



Aaron Price, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Wednesday afternoons when the RAD! kids are gathered in the churchyard or around the church building, and with the Weekday School children, Aaron Price, our newly appointed Director of Music and Worship Arts, may look like a traveling minstrel with his guitar – he stops to share a song or integrates music to teach a lesson, making music a part of each child’s church experience. “MusicWorks,” an initiative of the Asheville Symphony at Hall Fletcher Elementary school, introduced him to the comprehensive discipline of sharing music with children, and he uses those skills to create community centered in music. That may be so, but for the children, he is simply a part of their church.

The roots of church music lie deep in Aaron’s family. Even his mother, herself a church musician, cannot say how many generations have directed choirs, but at least as far back as Aaron’s great-grandmother. As a child, Aaron first played the piano in church and, while he didn’t like playing in front of people, he says it did give a reason “for all that practice.” Aaron’s father, a journalist and award winning news director, encouraged Aaron by taking him as a young student to music performances. Now Aaron feels that music provides an opportunity for young

musicians to share their talents and realize their value in the church in a “society of appreciators.” Aaron’s children Lilah, a senior at Western North Carolina, and Phin, an eighth grader at Art Space, carry the musical genes. Lilah has recently



been hired as a vocalist at Sylva Methodist Church, and Phin is a student of piano and has a passion for musical theater and dramatic arts.

With a lifetime of playing music of the church and musical training at Appalachian State, Aaron became the church musician at West Asheville Presbyterian Church when Lilah was three and attending preschool there. Aaron’s mastery of keyboard and guitar (and wait until he pulls out the accordion) gave

him many opportunities to honor the traditions of Presbyterian music as well as to look to what music says for this moment. Many will remember the wonderful concerts Aaron arranged to benefit Habitat for Humanity at WAPC.

Aaron defines “worship arts” as not just music, but also visual art and spoken word through poetry, as evidenced in the evening services “Take 5 @ Five,” all creating the drama of liturgy. Aaron’s background and love for traditional church music is enriched by his training and skill in contemporary music, including jazz, and we

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Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
<p>Join us for Wednesday Dinners 5:30 p.m. November 2, 9, & 16 Spaghetti, salad, vegetable, bread, and dessert – \$5/person or \$20/family. Please sign up online (bmpcnc.org) or in the narthex by Monday each week.</p>		<p>1 PW Circles (see page 4)</p> <p>1:30p Staff Mtg</p> <p>7p Prophets</p>	<p>2 11:30a Fellers Lunch 3:30p RAD! Wednesdays 5:30p Dinner 5:30p Youth Small Group 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6p Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5 9a Property Work Day</p> <p>9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>	
<p>6 COMMUNION 9a FirstLight Worship 10a Faith Formation 11a Worship Service 12p Youth Leader Lunch 4:30p Officer Training 5p Youth Campfire Dinner</p>	<p>7 11:30a Words on the Word 1:15p Earth Care Book Study 5:30p Hospitality & Welcome 7p Earth Care Team</p>	<p>8 9a Endowment 1:30p Staff Mtg. 3:30p Cong. Life 6p Strategic Team 6:30p Lydia Circle 7p Prophets</p>	<p>9 11:30a One River 11:30a Fellers Lunch 3:30p RAD! Wednesdays 5:30p Dinner 5:30p Youth Small Gr 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 1:30p Blood Drive 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett 6p Men's Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Deadline for the December Window newsletter Tuesday, November 15</p>							
<p>13 9a FirstLight Worship 10a Faith Formation 10a Family Worship 11a Worship Service 2p Youth Group 4:30p Officer Training</p>	<p>14 11:30a Words on the Word 1:15p Earth Care Book Study 1:30p Worship 6:30p Mission 7p Personnel</p>	<p>15 1:30p Staff Mtg</p> <p>6p Faith Formation Team 7p Prophets</p>	<p>16 11:30a Fellers Lunch 3:30p RAD! Wednesdays 5:30p Dinner 5:30p Youth Small Group 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 3p Book Group with Ina Hughs 5p Karate with Tanner Pickett</p>	<p>18 6p Girl Scouts</p>	<p>19 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul 10a Frances Kennedy Memorial Service</p>	
<p>20 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 Jim Forbes, preaching 10a Faith Formation 11a Worship Service</p> <p>2p Feed A Family 4p Finance</p>	<p>21 11:30a Words on the Word 1:15p Earth Care Book Study 6p Weekday School Thanksgiving Potluck</p>	<p>22 12p Weekday School Thanksgiving Potluck 1:30p Staff Mtg 6:30p Lydia Circle 7p Prophets</p>	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON</p> <p>11:30a Fellers Lunch</p>	<p>24 THANKSGIVING DAY enjoy a meal with people you love</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>	
<p>27 9a FirstLight Worship 10a Faith Formation 10a Family Worship 11a Worship Service</p>	<p>28 11:30a Words on the Word</p> <p>1:15p Earth Care Book Study 6p Session</p>	<p>29 1p PW Bible Study 1:30p Staff Mtg 2:15p PW Coordinating Team 7p Prophets</p>	<p>30 11:30a Fellers Lunch</p> <p>5:30p Youth Small Group 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Due to lack of space, some groups who meet at BMPC are not shown on this calendar. Scan this QR code for the BMPC Google calendar.</p>			

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regularly experience his ability to take long cherished hymns and give them new life – as Aaron observes, like an organist may reharmonize a hymn’s final stanza.

The forced hiatus of the COVID years and the subsequent closing of WAPC gave Aaron the chance to “prune and aerate,” and he sees his position at Black Mountain Presbyterian as a calling – a time of new growth, invigorating his music and service. He is pleased the fullness of one job allows him to use his various skills under one roof.

Aaron is looking forward to the spiritual and social enrichment that worship arts and music bring to the entire church. The process, from learning in rehearsal, to the invitation of music and arts to the whole congregation, to a Sunday worshiper humming a hymn during the week, opens doors to all. For Aaron, music, the “first frontier” with children to the “final corporate ritual,” carries worship to the glory of God. He is happy to be a part of the work and worship of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.



PROPERTY WORK DAY

Saturday, November 5, 9:00am

Come on over to the church house and let's reclaim the landscaping around it! The Property Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to come out starting at 9:00am and help us pull vines off of the foundation, dig out weeds, install some landscape beds, and maybe even plant some flowers and a tree! Instead of mulching the whole church property this year, we are focusing specifically on the church house, our new hub for youth and young families. Bring good shoes (boots if you have them), gloves, and a shovel and pruners if you have them. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We will have extra tools available. Any and all are encouraged to join us and find a way to participate.

Lend a Hand in Worship

You can be an important part of the support and preparation for each Sunday’s worship service. Here are a few of the important tasks:

- Assist in setting the worship space for FirstLight and 11:00 services
- Take turns doing such things as making certain the fonts are filled and the offering baskets are in place
- Make certain the Communion supplies are stocked and ready
- Make certain the doors are open.

If you are interested in being part of the support-for-worship team, please let Ellen Phillips know (ecphillipsartist@gmail.com or 404-915-6307).

Sign up for this opportunity to serve God and make certain we all can enjoy a smooth and meaningful worship experience.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



We had a wonderful Sabbath Tea on Sunday, October 16, with over forty women in attendance.

All women are invited to any circle.

Tuesday, November 1

DORCAS – 10 a.m., CR1

PRISCILLA – 10 a.m., Church House

ESTHER – 10:30 a.m., Host: Ann Wiig,
247 Valley Ridge Lane, Highland Farms

RUTH – 1:30 p.m., Highland Farms
Cyprus Room, Second floor, Prentice Lodge

NAOMI – 3:00 p.m., Church House

Tuesday, November 8 & 22

LYDIA – 6:30 p.m., Church House

Tuesday, November 29

Bible Study – Library, 1:00 p.m.

Coordinating Team – CR1, 2:15 p.m.



Esther Circle's mission project for the year is to contribute food to the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families. Each month we will pick a different category. This month it was snacks. The children's home is so appreciative to us and grateful to have help with their food bill.

Leave the Leaves! Preparing our yards for winter

One of the most valuable things we can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the winter cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. Often, this is the hardest advice for gardeners to accept. We are conditioned to want to tidy up the garden at the end of the season – raking, mowing, bagging, and blowing away a bit of nature that is essential to the survival of moths, butterflies, snails, spiders, and dozens of arthropods.

WAYS TO HELP

- Lawns actually benefit from a thin layer of leaves, and the rest can be piled up around ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials; also garden beds and lawn edges.
- If you must keep your lawn clear of leaves – try raking or using a leaf vacuum to capture whole leaves, and make a leaf pile in a corner of your yard. Shredding leaves may destroy eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalis along with the leaves.
- Allow your leaf pile to break down naturally, or add the leaves gradually to your compost pile over time. “Such efforts will keep critters safe and allow you to benefit from the rich garden gift that falls from the trees above.

Earth Care Book Study, Mondays, 1:15-2:15

Read and discuss classic and current environmental writings that guide us in our practices and understanding of eco-theology, economics, activism, and community. Led by David Carter Florence and other members of the Earth Care Team. We meet outside whenever possible.

The Garden of Eden we were given

from *A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and A Vision for the Future* by David Attenborough

“The Holocene – the part of the Earth’s history that we think of as our time – has been one of the most stable periods in our planet’s long history. For 10,000 years, the average global temperature did not vary up or down by more than 1°C...

“Phytoplankton, microscopic plants floating near the ocean’s surface and vast forests extending right round the globe in the north, locked away a great deal of carbon and so helped to maintain a balanced level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Huge herds of grazing animals kept the grasslands rich and productive by fertilizing the soils and stimulated new growth by grazing them. Mangrove swamps and coral reefs along the coast provided nurseries for young fish that, when mature, ranged into open waters and enriched the ocean’s ecosystems. A dense, multi-layered belt of rainforest around the Equator harnessed the sun’s energy and added moisture and oxygen to the global air currents. And great white expanses of snow and ice at the northern and southern ends of the Earth reflected sunlight back into space, cooling the whole Earth like a gigantic air conditioner.

“So the flourishing diversity of the Holocene helped to moderate the global temperatures of Earth, and the living world settled into a gentle, reliable annual rhythm – the seasons. On the tropical plains, dry and rainy seasons alternated with clockwork regularity. In Asia and Oceania, the winds changed directions at the same time each year, delivering the monsoon on cue. In northern regions, the temperatures rose above 15° C in March, triggering spring, and then stayed high until October when they dipped and brought autumn.” And behold, it was very good.

Solar Panel Report - Energy Captured in September, 2022

- Energy captured from the sun - 2130 kWh
- Money saved at 11 cents per kWh - \$234
- CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 1,811 pounds (almost one ton)

November YOUTH Calendar

WED 2 Small Group
5:30-7:30pm

SUN 6 Youth in Worship
contact David if you are
interested in participating
Campfire Dinner
5:00-7:00pm

WED 9 Small Group
5:30-7:30pm

SUN 13 Indoor Rock Climbing
2:00-5:00pm

WED 16 Small Group
5:30-7:30pm

SUN 20 Feed A Family
2:00-4:00pm

WED 23 No Youth Group

SUN 27 No Youth Group

WED 30 Small Group
5:30-7:30pm



Nerf Wars and Scripture Lesson



Paint Wars Capture The Flag teams

Help BMPC youth keep building relationships and having fun!

We are looking for Youth Advisors as we build our new team to work with Middle and High School students. Activities may include Small Groups on Wednesdays, Breakfast Club on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, mission projects or Sunday gatherings from 2-4pm. Please contact Katie or David if you have questions or are interested in joining us!



Preparing for the **Potato Lunch**



Paint Night with Stacy Hana

Stacy designed a painting for the kids to create. They were asked to paint their own interpretation of that painting and they really did a great job and have asked to do it again.

BMPC Families

November 13 – Family Tailgate Potluck at the church house from 4-6 p.m. (dinner at 5). Bring a dish to share and something to throw on the grill.

Family Worship continues on the second and fourth Sunday mornings at 10 outside, when possible. **Heart of Christianity** for parents and young adults happens on the first and third Sunday mornings at 10, while kids gather for **Stories and Songs** (both at the church house). Outdoor movie night was a success!





BMPC window

RAD!

RECREATION ART DRAMA FUN

WEDNESDAYS

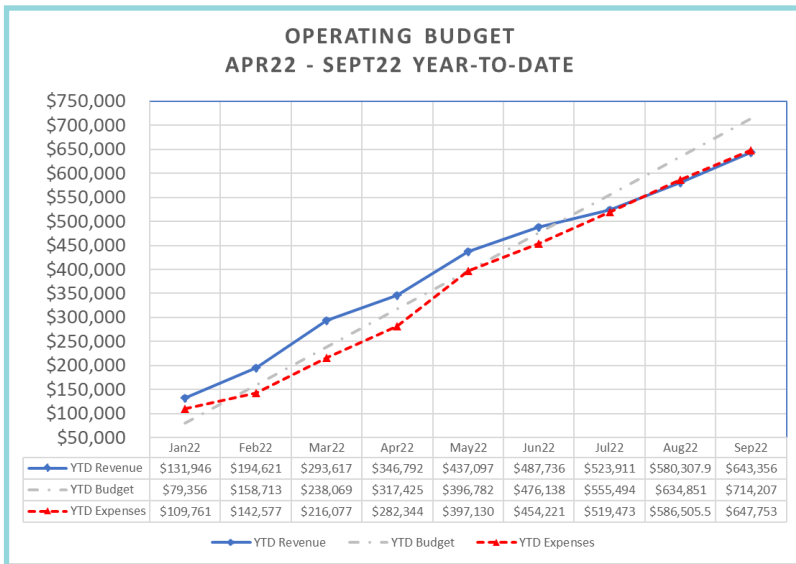
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday
through November 16
Kids 4 years old through 6th Grade
Register anytime!
bmpcnc.org for more information
and registration



The end of the year is near. Please fulfill your pledge for 2022, and make a commitment for 2023! Thank you!

Operating Fund

- Year-To-Date Operating Revenue of \$643,356 is lower than the \$714,207 budgeted by \$70,851.
- Year-to-date operating expenses of \$647,753 are lower than the \$714,207 budgeted by \$67,081.
- We no longer ‘amortize’ pre-paid pledges – we booked 2022 pledges paid in Dec. 2021 in Jan. 2022.



TNL – Gun Violence: A Survivor’s Perspective

On October 20, John Owens, co-leader of *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America*, North Carolina chapter, talked about his experience as a gun violence survivor and shared the documentary, *A Hole in My Heart*. The video was produced by two members of *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in Western North Carolina* and performed by local community theater actors. If you are interested in joining a local group here in Black Mountain, email [Lewis Galloway](mailto:Lewis.Galloway).

November birthdays

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| 3 Alison Banzhoff
Dan Stitt
Lew Rudisill | 18 Parker Fisher
Joe Standaert
Laurel Broadhurst |
| 4 Carolyn Crowder | 19 Kevin Griffin |
| 5 Kiersten Hall | 20 Avery Van Note
Carolyn Johnson
Junith Koon |
| 6 Robin Stiles | 21 Colton West
Daniel Wiggs
Sharon Welker
Maria Schlegelmilch |
| 7 Susan Wilkinson | 22 Caleb Holladay
Wilson Jumper |
| 8 John Pomeroy
Virginia Pomeroy
Vivian Pickett | 23 Judy Hollins |
| 9 Jerry Bryson | 25 Matt Coward
Ellen Gibson |
| 10 Eli Banks
Isaac Dannenberg
Rachel Hekking
Evie Wiggs | 26 Kay Layman
Jennifer Holt |
| 12 Isaac Baraki
Vanessa Pickett | 27 Jonathan Kadau |
| 14 Bethany Corn | 29 Vivian Rachman
Connor Mailander |
| 15 Jane Blount | |
| 16 Bess Perryman
Cherie Lunsford | |
| 17 Ella Davis | |

*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.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 10

1:30-6:00 PM

in the fellowship hall

Make an appointment online
or call the church office.

Faith in Action – The Blessing Box

We know our free pantry is a resource for the hungry in our community. It is often emptied out the same day it is filled up by our faithful members and friends. Please consider signing your family up at bmpcnc.org and follow these simple guidelines: add your choice of shelf stable foods especially protein rich items and nothing that requires a microwave or hard to buy ingredients like butter and milk. Water, juice boxes, and individually wrapped snacks work well. Self care items are also useful. Please no fresh food, no clothing, no literature. Keep the box shelves clean and space out your donations across your week. Do not be dismayed if everything you put in disappears quickly. It is okay if the box is empty on some of your assigned days. Your help in this ministry is another wonderful way we prove that we truly are a Hunger Action Congregation of the PCUSA! Sign up today!

The Power of Prayer

BMPC has an interest group of dedicated members who share their spiritual gift of intercessory prayer. The Prayer Chain is handled entirely via email and provides a quick response to urgent prayer needs even before we read about them in Sunday's bulletin. Many times these prayer requests might also be from individuals who don't want their need publicized widely but do want for this small number of prayer warriors to pray on their behalf. Might you be interested in being part of this very important ministry? Just email prayerchain@bmpcnc.org describing your interest and the coordinators will add you to the mailing list. That same email can be used by anyone to submit a prayer request. Please note that confidentiality around these prayer needs and permission from the individuals involved is essential. If you have questions, please contact Gay Ferguson or Patti Pyle.



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BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



If you would like to contribute food for the reception or make a donation towards a gift for Cheryl, please contact Renee Weaver (reneeweaver22@yahoo.com).
Thank you from the SVCM Executive Committee.