The Church Nominating Committee is excited to present its nominees for the Congregation's seven member Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Book of Order provides that other nominations can be made from the floor. Please prayerfully consider and undergird with support the members who will be elected to represent us in this search.

**Jane Bannerman** is married to Craig and they have two children, Megan and Levi. Jane has been actively involved in BMPC since she joined in 1996. Jane enjoys teaching Sunday School and working with LOGOS and is a member and past chair of the CE Committee. She has also served on our session. Jane works at the General Store at the Montreat Conference Center.

**Samuel Baraki** was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He did graduate studies in the Soviet Union, and later left to seek political asylum in West Germany. In 1988, he found his new home in Swannanoa with the help of this church. He has been a member for almost 22 years, served as an elder, and chaired the Mission Committee. He works as a Clinical Laboratory scientist at Geneva Diagnostics. He and his wife, Netsanet Solomon, have two boys, Isaac and Matthew.

**Jane Collins** has been a member of BMPC for 19 years. Her husband, Bob, was a Presbyterian minister for 40 years and served in Missouri (33 years) before retiring here in 1992. Jane sings in the choir, volunteers in the church office, serves on the Worship & Music committee, and regularly helps with the Mother/Child retreat for the Women’s Prison. She is an ordained elder and is currently on the Validated Ministry Committee for the Presbytery of WNC.

**Bill Cox**, along with his wife, Dee, has been a member of BMPC for almost ten years. Bill’s leadership includes service on Session, Personnel Committee (chair), Finance Committee, Stephen Ministry, Older Adult Ministry. He served as Moderator of our deacons for four years and has served on committees at the presbytery level. Bill chaired the PNC that brought Shannon to be our pastor. Before his retirement, Bill served as Vice-President of Days Inns, Inc. and Holiday Inn Corp.

**Karen Davis** has been a member of BMPC for 13 years. She has two children, Micah and Josie, and currently works with husband Dan at Camp Rockmont. Karen has taught Sunday School, worked with LOGOS, and assisted with youth ministry. She previously served on the search committee that brought Mike Barker to us. She has a Master of Divinity degree.

**Cody Duckworth** has always lived in this area and has been a member of BMPC since he was baptized as an infant. His favorite things to do are play basketball, hang out with his friends, and go hiking with his dog. He hopes to attend UNC after graduation in 2012 from Owen High School. He wants our committee to find a great associate pastor who will connect with the youth in a way that continues to strengthen our youth program.

**Kent Patton** has been a member of the BMPC his entire life. Kent has been working with the youth program for over 30 years and enjoys taking the youth on mission trips and attending conferences and retreats. Kent has served as both a deacon and an elder. He is the Session Representative for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. He has served on the Mission Committee and is currently the Chair of the Worship Committee. Kent is married to Alice and they have four children.
Sunday, May 15
8:30 a.m. FirstLight Worship
9:30 a.m. Becomers and Biblical Perspectives Classes
9:45 a.m. Church School classes
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Long Range Planning Com.
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
5:00 p.m. Senior High Hike
6:00 p.m. FISH (middle schoolers)

Monday, May 16
10:30 a.m. Adult Handbells
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, May 17
1:30 p.m. Interim Ministers Com.
5:30 p.m. PW May Birthday Program
7:00 p.m. Prophets of Praise

Wednesday, May 18
10:00 a.m. Arts Team
11:30 a.m. Sharing The Word
12:30 p.m. Pres. Mission Committee
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, May 20
Last day of WKDS
7:00 p.m. Women’s AA Group

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This meeting will take place in the fellowship hall at 10:30 a.m. (in between services) on May 22nd.

Sunday, May 22
8:30 a.m. FirstLight Worship
9:30 a.m. Becomers and Biblical Perspectives Classes
9:45 a.m. Church School classes
10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. MS – Wild Goose Chase
6:00 p.m. Seniors and College Students at Graham Neville’s

Monday, May 23
10:30 a.m. Adult Handbells
6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 24
7:00 p.m. Prophets of Praise

Wednesday, May 25
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 26
Staff Retreat
1:00 p.m. P. Small Church Com.
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, May 27
7:00 p.m. Women’s AA Group

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and all other church information
www.bmpcnc.org
Happy Birthday!

May

15  John Walker
16  Kitty Kelly
    Stan Skeen
    Rachel Beaver
17  Ned Hollandsworth
    Luci Tomlin
    Alice Schweitzer
    Kent Smith
18  Mary McMahill
19  Anne Moseley
    Alice Smith
21  Mimi Wilde
22  Nancy Murray
    Barbara Gaw
    Ruth Duckworth
24  Elizabeth Turk
26  Helen Smith
27  Bill McMurray
    Davis Guy Campbell
29  David Bennett
    Sophie Crane
    John Wilson
30  Judith Williams
    Christopher Melton
31  Mary Ault
    Jan Donnell
    Jennifer CHilton
    Ethan Kadau
    Lillie Chilton

Thank you friends for the tremendous support you have shown those we serve. —Helpmate, a domestic violence agency

We want to express our gratitude for your generosity in support of the Ministry of Hope Chaplaincy Committee. Your contribution will make an immediate difference in the lives of the incarcerated women at the Swannanoa Correctional Center.

Black Mountain Community

BLOOD DRIVE

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

Thursday, June 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

Are you missing something?

In the church office we are gathering more of your items than we can handle. If you have lost keys, plates, bowls, jackets, eye glasses, drink bottles, umbrellas, or pocket books, please come by the church and find your item. We will be cleaning off this table June 1. Thanks.

Next Window deadline

Monday, May 23rd

12:00 Noon.

Send to: jackie@bmpcnc.org
Dear BMPC,
I will be traveling to Nicaragua from June 12-19 with a group from Davidson College Presbyterian Church (where I have volunteered and worked during my time at Davidson). We will meet with communities and churches outside of Managua to strengthen DCPC's partnership with organizations in the area. While there, I hope to explore my interests in art ministry by doing crafts with school children and adults. I look forward to experiencing God's love in a new way, and in a new place – something I will take with me as I enter seminary in July. The cost of the trip is $1500. If you would like to support me in my journey, you may send donations to: 525 North Fork Rd., Black Mountain. I am so thankful for the many ways BMPC has supported, and continues to support my journeys and endeavors. Thanks for the love!

With peace,
Lisle Gwynn

Hilda Hobson has served Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for the last two years as Moderator of the Presbyterian Women. Hilda has beautifully led the Presbyterian Women in nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study and in supporting the mission of the church worldwide. Thank you, Hilda, for two wonderful years of your Spirit-filled leadership!

A Banner for Guatemala
Each year BMPC joins in partnership with our sister church in Guatemala to help 30 poor children attend school. A gift of $60 provides each child with school tuition, a uniform, new shoes, a backpack, books and other school supplies. We just received several wonderful letters from the kids to their pen pals here in the church. The youth will be making a banner for Jim Layman to take to the youth group in Guatemala when he goes in June.

85+ Gathering
Let’s go to the Lake!
Bill & Mary McMurray have generously offered us their lake home for our June gathering. It will be held on Friday, June 3. Reserve your place by calling Penny or Hugh Mayronne at 669-0360. Look for more information in the next Window.
Sunday, May 15th 4-6 p.m.  
Confirmands meet with Shannon

Sunday, May 15th  6-7:30 p.m.  
FISH

Sunday, May 22nd 6-7:30 p.m.  
Wild Goose Chase!!

Sunday, June 5 4 p.m.  
Massanetta meeting for parents and youth. All youth registered for Massanetta, July 7-10, must attend.

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**Confirmation News**

The six confirmands and their covenant partners will be meeting with Pastor Shannon on Sunday, May 15th at 4 p.m.. They will be examined by Session on May 23rd.  
Please keep these confirmands in your prayers:

- Matt Begley  
- Nick Murphy  
- Benjamin Fleagle  
- Eli Barker  
- Lauren Nalley  
- Katie Craig

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**Senior High**

**Sunday, May 15th** — Hike to Catawba Falls. Meet at Church at 5 p.m. Bring your own dinner to carry on hike and plenty of water. Pick up at 7:30.

**Friday, May 20-21st** — Senior High Retreat - call Beth (828-329-9209) ASAP for availability. Mission focused overnight with Asheville Youth Mission. Senior Highs from all over our Presbytery will be attending. Cost: $60 (if Beth has your name on list already, cost is $45).

**Sunday, May 22nd** — Seniors honored in Worship (both services) then all Seniors and College students meet at 6 p.m. at Graham Neville's house for an evening of fellowship, fun and prep for college life!

**Sunday, May 29th** — High School Brunch at Oak House immediately following *FirstLight* (10:15 am). Bring money for brunch! No youth group that night – Memorial Day Weekend

**Sunday, June 5th**

- **4 p.m.** — Parent and Youth meeting about Montreat Youth Conference. If you are registered to attend MYC (6/12-6/18) then you and your parent(s) must attend this meeting!
- **5 p.m.** — Parent and Youth meeting about Philadelphia Mission Trip.

**June 12-18** — Montreat Youth Conference

**June 24-30** — Broad Street Ministry Mission Trip
Did you know? Nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. (The Commonwealth Fund, Survey of Women’s Health, May 1999)

**REMINDER from the Mission Committee**

Help the Hungry in our Valley.
Bring canned goods to church **every** Sunday.
"A Can for Each Hand"

Sara LeVan needs one or two people to help her put away banners. We are blessed to have such beautiful hand worked banners and we want to treasure them for years and years. If you can spare an hour or two on May 17th at 10 a.m., please call Sara at 669-8786. Thank you.

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**Jim Layman to Travel to Guatemala with our Presbytery Team, June 1-8**

It is through our Presbytery Partnership with Guatemala that the Black Mountain Church has established a partnership with the Eben-Ezer Church. We are one of twenty churches in our Presbytery of Western North Carolina with such partnerships.

The Eben-Ezer Church is in San Antonio, Suchitepequez on the CA2 south of Lake Atitlan. Rev. Edwin Gelista is Pastor. Others of our staff and members have visited in the past.

Jim will visit this church the weekend of June 5. Many of you have been involved with members of this congregation by providing scholarships for their school children and by writing letters. **If you are interested in participating contact Grace Stitt, Mission Committee Chair or Ellen Farrior.** Recent letters and school reports have been received and are available at our church.

The PCUSA is active with the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church, since 1882, assisting in their seminary theological education, providing Young Adult Volunteers, and supporting women’s leadership development.

The Session has committed to prayer support for Jim, the team of six and our partner church. You are invited to join them in prayer. Jim will be commissioned on May 29 in worship and will give a Moment of Mission on June 12 when he returns.

**Email for All**

A great deal of current information is sent out by email and this would help those who do not email stay more up to date. So if you know someone who does not email, please contact that person, and set up a plan to print emails out for them. This would be a great gift to some of our members and the church. Thank you.
Swannanoa Valley
Transitional Housing Committee
is asking for our help.

The SVTHC is a Non Profit that helps women transition from prison back into life. The SVTHC has purchased a house that will be able to help about 6 women at a time. The SVTHC tries to help women as they come out of prison to avoid going back to prison. They arrange job training, require that they get jobs and provide housing. The importance of this program is to get women out of the situation that put them into prison.

DONATIONS NEEDED:
- Folding Chairs
- Card Tables
- Small Appliances
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Lawn maintenance equipment
- Lawn Mower
- Walmart gift cards
- Food gift cards

All donations are tax deductible.

5th 3rd Bank has offered their facility for the month of May to collect needed supplies and donations. Please bring gently used items and new items and supplies to the 5th 3rd Bank during operational hours in May: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
April Report from the Finance Committee

Financial Results to Date
Through the month of April, the church’s expenses are almost exactly on budget while revenues are almost $22,000 lower than expected. Lower revenues, as shown below, are primarily due to lower pledge payments and lower unpledged contributions.

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Overall Budget Variance (21,735)

The church’s receipts can be “lumpy” as individuals give gifts of stock or make payments based on their personal financial plans. First quarter pledge statements were sent out at the end of March. Please review your statements, inform the office of any discrepancies and please keep your payments up to date as you are able. Many thanks for all of your financial support.

Financing Property Improvements
Because of prior budget constraints, the Property Committee and the Session have, in the past, deferred a number of expenditures. At this point, these expenditures need to be completed to insure a safe and functional physical plant. A start on this work was made last year, when the first (south) portion of the retaining wall at the rear of the church was completed with funds from the 2010 property budget and support from the discretionary endowment fund.

Two major projects will be completed this year with funding from several sources. The first, which is currently underway, is the completion of the north section of the rear retaining wall. Air conditioning equipment, which was located in a section of the old wall, has been temporarily removed and the wall is being replaced. Upon completion of the wall, the air conditioning equipment will be put back in place.

The second project will involve permanently removing all air conditioning equipment from the roof over the library. This roof, which is leaking, will be replaced. New air conditioning and heating equipment will be installed at ground level within a section of the south wall. This should result in a significant reduction in our energy bills while eliminating problems caused by the leaking roof.

The overall cost of these capital improvements will be approximately $82,000, which exceeds our yearly budget for maintenance. Available funds in the property budget are approximately $30,000 and the Endowment Committee has made $12,000 available from its discretionary fund. Since these expenditures are of a long-term capital nature, Session, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, has approved the use of a loan of up to $50,000 to pay for the remainder of the expenditures. The actual use of these funds is expected to total $40,000. The interest rate will be 4.7% and the loan will be repaid in monthly installments of $749 over five years which will be charged to the property budget. Today’s low interest rate environment has presented us with an opportunity to complete these needed repairs at an attractive cost.
THANKS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee wants to thank all those who volunteer their time to make both worship services so meaningful to our members and visitors each Sunday. Thanks to our greeters, ushers, liturgists, choir members, communion servers and preparers, the sanctuary arts team, Highland Farms and McCune Center transportation drivers, the Prophets of Praise, our audio/visual operators, nursery and extended session workers, flower arrangers, Guide to Worship folders, hospitality hosts, and YOU who make our services a welcoming place to worship. From this list, you can see that it takes a dedicated group of volunteers along with our gifted staff to enable worship to happen and run smoothly each Sunday.

We currently have a need for more volunteers on Sunday mornings for worship to serve on a rotating basis:

For FirstLight
1. A sound board operator (no experience necessary, we will train)
2. Powerpoint operator (no experience necessary, we will train)
3. First Light Powerpoint creator (computer experience needed, will train)
4. Musicians – drummer, flutist
5. Singers – vocal experience desired
6. Ushers and greeters
7. Refreshment host and hostess (set up for between services)

For 11:00 Service
1. Overflow seating coordinator- person or couple to monitor and set up overflow seating in the narthex when necessary and also run the remote control for the video monitor during the service.
2. Team of two or three people to prepare communion on a quarterly basis.
3. Sanctuary Arts Team – Persons to help with the care and display of banners and other visual arts that enhance our worship.

PLEASE CALL OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH ANY OF THESE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.
Friends,
I have included a letter that was written by our Presbytery leadership regarding the (soon-to-be) passing of Amendment A. I know that many of us will stand in different places regarding this change. But regardless, I still believe that as church, "as long as our hearts are one, our minds don't have to be." Please feel free to contact me with any questions, any joys, or any concerns you might have about what this change means.
Sincerely,
Shannon JK, Pastor

LETTER ON ORDINATION STANDARDS
AMENDMENT 10-A
(Book of Order G-6.0106B)

FROM: Bobbi White, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Western North Carolina
James Aydelotte, Moderator, Presbytery of Western North Carolina

TO: Ministers, Clerks of Session, Elders, and Educators in Presbytery of Western North Carolina

DATE: May 6, 2011

May the peace of Christ be with you.

We have recently received a number of questions about what will occur should the proposed amendment to G-6.0106b concerning our church’s ordination standards receive sufficient positive votes to become part of the Book of Order on July 12, 2011. A minimum of 87 positive votes among our 173 presbyteries is needed for the amendment to be adopted. According to the latest tally of the General Assembly, 75 presbyteries have voted in favor of the amendment, and 57 have voted against it. That official tally is usually a week or more out of date; unofficial tallies say the amendment will pass. Each minister, elder and session should therefore be clear as to what may change and what will not change, if this amendment passes.

The current text of G-6.0106b reads:
Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life of obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

The proposed language eliminates reference to sexual behavior as an explicit standard for ordained office in the church. The Book of Order will no longer highlight this one issue, which was the case...
before 1997. This does not mean that ordaining bodies – sessions for elders and deacons, and presbyteries for ministers – should not consider the sexual behavior of candidates, but only among many other important factors. The previous paragraph, G-6.0106a, still requires all officers and candidates to be “persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,” and that “their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world.”

3. As has generally been the practice of the Presbyterian Church since 1729, it will be up to each ordaining body to determine the suitability of individual candidates, applying biblical and confessional standards as that body is led by the Spirit to understand them.

4. Each session or presbytery must prayerfully and carefully determine what Scripture and our confessions say concerning the requirements in the ordination questions (W-4.4003). Those questions ask the candidate to affirm, among other things, faith in the Triune God and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as acceptance of the Scriptures as God’s Word, and obedience to Christ under the authority of Scripture and the guidance of our confessions. After examination, the ordaining body must then assess whether each candidate is committed to live out those requirements.

5. This change, if adopted, does not mean that ordination is a right for anyone. No session or presbytery will be under any obligation to ordain any candidate or receive as a member any transferring officer, unless the ordaining body’s sense of faithfulness to Scripture and our Constitution commends that action. Each presbytery will continue to be the sole judge of its membership; and as now, no minister can be installed in a congregation without that congregation’s consent.

Summary

The proposed new language of G-6.0106b places squarely on the shoulders of each session and presbytery the responsibility of conducting thorough and insightful examinations of those proposed for the church’s ordered ministries, for which the guidance of Scripture and our Constitution (books of confessions and order) is mandated.

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has advised that, should this amendment be passed, additional information, guidance and resources will immediately be made available to all our congregations.

As always, we are ready and eager to support the work of our sessions as they assess their examination practices. Please feel free to call any of us and let us know how we may be of help. Should a session have any particular questions, we would be glad to meet with them.

As we prayerfully consider the next weeks and months in the life of our churches and presbytery, may we remember that we are all called to be a part of the one Body of Christ, serving him and his world. It is thus all the more important for all to work together in the Body of Christ, regardless of our understanding of the issues surrounding this amendment, may we respect and encourage one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Grace and Peace in the Lord!

Bobbi White
General Presbyter

Bert Sigmon
Stated Clerk

James Aydelotte
Moderator
Report from Letter Writing Sunday for Bread For The World

A BIG thank you to all of you who took the time and effort to write letters that encourage our senators and representatives to help pass new laws for helping to end hunger.

We mailed over 175 letters and gave out 700 letters to those who would write at home. Please, if you missed this letter writing day, there are copies of letters for you to pick up at the church.

We wish to thank the generous donor who brought $10 worth of stamps to put on the envelopes.

All across the USA we have joined many other churches who participate in the writing of letters. Let us pray that funds will be given to help the poor. Please be assured these funds are not just for foreign policy but affects all efforts to help poverty here in the USA too. For further information on how you can become a member of Bread For The World and help this cause go to breadfortheworld.com

Also if you are interested in what our church does for missions all over the world and in our community, please come join us at our monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:45 p.m. You can make a difference!