We Can Take A Stand Against Hunger on October 7

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 7, 2012, beginning at 2:00, we will measure, count, and pack 20,000 meals. There are jobs for people of all ages and conditions, and individuals and families are encouraged to take part.

Let’s Get to Know Each Other and CONNECT

We have so many new members and a new pictorial directory can help us get to know each other. Beginning this Sunday, you can sign up for a portrait session for our new pictorial directory. Portraits will be taken at BMPC by LifeTouch, a professional photography team, one day in October and several days in November. The dates are: **October 23, November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 23, 24.**

You should plan one hour for check-in, photography and portrait selection. You will be able to view your images on the day of your photo session and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. You will receive an 8”x10” portrait regardless of whether you choose to buy additional portraits or not. Please help us to make this a great and successful directory!
Sunday, September 30
8:30 a.m. FirstLight
9:40 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Potato Lunch
4:15 p.m. Orchestra
5:30 p.m. Handbells

Monday, October 1
1:00 p.m. Preaching Group

Tuesday, October 2
Presbyterian Women Circles meet
7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, October 3
11:30 a.m. Sharing The Word
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 5
12:00 p.m. Window Deadline
7:00 p.m. Women’s AA Meeting

Saturday, October 6
3:00 p.m. MS Youth Camping Trip

Sunday, October 7
World Communion
8:30 a.m. FirstLight
9:40 a.m. Church School
9:40 a.m. Inquirers’ Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Stop Hunger Now
4:15 p.m. Orchestra
5:30 p.m. Handbells

Monday, October 8
6:45 p.m. Committee Meetings

Tuesday, October 9
1:00 p.m. PW Fall Gathering
7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, October 10
11:30 a.m. Sharing The Word
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 11
1:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, October 12
7:00 p.m. Women’s AA Meeting

Saturday, October 13
10:00 a.m. HS Youth Camping Trip

Many other groups meet at BMPC, but are not reflected on this calendar.

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LOGOS Themes
Oct. 3 Around The World Night
Oct. 10 Backwards Night
September 24, 2012

Dear friends,

I wanted to let you know that Bob Ratchford entered God's Church Triumphant Sunday evening. Bob served as Pastor of this congregation from 1998-2007. Bob and Susan were very dear to many people in this church and I know they grieve his death. Bob was 63 years old and had been serving at River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA, since leaving here. It was a great match with that congregation and I know they enjoyed healthy and vibrant ministry together. We will want to keep that congregation in our prayers, too. There will be a service of witness to the resurrection in Richmond on Thursday, September 27. The address of the church is: 8960 River Road, Richmond, VA, 23229. Our congregation will send a plant or flowers to be present for that service as a way to show our love and support for Susan and their family. I will also find out about memorial gifts and let you know. I know that Bob's death will impact many of you, including some of our staff who worked with him and loved him. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Sincerely,
Shannon JK

Cards may be sent to Susan and family at:
200 Arrowview Court, Richmond, VA 23229

Walk for Hunger Relief

October 14

On Sunday, October 14, the Swannanoa Valley Walk for Hunger Relief will take place to help SVCM raise critical funds to meet the rising hunger needs in the Valley. We'd like BMPC to have an awesome presence, joining hundreds from other churches to support SVCM as we walk through town to raise awareness of this need. Help SVCM by walking and donating generously to raise funds to help families in our Valley. Sign up in the narthex after both services up until the day of the event.
In Our Community

Former White House Speechwriter to Speak at Montreat College

Michael Gerson, former speechwriter for the White House, will visit the Montreat College main campus on Wednesday, October 3, to present two messages on the topic of faith and politics. At 10 a.m. in Gaither Chapel, Gerson will give a lecture titled “Three Christian Responses to Suffering” and at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Prodigal he will present “Whose Responsibility is Opportunity? The Role of Government, Citizens, and Civil Society.” Both speaking events are free and open to the public.

Michael Gerson is a nationally syndicated columnist who appears twice weekly in the Washington Post. Gerson serves as Senior Advisor at ONE, a bipartisan organization dedicated to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable diseases. Gerson was a top aide to President George W. Bush as Assistant to the President for Policy and Strategic Planning. He was a key administration advocate for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), the fight against global sex trafficking, and funding for women's justice and empowerment issues. He served in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Speechwriting and Assistant to the President for Speechwriting and Policy Advisor. Gerson joined Bush's presidential campaign in early 1999 as chief speechwriter and a senior policy adviser.

Gerson is a graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois. He grew up in the St. Louis area and now lives with his wife and sons in northern Virginia.

The Korea Choir
Highland Farms
October 22 at 3:30 p.m.

“Better Together: A New Kind of Partnership That Makes a Difference”
PC(USA) World Mission Presentation
by Karen Gadson
Regional Development Manager
Highland Farms, Black Mountain Assembly Room
Wednesday, October 10, 2:00 p.m.

Please come join us!

RSVP by 10/8 to Mariella Provost at 828-669-6391 or mariellaprovost@bellsouth.net

Faith Bradley with Rev. and Mrs. Lim, PCUSA missionaries, on a recent visit.
Circle Meetings
Tuesday, October 2

Elizabeth Circle
Carolyn Cordell, 108 Aycock

Esther Circle
Betty Lou Jeffrey, 74 Timber Park Drive

Miriam Circle
Isbell Behrer
713 Garren Creek Rd., Fairview
Meet at the church at 9:15

Naomi Circle
Barbara Godfrey
Meet at the church at 7:00

Priscilla Circle
Dee Cox, 70 White Oak Trail

Rebekah Circle
Meet at Limbert Lounge at 3:00

Ruth Circle
Glenda McDaniel, 61 Wagon Trail

Sarah Circle
Polly Miller, 315 Melanie Lane

Faces in the Crowd
The music scholarship ad hoc committee (Mike Barker, David Starkey, Charlotte Sprawls) has selected three recipients for scholarships for the Fall 2012 semester. You might notice these folks amongst our musicians. Juliana Steccone will be ringing with our adult handbell ensemble, and helping Mike Barker develop a ringing experience for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade children as part of Logos, and for middle school students. Brooke Alexander and Ciara Stalling will both be singing with our chancel choir (sopranos). All three scholarship recipients are students at Montreat College. Look for more information about these three young musicians in an upcoming newsletter. For now, help make them feel welcome! The music scholarship ministry is funded by our church budget, with additional funding this semester coming from special gifts to the music reserve fund. Speak to Mike Barker for more information.

85± Fall Gathering
Please join your friends for a delicious lunch and to view the Fall colors of the changing leaves.

Betty Lou Jeffrey will host the luncheon at her home on Friday, October 12.
The bus will pick up folks at Highland Farms at 10:45 a.m.
Please call Penny or Hugh Mayronne at 669-0360 by Tuesday, Oct. 9, to reserve your place at the luncheon.
25 middle school youth and 7 adult advisors went out to Blue Ridge Assembly for group building activities on the High Ropes Course on Sunday afternoon, September 16th. We had a great time getting to know each other and learning to trust each other while on the high ropes course. We are well on our way into another year of great youth ministry at BMPC!

Thanks for your support of youth ministry. Don't forget our Potato Lunch fundraiser coming up on Sunday, September 30th.
Youth Calendar

Middle School

9/30
Potato lunch (no evening youth)
All parents on deck 9:40-10:45 a.m.
  Orchestra 4:15

10/6-7
Camping Trip at Rockmont

10/7
Stop Hunger Now (church-wide event)
2-4 p.m. at BMPC
  Orchestra 4:15

10/14
Hunger Walk in afternoon 12:15-3 p.m.
  Orchestra 4:15

High School

9/30
(no evening youth) Orchestra 4:15

10/7
Stop Hunger Now (church-wide event)
2-4 p.m.
  Orchestra 4:15

10/13-14 Camping Trip Leave Saturday morning, back on Sunday afternoon

10/14
Hunger Walk 12:15-3 p.m.
(for youth not on camping trip)
Lunch out after church; Hunger Walk; debrief
  Orchestra 4:15

Questions? Contact Berry 669-2725 or berry@bmpcnc.org

Stewardship Kick-off Celebration 2013

Faithful Stewards of God’s Grace
  1 Peter 4:10

All Church Luncheon
Sunday, October 21 @ noon
generously provided by Phil’s BBQ

Faith Builders

Sept. 30  No class due to prep for Potato Lunch
Oct. 7  "Make Insight your Priority" or
      "Don't Assume You Know it All"
      Wise Sayings of Solomon
      (Read Proverbs 1-7 before class)

Biblical Perspectives

Sept. 30  Thinking About Holy Communion
  John Lamotte
Oct. 7  World Communion: Malawi, Jessie Stitt
Since 1888 Presbyterian Women have given thanks for their many blessings through a special yearly gift to support the important work of our church. The focus on how and where the money is used has changed over time, but the “Thank Offering to the Lord” continues to be an important part of our giving as Presbyterian Women. Today the Thank Offering supports educational, health, peace and justice programs for the elderly, disabled, homeless or displaced, children, youth and women. The projects must be consistent with the mission concerns and policies of PCUSA, have a purpose that meets basic human needs, and provide a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served. This year 26 projects in the US and abroad received grants totaling over $623,000. You can find information on this year’s recipients on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday, October 9, we’re having a luncheon to celebrate our blessings and give thanks through this year’s offering. Jessi Stitt will give a presentation on her recent service in Malawi where she was involved with two of this year’s grant recipients – the Ebenezer Institute of Learning in Nkhoma, Malawi, and the Nkhoma Hospital (home to Barbara Nagy and recipient of many, many knitted baby caps from this congregation). We look forward to hearing firsthand about the missions in Malawi, as well as sharing fellowship and giving thanks through this year’s Thank Offering.

Finally, we all have much to be thankful for, even if we’re not all Presbyterian Women. You can find out more and make your own contribution to the Thank Offering online at www.pcusa.org/give/302.