

LOGOS

February 18
No Logos
Ash Wednesday

February 25
Go Green



Logos children made valentines for the homeless shelter.



The Window

The news of
Black Mountain
Presbyterian Church
February 15-28, 2015

On a beautiful, sunny Sunday morning on February 1, 20 high school youth and six adults gathered on the beach at Isle of Palms, SC for a worship service. After a weekend retreat of initial youth Sunday planning, including small group Bible study, picking the theme (Do not worry - Luke 12:22-31), and applying the theme to our daily lives, the youth led a full worship service. Our worship service took seriously the weekend's work with Jesus' words in

Luke 12 and we had deeply moving honest confession, proclamation that involved a powerful youth-led skit, responding that included writing down what we worry over on a seashell and throwing that symbolically into the ocean. Our congregation is blessed with gifted and committed youth advisors and youth who are honest about who they are and their questions for and love of God. What a gift our young people are to this congregation.

Youth Sunday is March 8, we look forward to leading worship.



See inside for:

Opportunities for Worship Ash Wednesday and during Lent (*insert*)
Congregational Meeting on March 1 to vote on a new pastor! (*page 5*)

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**Potato Lunch
following 11:00 worship
Sunday, February 15**

Sunday, February 15

- 8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*
- 9:40 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Potato Lunch
- 4:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Campfire Time

The baskets in the narthex this month are creations of Beth Farmer.

Tuesday, February 17

- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

- 5:30 p.m. PNC Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Montreat Presbyterian
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 20

- 7:00 a.m. HS Youth Breakfast Club
- 12:00 p.m. *The Window* deadline
- 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting

Sunday, February 22

*First Sunday in Lent
Communion at both services
Five-Cents-a-Meal*

- 8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*
- 9:40 a.m. Adult Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Communion at Highland Farms
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth – What is Lent?
- 5:00 p.m. HS Youth – Mission Shoe Project
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Monday, February 23

- 7:00 p.m. Session meets

Tuesday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. Endowment Ministry Team
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study
- 2:15 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00 a.m. *The Window* folding ministry
- 3:00 p.m. Logos – Go Green
- 5:30 p.m. PNC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 27

- 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting

CareNotes

*Display Rack in Narthex
(behind the sitting area)*

Provided by your
BMPC Deacons.
Take any you find
to be helpful.

2015 Easter Garden

This Easter the BMPC Worship and Music Ministry Team is planning to create an Easter Garden in the Narthex. If you wish, select the plant of your choice to be given in honor or in memory of someone you love. The bulbs/plants may be taken home after Easter. The cost is \$8.00 per pot. Choices for your plant are hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, or green ferns.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Join the Presbyterian Women for an informative and interesting Bible study taught by Florence Shelor. She will teach the circle presenters and other attendees Lesson 7, "Economy of Grace," from 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. The session will be held in the Library on Tuesday, February 24, 1-2 p.m. The PW Coordinating Team will follow at 2:15 p.m. in CR-1.

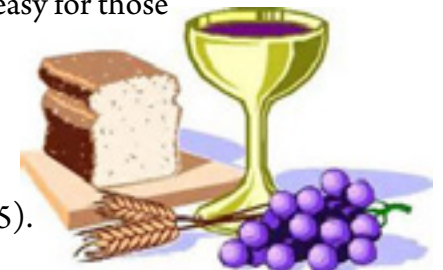
Appreciation corner

I would like to send up a sincere "Thank You" to all the wonderful folks who are part of our ministry of hospitality. The friendly ushers at the 11:00 o'clock worship services help make Black Mountain Presbyterian the welcoming, joyful church that it is. People of all ages are serving and I especially appreciate the young families who enjoy doing this. Many thanks to you all! I would welcome new usher volunteers, so anyone interested, please call me at 664-1810 or email bgriffina2@aol.com. This is a good way for newer members to meet fellow members and visitors.

Gratefully,
Barbara Griffin

Communion Serving 101

We would love to have additional ordained folks help serve communion at BMPC. If you are an ordained Deacon, Elder, or Clergy (at BMPC or a previous church) and would like to have a walk-through on serving Communion at BMPC, please join Berry and Lisbet at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on March 1. We want to make it easy for those serving communion for the first time. Please let Lisbet know if you are interested (669-2725).



Letter from Jordan Kelly, working in Uganda

Our own Jordan Kelly is spending several months in Uganda volunteering for the non-profit Sole Hope. Jordan was supported in part by our Mission Committee. The BMPC high school youth are spending some of this month working with Ken and Kitty Kelly to make shoes out of jeans to send to Sole Hope. Jordan has written on Sole Hope's website, solehope.org:

Words I would use to describe my first two weeks in Uganda: eye-opening, inspiring, fun and most of all hot! When we traveled to Kumuli, a village two and a half hours north of Jinja, to resettle the kids who had been at the Outreach house into their communities, I had no idea that Kayla, our friend Amanda, and I would be the first muzungus (white people) that some of the other children had ever seen before. As we slid out of the big green Sole Hope van, the kids who had congregated to see what was going on quickly looked us up and down and then ran away in many different directions. As I processed this, I began to see how this could be a truly terrifying event for some of these kids. I imagined what it would be like if I was working at home in North Carolina and all of a sudden a blue person with red eyes and purple hair walked into the restaurant. I would be terrified! This experience opened my eyes to see that there are people in the world who look and live so differently from how I do and that all of our lives are meaningful and beautiful. I've been to two jigger-removal clinics and they have definitely been my favorite days in Uganda thus far! To watch the kids dance and play with such joy and then sit bravely and patiently as strangers wash, poke and prod at their feet is a truly inspiring sight. On clinic days I get to see firsthand what an incredible impact Sole Hope and its supporters are having in the Busoga region and I am so grateful. Each day as a Sole Hope intern has been fun thus far because I get to interact with our wonderful Ugandan staff who are always smiling, play with kids and just get to know another culture! And because it's summer in Uganda, every day has been incredibly hot, usually around 90° Fahrenheit – which means we drink a lot of water and passionfruit juice!

Check out Jordan's blog: jordanelizabethkelly@blogspot.com

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Middle School

February 15

Eighth Grade Confirmation Meeting 4 pm

Campfire Time Questions, 5-7 pm, meet at Camp Rockmont, Grey Eagle 🍷

February 22

What is Lent? 5-7pm 🍷

March 1

Game Night 5-7pm 🍷

March 8

Youth Sunday brunch at church no evening program

High School

February 20

FRIDAY Breakfast Club @ the Gunn's 7am, 8 Woodburn Court, Swannanoa 🍷

February 22

Mission: Shoe Project solehope.org 🍷

March 1

Youth Sunday Preparation 5 pm 🍷

March 8

Youth Sunday brunch at church no evening program

Meal provided 🍷

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

Becomers

February 15

Daniel, chapter 3
Crisis, Conflict, and a Fiery Furnace

February 22

Daniel, chapter 4
The King Goes Mad

Biblical Perspectives

February 15

Mennonite Witness in the Modern World
Lauren and Suzanne Yoder

February 22

Our Presbyterian Virtues
Dean Thompson

Faith Builders

February 15

John Murphy, on "Gratitude"

February 22

Wayne Mullis leads discussion on:
"Ten Things Churches Could Learn from the Apple Store"
(article by Guy Kawasaki)

Bible Class

study of Thessalonians

The session of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, March 1**, to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, immediately following the 11:00 service. **We anticipate voting to call a new pastor.** Come and be a part of this important and exciting occasion!



Andrew Bowman helping out in the Giraffe Class of The Weekday School

During inclement weather

Please call the church office to listen to the recorded message or speak with someone in the office before coming to church.

In Our Community Mission Partners

WANTED



HUNGRY SUPPORTERS, ~~DEAD~~ OR ALIVE

WHEN: Friday, February 20, 2015 at high-noon
WHERE: Habitat's Administrative Office, 33 Meadow Road
WHAT: A Chili Lunch followed by House Dedications
 Chili donated by Corner Kitchen and Wendy's

Please RSVP by February 17

Betsy Warren bwarren@ashevi.lehabitat.org
 Western attire is encouraged!



Break All The Chains That Bind Us

Chaplain Lynn Michie

Ministry of Hope, Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women

I am a cradle Presbyterian, which means, among other things, that I have placed a high value on decency and order. Over the years of working at the prison, I have come to realize that the phrase "decently and in order" is a polite, churchy way of admitting that we Presbyterians might have some small control issues. I am grateful for the myriad ways my controlling nature has been brought to light, challenged, and downsized so that the Spirit has more room to play.

At a recent Sunday night chapel service, I decided to relinquish my control and invite the women to bring offerings of worship to share in the service. I couldn't quite let go of my habit and tried to provide some order for fear of the chaos that might ensue. But about halfway through the service, it became clear that the Holy Spirit had moved in and made my ministerial theatrics completely irrelevant. I simply sat on the front pew and listened and learned as my sisters came forward one by one to instruct me, and each other, in the faith.

Through our Mission Ministry Team, BMPC supports Habitat for Humanity, Ministry of Hope, and Marion Medical Mission.

(Break All The Chains, continued)

One young woman who's been in prison for 10 years described a recent turning point in her life when she heard a pastor read Psalm 23. The phrase she had heard so many times before now reached out and grabbed her: "He restoreth my soul." She said that after a lifetime of abuse and neglect she felt like she had no soul left. But when she heard the psalm read, she suddenly realized "God can restore my soul. I can be healed. Life can be different. I can be happy and free." She then danced to a song by Nicole C. Mullen called "One Touch," based on the gospel story of the woman who dares to touch the hem of Jesus' garment and is healed.

Another woman who has been incarcerated for 6 years talked about the gratitude she feels for her time in prison. She said she has gone from hopeless to hopeful and is now happier than she's ever been in her life.

Women came forward to sing, to share scripture and testimonies, to dance, to offer poems and readings. At one point a song was raised from the back pew and a gifted musician walked to the keyboard and picked out the melody as most of those in the chapel joined in: "There is power in the name of Jesus, there is power in the name of Jesus to break every chain, break every chain." Come Lord Jesus. Break all the chains that bind us.

"Digging Wells in Malawi"

Jessi Stitt

Assembly Room, Highland Farms

Wednesday, March 18
3:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 15 Charles Massey | 21 Alexandria Carreiro |
| Ernie Banzhoff | Cody Duckworth |
| Sam Webber | 22 Vicky Bricker |
| Cole Roy | 23 Rosa Dougherty |
| 16 Tanner Kelly | Mylo Morgan |
| 17 Alice Starkey | 24 Berry French |
| Chloe Munn | Art De Jong |
| 18 Lolly Copeland | Carol Cauthen |
| Pat Botsford | River Edwards |
| Sylvia Bassett | 25 Dan Davis |
| Clay Hile | Jim Hinson |
| 19 Doris Brown | Wayne Mullis |
| Caroline Patton | 27 Pete Petersen |
| 20 Calvin Barker | Andy Gwynn |
| 21 Leila Cox | Chip Craig |
| Libby Barker | Paul Scouten |
| Mark Allen | |

Confirmation Schedule

- FEB 15** 4:00 p.m. First Gathering – introduction
 Parents, confirmands, and covenant partners
- FEB 22** 4:00 p.m. Group class – God's Providence
- MAR 1** 4:00 p.m. Group class – Forgiveness of sins
- MAR 8** 2:40-4:30 p.m. Presbyterian Heritage Center
- MAR 15** 4:00 p.m. Group class – Presbyterians
- MAR 21** 12:30-3:30 p.m. Manna FoodBank Service
- APR 12** 4:00 p.m. creeds and writing Faith Statements
- APR 19** 9:40 a.m. sharing faith statements
- APR 19** 2:45 p.m. Presbytery youth rally
- APR 26** Youth and parent Social Media program at
 FPC Asheville, 4:30-8 p.m., meet at BMPC
- MAY 3** 12:00 noon meet with session
- MAY 16** 10:00 a.m. practice for Sunday
- MAY 17** lead worship and join church, both services

Thank You BMPC family

Dear BMPC friends,

I have written many notes to many of you, expressing the immense gratitude my sister, Janice, and I feel for your love and support after our mom, Ruby Wheelon, died on September 19. It is my hope that I have not overlooked a single one of you who expressed your love for her. Please know how dear these caring tributes were to us and to our families. We treasure your kindness!
 Susan Alvis and Janice McAdams

Lenten Prayers for Hungry People

Readings, prayers, and actions to help you observe Lent in 2015 – prepared by *Bread for the World*

First Week in Lent February 22-28

Jesus is baptized and blessed by the Spirit

Genesis 9:8-17

I Peter 3:18-22

Psalm 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. –Mark 1:9-10

PRAYER

O God, you desire that all people should eat and be satisfied. As we follow Jesus and are transformed by his death and resurrection, may we spend our lives so that all may share in your bounty. Amen.

ACTION

Relief and development efforts are the long-term solutions to diseases like Ebola, near-famine in the Sudan, and poverty and violence in Central America. Contact Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, or another church agency to find out how you can support these efforts that help people grow more food to feed their families and their communities.