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Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

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an Earth Care Congregation

BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



*Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
joyously invites you to a Service of Ordination*

for

Lisle Gwynn Garrity

in the sanctuary

May 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

a reception will follow in fellowship hall

Every Disciple...

Here at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, we believe that each of us is called at our baptism to join God at work somewhere in the church, the community or in the world. In other words, if you were baptized, then you have been called to ministry. You don't have to go to seminary to be in ministry; every single one of us is called. Paul says, "We are ambassadors for Christ." That means wherever we are, we are a representative of Christ.

Our church is taking seriously the task to make disciples, to make students of Jesus Christ. In order to do that I firmly believe that every baptized member of our church needs to have their hands in the mud of ministry.

During the last five weeks of the Easter season (May 7-June 4), we are asking you to reflect and discern on where God is calling you to commit and engage your time and energy at BMPC. How will you prayerfully consider God's call upon your life? How will you respond to God's Easter grace?

We will be focusing on the BIG THREE – **Worship, Grow, and Serve!** If every baptized member of our church would covenant to commit to these THREE areas of ministry, then all of us would be in the classroom with Christ, learning how to be His people, both in the church and in the world.

Be on the lookout for the Every Disciple Has a Call Team on May 7 and the coming Sundays in church. I'm excited about the place we'll GO – as we **Worship, Grow, and Serve** together in ministry! I hope you will be too.

Thanks for listening.

One worship service on Pentecost Sunday, June 4
9 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. Service
Congregational Meeting after service

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

Monday, May 1

*Room In The Inn at Black Mountain
United Methodist Church through May 7*
7:00 p.m. Earth Care Team

Tuesday, May 2

Presbyterian Women Circles meet
7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, May 3

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 7

*Confirmation Sunday
Every Disciple Has A Call kick-off*
8:30 a.m. FirstLight
9:40 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:30 p.m. MS Youth HF Car Wash
5:00 p.m. HS Youth Cemetery Night
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Monday, May 8

6:45 p.m. Ministry Teams

Tuesday, May 9

5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women
Dinner
7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 11

1:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry

Saturday, May 13

2:00 p.m. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Ordination

Sunday, May 14

8:30 a.m. FirstLight
9:40 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Monday, May 15

10:00 a.m. Finance
12:00 p.m. Window deadline
5:30 p.m. Stewardship

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, May 17

5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 18

5:30 p.m. Thursday Night Live
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, May 19

*Last day of Weekday School
before summer break*
10:30 a.m. WS Giraffe class program
3:30 p.m. HS Youth Camping Trip
6:00 p.m. New Members' Cookout

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. FirstLight
9:40 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Massanetta Parents
5:00 p.m. MS Youth Cookout
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Monday, May 22

6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 25

1:00 p.m. Sewing Ministry

Friday, May 26

7:00 a.m. HS Youth Breakfast Club

Sunday, May 28

9:15 a.m. FirstLight
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, May 29

Church Office closed

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Summer Worship Hours begin May 28

Church school breaks for
summer and FirstLight
begins at 9:15 a.m.

The deadline for the June Window newsletter is Monday, May 15.

SAVE THE DATE: October 6-8 All Church Retreat Holston Conference Center Banner Elk

Adult Church School

The last church school class
before summer break will be
May 21.

Becomers Class

May 7 Nahum 1:1-3:19 Assyria's Destruction
May 14 Zephaniah 1:1-3:20 Judgment/Restoration
May 21 Habakkuk 1:1-3:19 God's Timing

Bible Exploration

Finishing up the study of Galatians and beginning a
study of I, II, and III John, CR2

Biblical Perspectives

May 7 Rev. Mike McDonald of BMUMC
will conclude our series on
"Our Neighbor's Faith: The Methodists"
May 14 The Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
"My Life and Ministry"
May 21 Dr. George Ramsey, "My Life and Ministry"
May 28 John LaMotte
"Whither Biblical Perspectives Class?"

Faith Builders

May 7 "A call for people of faith to fight climate
change," Jeanie Franklin
May 14 Postcards to legislators
May 21 Planning for fall classes

Be Mindful in May!

Mindfulness is a way of being that can help you feel less stressed and find greater happiness, health, and well-being no matter your life circumstances. Whether you are brand new to mindfulness or are looking for some new ideas to deepen your practice, **please join us for three Tuesday morning classes from 11:30-12:30 on May 2, 9, and 16** at BMPC. Led by mindfulness instructor Elizabeth Perryman, you will be introduced to the practice of mindfulness and learn several skills, including meditation, that can help you manage your stress, sleep better, and enrich your life at home, work, and play. Because we learn cumulatively, please sign up only if you can commit to all three class dates. (If these dates don't work for you, but you would like to take the course another time, please let us know!) Call Jackie at the church to sign up, 669-2725.

Earth Care Team News

Tailgate Market Opening Soon

Saturday mornings from 8-12 in May through October you can find fresh, local veggies and other handmade treats at the **Black Mountain Tailgate Market**, behind the First Baptist Church. Support our local farmers and reduce the carbon footprint of your diet with great food! You might also enjoy the **East Asheville Tailgate Market**, open from 3-6 pm on Fridays in the parking lot of Groce Methodist Church on Tunnel Road.

Environmental Organization Events

MountainTrue has several upcoming outdoor events, including a film festival at Sierra Mountain Brewery, nature hikes, a river cleanup, and an invasive species removal workday. See a full listing at: <http://mountaintrue.org/eventscalendar/>.

The Property Ministry Team thank these volunteers for helping with the landscaping project on April 8: Margo Smith, Dan Stitt, Charlie Wilson, Sara Wilson, John Evans, Margaret Fouse, Austin Brown, Donna Drake, Peter Mudge, Joe Lehman, Mattie Lehman, Noah Lehman, Gabe Talin, Donn Handy, Jessica Marmolejos, Helena Marmolejos, Sam Webber, Daniel Wiggs, and Wayne Mullis. Thanks to Tyler Smith for providing equipment from his landscaping business. The Property Ministry Team received a donation from a church member that helped to make this project possible. We are grateful for her generosity. She is also responsible for many of the plants and flowers that add so much beauty to our church grounds.



YOUTH IN MAY

Middle School

- 7 Car Wash**, Highland Farms meet @ BMPC @ 3:00 pm
- 14 Mother's Day** no evening program
- 21 Massanetta Parent Meeting**, 4 pm
- 21 End of Year Celebration** @ Rockmont, 5-7 pm

High School

- 7 Cemetery Night**, 5-7 pm
- 14 Mother's Day** no evening program
- 19-21 Camping trip to VA Creeper Trail**
- 26 Breakfast Club** @ Gunn's 7-7:40 am
- 28 Memorial Day** no evening programming
- June 4 End of Year Cookout** @ the Beavers

Library Notes

This year, 2017, is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the religious revolution that took place in the sixteenth century. It was the result of a break from the Roman Catholic Church begun by Martin Luther with his *Ninety-Five Theses*, which he posted on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He attacked the corruption in the Church, but he also brought in the theological issues of redemption and grace. The movement was continued by John Calvin who published his *Institutes of the Christian Religion* in 1536. The efforts of these two men and other reformers resulted in the founding of Protestantism.

For more detailed history and information on the political, social, and economic influences of the Reformation, see the books on display in our library.

Reformation 500: A National Conference will be held in Montreat May 5-6, celebrating the 500th anniversary and exploring the lasting impact on today's Protestant churches. The conference is co-sponsored by the Presbyterian Heritage Center and the Montreat Conference Center.

YOU CAN HELP END HUNGER

What can you do?

Pray: Ask God to end hunger in our world

Act: Make your voice heard in Congress.

Give: Join Bread for the World. www.bread.org

Bread For The World Sunday is May 21.

In responding to God's call to care for the hungry, we are living into our discipleship as we ask each of you to please write letters to our senators and representative. You may write them at church on May 21 or bring them to church. The letters will be stamped, blessed, and mailed collectively.

You can also send letters electronically

Using your laptop, electronic notebook, or even a smartphone, insert bread.org/eol into the browser of your e-device. After you input your name, address, and zip code – and adding a line or two to personalize the email – the system will automatically email your senators and representative. That's three letters with the push of one button! Just like with hand-written letters, add a personal motivation for writing, a story, or a fact to the letter to make it stand out. Make sure to track your emails for your final report.

Tips for Writing Your Letters

1. Write your own letter and personally sign it.
2. Tell why you personally care about an issue.
3. Be specific. Identify the legislation you're writing about.
4. Thank your member of Congress when you approve of his or her actions.
5. Put your return address on the letter as well as the envelope.

All women of the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Celebration and Installation of Officers Tuesday, May 9 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served followed by a program, "God Provides". The offering will support God's provision for physical needs – **Navajo Water Project** in New Mexico; God's provision of shelter and protection in **The Family Justice Center** in South Carolina; and God's provision of healing through **First Hand Relief** in Cuba. The cost for dinner is \$9 and reservations can be made by calling the church office, 669-2725.

As a congregation, we get many thank you notes from our mission partners thanking us for our continued strong financial support... Thank you, BMPC!



Ministry of Hope is so grateful for your recent gift! Thank you for supporting life-giving and life-transforming programs for children in Malawi. Your generosity helps provide:

- critically needed food and discipleship for vulnerable children
- education opportunities for hard-working students
- health care for whole communities without any other access
- a home and proper nourishment for babies in crisis



Our growth in scope and ministry is due in large part to the ongoing participation of donors like you. These gifts are a crucial part of keeping our ministry stable and moving forward. With your help **Asheville Youth Mission** will always be a place where mission, creativity, and transformation are happening with young people.



Thank you for your recent gift to **Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families** which helps us make a positive difference in the lives of the children entrusted to us. Thank you for helping us glorify God by caring for children and families.



Thank you and the saints of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for your ongoing support of **Next Church**. We are grateful for your commitment to a connected, creative, and healthy church that works in the world for the common good.



Thank you so much for your continuous support of the **Black Mountain Counseling Center**. We appreciate the connection we have to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. It takes the support of key churches like BMPC to sustain our ministry. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers. We look forward to continuing to work together in service to our community.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry appreciates the support you give to the work of the Ministry. You allow us to meet our clients' needs on an individual basis. Thank you for remembering that the needs of our neighbors continue throughout the year. We see each day the anxiety of our clients who do not know how they are going to make ends meet, pay unexpected bills, or feed their family. With your help **SVCM** helps relieve their fears, helping them to leave with hope.



We are grateful for your gifts to the **Kairos Prison Ministry** at Marion Correctional Institution in Marion, NC. Through your donations, we are able to pursue our mission of ministry to those who are impacted by incarceration. Through the grace of God, and enabled by your gifts, we are working to bring persons lost in shame, guilt, unforgiveness, and hatred to know the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ, and a new way of life.

Thank you very much for your contribution. **Christian Friends of Korea** give thanks to God for your faithfulness in prayer and support. We are thankful for the healing, comfort, and lasting change these efforts bring in Jesus' name to the lives of many suffering people.



Images of our Holy Week journey

We began with a joyous Palm Sunday procession welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem which then turned its focus to the passion of the cross as we served Jesus' Last Supper and washed one another's feet on Maundy Thursday. Stations of the Cross in downtown Black Mountain was a beautiful and moving experience on Good Friday.



Planning and Planting for the Future

The Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church is **our church** at 117 Montreat Road, but it is also **our church** at St. Anne's Place in Asheville

where BMPC volunteers prepared and served a Palm Sunday breakfast that included 104 sausage biscuits, fresh fruit and dozens of hard-boiled eggs dyed in Easter colors to the homeless AHope clients.

It is also **our church** providing food and basic needs to the clients of Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry or fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables through Bounty and Soul. It is also **our church** that is in San Antonia, Guatemala partnering with Eben Ezer Presbyterian Church. It is also **our church** from Monday through Friday that supports the children and families in the WeekDay School.

BMPC mission and ministry touches and changes lives in so many ways. Some of our work is made possible through gifts to the

BMPC Endowment Fund. The Session began the Fund in the 1990s to provide opportunity for members and friends of the church to extend

their stewardship beyond their lifetime. This can be done by making gifts directly or through planned giving to permanently fund the ministry and mission of the church.

Join your Endowment Board at Thursday Night Live on

May 18 to celebrate and learn more about the creative stewardship of the Endowment Fund and the many ways you can *plan and plant* for the future support of **our church**.

“Look around! Right here. This is what our church does. Storytelling by youth and adults. Music and dancing, while kids watch on tip-toe, stretching to see. Perry Sprawls quietly rolling walkers and wheelchairs to the end of several pews before the last hymn. All needs are honored.”

Gay Mothershed, BMPC member and elder, talking about Palm Sunday worship at BMPC.

“We don't raise money. We interpret the mission and the way mission will meet tomorrow's needs and needs into the future. What will you give? Partnering with others, we can make a difference.”

Gay Mothershed

Summary of 2016

Your Endowment Board made eleven grants totaling \$34,970 to assist the following programs: Employment of Pastoral Resource Service, Guatemala Mission Trip, Employment of Intern, Energy Efficient Lighting, Strategic Planning, Church Weekend Retreat, Engage Worship, Educational Incentives for Children at Black Mountain Home, and Weekday School. New contributions for the year to the Endowment Fund were \$52,232 bringing the total amount invested with the Presbyterian Foundation to \$588,374. Since 1998 the Endowment Funds have made over \$278,000 in grants to assist building church programs to levels not normally funded by the regular church budget.



On February 2 at BMPC, about 150 people helped package 15,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger (RAH), the

new name for Stop Hunger Now. This was our fourth packing event, and after the last box was sealed and packed into the truck, we wonder where all the meals end up. We have received an update from RAH that gives a picture of the people who will benefit from our efforts:

“We are delighted to announce that the meals from your packaging event on 2/12/2017 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Charlotte, NC warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner Islamic Relief – Distribution in Swaziland.

Rise Against Hunger in collaboration with ADRA International and Islamic Relief are spearheading a three-year school-feeding initiative in the Southern African countries of Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. While these countries have made considerable advancements towards achieving stronger food security, the most powerful El Nino on record has stretched the livelihoods and safety nets of many households in the region. Seeing the existing need in Southern Africa, RAH along with its implementing partners is responding with life-saving aid through region wide school-feeding programs.

The expected outcomes of the initiative are to improve nutrition for school-going children, increase enrollment and attendance rates at schools, and further involvement of staff, the local community, and private sector in the project. The project is expected to support more than 20,000 school-age children by delivering over 14,200,000 RAH meals to more than 70 schools in the five Southern African countries in the 2017 school year. In Swaziland, RAH will be delivering 2,851,200 meals to feed 9,900 school-age children attending 22 schools in Lubombo region.”

The meal packing event at BMPC is a great way for our congregation to grow together in service, and our efforts have allowed us to partner with other congregations in mission far beyond what we can do alone. May those who eat the meals and those who pack the meals be united through God’s grace and peace.

Confirmation Sunday May 7

Both worship services will be led by the youth who have been participating in the confirmation process for the last four months.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, May 2 Circle Meetings

Elizabeth

11 a.m. – Gladys Brooks
113 Mecklenburg Circle

Esther

10 a.m. – Nada Barnett
F-42 Highland Farms

Miriam

10 a.m. – Deb Mullis
265 Wild Cherry Lane, meet at church to carpool at 9:30

Naomi

6:30 p.m. at the church

Priscilla

10 a.m. – Barbara Brinson
38 Eden Glen Road

Rebekah

2:30 p.m. Highland Farms Lodge

Ruth

12:30 p.m. at the church in CR1

Sarah

10 a.m. – Robin Stiles
206 Central Avenue

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Gin Pharr
Mistie Reising-Cogbill | 23 Austin Edwards
Mary Carroll Dodd
Lorris Parker |
| 3 Dick Hobson | 24 Elizabeth Turk |
| 4 Candy Donnell
Cindy McDaniel
Jim Davies | 25 Bruce Gunn |
| 5 Brian Parada
Sierra Beaupre | 26 Helen Smith |
| 6 Susan Dannenberg | 27 Guy Campbell |
| 7 Calvin Chrisman
Mike Begley | 28 Beau Van Note
Maggie Decker |
| 8 Jim Elam
Beth Farmer
Kara Peterson | 30 Judy Williams
Karen Boyd |
| 9 Andy Banzhoff | 31 Jan Donnell
Jennifer Chilton
Ethan Kadau
Lillie Chilton |
| 12 Shannon Ingersoll | |
| 14 Tanner Pickett
Lindsey Banks | |
| 15 John Walker | |
| 16 Stan Skeen
Kitty Kelly
Rachel Beaver | |
| 17 Alice Schweitzer
Kent Smith
Blair Holladay
Chaley Munn | |
| 18 Mary McMahill | |
| 19 Anne Moseley | |
| 20 Ramsay Williams | |
| 22 Stratton Peacock
Nancy Murray
Barbara Gaw
Ruth Duckworth
Beth Gunn | |

Thursday Night Live May 18

Planning and Planting for the Future

BMPC Endowment Fund

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Bring a side dish to share.
Chicken and dessert provided.

**Please make your reservation
by calling the church office
669-2725.**



Middle School Youth Girl's night, Sunday, April 23