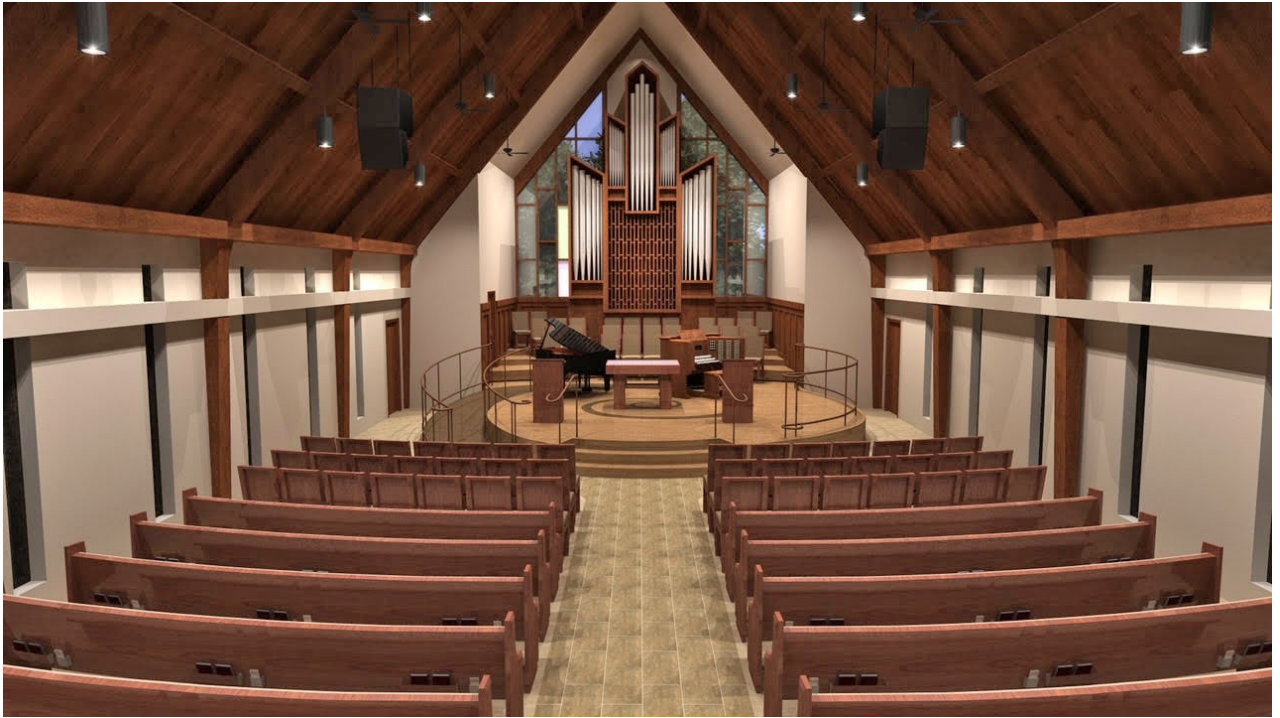




BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

March 2023



What a gift we are about to give!

I am reminded of the way Quakers celebrate the gift of Christmas all year round in this Lenten season. My favorite Christmas festivity is picking out a gift for a friend or loved one and carefully wrapping it in secret, sneaking it under the tree. Well, now that Bounty & Soul's yoga class, all of our PW circles, and the Red Cross blood drives are out of the fellowship hall and parlor, we've picked out some wonderful gifts for them in the spaces. I am most excited about the new carpet and lighting, the ADA accessible restrooms, and a better audio-visual system; we are also making important updates to aging infrastructure such as replacement of the

underground HVAC system with its (illegal) sump pump embedded in the ducts, old, energy-wasteful single pane windows, and stained and patched carpet in the sanctuary – a little gift for ourselves there. These are not niceties – they are sorely overdue maintenance must-haves. The cost is higher than expected – sound familiar these days? Some of our best and brightest have been working for two years now to gather input from the congregation and have collaborated with the session to discern what is the right course for this project, and I believe they have made the best and wisest choices. Now, it is our turn to respond. Time to start wrapping! – *Sam Webber*

MARCH

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

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During the renovation of the library, biblical commentaries will be available upstairs in the education wing classroom.

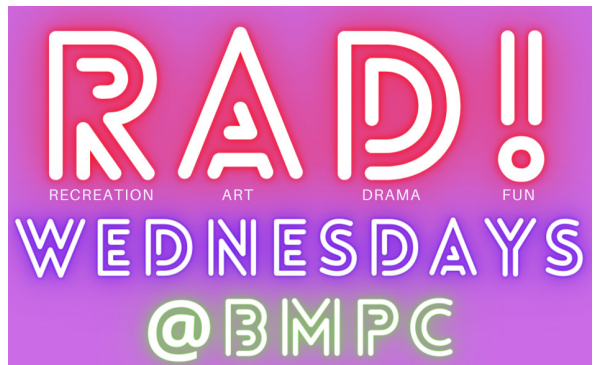
Deadline for the April Window newsletter Wednesday, March 15

<p>5 9a FirstLight Worship 9:45a Saving Us book study 10a Faith Formation 11a Worship Service 12:15p Grief Share 2p Youth</p>	<p>6 12p Saving Us book study 2:30p Earth Care Team</p>	<p>7 PW Circles (see page 4) 1:30p Staff Mtg 7p Prophets</p>	<p>1 11:30a Fellers Lunch 3:30p RAD! 5:30p One Great Story 6p Saving Us book study 6p Youth 7p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 1p Saving Us book study (HF) 5p Karate with Tanner</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:30a Yoga w/ Bounty & Soul</p>
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Come out and celebrate the imagination and creativity of our young children at **The Weekday School Annual Art Show**, a fundraiser event for our scholarship fund, on **Thursday, March 16**.

You are invited to drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. while a variety of art, created by the Weekday School children (ages 1-5), will be on display in the narthex and school hallway. Light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the young families in our church and community. The artwork will remain on display for Sunday morning, March 19. We hope you will support the Weekday School while enjoying these beautiful creations!



FRIDAY
March 10
5:30-8:30PM

KIDS NIGHT IN & PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Drop the kids off at the church for a night of fun and games!

Dinner provided. \$10/per child four years old through fifth grade.

Parents are invited to gather together somewhere local for a time of fellowship!

Please sign up at **bmpcnc.org**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*All women
are invited
to any circle.*



Tuesday, March 7

DORCAS 10:00 a.m., CR1

PRISCILLA 10:00 a.m., Church House

ESTHER 10:30 a.m., Alice McDowell
336 Natures Bend, HF

RUTH 1:30 p.m., Cypress Room in the
Lodge at Highland Farms

NAOMI 3:00 p.m., Church House

LYDIA 6:30 p.m., Church House

Tuesday, March 14 & 28

LYDIA 6:30 p.m., Church House

Tuesday, March 28

Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Coordinating Team 2:15 p.m.



Family Fellowship Night at the Grange

Tuesday, March 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Come have dinner, drinks, and fellowship time with other families. The Grange has a great outdoor space and a play area for kids!

Two Mom's Groups

Preschool/Elementary Mom's group on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the church house.

MS/HS Mom's Group on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00pm at the church house.

2023 Community Lenten Worship

offered by The Swannanoa Ministerial Association

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

FEBRUARY 22, Ash Wednesday

St. James Episcopal, 424 West State Street

MARCH 1

First Christian Church, 201 Blue Ridge Road

MARCH 8

First Baptist Church, 130 Montreat Road

MARCH 15

Black Mountain Methodist and Way in the Wilderness
101 Church Street

MARCH 22

Black Mountain Pres and Warren Wilson Pres
117 Montreat Road

MARCH 29

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
385 Tabernacle Road

APRIL 7, Good Friday

Montreat Presbyterian Church, Upper Anderson

February YOUTH Calendar

WED 1 Small Groups
6:00-7:30pm

SUN 5 Youth in Worship
Trivia
2:00-4:00pm

WED 8 Small Groups
6:00-7:30pm

SUN 12 Launch Trampoline
2:00-4:30pm

TUE 14 High School Dinner
6:00pm

WED 15 Small Groups
6:00-7:30pm

SUN 19 Where's Waldo
2:00-4:00pm

WED 22 Small Groups
6:00-7:30pm

THU 23 Mom's Group
6:30pm

SUN 26 Chopped Competition
2:00-4:00pm

WED 29 Small Groups
6:00-7:30pm





Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World, our all-church Lenten study book. Hayhoe, a Christian, has a lot to say about hope as we humans work to solve our climate problem.

I often hear this from other Christians.

“God is in control,” they say, “so shouldn’t we just leave it in his hands?” Each time I wonder, haven’t they read what the Bible says about reaping what you sow? God never promised to rescue us humans from the results of our bad

decisions. Quite the opposite: the book of Proverbs

warns, “Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,” and Hosea says, even more to the point, “for they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.” Consequences aren’t a punishment for sin, as some televangelists hasten to claim every time a disaster strikes. They’re the simple consequences of the fact that we are all subject to the rule of physics. If humans increase heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, the planet warms. Pretending we can defy physics by putting our heads in the sand or cultivating a positive attitude will merely keep us slightly happier until (and more surprised when) the axe falls.

That’s why true hope must begin by recognizing the risk and understanding what’s at stake. Rational hope accepts that success is not inevitable, or even entirely probable. It takes courage to do that, but when we are doubtful, when the odds are low and success is possible rather than probable, it’s that courage and hope that carry us forward. Real hope also provides a vision of a future that we want to live in, where energy is abundant and available to all, where the economy is stable, where we have the resources we need, where our lives are not worse but better than they are today. It’s a hope that is aware of all the others who are already working to make that future happen, and a hope that understands why we’re doing this.

“We’re not fighting for a merely ‘livable’ planet,” says one fellow climate scientist.

“We’re fighting for a riotous, wild, gorgeous, generous, miraculous, live-cradling planet that’s home to a society that works for everyone.”

Solar Panel Report – Energy Captured in January, 2023

Energy captured from the sun – 1280 kWh • Money saved at 11 cents per kWh – \$141

CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 1024 pounds

March birthdays

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| 1 Betsy Murphy
Bella Van Note | 17 Mary Hunnicutt |
| 2 Alice Patton
Joe Carreiro
Perry Sprawls
Kim Reece | 18 Evelyn Black |
| 3 Neil McMillan
E.T. Thomas | 19 Bobbie Johnson |
| 4 Jackie Garrison
Johnny Wood
Abraham Mailander | 20 James Robinson-Long |
| 5 Alvin Johnson | 21 Rick Hughes |
| 7 Nancy Beaver
Emily Beaver | 22 Anne Cooper
Melzer Morgan, Jr. |
| 8 Mike Duckworth
Patti Pyle
Cullen Ferguson | 23 Jessie Stitt
Maria Rachman
Gus Nelson |
| 9 Don McMahill
Martha Griffin | 24 Scottie Cannon
Burkley Reece
Greta Ginn |
| 10 Scott Roy
David Kadau
Jen Partlow
Darrell Johnson
Knox Gunn | 25 Laurie Furr-Vancini |
| 11 Pam McMurray | 26 Josie Davis
Munroe Robinson
Tom Cullen |
| 12 Ellen Coward
Cliff Schlegelmilch
Jonathan Ehrlich | 27 Bill Pollard
Paul Garrity
Jamie Munn
Harrison Partlow |
| 13 Miriam Baker | 28 Ginny Soll |
| 14 Karen Davis
John Smith | 29 Martha Murphy
Judith Burt
Max Dodson |
| 16 Betty Thum
Joe Tyson
Randy Peterson
Christy Carswell | 31 Edith Covert |



Dear BMPC Family,

Thank you so much for providing the space in your church sanctuary for the Swannanoa Valley Martin Luther King Prayer Gathering 2023. You truly welcomed us to your community by including us in the combined choir and assisting us in every way to make this a beautiful event.

Special thanks to Rev. Robinson host, Rev. Florence coffee server, Aaron Price musical director, Jackie Kerr program creator, and Sam Webber set up. In addition, the following volunteers: Scottie and Tom Cannon, Beverly and George Thompson, Lewis Galloway, Robin and Tom Stiles, Jerry Peebles Alex Showers, John Snell, Betsy Murphy and Margo Smith. Members of the combined choirs of BMPC, Mills Chapel Baptist and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Swannanoa Valley. All who helped are greatly appreciated. If we did not include your name or group, please let me know.

We want to thank you for making our MLK gathering such a huge success in honoring Dr. King's dream of coming together as a Beloved Community and giving scholarships to our local students. You have truly welcomed us as part of your BMPC family. It is our hope to continue to build a loving community together.

In gratitude,

Sheila Showers, *President, Swannanoa Valley MLK*

Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, March 9

During the renovations it will take place upstairs in the education wing of the church. Lots of appointments still available! redcrossblood.org



You can add information to your profile in our database, *Realm*, at any time and 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.



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BMPC Child Protection Policy
providing a safe environment for children & youth



Family Worship

second and fourth Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

We are currently meeting in the narthex and we will
move outside once the weather allows!

