

## Well Done BMPC: 2016 Mission Giving Celebration!

As a church of around 600 members, we gave away over \$133,000 in 2016 to ministry partners here in Black Mountain and around the world to aid them in their ministries of compassion! We also got our hands dirty with the literally thousands of volunteer hours that our members donated to local ministries that we – you all – are involved in. Y'all have given leadership, helping hands, listening ears, and meals prepared and served with a smile! With our Can in Each Hand program where church members bring canned food to worship every Sunday, we donated well over five thousand cans of food to SVCM that they then distributed to those in our community who are hungry. THANK YOU!

In 2016 your Session designated 10% of the overall annual church budget for our Mission Ministry Team to donate to local and international mission partners. With that \$86,220 we supported over 15 local ministry partners; our PC(USA) denomination; our Guatemala Partnership; international mission organizations in Korea, Palestine, and Malawi; and seven International Presbyterian Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan, Barbara Nagy in Malawi, Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar, and Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in Southeast Asia, and Frank Dimmock.

In addition to 10% of the church budget, you generous folks donated over \$47,000 in over and above gifts through Alternative Christmas Giving, Potato Lunches, Weekday School scholarships, Local Emergency Relief Fund, and special designated offerings (Five Cents a Meal, Peacemaking, Joy Gift, Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, SVCM, and Hunger Walk).

All together as a church we gave over \$133,000 to mission in 2016 - well done faithful stewards, well done! Thank you, BMPC, for your generosity! Your support

of your church's budget and the additional giving opportunities allows us to carry out Christ's ministry of compassion here in Black Mountain and around the world.

We are looking forward to another year of faithful stewardship and Christ-like generosity through BMPC. Again in 2017, your Mission Ministry Team will discern how to allocate 10% of the church budget to carry out Christ ministry of peace and justice. This will be just part of our mission giving added to the special giving opportunities throughout 2017. Through your generosity, many of our brothers and sisters here in Black Mountain and around the world will have a more grace-filled 2017 with the tangible blessings that our partner ministries offer.

BERRY



*After weeks of practice and hard work the mā-I children's group performed "Shepherd's Story" at 11:00 worship on December 11.*

# Calendar

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

## Sunday, January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Art Ross preaching

8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*

9:40 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Ordination & Installation  
of officers

5:00 p.m. Youth Snow Tubing

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

## Monday, January 9

6:45 p.m. Ministry Teams

## Tuesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. PW Gathering

10:00 a.m. Every Disciple Has A Call

7:00 p.m. Prophets

## Wednesday, January 11

3:15 p.m. mā-I

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Friday, January 13

4:00 p.m. HS Youth Charleston Retreat

## Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*

9:40 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Youth return from Charleston

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

## Monday, January 16

12:00 p.m. Deadline for February Window

## Tuesday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Called Session meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets

## Wednesday, January 18

3:15 p.m. mā-I

5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Thursday, January 19

6:00 p.m. Weekday School Transition  
to Kindergarten Dinner

## Sunday, January 22

Berry preaching

8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*

9:40 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Potato Lunch

5:00 p.m. Youth Study Break

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

## Monday, January 23

6:00 p.m. Session

## Tuesday, January 24

4:30 p.m. Child Protection Ministry

7:00 p.m. Deacons

7:00 p.m. Prophets

## Wednesday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Sunday, January 29

Mission Season begins

*Five Cents A Meal*

8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*

9:40 a.m. Children's Church School

9:40 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

2:15 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

## Tuesday, January 31

1:00 p.m. PW Bible Study

2:15 p.m. PW Coordinating Team

7:00 p.m. Prophets

**Women's March in Black Mountain**  
**January 21, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Town Square – all welcome**



**mā-I is coming!**

K-5th graders

**Wednesday, January 11**

**3:15 to 5:15 p.m.**

Email Mike Barker

[michaelb@bmpcnc.org](mailto:michaelb@bmpcnc.org)

to register

## Play in the Dirt with the Earth Care Team

Would you like to get outside (in warmer weather) and help put fresh vegetables in the hands of hungry people? We're exploring a project to join with our Baptist friends down the street, working together to grow a community garden. Before we can move ahead, we need to get a rough idea how many folks are interested in the project. We want to have enough gardeners that the workload can be spread out among us. If you might be interested, contact David Kaylor at [rdkaylor@gmail.com](mailto:rdkaylor@gmail.com), or call (828) 669-7937. No meetings are scheduled yet, but we'll keep you informed as we move ahead.

## He is Definitely a 10!

This week we celebrate Mike Barker's ten years as Director of Music and Arts here at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

His exquisite talents as organist, choir director, administrator, organizer, and artist are matched only by his fine character and his creativity in finding new ways to worship through music, liturgy, congregational singing, and artistic vision. He is an advocate and role model for our young people as he works with them in drama and music productions, including ways to teach them fundamentals of music and expressions of faith and how to understand the meaning of what they are singing.

With quiet wisdom and attention to detail, he involves the church family in worship in a variety of ways, from making banners and stars to dinner theater productions so popular they require two seatings.

His insight into the diversity of church music and the joy of worship is inspiring and his spiritual direction for the FirstLight Sunday morning service is reflected in the growing number of members and guests who attend and participate.

His attentiveness to the needs of maintaining a good sound system, the safety of the sanctuary as it becomes more crowded, overseeing the preparation of the communion elements and preparing it to be served on communion Sundays and other holy days – all require insight and time commitments that demonstrate the wide-range of responsibilities Mike Barker carries out so well.

With Mike Barker, we not only have won the lottery, his family is one of our best assets. They have assisted him in his calling in admirable ways. Libby generously shares her gifts as a vocal artist, instrumentalist, bell ringer, and visual artist. It has been a privilege to watch Eli, Briggs, and Calvin as they grow into admirable young people with generous spirits and talents of their own.

We are grateful to Mike for how he blesses us. We celebrate this anniversary as we continue to be the beneficiaries of his graceful, grace-filled ministry.

–Ina Hughs, *Worship & Arts Ministry Team Chair*

# Library Notes

A new year brings time for reorganizing, rearranging, and starting over with new resolutions and new ways. Also, it is a perfect time to institute or change daily devotional patterns. Possibilities include reading through the Bible in a year, reading a book with 365 daily meditation selections, beginning family devotions, or simply daily reflections on your life and values. Another option is to choose books-you-always-planned-to-read and take a few pages or a chapter each day; then select another book to begin reading. Although in our library there are many great selections on the DEVOTIONAL shelf, the CHRISTIAN LIVING shelf, and, for the brave-hearted, the THEOLOGY shelf, below are some special choices.

**Words of Grace**, by James C. Galvin – 52 artistically rendered verses from the Bible with devotional notes

**An Unhurried Life**, by Alan Fadling – Finding a balance between the sense of call and the call to rest

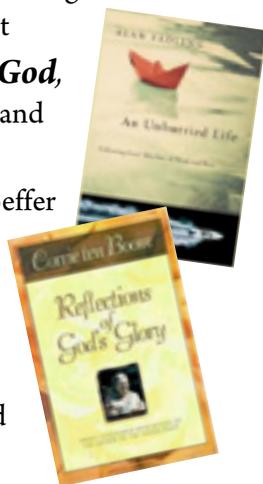
**Mornings of Peace in the Presence of God**, by Guideposts – Meditations to encourage and to give hope

**15 Days of Prayer** with Dietrich Bonhoeffer with reflective guides by Matthieu Arnold

**Reflections of God's Glory**, by Corrie ten Boom – Her experiences of faith and forgiveness

**A Diary of Prayer**, by J. Barrie Shepherd Poetic meditations on the parables of Jesus

**On Thousand Gifts**, by Ann Voskamp – Learn how to live the full life of eucharisteo (with grace, thanksgiving, joy)



Many thanks to all of you who brought delicious goodies for the staff during the holidays! We greatly enjoyed all of them!

## Confirmation Retreat

eighth graders, their parents,  
and confirmation mentors  
**Sunday, January 29**  
**2:30- 4:45 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

## Kairos Prison Volunteers Needed!

I am leading the next Kairos weekend April 27-30 and I am searching for nine new team members. Please consider joining me to watch what God can do with the forgotten. I guarantee you will be blessed. There are many ways you can participate in this ministry. Call Gene Schimpf at 669-1931 I need your help!

You can:

- Be a Team Member!**
- Be a Prayer Partner!**
- Be a Financial Donor!**
- Be a Support Volunteer!**
- Be an Agape (artwork) Creator!**
- Be amazed what God can do!**



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

**Child Safety Policy Training**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2017**  
**2:00-4:30 p.m. in CR 1**

New session members, other church leaders, volunteers, and parents who have not been previously instructed on the policy are **encouraged to attend child safety training**. Adults need to know the expectations of this church on how adults, children, and youth interact and are kept safe during church activities and programs. Sign up with Berry at [berry@bmpcnc.org](mailto:berry@bmpcnc.org)



**Waiting for Christmas Eve Service** from left: Mary (Iris Parker), Joseph (Mylo Morgan), Three Wisemen: Abraham Mailander, Ramsay Hopkins Williams, Tyler Neville Scouten. Shepherded by Stuart Williams.

# YOUTH in January

## Middle School

- 8 Snow Tubing\* \$**
- 15 MLK** (no evening programming)
- 22 MS Potato Lunch**, 9:40am 🍌 MS w/parents
- 29 Malawi education**, 5-7pm 🍌

## High School

- 8 Snow Tubing\* \$**
- 13-16 Beach Retreat in Charleston**, Sunday am @ Mother Emmanuel AME Zion\* \$
- 22 Study Break** (breakfast, games, chill), 5-7pm 🍌
- 29 Youth Sunday prep**, 5-7pm 🍌

\*check emails for details 🍌 meal provided \$ Costs; scholarships available

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Tuesday, January 10**

Combined Circle meeting with brunch provided by circles

10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Karen Austin  
Bible Study Leader

**Tuesday, January 31**

Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Coordinating Team 2:15 p.m.

## Adult Church School

**Congregational Meeting January 29**  
no adult church school

### **Becomers Class**

**January 8** – II Corinthians, 7  
Titus Brings a Good Report

**January 15** – II Corinthians, 8  
Generosity

**January 22, 9** – II Corinthians, 9  
A Cheerful Giver

### **Bible Exploration**

Study of the book of Romans, CR2

### **Biblical Perspectives**

**January 8**  
Richard Dubose, *My Life and Ministry*

**January 15**  
Henry Griffin & Craig Cooley  
*Life Transitions*

**January 22**  
TBD

### **Faith Builders**

**January 8**  
Poems of Mary Oliver & planning

**January 15**  
TBD

**January 22**  
TBD

### **Wired Word**

contemporary study of newsworthy  
weekly issues, upstairs in Room 14.



*Our glorious sanctuary at Christmastime.*

## In Our Community

### **SVCM immediate needs**

canned items: kidney beans, pinto beans, pork & beans, tuna, tomatoes, soup (vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato), fruit; ramen noodles, jelly, diapers & wipes, towels, pillows, blankets, sheets (double or larger), coats (all sizes, all ages). Monetary donations designated to food are also welcome.

### **Habitat Presbyterian/Methodist House**

The Hensley family will move into their new home in February.

### **Kenilworth Celebration of MLK, Jr.**

Monday, January 16, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, 123 Kenilworth Rd. Potluck from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Kenilworth Center, 5 Chiles Ave. (directly behind church) Program begins at 6:30 in the church sanctuary.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8** Susan Banzhoff  
Kim Fisher
- 9** Frances Turk  
Rosy Robson  
Cammy Holt
- 10** Carey Jo Elam  
Sloan Price  
Sarah McMurray West
- 12** Megan Bowman  
Charlie Edwards
- 13** Sara Owen
- 14** Briggs Barker
- 17** Nancy Ruppert  
Daisy Buckner  
Sheldon Adams  
Cecilia Brandon  
Katherine Stanley
- 20** Caroline McElwee
- 22** Alec Hile
- 24** Muriel Hart  
Dusty Lindsey
- 25** Rick Lindsey
- 26** Bill Straughan
- 28** Maggie Ray
- 29** Travis Childs  
Jack Jones
- 30** Florence Shelor  
Betsy Warren
- 31** Sam Byrd  
Nan Higgins  
Porter Reece

## Engage Worship Update

This fall, we have been blessed to have members of all ages participating in our creative, hands-on Engage worship services. The Spirit has led us as we have worshiped through movement, active prayer, communal song, small group discussions, and creative activities. Over the next couple of months, we are taking some time to evaluate and discern what is next for Engage worship and how we will continue to bring our whole selves to God in worship. If you are interested in offering some feedback regarding our Engage worship services, please email [Lisle@sanctifiedart.org](mailto:Lisle@sanctifiedart.org). We are grateful to have the voices of our community join us in this time of discernment.

## Weekday School Registration for 2017-18

Registration for currently enrolled children is Wednesday, February 1 at 8 a.m. We will then move on to children and grandchildren of current active members of BMPC followed by the registering of siblings of our currently enrolled. If you have a child or grandchild that you are interested in having as a part of our program, please call Alice Patton, 669-2725. Registration forms will be available through the Preschool Office beginning January 15.

## The Window has new name and timeline

BMPC staff, along with Session, have concluded that the Window newsletter will be more efficient and economical when published on a monthly basis. Beginning with the next issue, the newsletter will cover a full month of news and events.

Along with the time period change, there is a new masthead on the front of the newsletter and the title has changed from “The Window” to “BMPC Window”.

The deadline for your submissions will be on the 15th of the prior month. For instance, the next issue covers all of February and will be mailed on January 26. The deadline will be on Monday, January 16, since the 15th falls on a Sunday.

We hope these guidelines will be clearer as we continue to work towards improving our newsletter.