences of experiencing summers as a child and as a parent – how my memories of small town dairy farm culture are so different from my sons' memories of Gloucester, Massachusetts with their grandmother by the ocean. I look forward to someday bringing my future grandchildren to these Black Mountains, the enchanting new church house and the picnics and worship on the back porch next to the playground.

In each generation of memory, there was always a church memory. Back in Virginia, it was years of summer camp at Massanetta Springs. For my sons in Gloucester by the cold, beautiful Atlantic, it was Anna's grandmother and mother arranging flowers at the Episcopal and Congregational churches. My hope is that all of us can remember the gift of beautiful sensory images in our lives – knowing that our life together in community is a gift of God to be developed, nurtured, and cherished for our whole lives. On our best days with our favorite memories, it gives us a capacity to imagine the kingdom of God.

David

JUNE 2022

Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S
<p>Pastor and Head of staff, Mary Katherine Robinson, will be away on sabbatical from June 3-September 5. To learn more about Mary Katherine's sabbatical plans, click here.</p>			<p>1 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>2 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>3 5p Kids Night In/ Parents Night Out</p>	<p>4 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>
<p>5 Pentecost 9a Sanctuary Worship Service 10:30a Montreat Summer Worship (in Anderson Auditorium) 5p Family Worship 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>6 1p Earth Care Book Study 5:30p Hospitality & Welcome 7p Earth Care</p>	<p>7 10:30a Staff Mtg 7p Worship Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>9 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett 6p Men's Group</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>11 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>
<p>12 9a Sanctuary Worship Service 10:30a Montreat Summer Worship 5p BBQ & Bluegrass 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>13 1p Earth Care Book Study 1:30p Worship 6:30p Mission 7p Personnel</p>	<p>14 10:30a Staff Mtg 3:30p Congregational Life 7p Worship Service Rehearsal 7p Sacred Circle</p>	<p>15 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch 4:30p Choir Potluck Picnic 6:30p Strategic Planning</p>	<p>16 3p Book Group with Ina Hughs 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>17 1p Knitting Group</p>	<p>18 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>
<p>19 9a Sanctuary Worship Service 10:30a Montreat Summer Worship 4p Finance Team 5p Family Worship 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>20 1p Earth Care Book Study</p>	<p>21 10:30a Staff Mtg 7p Worship Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>23 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>
<p>26 9a Sanctuary Worship Service 10:30a Montreat Summer Worship 1:30p Hike 6p Gathered at Six</p>	<p>27 1p Earth Care Book Study 6p Session</p>	<p>28 10:30a Staff Mtg 7p Worship Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 11:30a Old Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>30 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>Enjoy some great tunes from the Big Deal Band at 5:00pm and during Gathered at Six on Sunday, June 12.</p>	

How Are Our Solar Panels Doing?

April 2022: Energy captured from the sun - 2,359 kWh • Money saved - \$260
CO2 saved from going into atmosphere - 2,000 pounds (one ton)

The Earth Care and Property Teams plan to report these three numbers in the *Window* each month for the preceding month: free energy captured from the sun (kWh); money saved, at 11 cents per kWh; carbon dioxide (CO2) saved from going into the atmosphere. April's numbers are in the box above.

At the same time, our Duke Energy power bill from March 10 to April 8 (May bill not yet received), was \$1,153.92, more than four times the amount captured in April. The bill for January, a winter month when sunlight captured would be less, was \$6,978.84.

Unlike some residential homes which generate more electricity in a month than they actually use, BMPC never does that. We always use all the electricity that we generate. Overall, we consume and pay for an enormous amount of energy from Duke.

February Survey of Buildings

Last February, members of the Earth Care and Property Teams met with Ben Yoke of Sugar Hollow Solar to learn whether and where more solar panels could be placed on our church property. Karen Austin (Earth Care Team chair), Alan Belsches (Property Team chair), Sam Webber (church operations manager and Property Team member), David Carter Florence (Associate Pastor) and Robin and Tom Stiles (solar advocates) spent an hour with Ben looking at church roofs and grounds.

This group learned that the best location for more panels is on the southwest side facing the back driveway, the long expanse of roof over the offices. Other appropriate locations include

- on the south side, the roof over CR1 and the south entrance;
- on the east side, the roof rising from the parlor to meet the flat narthex roof;
- on the south side, potentially, the roof to be over the planned patio, extending out from the fellowship hall (if this patio is built).

Other Solar Activities

- In September 2021, our church hosted a conference titled "Demystifying Solar for Homeowners," which drew 50 participants from our church and the community. Ben Yoke of Sugar Hollow Solar was the principal speaker.
- In April 2022, representatives from the three churches in our Presbytery that have solar panels – Black Mountain Presbyterian, Unity Presbyterian Church in Dallas, NC, and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville – spoke at a Presbytery-wide workshop held on Zoom. Jeannie Franklin of the Earth Care Team represented our church at the workshop, attended by people from churches gathering information for possible future panels.

The new report of the United Nations IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) reaffirms that the science pertaining to climate change is settled, and the most important response to climate change is large-scale reduction in carbon dioxide pollution that drives global warming. "We have to act, we need a whole of society approach, no one can be left out, no household, no business, no government," says Debra Roberts, co-chair of the IPCC Working Group II report.

Choose Generosity: A Way of Life

Your Generosity team has met several times this spring and has selected our theme for the annual Generosity campaign for this year: **Choose Generosity: A Way of Life**. A special thank you to the church staff for helping us with the exact wording for the theme.

Most of us have an opportunity to choose many things in our lives: where we live, where we work, who we hold close in our life, etc. With these choices in mind, we'd like you to consider another choice you may make, that of generosity. As you know, we believe that generosity involves more than how we allocate our financial resources. It also includes how we use our time and our talents. If we think about generosity in this broader context, it's not hard to see how it could be

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viewed as a way of life. Each choice we make can be made in the spirit of generosity.

As part of the fall campaign, we'll be asking members to recall ways in which they have experienced generosity in their lives. This could involve times when you've been generous to others, perhaps even strangers. It could be a time when someone was especially generous to you or when you have witnessed a gift of generosity between two other people. Give this some thought over the summer and we'll request members to share these stories in person through a video event or in

writing for devotionals during the campaign.

Finally, we always want to include our children in our campaign in some way. This year, we'll be asking the older kids in the Weekday School to paint rocks. Once these are painted, we'll add the word "Generosity" onto the rocks. Either at the fall picnic or at a church event for the kids, we'll have a rock hunt, so that the kids can discover a rock and then have it to remind them to be generous in their lives. We will sponsor a luncheon at Highland Farms and give members one of these rocks so that they know we continue to think of them even when they can't join us for church activities.

Let's all remember to give thanks for what we have been given and share those gifts through generosity in our daily lives.

Dave Johnson, *Generosity Team Chair*

Congratulations to these BMPC High School graduates

Issac Baraki

Briggs Barker

Frances Holladay

Mattie Lehman

Lorris Parker

Parker Stiles

This year, VBS will be an intergenerational program for all ages!



Please be sure to register for your family to participate in this five day VBS program.

Everyone who is registered by July 10 will receive a free VBS t-shirt.

Sunday, July 31

VBS Kick-Off event with a cookout at 5 p.m. We will provide burgers and dogs and ask that everyone bring a side dish to share. After the cookout, we will begin our activities.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

5:30-6:00 p.m. – gather as a group to begin the evening with a Bible story and music

6:00-7:15 p.m. – break into small groups to move through different stations, including: movement & recreation, arts & crafts, special guests, a group art project, and helping our neighbors through mission projects

7:15-7:30 p.m. – time to recap what we've learned, sing, and pray before heading home

Thursday, August 4

CELEBRATION NIGHT – pool party at Black Mountain Pool at Lake Tomahawk. We will meet from 6:15-8:15pm and have a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share.

TO REGISTER:

<https://onrealm.org/BlackMountainPr/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Zjg1OTFiNzYtMzAzNy00NWZjLWJiNjEtYWU5ZTAwZTkYOTI0>

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

Can you help care for our children?



We are looking for people who love children to volunteer in our nursery or to be Extended Session leaders on Sunday mornings during the 9 a.m. worship service. Prior to Covid, we had about 30 nursery volunteers and eight extended session pairs. When we get this many volunteers, people only had to be in the nursery once every three months and Extended Session once every two months. It is our hope that we can build back up to this, but it takes more volunteers to make this happen. **Please contact Alice Patton if you can help (669-2725 or alice@bmpcnc.org).**

Summer 2022: From Story to Parable



Date	Preacher at BMPC
May 29	Mary Katherine Robinson
June 5	David Carter Florence
June 12	Levi Bannerman
June 19	Laurie Furr-Vancini
June 26	Susie Burns
July 3	Emily Beaver
July 10	David Carter Florence
July 17	Lewis Galloway
July 24	Lewis Galloway
July 31	Lewis Galloway
August 7	Lewis Galloway
August 14	Lewis Galloway
August 21	Lewis Galloway
August 28	Lewis Galloway
Sept 4	David Carter Florence

Confirmation Sunday, May 22, 2022



Elizabeth Turnage, Ava Banzhoff, Sara Owen, and Max Cogbill confirmed their baptisms and joined the church on Sunday, May 22, in the 11:00 service. Max Cogbill was baptized in Flat Creek before the service on the same day.



SAVE THESE DATES

ICE CREAM PARTY

(following Gathered at Six)



Sunday, July 17, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Church House

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.

Thursday Night Live August 11, 7-9:00 p.m.



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 in a weekly email in August for tickets.

End of Summer Celebration

Town Square Park

Friday – August 19

6-7:30 p.m.

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

Church Picnic at Camp Rockmont

Sunday – September 11

2-6:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – Waterfront

5:00 p.m. – Vespers

5:30 p.m. – Potluck Cookout

Presbyterian Women

The PW gathering to celebrate the 100th Birthday Offering was a joyful occasion.

Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Martha Jane Petersen and Kay Salmon.

Over the next decade, Asheville Habitat will empower another 1,000 families in the region to improve their housing and build strong, stable futures. With your help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.



Habitat Volunteers needed
for Humanity June 23, June 25, July 1

Workdays are 8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m., except on Fridays which are half days. No experience is necessary. Volunteers can be as young as 16 years old, and all volunteers must complete a waiver form. The jobsite location is 32 New Heights Drive, Asheville 28806. Carpooling is required. Please park at the Goodwill, 1616 Patton Avenue, and ride to the jobsite together. Sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094aa5a82fa4fb6-habitat>

You can also call the church to sign up. (828-669-2725)

Take me out to the ballgame!

We have reserved 60 tickets for two upcoming Asheville Tourists ballgames. We will be in section GG which is covered and towards the bottom. Please indicate on your registration if you would like to carpool or ride the bus (limited to 14 passengers). Tickets are \$9.



Friday, July 15 – Game starts at 6:35 p.m. [reserve your ticket](#)

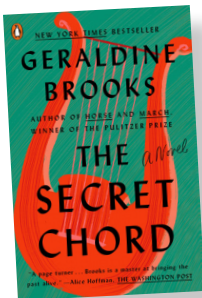
Join us on **Friday, July 15, at 6:35 p.m.** where they will be playing the Winston-Salem Dash. Friday night is **\$1 Hot Dog Night** and there will be fireworks following the game.

Sunday, August 14 – Game starts at 1:05 p.m. [reserve your ticket](#)

Join us again on **Sunday, August 14, at 1:05 p.m.** where they will be playing the Rome Braves. This is an afternoon game. Sunday is **Family Fun Day** and post-game the kids get to run the bases!

Library News from Sally Woodard

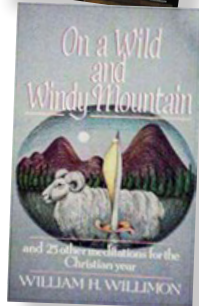
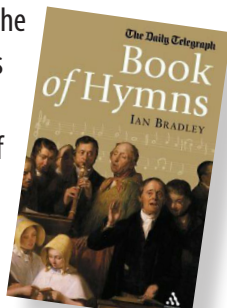
More recent additions to the library include a variety of topics. For those who like a Biblical novel, ***The Secret***



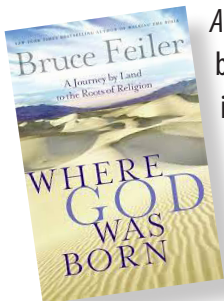
Chord by Pulitzer-Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks recounts much of the life of King David. This is one of her most recent works. If, like me, you are fascinated by the origins of the hymns we sing, there is Ian Bradley's ***The Book of Hymns***. Or also, if like me, you are a

fan of William Willimon's writing, the library has had several of his books donated recently. ***On a Wild and Windy Mountain*** is a collection of meditations suitable for following the liturgical year. ***The Sunday After Tuesday***, edited by Willimon, contains thoughts from a variety of writers in the months following the tragedy of 9/11. In ***Who Will Be Saved***, he addresses that age-old question with what may be, to some, new insights.

Many readers may be familiar with Bruce Feiler, whose books

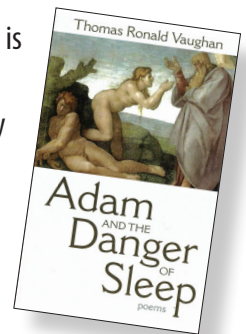


Abraham and Walking The Bible have been popular. ***Where God Was Born*** is his latest addition to the BMPC library. While it may appear from a brief description to be a boring travelogue of the Middle East,



Feiler's style alone prevents that. It is conversational, descriptive, and occasionally humorous. What Feiler hopes to accomplish in recounting his experiences is to bring a better understanding of the three Abrahamic religions by visiting the sites that are important to all three of the faiths. For anyone who has visited or made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, some of his descriptions will probably bring back memories. Whether or not you have, you may well find the book enlightening and entertaining.

"Hot off the press," so to speak, is ***Adam and the Danger of Sleep***, by prolific author and BMPC clergy member, Ronald Vaughan. This is another book of his intriguing poetry. The title comes from the book's last poem, which is based on Genesis 2:21. This is a good example of Vaughan's ability with language, both to evoke emotion and to make one ponder. Some of the poems caused me to say "Aha!" And others had me wanting to continue to think about what was really being said. His subject matter covers a wide range. Many of them are Biblical references, but quite a few deal with other literature, history, philosophy, and simply life. One which amused me a great deal was entitled "Psalm for My Football Team." Any references to the outpourings of the psalmist David are probably not coincidental.



All of these books, as well as some other recent donations, will be on the display shelf. Please drop by and check out.

June birthdays

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| 2 Ellen Begley
Donn Handy
Sarah Wren Robinson
Diane Ginther
Marsha Campbell | 19 Keithie Knowles
River Hana |
| 3 Liesl Case | 20 Laura Weaver
Jim Layman |
| 4 Tanya Banks | 22 Joe Lehman
Griffin Dodd
Thomas Stiles |
| 6 Moses Lehman
Taylor Morris | 23 Phil Garrison |
| 7 Carter Douglas | 24 Noah Holladay
Julie Moore |
| 8 Kent Patton | 25 Paul Drummond |
| 9 Ameliyah Davidson
Franklin Harris
Debbie Bailey | 26 Pat Thrailkill
Charlotte Sprawls
Mattie Lehman
Gavin Dodd
Tonya Tyndall |
| 10 Rachael Lee
Spring Patton | 27 Caroline Roy
Abby Lehman
Jeannie Maidment |
| 11 Faith Bradley
Cory Partlow
Ruth Carswell | 28 Carolyn Cordell |
| 12 Isabella Hile
Katherine Neville
Peter Mudge | 29 Bob Headley |
| 13 Annamarie Arens | 30 Bob McMurray
Wyatt Campbell |
| 15 Bill Bale | |
| 17 Ruth Begley
Elizabeth Rand
Margie Stansell | |



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!

THE BLESSING BOX

You can now [sign up online](#) for a week to keep the Blessing Box stocked. You can always add food items whenever you see the need.

Thank you for practicing eco-sustainable living

DISH WASHING

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 accessed by the attendees.

COMPOSTING

There are five gallon buckets in our kitchens for compostable waste. Please add any plant products, 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.



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providing a safe environment for children & youth



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. Contact Margie (828-399-0148) with questions.

