



BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

July 2023

HOLD on TIGHT!

As I recently walked through the fellowship hall and the classrooms in the south wing of our church and saw all the renovation work that is almost near completion, I paused to give thanks for the generosity of YOU.

Throughout our years together, we have remained focused on our mission: Embodying the Love of Christ in the heart of Black Mountain, we are joyfully called to be the church: through **INSPIRING** worship and faith formation, **NURTURING** through fellowship, **EQUIPPING** to serve, and **WELCOMING** to all.

Our Sowing the Seeds Campaign is our opportunity to advance our mission as we now set our sights on renovating our narthex and sanctuary. This renovation project will elevate the level of hospitality and vibrancy in everything we do here at BMPC.

We plan to move out of the sanctuary on July 16 and into our newly renovated fellowship hall on July 23. We hope you will gather with us at 9:00 a.m. on July 16 as we honor the stories and worship services that have occurred in our beloved sanctuary. During this service, we will literally move our hymnals and Bibles to the fellowship hall. Considering that our seating in the fellowship hall is slightly smaller than in the sanctuary, there will be a few

changes as we commit to making space for everyone to be able to worship in person at BMPC. We will also livestream our service for those who would like to worship with us at home. This is how our worship/faith formation schedule in our fellowship hall will look from August 13-November 26, 2023.

FirstLight Worship – 8:45-9:45AM

Faith Formation – 9:55-10:45AM

Family Worship – 10-10:40AM

Worship – 11AM-12PM

Let us hold on tightly to one another in love as we practice patience in finishing Phase 2 of our campaign and moving on to Phase 3!

If you have not yet had an opportunity to commit to the Sowing the Seeds campaign, please follow this QR code to give. To learn more about our campaign, please [visit our website](#).



Thank you again for your amazing generosity!

Mary Katherine

“The body of Christ, joined together, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”


Ephesians 3:16

JULY

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

Sunday M T W Th F S

Please remember to pay your pledge during the summer!

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| 1 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul | | | | | |
| 2 9a Summer Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship | 3 2:15p Earth Care Team | 4 FOURTH OF JULY office closed 6p Women's AA Mtg | 5 11:30a Fellers Lunch | 6 5p Karate with Tanner | 7 |
| 9 9a Summer Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship | 10 6p Session | 11 12p Book Club 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets | 12 11:30a Fellers Lunch 1p Generosity | 13 1:30p Blood Drive 5p Karate with Tanner | 14 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center; color: white;">Deadline for the August Window newsletter Monday, July 17</div> |
| 16 9a Summer Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship 3:30p Ice Cream Social 4p Finance | 17 8:30a Weekday School Summer Camp | 18 8:30a Weekday School Summer Camp 1:30p Staff Mtg 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Mama's Group 7p Prophets | 19 8:30a Weekday School Summer Camp 11:30a Fellers Lunch | 20 3p Book Group with Ina Hughs 5p Karate with Tanner 5:30p Fellowship Night at Phil's | 21 8:30a Weekday School Summer Camp |
| 23 9a Summer Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship 5p Vacation Bible School | 24 5p Vacation Bible School | 25 1:30p Staff Mtg 5p Vacation Bible School 6p Women's AA Mtg 7p Prophets | 26 11:30a Fellers Lunch 5p Vacation Bible School | 27 5p Karate with Tanner | 28 6:30p Asheville Tourists Game |
| 30 9a Summer Worship 10:30a Family Worship 10:30a Montreat Worship | 31 1p Earth Care Book Study |  | | | |
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Red Cross Blood Drive

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1:30-6PM

Sign up at bmpcnc.org on the outreach opportunities page.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM

**Sunday, July 16
3:30 p.m.**

National Ice Cream Day is July 16 and certainly the members of BMPC want to honor this auspicious date. Come to the church house and bring your favorite ice cream or any of your favorite toppings. This is a family event and Andy Gwynn will be there to play music and have some sing-alongs of familiar songs and hymns. We hope to see you, rain or shine.

It's That Time Again

**Thursday, July 20
5:30 p.m.**

Remember Grange in May and The Railyard in June? Well now it's time for food, fun, and fellowship at Phil's. We encourage anyone who likes to eat and socialize to join other church members at this fun and relaxed occasion. See you there!

MISSION is always in season!

You know what it's like when you make your first tomato sandwich of the summer or chomp down on that first ear of super sweet local corn in July? For many years, we've celebrated BMPC missions at a certain point in the church calendar year, usually in February, calling it Mission Season. Your Outreach and Global Mission team is taking a fresh look at Mission Season and wants to celebrate all year long! We need your help. Do you have a mission priority, one you've developed here or brought with you from another church? Are you keen to find out specifics of our partnerships in Guatemala and Malawi? Do you know the latest on the work we support in Ukraine? Are you aware of Presbyterian trips, of our prison ministries? Do you know our amazing global mission coworkers? Do you want to get involved in service to our local partners or get involved in a new refugee resettlement project? We want to hear from you! Our ministry team is reaching out to expand the ways we bring mission, both local and global, to the forefront of our congregational life. Please contact David Carter Florence at the church or Tommy Wilkinson, Chair of Outreach and Global Mission (thwilkinson6@gmail.com or 828-551-2292) with your ideas. We will kick off this new, year-round mission focus with our Hand in Hand school supply drive beginning in late July. Watch for details on that event and come join us in shaping this renewed vision of every BMPC member putting faith into action in mission.



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.

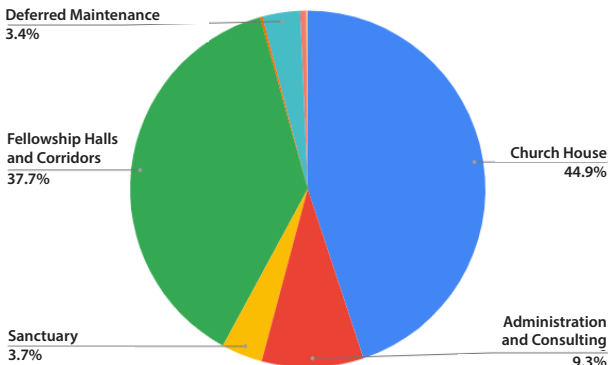
Register [here](#) or from our website: bmpcnc.org

Please register by Monday, July 24.

The capital campaign renovation is on track and on time!

Tile has been laid in the newly ADA-compliant church restrooms, HVAC is installed and operational in the fellowship hall, and countertops and bathroom partitions are scheduled to be installed by early July. All of the oak doors surrounding the fellowship hall corridor have been refinished and had new hardware installed. We are on track to have flooring in the fellowship hall by the end of June, and the church staff is excited to lead us out of the sanctuary and into the new fellowship hall by mid-July.

Major building efficiency and security upgrades deemed deferred maintenance projects are an integral piece of this renovation. Enormous holes in our building's thermal envelope have been patched, outdated mechanical systems are being upgraded and replaced, and the property team has plans to add an additional layer of insulation over CR1 and the corridors surrounding it once Church Interiors has finished their part of the work. Doors are being repaired, resealed, upgraded, rekeyed, and brought into compliance with ADA standards. A new, electronic access system is in the works to help ensure congregants can access the building when needed, and to keep track of who is in the building and when.



line of credit from the Presbyterian Investments and Loan Program as invoicing picks up, and pledged and unpledged gifts toward the campaign are still coming in. So far, we have pledges toward the campaign of about 2.02 million dollars, and capital campaign expenses paid this far total about 1.38 million, including a large deposit to our General Contractor, Church Interiors, Inc., and the entirety of the church house rebuilding. The scope of our project will likely exceed the budget of 2.02 million dollars.

Please note that when renovations begin on the sanctuary and narthex, the only operational entrance to the church will be the (newly painted) blue doors behind the fellowship hall. The staff appreciate your patience while we work on a system to keep the office operational and open for business via this side entrance, and while we worship together in close quarters and shared space.

BMPC Endowment Fund 101

WHY are BMPC Endowment funds established?

- Gifts to BMPC that are invested to help provide financial stability
- Donors can direct the purpose for which their gifts may be used
- Endowment funds are invested for long-term growth through the Presbyterian Foundation
- Income generated from Endowment fund investment allows options to support mission and meet new challenges.
- Different than, not replacement for, stewardship pledges that support the budget (for operations and salaries) and capital campaign pledges

WHAT are Endowment funds used for?

- Mission and outreach in our community and beyond
- Youth and intergenerational mission trips
- Mission partners such as Bounty & Soul / Black Mountain Home for Children / Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
- Christian education
- BMPC Weekday School
- Worship and music enrichment
- Property repairs and upgrades

HOW can I participate in growing our Endowment?

- Donate a gift of any amount to an existing purpose Endowment fund (restricted monies), or donate a gift without restriction to be used as directed by the Session
- Celebrate or memorialize special times or people by suggesting to others that they donate to a particular BMPC Endowment fund in honor or memory of a person or event

You can participate in an Endowment Fund without creating one!

Want to know more? Contact Pastor Mary Katherine Robinson or any Endowment board member: Gayle Petty-Johnson, Libba Fairleigh, Rosie Johnson, Jim McDowell, Tanner Pickett, Liz Riley, John Snell.

"We are so grateful for the generous support of the BMPC endowment. Our January 2023 trip to visit our sister church in Guatemala would not have been possible without the endowment funds."

Mary Carroll Dodd



"Endowment Funds can be viewed as the 'second mile' of giving – beyond pledges. They allow our ministries to accomplish things that can't be done otherwise, such as sending a young person on an intergenerational mission trip to Guatemala. These kinds of experiences are so much more than travel. They become part of the journey of growing in faith."

Jim Layman

past Endowment board member

Presbyterians in Support of Bold Climate Action

Plastic-Free July

At the national level, Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) encourages congregations to commit to reducing or eliminating single-use plastics for the month. This summer, more than 140 million faith communities around the world, plus other organizations, will come together with this pledge:

We seek to become more aware of plastics in our lives, the health dangers for all living creatures and alternatives to the status quo. We will do our best to avoid single-use plastics for the month of July, sharing tips, suggestions, and frustrations.

We will use this experience to engage with at least one pollution producing company (i.e. a soda or water bottle company, a grocery store), with a quick note or longer letter asking that they reduce their reliance on single-use plastics. Single-Use Plastics, which are easier to avoid, include:

- beverage containers (use washable bottles or cups for water, coffee and tea, soups);
- plastic bags (keep canvas grocery bags in the car; re-use plastic produce bags or buy cloth ones);
- to-go containers (keep washable ones in the car).

Climate Action Letter

A letter titled “Presbyterians in Support of Bold Climate Action,” was sent to Presbyterian members of Congress. Karen Austin, representing the BMPC Earth Care Team, signed on to the letter. It said, in part: “The General Assembly recommends that we:

- Support the Paris Agreement as the global framework.
- Work within our denomination, churches, and homes to reduce our carbon imprint by 25% in the next four years and work towards 100% renewable energy by 2030.
- Support the international and U.S. goal of protecting 30% of lands and waters by 2030.
- Advocate for Indigenous sovereignty and treaty rights to be upheld in protection of lands and water.

- Advocate for environmental, racial, and economic justice – all part of restoring creation.
- Support our communities who work in the fossil fuel industry as we transition.
- Advocate for policies that allow us to meet Paris Agreement targets including a just fee on carbon and other greenhouse gas pollution accompanied by a Carbon Dividend as approved in PC(USA)’s 2018 General Assembly. Overture 08-12 On Support for Carbon Pricing.

We urge you to join with colleagues on both sides of the aisle in supporting actions already taken (BIL, CHIPS, and IRA), and in advocating for additional measures such as a carbon pollution fee accompanied by a dividend to US households, as well as a carbon border adjustment mechanism. Together this will: Protect our companies and their international trade while eliminating the incentive to move dirty industries overseas; Incentivize other countries to reduce their own carbon emissions; Reduce demand for fossil fuels and further incentivize innovation; Address externalized costs (healthcare, pollution, storm damage, etc.); Further support low and middle income households in the energy transition.”

At the Local Level

As suggested in *Saving Us*, the Earth Care team has lobbied the Black Mountain Town Council three times this year; and will provide tables after Sunday worship this fall to write policy makers on climate change and environmental justice.

BMPC Solar Panels Report Energy Captured in May, 2023

Energy captured from the sun – 1140 kWh
Money saved at 11 cents per kWh – \$125
CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 923 pounds

Dear BMPC church family,

I am so grateful for your care following the death of my husband, Hugh. Gifts of food, cards, flowers, and hugs have been a huge support. Thank you for being such an amazing church family!

Penny Mayronne

July birthdays

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| 2 Janine Spiller | 13 Pat Tuttle |
| 3 Levi Bannerman | Bunny Alexander |
| 4 Terry Soll | 14 Alice Smith |
| Frances Holladay | 15 Hal Scheidler |
| Bill Chilton | 18 Marrion Ward |
| 5 John Murphy | Parker Davidson |
| Maia Cogbill | Joan Kline |
| Jonah Lehman | 19 Bekah Caruso |
| Bill Arens | 20 Carl Franklin |
| 6 Charlotte Corn | Bella Mohr |
| 8 Alida Grady | 22 Margo Smith |
| Bradley Campbell | 23 Bradley Rachman |
| Andrea Dewitt | 24 Liz Riley |
| 10 Tyler Scouten | 27 Aidan Schneider |
| Linda Caldwell | 28 Kristy Beaver |
| Alan Belsches | 29 Phil Hagwood |
| 11 Nancy McClintock | 30 Camilla Goins |
| Jane Belsches | 31 Keaton Williams |
| Debby Vial | |
| 12 Holly Douglas | |

YOUTH THIS SUMMER

Youth had a great end of the year in June!
We traveled to Carowinds in Charlotte and had fun at our Luau with youth and their families.



July 18-21 Massanetta Middle School Conference

July 23-26 Youth will be volunteering at VBS

We will be traveling to Virginia this month for the Massanetta Middle School Conference. We ask that you pray for safe travels and that these students get to know each other and grow closer to God.

**Avni Baker • Ellison Duvall • Haley Duvall • Pearl Hall
Oliver Moffitt • Lily Monosso • Gavin O'Herin
Lucy Poe • Burkley Reece • Porter Reece
Katie Duvall • David Carter Florence**

YOUTH wish list

These are items we are hoping to have in the fall. Thank you for your continued support!





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an Earth Care Congregation



BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



**Let your
light shine!**

Vacation Bible School

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

Join us for Vacation Bible School at BMPC!

Four year old children through rising fifth graders are invited.
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 more!

Register here or from our website: bmpcnc.org
Deadline to register for VBS and get a shirt is Wed July 12

We need volunteers. Sign up here or from our website.