



BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

March 2024

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday

March 24

Palm Sunday recognizes the contrast of Jesus' entrance into the holy city with crowds excited at his arrival – only to turn on him in just a few days. We will wave palm branches to honor the beginning of this sacred week.

8:45AM FirstLight Service

10:00AM Family Worship

11:00AM Sanctuary Service

Maundy Thursday

March 28

This special service reflects upon the night of Jesus' meal with his disciples. Together, we will participate in a reverent worship service with special music and communion.

6:30PM in the Sanctuary with
Montreat Presbyterian

Good Friday

March 29

We will worship in the sanctuary by candlelight. The service will help us attend closely – with readings, prayer, and music – to the betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus.

7:00PM Sanctuary Service

Easter Sunday

March 31

A joyful service to celebrate that Jesus has risen! We are proud to feature brass and organ in our 11AM service. Come prepared to sing praises!

7:00AM Sunrise Service in Town Square

8:45AM FirstLight Service

10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt for children
(ages birth-10) church house/playground

11:00AM Sanctuary Service

- Overflow seating will be available in the narthex during the 11:00 service
- A cross will be placed outside for families to bring flowers and, if you desire, take a family picture
- Childcare is provided during the 8:45 and 11:00 services
- We encourage fully-abled members to park farther away, allowing spaces for visitors and those with special needs.



MATTHEW 25

With our renovations complete, our narthex is back and with it all the possibilities that mark BMPC as an outreach focused church. To celebrate the space to gather, not only people but also things helpful to those in need, **as part of our**

Lenten observance, we will be collecting towels for AHOPE Day Center in Asheville.

AHOPE furnishes basic needs for those without permanent housing by providing a contact place to receive mail, to keep valuables, and rest with a cup of coffee and a friendly welcome. A person can also come to AHOPE for a shower, and thus, the need for towels. **The towels can be in any reasonable condition as long as they are good for drying off.** Towels are used daily, washed and reused, and so the supply needs regular replenishment. **The collection happens March 3-24 in the narthex.** They will be delivered the week before Easter to the AHOPE Center. AHOPE provides temporary, basic needs, and is part of Homeward Bound which works "to prevent and end homelessness in our community through permanent housing and support." **The AHOPE towel collection is part of the Mission team's commitment to our Matthew 25 initiative, especially supporting agencies that strive to eliminate systemic poverty.** If you are interested in the services offered by Homeward Bound in Asheville and how you can help, check out their website: <https://homewardboundwnc.org/>.

Church Fellowship Night at Foothills Grange Monday, March 4 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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

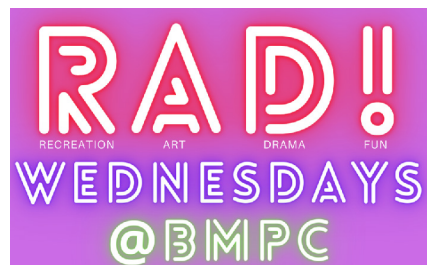
Dad's Retreat – March 15-17

Dan Davis and David Carter Florence will lead this hiking, camping, and spiritual formation retreat on Friday-Sunday, March 15-17. We will explore metaphors for our lives as we explore the landscapes of Looking Glass, John Rock, and waterfalls on the Davidson River in the Brevard area. Please sign up ASAP with David@bmpcnc.org. Questions? Call David at 404-550-2115.

Winter session continues through March 20.

Spring RAD! Wednesdays – April 10 through May 22.

We will learn about Fruits of the Spirit and prepare for Children's Worship on Sunday, May 19. Children ages four through sixth grade are welcome and our church bus picks up at BMP, BME, and ArtSpace. Register at bmpcnc.org



Lenten Thoughts from Katharine Hayhoe

Every year, I add two new carbon habits to my life. First, because it's the right thing to do. But most of all, because it inspires me.

I used to think that the important people were taking care of the important problems. I don't think that any more. . . Important problems don't get fixed until enough ordinary people mobilize to take action.

Focusing on individual choices around air travel and beef consumption heightens the risk of losing sight of the gorilla in the room: civilization's reliance on fossil fuels for energy and transport overall, roughly two-thirds of global carbon emissions. That's why . . . the most important thing every single one of us can do about climate change is talk about it – why it matters, and how we can fix it – and use our voices to advocate for change within our spheres of influence.

Science tells us it's too late to avoid all of the impacts of climate change. Some are already here today. Others are inevitable, because of the past choices we've made, and that can make us afraid. But the research I do is clear: it is not too late to avoid the most serious and dangerous impacts. Our choices will determine what happens.

I make a practice of hope. I search for and collect and share stories and good news about people who are making a difference. . . I participate in events and partner with organizations that share my values and promote advocacy and action. . . [Hope] is the glue that brings us together when every other force in the world, it seems, is trying to divide us into smaller and smaller tribes. Practice hope.

Jeannie DuBose returns
March 20 & 27 at 6:00 p.m., CR1
*The Agony and the Ecstasy:
Navigating Aging – Mind,
Body and Spirit*

Solar Panel Report January 1-31, 2024

- Energy captured from the sun –1,410 kWh
- Money saved at 11 cents per kWh – \$155
- CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 1,142 lbs. (This is a little more than January 2023)
- Duke Energy Bill, Jan 10-Feb 8, 2024 – \$1,513.11 (Total electric bill for all buildings and outdoor lights.) Total energy captured since inception in 2016 –128,850 kWh
- Money saved at 11 cents per kWh – \$14,174
- CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 104,369 lbs. or 52.2 tons

Spaghetti Dinners through March 20, 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Help is needed with set-up, cooking, serving, washing dishes, and clean-up. Suggested donation is \$5/per person, \$3 for children three and under, or \$20/per family. However, it is a pay what you can event and everyone is welcome. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. Please RSVP weekly online, on the sign-up sheet outside fellowship hall, or by calling the office (669-2725).

Second Sunday Programming

On the second Sunday morning of each month at 10:00, parents are invited to drop off their children three years old and older for a story, craft, and snack in fellowship hall. Parents are welcome to stay or join the parents group with Ken and Kitty Kelly in the Parlor. Children under three will be cared for in the nursery.

BMPC YOUTH

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Egg My Yard FUNDRAISER

ORDER PRE-FILLED EGGS
DELIVERED TO YOU ON
MARCH 29TH

ORDER YOUR FUN FILLED EGGS WHICH CAN BE
HIDDEN BY OUR YOUTH GROUP IN THE
AFTERNOON OR DELIVERED TO YOUR PORCH.

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 3-26

ORDER ON THE WEBSITE
WWW.BMPCNC.ORG

25 FOR \$25
50 FOR \$45
75 FOR \$65



The Youth are organizing their first ever **Egg My Yard Fundraiser**. We will have pre-filled eggs available for purchase. The youth will either hide the eggs in your yard or deliver them to your porch on March 29. These eggs are filled with stickers, toys and candy and are great for families and neighbors. Go to bmpcnc.org to fill out an order form before March 26. Thanks for supporting BMPC youth!

Special thanks to Julie and Dale Culpepper; Yvette and Mike Ballard; and Ellen and Stephen Smith for being amazing hosts for our progressive dinner this year!

March 2024

- SUN 3 Chopped Cooking 2-4pm
- WED 6 Small Groups 6:30-7:30pm
- F-S 8-9 HS Mission Retreat
- SUN 10 Scavenger Hunt 2-4pm
- WED 13 Small Groups 6:30-7:30pm
- SUN 17 Retrocade 2-5pm
- WED 20 Small Groups 6:30-7:30pm
- SUN 24 Duct Tape Battle 2-4pm
- WED 27 Small Groups 6:30-7:30pm
- FRI 29 Egg My Yard Fundraiser



Opportunity to Support Madagascar Special Project

PCUSA missionaries Dan and Elizabeth Turk, whom our church supports, have requested funding for a special project which helps train teachers for the southern and western parts of Madagascar where schools are few and far between. Their partner in this endeavor is the FJKM or national church which trains and supports the students for this project. The total cost to train one student to become a teacher is \$3,350 for a three-year period. This amount includes all books, tuition, food, board, and travel. The FJKM seeks to expand this program in order to train more students. As a reminder that the people of southern and western Madagascar are truly “the least of these,” many do not have beyond a third-grade education and girls are expected to marry around the age of 14. Because of the lack of infrastructure and opportunity in these areas it is difficult to find teachers so FJKM has focused on recruiting students from the south and the west who are willing to go back home and serve.



PC(USA) (tax-deductible)

Make checks payable to “PC(USA),” noting ECO E052045 & “Special Student Teacher Program in Madagascar” on the memo line. Send to: Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

For online giving, visit <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/E052045/>. Complete your donation information and click “Next”. Under “Step 3” type in «Special Student Teacher Program in Madagascar» in the “Comments/Instruction box.”

The Outreach Foundation (TOF) (tax-deductible)

For telephone contributions with a credit card, call (615) 778-8881 and designate “Special Student Teacher Program in Madagascar.”



Presbyterian Women

Circles meet

Tuesday, March 5

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. Church House

Esther

10:30 a.m. Highland Farms
Margaret room in Brookside bldg.

Naomi

3:00 p.m. Church House

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. CR1

Ruth

1:30 p.m. Highland Farms
Margaret room in Brookside bldg.

Wednesday, March 6

Joy

6:30 p.m. CR2

Tuesday, March 12

Lydia

6:30 p.m. Church House

For more information, contact:
Barbara Brinson (716) 307-9054
Ann Wilde (713) 851-5418

***Putting faith in action
is what we do!***

www.presbyterianwomen.org

March birthdays

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

Mama's Group

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
at the Church House

Dear BMPC,

I am headed back to El Paso, TX, to volunteer with Annunciation House on March 23. Annunciation House provides hospitality in the form of shelter, food, clothing, communication, transportation to refugees, migrants and immigrants at the border. I will be there for two weeks using my Spanish as well as Google Translate to help in any way I can. Your prayers are so important to me and I'm grateful for your monetary support through the Mission Committee. Peace, **Jessi Stitt**



Volunteers from 2023: Carol, Sister Bea, Jessi, Elizabeth

We are pleased that we have the opportunity to furnish our **Hope for Tomorrow** unit again this spring. Watch for more information and lists of things needed to help our fourth family on their way to permanent housing.



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providing a safe environment for children & youth



MATTHEW 25

**Did you know that our church Weekday School
has been around for 40 years?**

**We hope that you will join us as we celebrate this amazing
mission and ministry of our congregation on
Sunday, March 17, during both worship services.**

*The Weekday School Art Show will be on display
for everyone to enjoy.*