



BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

June 2023

BMPC Endowment

Twenty-five years ago the BMPC Session established the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Endowment with the purpose of providing members and friends of our church a way to extend their stewardship beyond their lifetime. In the past twenty-five years our Endowment Fund has been able to fund much needed



property repairs, send youth on mission trips, support the Weekday School, enhance our worship and music, combat hunger, partner with our mission partners, and much more. Over the next few months your Endowment Board will be highlighting some of these grants.

Bounty & Soul is one of our mission partners that received a grant from the Endowment Fund in 2022. To meet their mission: “together, we connect, share, and celebrate nutritious food, education, and community.”

Bounty & Soul requested a grant of \$3,000 through our Session Mission Committee to purchase a lift gate for their truck. This lift gate built efficiency in the distribution of the tons of nutritious food distributed to the community. As Paula Sellars, Associate Director, stated “The liftgate has been a critical piece of infrastructure, allowing us to return to our farmer’s market style community events of fresh produce each week alongside wellness education for everyone. We received partial funding for that purchase from the WNC Bridge Foundation, and Black Mountain Presbyterian came through with a very significant gift to move us over the line, and the community is delighted.”

This is a wonderful testament to the work of your Endowment. Each grant awarded is given thoughtful, prayerful consideration by your Endowment Board. Each gift, large or small, given to your Endowment is carefully invested. Wealth is not a criterion for making a gift. You might consider making a small gift every year to celebrate a birthday, a wedding, or an anniversary. Maybe start right now with a gift to honor your father, grandfather, favorite uncle, son or brother this Father’s Day: a lasting gift rather than another tie, golf shirt, or barbecue gadget. And what a great way to teach by example for the next generation. As Dr. Melva Costen of Johnson Theological Seminary explains it “bequeathing is something that needs to be taught, in order to be internalized.” Your gift combined with others might just become part of the next grant to one of our Mission Partners.

*What is the use of living,
if it not be to strive for
noble causes and to
make this muddled world
a better place for those
who will live in it after
we are gone.*

– Winston Churchill

JUNE

Many other groups meet here, but mostly BMPC events are reflected on this calendar.

Sunday	M	T	W	Th	F	S
SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP Summer Worship 9:00am Family Worship 10:30am Singing a New Song • Telling Our Story Asking Questions About God Montreat Worship 10:30am in Anderson Auditorium				1 5p Karate with Tanner	2 5:30p Summer Kickoff Party 6p Girl Scouts	3 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul 2p Sam Baraki Memorial Service
4 9a Summer Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship 2p Gay Mothershed Memorial Service 5:30p Youth Party	5 1p Earth Care Book Study 2:15p Earth Care Team	6 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets	7 11:30a Fellers Lunch 11:30a One River, Many Wells 1p Generosity Team	8 5p Karate with Tanner	9	10 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul 2p Jean Holder Memorial Service
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<div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Deadline for the July Window newsletter Thursday, June 15 </div>						
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Send Us Your Sanctuary Stories

As we prepare to renovate our sanctuary, we would like to compile a collection of memorable events that took place there. Think about stories of interesting, funny, and moving events that have happened over these past decades and write a few paragraphs to tell the stories. Some in this congregation had parents or grandparents who worshiped in this sanctuary, do you recall the stories they told you? Simply send us a few paragraphs or pages, it need not be lengthy. This will be a loving and entertaining tribute to these past decades in what was once upon a time known as "the new sanctuary."

Please email your responses to Ellen Phillips Smith at phillipsellen75@gmail.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 5:30-7:30pm

SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY!

FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES • AND FUN!

**BLACK MOUNTAIN
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OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

in the Courtyard

Friday, June 16, 8:00pm

The Sandlot (PG)

Bring a chair, blanket, and snacks – popcorn and water will be provided.

The Most Important Thing We Can Do to Fight Climate Change

Climate activist Greta Thunberg joins climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe in urging us to talk about climate change, in order to create a groundswell of political support, and especially to communicate with leaders, those who have power to bring about change on a larger scale.

“Use your voice to talk about why climate change matters to you, here and now. Use it to share what you are doing, what others are doing, what they can do. Use it to advocate for change at every level – in your family, your school, your organization, your place of work or worship, your city or your town, your state or your province. Use it to vote and to inform decisions your school, your business, your city, and your country can make. Talk about it in every community that you are part of and whose values and interests you share. Talking may sound simple, almost too simple. But here’s the thing: most of us are not doing it. Even people who are alarmed and concerned about climate change tend to “self-silence” on the topic. They want to speak up, and they know it’s important, but they can’t get the words out of their mouths.”

Katharine Hayhoe, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* (2021)

“This is the biggest story in the world, and it must be spoken as far and wide as our voices can carry, and much further still. It must be told in books and articles, in movies and songs, at breakfast tables, lunch meetings and family gatherings, in lifts, at bus stops and in rural shops. In schools, [churches], boardrooms and marketplaces. At airports, in gyms and in bars. In the fields, in the warehouses and on the factory floors. At union meetings, political workshops and football games. In kindergartens and in old people’s homes. In hospitals and car-repair shops. On Instagram, TikTok and the evening news. On dusty country roads and in the streets and alleys of our towns and cities. The time has come for us to tell this story, and perhaps even change the ending.”

Greta Thunberg, *The Climate Book*, back of jacket (2022)

Earth Care Team ACTIONS

- **Town Council**
Seven members of the Earth Care Team attended the Council meeting on May 8, to present copies of Katharine Hayhoe’s *Saving Us* to the mayor and council members; and to press Council members to install solar panels on another town building soon, using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- **Garden Report**
The garden has been plowed and tilled. Mustard greens, collards, onions, and sugar snap peas have been planted in half the garden.
- **Coming soon**
Plans are under way for offering occasional letter or postcard-writing opportunities after Sunday worship.

BMPC Solar Panels Report – Energy Captured in April, 2023

Energy captured from the sun – 1110 kWh • Money saved at 11 cents per kWh – \$122
CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 900 pounds

YOUTH



Tuesday, June 13, 8am-10pm

Join us for a trip to



Registration ends June 6!



This is our Amazon Youth Wish List.

These are items we would like to have for programing, recreation, and decorating our youth room. Any donations are greatly appreciated!



The Youth have had a very busy spring.

We traveled to Camp Grier for Adventure Day, raised \$752 at our car wash fundraiser, and played Water Wars in Montreat. Thank you to each of our advisors who have worked with our youth this year: **Matt Begley, Andrew & Sadie Ginn, Taylor Morris, Kent Patton, Jessi Stitt, Hannah & Sam Webber**

Asheville Tourists Baseball Game Friday, July 28

Tickets are \$9.50/per person and the game starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and first come first serve.

Register [here](#) or from our website: bmpcnc.org

Please register by Monday, July 24.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

What a celebration! Much joy and laughter was experienced by the 45 women who attended the PW Spring Birthday Gathering held at Cragmont Assembly. The food was delicious and the Cragmont staff were so very welcoming. PW thanks Becky Jo Sumner for making it happen.



Summer Soulstice Wednesday June 21

sanctuary **storytelling** and **music** at **7PM**,
featuring a special song by **the choir**
music and **drumming** with **Prophets of Praise**
fireside time and smores at **8PM** in the courtyard!

June birthdays

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| 2 Ellen Begley
Donn Handy
Sarah Wren Robinson
Diane Ginther | 17 Ruby Begley
Margie Stansell
Sadie Ginn |
| 3 Liesl Case
Shepherd Ginn | 19 Keithie Knowles
River Hana
Ron Shelton |
| 4 Tanya Banks | 20 Jim Layman |
| 6 Moses Lehman
Taylor Morris
Avni Baker | 22 Joe Lehman
Griffin Dodd
Tom Stiles |
| 7 Carter Douglas
Nancy Weaver | 23 Phil Garrison |
| 8 Kent Patton
Avery McClary | 24 Noah Holladay
Julie Moore
Alice McRae |
| 9 Franklin Harris | 25 Paul Drummond |
| 10 Rachael Lee
Andrew Ginn | 26 Pat Thraikill
Charlotte Sprawls
Mattie Lehman
Gavin Dodd |
| 11 Faith Bradley
Cory Partlow
Ruth Carswell | 27 Caroline Roy
Abby Lehman
Jeannie Maidment |
| 12 Isabella Hile
Katherine Neville
Peter Mudge | 29 Robert Headley |
| 13 Annamarie Arens | 30 Bob McMurray |
| 15 Bill Bale | Wyatt Campbell |



Everyone has a place in BMPC. All are welcome.

These two truths came together in November of 2022 as our Session voted to join other Presbyterian congregations who, by becoming More Light Presbyterian congregations, live their belief that God's love has no boundaries.

To the community beyond our doors, those who might see the symbol on our website or on our Sunday bulletin, being a More Light Presbyterian congregation marks our openness to all regardless of gender identification. We declare our belief in God's limitless love.

Within our congregation, aligning with other More Light Presbyterians gives access to educational materials, connection to others on the path to love and understanding of all, and resources for raising our sensitivity and inclusiveness – in other words, to live out our mission as a place “where the welcome to all never ends.”

How can you be involved? We would like to find an individual or group whose role, at this point, will be examining the resources the More Light Presbyterian alliance provides and forwarding information to the appropriate committees of the church. If you want to help extend our welcome to all, let us know by emailing Jackie (jackie@bmpcnc.org). Initially this is a simple job that can be done on a laptop, but with God's help, it can blossom into a deeper commitment to open doors and open hearts.



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BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 23-Wednesday, July 26, 5:30-8pm

Join us for Vacation Bible School at BMPC! All children ages four years old through rising fifth graders are invited to attend. Our theme this year is "Let Your Light Shine" and we will be learning how we can all share our light with others the way Jesus taught us to do. We will have storytelling, arts and crafts, movement, music, games, recreation, and other fun activities each night!

[register here](http://www.bmpcnc.org) or from our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://www.bmpcnc.org)

deadline to register for VBS and get a shirt is Wed., July 12.



**Let your
light shine!**