



# BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

May 2022

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.**

PSALM 100:1-2a

In the last two years, we have learned a lot about what it means to be church. We have discovered we can connect in surprising ways: through the imperfect miracle of technology, through Zoom meetings, campfire vespers and meetings, small groups, phone calls, cards and waves from across the street. We have enjoyed music we have made over the years, and are making new music for this time. We have prayed with and for one another, especially as we have lost so many of our treasured saints.

As we have joined back together over the past year, we have explored new ways of worshipping with three new services: Family Worship, Taizé/Contemplative, and Take Five @ 5. All of these have been received with much enthusiasm!

In January, the Music and Worship Arts ministry team began to explore what 2022 summer worship would look like at BMPC. We discussed my impending summer sabbatical, construction happening in the fellowship hall, kitchen, and hallways, and the newly renovated church house being ready to use and celebrate. How could we streamline the variety of worship experiences without watering down our love of worship?

In my seven years as pastor, every single year we have explored the idea of partnering with Montreat Conference Center for their summer worship series but for various reasons, we have never followed through in that decision.

We wondered how this opportunity would affect our spiritual and worship lives here at BMPC? How would it shape us to hear a different preacher and voice every single Sunday at Montreat? Could we put a great deal of energy into preparing the 9 a.m. worship in the sanctuary with a guest preacher? Could we make space and partner with Montreat to support a large community service at 10:30, and could we incorporate some of what we have learned with our smaller services in a 6 p.m. worship, music, and fellowship time at the church house? With every question we grew more excited and curious.

Consequently, at our March stated meeting the Worship team sent an action item to the Session in the spirit of exploration and curiosity and it was unanimously passed. We believe that this is the summer to join in partnership with Montreat worship. So, over the summer months from Memorial Day to Labor Day, our summer worship will be:

**SANCTUARY BLENDED SERVICE: 9:00 a.m.**

**MONTREAT SUMMER WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.** June 5-August 7

**GATHERED AT SIX: 6 p.m.** outside at the church house

We pray that all of our members will enjoy these options in this spirit of exploration and curiosity! There will also be many opportunities sponsored by the Congregational Life ministry team to join together for fellowship and fun. We look forward to trying out this new summer schedule and then evaluating in the fall when I get back from my sabbatical.

Let the exploration begin!

*Mary Katherine*

# MAY 2022

Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S
<b>1</b> <b>Children and Youth Sunday</b> <b>9:45a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12:15p</b> Confirmation <b>1:30p</b> Youth	<b>2</b> <b>8a</b> Sacred Circle <b>1p</b> Earth Care Book Study <b>5:30p</b> Hospitality & Welcome Team <b>7p</b> Earth Care	<b>3</b> PW Circles meet (see page 7) <b>1:30p</b> Staff Mtg <b>7p</b> Prophets	<b>4</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch <b>3:30p</b> RAD! <b>5p</b> HS Girls <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett	<b>6</b> <b>6p</b> New Member Cookout	<b>7</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>8</b> <b>9a</b> FirstLight <b>9:45a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12:15p</b> Confirmation <b>1:30p</b> Youth <b>5p</b> Taizé Worship	<b>9</b> <b>8a</b> Sacred Circle <b>1p</b> Earth Care Book Study <b>1:30p</b> Worship Team <b>6:30p</b> Mission Team	<b>10</b> <b>9a</b> Endowment <b>1:30p</b> Staff Mtg <b>3p</b> PW Birthday Celebration <b>6:30p</b> Lydia <b>7p</b> Prophets	<b>11</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett <b>6p</b> Men's Group	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul <b>2p</b> Mac Hart Memorial Service
<b>15</b> <b>9a</b> FirstLight <b>9:45a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12:15p</b> Confirmation Lunch w/Session <b>1:30p</b> Youth <b>4p</b> Finance Team	<b>16</b> <b>8a</b> Sacred Circle <b>1p</b> Earth Care Book Study	<b>17</b> <b>1:30p</b> Staff Mtg <b>7p</b> Prophets	<b>18</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch <b>5p</b> HS Girls <b>6:30p</b> Strategic Planning <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> <b>3p</b> Ina Hughs Book Group <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett <b>6p</b> Thursday Night Live	<b>20</b> <b>1p</b> Knitting Group	<b>21</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>22</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> <b>9a</b> FirstLight <b>9:45a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12p</b> Congregational Mtg <b>1:30p</b> Hike <b>5p</b> Take Five @ 5	<b>23</b> <b>8a</b> Sacred Circle <b>1p</b> Earth Care Book Study <b>6p</b> Session	<b>24</b> Staff volunteering with Habitat for Humanity <b>6:30p</b> Lydia <b>7p</b> Prophets	<b>25</b> <b>11:30a</b> Old Fellers Lunch <b>11:45a</b> Staff Lunch at Highland Farms <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> <b>11:45a</b> Staff Lunch at Highland Farms <b>5p</b> Karate with Tanner Pickett	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> <b>9:30a</b> Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul
<b>29</b> <b>9a</b> FirstLight <b>9:45a</b> Biblical Perspectives <b>11a</b> Worship	<b>30</b> <b>8a</b> Sacred Circle <b>1p</b> Earth Care Book Study	<b>31</b> <b>1:30p</b> Staff Mtg <b>7p</b> Prophets	<b>Join us for a Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 22, for the purposes of nominating officers for the class of 2025, electing a youth elder for the class of 2022, and voting on a Presbyterian Investment Loan Program construction line of credit for our capital projects.</b>			

## The church house is almost rebuilt!

Ceiling fans and cabinetry are exciting finished pieces to accompany refurbished old heart pine flooring and tongue and groove outdoor ceilings. A welded outdoor staircase is underway for the youth suite upstairs, and Wayne Mullis has recruited volunteers to paint the interior of the building as soon as doors and trim are complete. The back porch onto the playground is an exciting addition for our families with young children.



# A Joyful Easter Sunday at BMPC



## SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2022: Won't You Be My Neighbor?

We hope you and your family will be able to join us this summer for our intergenerational VBS that will be based on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood! It will take place **Sunday, July 31, through Thursday, August 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** More details will be out later this Spring but be sure to put it on your calendar!

## Looking for a great place to volunteer? We have the spot for you.

We are looking for people who love children to volunteer in our Nursery or to be Extended Session Leaders on Sunday mornings during the Worship service. Our nursery volunteers assist our paid staff and serve in either our infant or toddler rooms. Our Extended Session leaders will escort our three to five year olds out of 11:00 worship after Faith Sharing with Children for the children to play and enjoy a Bible story. This is a great place to get to know the young families and visitors of our congregation. Many hands are needed to take care of the youngest members of our congregation. Please contact Alice Patton 669-2725, ext. 1114 if you are interested.

## Don't Mess with a Good Thing

Ask anyone who is participating in our first **Meet and Eat** dinners, and they will tell you it is an opportunity you don't want to miss!

This is a great opportunity to form real relationships with other members of our congregation. We had 60 people sign up for the first three months and we hope to see at least that number for June, July, and August.

Anyone who wants to participate can sign up now. Be sure to indicate whether you want to sign up for a dinner or lunch group or would be happy to be part of either one. You will also be asked for the number in your party.

The deadline for signing up is Sunday, May 29. After the deadline, groups will randomly be put into groups of eight. Each group will meet once a month during the months of June, July, and August.

### There are three ways to sign up.

- 1) Online at: <https://forms.gle/sqToyMGGopusKkrZ6>
- 2) Contact Gay Ferguson (704-451-3097 or [gwenflfe@gmail.com](mailto:gwenflfe@gmail.com))
- 3) Sign-up sheet in the narthex

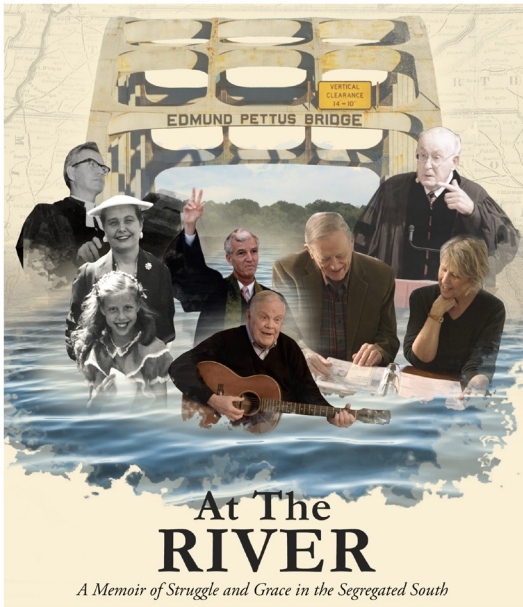


## You are invited to the **Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration** **Tuesday, May 10, 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**

new officers installed • honorary life memberships awarded • birthday offering received  
followed by a “high tea” reception in the narthex and outside

# A Thursday Night Live Program You Won't Want to Miss

May 19, 6:00 p.m.



The program will feature *At the River: A Memoir of Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South*, a documentary produced by our own Carolyn

Crowder with music by Aaron Price. Carolyn, raised in Montgomery, Alabama, during the Civil Rights era, asked Presbyterian ministers who had taken stands during those turbulent times, two questions:

**“When did you realize that what you were being taught was wrong?”**

**“How did you dare to take a stand?”**

The ministers she interviewed were often isolated in small towns in the Deep South and chose to be brave despite the dangerous circumstances. For the feature length documentary, Carolyn traveled throughout the Southeast interviewing ministers, now in their 80's and 90's, about their experiences and what it took to go against the racist currents during those hard days within their local communities and congregations.

The documentary lasts two hours with a discussion afterwards.

Light refreshments will be available.

To learn more, go to: [attheriverfilm.com](http://attheriverfilm.com)

**There will also be a screening at Highland Farms on Wednesday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m.**

## Eastern Band of Cherokee Approves Land Acknowledgment from BMPC

Karen Austin, chair of the Earth Care Team, recently contacted Chief Sneed of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, asking approval of a statement acknowledging that our church rests on former Cherokee land. Below is the statement followed by the response from Chief Sneed:

“To promote cultural understanding and honor our faith’s call for truth and reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are gathered to worship, learn, and work on the traditional lands of the Cherokee.”

“Chief Sneed is very appreciative of your concern in checking with him to receive the Tribe’s approval of, and participation in, your planned land acknowledgment. We think the proposed statement is a beautiful way to phrase the acknowledgment.”

# Alternative Ways To Travel

Some scientists point out that the best energy we save is that which we never burn in the first place. "Leave it in the ground" is their rallying cry. No one method of saving energy is possible for everyone, but collectively church members are practicing low-impact living by driving electric cars, installing solar panels, adding more insulation and better windows, growing gardens, moving to smaller homes, teaching classes, and studying together. This spring some are learning about "green burials" and re-thinking their final arrangements.

As summer approaches, we may be ready to think more seriously about air travel. Not only does it take massive amounts of fossil fuel to lift, for instance, two people plus their luggage plus their share of the plane's weight and fuel 30,000 feet into the air and propel them thousands of miles, but the jet's contrails, frozen water vapor, act as a lid on a steaming pot, trapping heat in.

One alternative to a long-distance trip is enjoying a "stay-cation." Using your home for lodging, play tourist here in the mountains with family and friends, enjoying outdoor activities, scenery, restaurants and many area attractions. Another is to widen your radius to, say, 200 miles, which allows you to vacation in one of many towns and cities within a five or six-state area.

Yet another way to travel to fabulous places from home is through watching documentaries. President Barack Obama narrates a new five-part series that celebrates our planet's national parks and wild spaces. The series spans five continents, including footage from parks in Monterey Bay, California; Tsavo National Park in Kenya; and Gunung Leuser National Park in the rainforests of Indonesia. Each episode tells the story of a national park through the lives of its wildest residents and explores our changing relationship with wilderness.

Any documentary by BBC producer David Attenborough in his seven decades filming the wild is outstanding. Of special interest are *Planet Earth* (eleven episodes, 2006) *Blue Planet II* (six episodes, 2017), and especially *A Life on Our Planet*, which shows parts of the Earth as he first saw and filmed them decades ago and as they look today. In this case, pictures are more powerful than words, showing the decline of the Earth from 1954, when the world population was 2.7 billion, and wilderness was 64 percent of the globe, to 2020, when the world population is 7.8 billion and the remaining wilderness only 35 percent.

These series are beyond spectacular, affording the viewer breathtaking experiences in lieu of trying to find them by travel.

# Presbyterian Women



## Circle Meetings

Tuesday, May 3

### DORCAS

10 a.m. in CR1

### PRISCILLA

10 a.m. in the Parlor

### ESTHER

10:30 a.m. at the home of  
Karen Smith

144 Lake Eden Road

### NAOMI

4:30 p.m. in the Library

### RUTH

1:30 p.m. in the Library

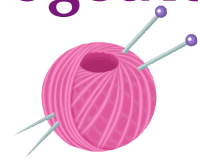
Tuesday, May 10

### LYDIA

6:30 p.m. in the narthex

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## Let's Knit Together



third Friday of every  
month in the narthex

1:00-2:30 p.m.

# Let's help build the new home for the Coffey family



Volunteers are needed for the following days:  
**May 14, May 17, June 23, June 25, and 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.

**Please sign up NOW if you can help.**

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

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



## Sunday Evening Worship Services

5:00-6:00 p.m.

### Taizé Worship May 8

Contemplative/Taizé- inspired worship with reflective, calming, inspiring music, and liturgy in the sanctuary.

### Take Five @ 5 May 22

This is a time for poetry, innovative scripture and music in the sanctuary.

*These will be the last of these branded services for the season as we transition into weekly vespers on Sunday.*

## Ladies Prison Ministry

Ladies, has the Holy Spirit been tugging at your heart regarding Prison Ministry? It is one of the most rewarding things you could do for the Kingdom of God. Kairos is a Cursillo based (Walk to Emmaus) ministry adapted to the Prison system. Kairos is an international Prison ministry and we minister to residents in prisons in over forty states and ten countries. Here in Western North Carolina we minister to the ladies at the Western Correctional for Women in Swannanoa.

If you would like to know more, we are hosting an information session picnic on **Wednesday, May 25, 5:00-7 p.m.** We have rented a shelter at Charles Owen Park, 875 Warren Wilson Road in Swannanoa and we want you to join us! Bring your own food and drink and the Advisory Council will be providing dessert. Please email [annehague@att.net](mailto:annehague@att.net) if we can expect you.

**Blessings!**  
**The Rev. Anne Hague**



# Adult Church School

Sunday mornings: 9:45-10:45

## BECOMERS

We will be attending other classes this month.

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES

in CR1 and on Zoom

**May 1** – *Hospice Care at the End of Life*, Christy Lawing, RN, and Mackenzie Holland, MA, CarePartners Hospice

**May 8** – *The Journey of Grief for All of Us*, John Snell, MSW, M.Div.

**May 15** – *Palliative Care and Medical Care Near the End of the Journey*, Betsy Murphy, GNP

**May 22** – *The Intersection of Green Church and Green Burial*, Jeannie Franklin

**May 29** – *Spiritual Care Near the end of the Journey*, Rev. Ken Kelly, M.Div.

**BIBLE EXPLORATIONS 2.0** upstairs  
Bible reading, mostly from the Gospel of John

## FAITH BUILDERS

upstairs in classroom 1

**Living the Questions** series

**May 1** – Pat Tuttle: *Practicing Resurrection*

**May 8** – Betsy Murphy: *Debunking the Rapture*

**May 15** – Russ Spiller: *Reclaiming the World*

**May 22** – Reflection on how the “Living the Questions” series has been and what we have gained. What startled us? What frustrated us? What encouraged us and challenged us?



## Providing Support for Nursing Mamas



Join us on May 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
for a discussion about

- Reasons to offer a supportive environment for breastfeeding or pumping
- How to access local resources in Buncombe County including quality breastfeeding support and child care
- Benefits and significance of breastfeeding

For help and more information, contact Melissa Henry (828) 391-3120 nursingmamasadvocate@gmail.com or Natasha Bowden (828) 407-2063 natasha@buncombepfc.org



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# Library News from Sally Woodard

Two very recent donations by people in the congregation are also recent publications, one in 2021 and the other in 2022. In addition, both books are concerned with timely and controversial issues, the kind of issues which we may want to avoid when talking with certain members of our family and some of our friends. What are the issues? Climate change and racism.

April 22 is a relatively new holiday in this country and one not necessarily observed by all Americans. It is, however, for many of us a very important one. Earth Day, a time to recognize the harm that human actions inflict upon our planet, is less a celebration and more a challenge to make us increasingly aware of what we can and should do to reverse the damage to our earthly home. Katharine Hayhoe, who identifies as a climate scientist and Evangelical Christian, is the author of

***Saving Us*** A Climate Scientist's Case For Hope and Healing in a Divided World. Dr. Hayhoe believes that talking about the issue rather than avoiding it is the best hope for helping others to understand the huge problem that faces the world. However, she also realizes that "talk" can often result in hopeless arguments and frequently vile characterizations and epithets of the "other." She tells some of her own experiences in this regard.

The book focuses on the ways in which we can talk to those with whom we disagree, not only by relating facts, but also by finding common interests and concerns, issues on which we can agree. While it isn't always easy, she does believe it is possible, and she wants Christians, in particular, to seek those ways to

communicate. Dr. Hayhoe is passionate in her desire to see average people engage in conversations that show how important even a small step can make a difference. *Saving Us* is an excellent guide for any and all of us to help save our planet.

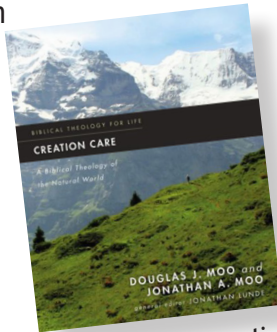
Remember that BMPC has other books on creation care, a few in the library on a shelf labeled **Creation Care**, and a full library in CR1 opposite the Fellowship Hall.

The other donation with a timely topic is **Wait – Is This Racist?**

*A Guide to Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* written by Kerry Connelly, who also wrote *Good White Racist*. Bryana Clover and Josh Riddick contributed to the text. This book is more than a guide for churches, although much of the substance is directed to that end. Any Christian can benefit from the examples related and the advice given.

The co-authors, Josh and Bryana, bring additional voices from their own experiences, which taught them not only about underlying racism in churches but also about the lack of diversity many times in other ways. Questions such as: Who really benefits from mission trips? What do the faces in children's books look like? How convenient are the facilities for the less abled? These questions can make us all more aware of the ways in which we ignorantly practice a lack of diversity.

Please visit the library for these and other timely and interesting resources. Check us out!



# May birthdays

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| <b>1</b> Gene Witherspoon<br>Alice McDowell                          | <b>19</b> Anne Moseley   |
| <b>2</b> Mistie Reising-Cogbill<br>Daniel Cappelli                   | <b>21</b> Ann Carr Adkins  |
| <b>3</b> Dick Hobson   | <b>22</b> Ruth Duckworth<br>Barbara Gaw<br>Beth Gunn                         |
| <b>5</b> Roan Kirkpatrick<br>Jim McDowell                            | <b>23</b> Austin Edwards<br>William Hana<br>Mary Carroll Dodd<br>Jody Welker |
| <b>6</b> Susan Dannenberg  | <b>25</b> Vestal Caldwell<br>Bruce Gunn                                      |
| <b>7</b> Mike Begley<br>Henry Wilde<br>Leo Cappelli                  | <b>26</b> Larkin Alvis<br>Jean Chamberlain                                   |
| <b>8</b> Jim Elam<br>Beth Farmer                                     | <b>27</b> Davis Campbell<br>Patty Keith                                      |
| <b>9</b> Drew Banzhoff<br>Richard Nygren                             | <b>28</b> Maggie Decker<br>Beau Van Note                                     |
| <b>12</b> Shannon Ingersoll  | <b>29</b> Allen Webber   |
| <b>13</b> Jack Kirkpatrick   | <b>30</b> Judy Williams<br>Karen Boyd  |
| <b>14</b> Lindsey Banks<br>Tanner Pickett                            | <b>31</b> Ethan Kadau<br>Jan Donnell<br>Lillie Chilton                       |
| <b>15</b> John Walker<br>Paul Ginther                                |  |
| <b>16</b> Kitty Kelly<br>Stan Skeen<br>Rachel Beaver<br>Janet Martin |  |
| <b>17</b> Blair Holladay<br>Chaley Munn                              |  |
| <b>18</b> Mary McMahill  |  |



## Artists

Thank you to all who participated in creating our Lenten Art exhibit. You were very generous to share your time and talents. Anytime you would like to display your art, please contact me for scheduling. Nothing is better than seeing the special talents of our church family.

Gayle Mudge (gmudge1@gmail.com)

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**The Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast** is now available for viewing. Go to [SVMLK.org](http://SVMLK.org) and click on breakfast tab to hear Brian Priestor, an inspirational speaker, especially for youth. Some of our BMPC college students have received scholarship money from this foundation. Thank you to those of you who have supported this diverse group. The SVMLK board meets once a month and would love to have new members. Come join us. Call Barbara Gaw (828-775-4463) for more information.

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## Help Ukraine

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is primarily supporting refugees in transit with food, hygiene items, potable water, baby supplies, first aid, psychosocial support and more. Use this link if you would like to donate.

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>



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**Monday through Friday**  
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**BMPC Child Protection Policy**

*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



**The Mission Team would like to remind everyone to please call or email our representatives in Congress to support measures to help struggling families, in our own country as well as abroad, get the nutritious food they need.**

**Senator Richard Burr**

<https://www.burr.senate.gov/email-me> (202) 224-3154

**Senator Thomas Tillis**

<https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me> (202) 224-6342

**Representative Madison Cawthorn**

<https://cawthorn.house.gov/contact> (202) 225-6401

**Chronic malnutrition contributes to nearly half of all preventable deaths among children under the age of five around the world.**

Many THANKS to all who go to [bread.org/activist](http://bread.org/activist)