

# Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

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# BMPC Window



Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

August 2017

## A New Season at BMPC

Since May, the Session and the Personnel ministry team have been engaged in the process of finding two interim positions, after Berry announced his decision to leave BMPC in July. The Personnel Team and I got right to the task of identifying potential candidates for these two positions and created a search committee for the Interim Youth Director position. At a special called meeting in June, the session approved these two positions and were thrilled when Bob Tuttle accepted the position as Interim Parish Associate.

Bob will begin his time at BMPC on



August 1 and the plan is for Bob to work 10-12 hrs/week. Bob's primary focus will be worship and congregational care. Our hope is that Mary Katherine will continue to cover crisis/emergency congregational care and Bob will be able to do more long-

term care and visits. You can contact Bob at bob@bmpcnc.org and 669-2725, ext 1112.

We are thrilled to also announce that the interim youth director search committee has finished their work as well. Chandler Guess will start work on September 1 and will be working 20-25 hrs/week.



Chandler is a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC (Go Blue Hose!) and holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Religion/Christian Education and

History. Chandler has a passion for mission, travel, and the creative arts. Her favorite pastimes include listening to live music, reading, drawing, and hiking with her dog Clyde. She enjoys laughing, learning and playing with youth of all ages. She is eager to join in ministry with the BMPC family! You can contact Chandler at chandler@bmpcnc.org.

Change is definitely hard but I am excited about the plan we have come up with in this interim time. Please join me in welcoming these two new staff members to our church family in this season of our life together.

*Mary Katherine*

## save the date!

### All Church Picnic at Camp Rockmont

### Labor Day Monday, September 4, 2:00 p.m.



Waterfront opens at 2 p.m.

Potluck dinner at 5 p.m.

**Mary Katherine will preach at Anderson Auditorium in Montreat  
Sunday, August 6, at 10:30 a.m.**

FirstLight only (9:15) at BMPC with Bob Tuttle preaching  
Green BMPC envelopes are available in the narthex for your offering on August 6 in Montreat

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

| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI   | SAT                        |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| <b>AUGUST</b>   |  | <b>1</b><br>Bob Tuttle begins as Parish Associate<br>5:00p Nurture Ministry Team        | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>10:00a Women's Bible Study<br>1:30p Red Cross Blood Drive | <b>4</b><br>Green BMPC envelopes available in the narthex for your offering on August 6   | <b>5</b><br>8a Second Loaf |
| <b>Blood Drive</b><br>Thursday, August 3<br>call 669-2725 to sign up                                |  | <b>Inquirers' Classes</b><br>three consecutive Sundays<br>August 13, 20, 27 – 4:00 p.m. |   |   | <b>Child Safety Policy Training</b><br>Sunday, August 27<br>2-4 p.m. in CR 1  |                            |
| <b>6</b><br>9:15a FirstLight<br><b>10:30a Worship at Montreat</b>                                   | <b>7</b>                                     | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>10:00a Women's Bible Study<br>1:00p Sewing Ministry      | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>                  |
| <b>13</b><br>9:15a FirstLight<br>11:00a Worship<br>4:00p Inquirers' Class                           | <b>14</b><br>6:45p Ministry Teams            | <b>The deadline for the September Window newsletter is Tuesday, August 15.</b>          |   | <b>17</b><br>10:00a Women's Bible Study                               | <b>18</b><br>All newly recruited volunteers in children's and youth ministry, new staff members, and new officers who have not been previously instructed on our Church Child Safety Policy, are asked to contact Ginny Soll <a href="mailto:gsoll@bmpcnc.org">gsoll@bmpcnc.org</a> or Pat Tuttle, chair of the committee, <a href="mailto:profpatwwc@gmail.com">profpatwwc@gmail.com</a> . |                            |
| <b>20</b><br>9:15a FirstLight<br>11:00a Worship<br>4:00p Inquirers' Class                           | <b>Summer In Review</b><br>Sunday, August 27 |   | <b>23</b><br>7:45a Weekday School (WKDS) Teachers begin                                     | <b>24</b><br>10:00a Women's Bible Study<br>1:00p Sewing Ministry      | <b>25</b>   |                            |
| <b>27</b><br>9:15a FirstLight<br>11:00a Worship<br>2:00p Child Protection<br>4:00p Inquirers' Class | <b>28</b><br>6:00p Session                   | <b>29</b><br>7:00p Prophets<br>7:00p Deacons  | <b>30</b><br>6:30p WKDS New Parent Orientation<br>7:00p Choir<br>7:15p WKDS All Orientation | <b>31</b><br>9:00a WKDS Children visit                                | <b>Weekday School Opens</b><br>Friday, September 1  |                            |

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**September 10**  
Youth Kickoff  
FirstLight begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Church School begins at 9:40 a.m.

## Bob Tuttle and Mary Katherine preaching on Jesus' parables.

How are these wonderful ancient stories applicable to our lives today? Do they have something to teach us in the 21st century? How do the tales that Jesus shared speak of gospel truth to the members of BMPC?

### August 6

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10 (*FirstLight only*)

### August 13

To Whom Much is Given: Matthew 25:14-30

### August 20

A Great Mixture: Matthew 13: 47-50

### August 27

Summer in Review

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women will be studying the book of Hebrews this year. The author of this study, Melissa Bane Sevier explains her approach to the study: "The Letter to the Hebrews is a significant book of the Bible, and is also significantly

different from every other book in the Bible. It consists of thirteen chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. We will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community"

If you would like to join a Circle, study and grow spirituality with us, get to know women in our church, share joys and concerns, and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments, we welcome you to join us beginning September 5.

Contact: Connie Schimpf 669-1931

## Inquirers' Classes

August 13, 20, 27

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the life of this community? Would you like to know more about the core beliefs of the Presbyterian tradition? Do you have questions about our life together that you'd like to discuss? Please join us for three Inquirers' Classes on the last three Sundays in August. You can sign up by calling the church office, 669-2725, or by signing up in the narthex. Please let us know if you need childcare.

## Leadership Opportunity!

We are looking to recruit individuals that want to be involved in the next **Rise Against Hunger** (formerly, Stop Hunger Now) event to be held February 11, 2018. We need a small committee to organize and run the event. The process is well defined since this will be our fifth BMPC event to pack meals. For more information, contact Anne Drummond (828-234-9711) or Margo Smith ([kentandmargo@att.net](mailto:kentandmargo@att.net))

## Strategic Planning Update

In November 2016 the Session approved a strategic planning process to be structured as a Holy Conversation with the congregation of BMPC. A diverse Strategic Planning Team (SPT) representing a cross-section of the congregation was appointed by the Session to lead the strategic planning process. The members of the team are Skip Stansell (chair), Alison Banzhoff, Joseph Mathews, Wayne Mullis, Beth Gunn, Gay Mothershed, and Karen Davis. Mary Katherine is the staff liaison.

The concept of a Holy Conversation differs from the traditional strategic planning process in that it seeks to engage the entire congregation in the process of planning through a structured conversation about what God is calling us

to be and to do as BMPC. In their book, *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations*, Gil Rendle and Alice Mann observe: "There is no power equal to a community discovering what it cares about. Real change begins with the simple action of people talking about what they care about."

We know that when planning is done well, it will bring people to points of disagreement and competing preferences. The goal of our Holy Conversation is to identify those missions and ministries that constitute, not just a consensus but, a compelling sense of purpose, a call, for BMPC's future ministry.

Your SPT began this process with some preliminary activities and studies including time for team building, an analysis of the

strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that characterize our current ministry and a review of our current mission and vision statements. Along the way we have made recommendations to the session on mission-based budgeting.

We agreed on three questions to guide the initial phase of our Holy Conversation and

"When planning is understood as discernment, it becomes a means to a much longer and more faithful process of questioning in which leader and members are continuously in conversation with one another and with God."

Gil Rendle, Alice Mann

began by testing these questions with the SPT itself, the Session, Mary Katherine's Mentoring Team, staff, and the youth group. As we get ready for fall we have identified a cross-section of groups in the church to meet with and address these questions. A member of the SPT will meet with each group to guide the discussion on the three questions.

Our goal is to provide

an opportunity for all members of the congregation to respond to these questions as we seek to continue the Holy Conversations. Please pray and think carefully how you will respond to the following three questions when you are invited to.

1. What have been the congregation's three greatest accomplishments/joys in the past three to five years?
2. What have been the congregation's three greatest failures/challenges/disappointments in the past three to five years.
3. What are the three greatest needs for spiritual, relational, and programmatic growth over the next three to five years?

**The SPT looks forward with great excitement to our Holy Conversation this fall.**

## Backpack Buddies

Our valley school children and teachers need your help again this year.

Buncombe County Schools begin on Monday, August 28. **We will be collecting much needed school items in the narthex August 6-20.**



**Hand in Hand** is a local faith-based nonprofit working with local churches and businesses to help the children and teachers at the six Owen District schools. We are again blessed to be a mission partner with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. We are holding the fifth annual Backpack Buddies mission event to help children in our local valley schools with their school supplies. The last four years have shown how we can come together as a faith-sharing and helping community. This event has benefited hundreds of students and teachers in the last few years.

### Questions?

Please contact Jennifer Holt at 828-230-8613 or Kyle Holt at 828-606-0631 or [kylejholt@msn.com](mailto:kylejholt@msn.com)

For more details about Hand in Hand please visit the website [www.HandinHandSV.org](http://www.HandinHandSV.org)

### Supplies Needed (but not limited to)

Pencil Boxes  
Index Cards  
Notebook Dividers  
Spiral Notebooks (all sizes)  
Glue Sticks  
Sharpies  
Crayons  
Scissors  
Pocket Folders  
No. 2 Pencils  
Copy Paper  
Pens  
Colored Pencils  
Poster Boards  
Magic Markers  
Hand Sanitizer  
Tri-fold Presentation Boards  
White Board Markers  
Stitched Composition Books  
Boxes of Tissues  
Rulers  
Marbled Composition Books  
Backpacks (all sizes)  
Notebook Paper (college and wide-ruled)  
USB Thumb Drives





# Everything we do at BMPC is mission!

Everyday the members of BMPC work to enrich the lives of so many. Through missional activity we reach beyond our walls through local and global outreach. The work of our congregation doesn't slow down for summer vacation. You can find our members planting vegetables in the garden at the Baptist church to help feed the food insecure, visiting the homebound, or listening to and assisting a homeless neighbor at AHope.

Whether you are a longtime member or a new member, your pledges and gifts are funding a multitude of opportunities for teaching, learning, caring, and playing between generations in worship and other activities.

**The Stewardship Team thanks you for your commitment,** Bill Gilliland, *chairperson*; Austin Brown; Gayle Petty-Johnson; Dave Johnson; Gay Mothershed; and Gayle Shelton



## These youth and adults attended Memphis Youth Mission July 16-21

Cayden Bemis  
Carly Campbell  
Josie Davis  
Jonathan Kadau  
Noah Lehman  
Helena Marmolejos  
Grace Martin  
Melzer Morgan  
Graham Roy

**Adults**  
Wayne Mullis  
Margo Smith  
Kitty Kelly



Carly Campbell and Kitty Kelly taking time out for snowcones and a selfie.



Helping out at Habitat ReStore



A rest stop on the way to Memphis

## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Edie and Joe Covert and Blanche Carper



"At an early age, all three of us were taught that sharing what we have with others is truly important. Through our local church and presbytery involvement in the past, we also learned that financial commitments are essential. Living on the mission field in Congo and through short-term mission trips in the USA and abroad, we have seen first-hand that even small contributions can go a long way and can have a significant impact. We have watched as those with 'little' in the eyes of many, have supported their local churches by giving from their hearts – without coins to offer, they gave what they had, donating their chickens, eggs, fruit or firewood to the Lord's work."



At this point in time, as full time caregivers for Edie's mom, Joe and Edie are much more limited in their ability to be as actively involved in the life and ministry of the church as they would like to be or were in the past. However, through their financial pledge to the church, their volunteer work at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families, and through their prayers, they are trying to do what they can to support the staff and ministry of the church. Blanche also does all that she can to faithfully support the church financially and with her prayers.



Early morning info session with the executive director of the Hospitality Hub for the homeless



Delivering food for Meals On Wheels



## Members and Friends of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church,

There is no way that this note can express the depth of my gratitude for our time together and the ways that you have graciously received my ministry and cared for our family since I was called to be your associate pastor in November of 2011.

It has been an absolute joy and privilege to be part of your church family. Thank you for your trust, love, support, and grace. As I reflect upon all the Spirit-filled worship services, communions and baptisms celebrated, Confirmation and Youth Sundays, births announced and funerals held, joyous and important youth and mission trips, hospital visits and one-on-one pastoral conversations – I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways you have allowed me to be your pastor.

Katie and I will forever be grateful that our children were baptized at BMPC and first learned of God's love and experienced the beauty of Church through BMPC. Y'all have made good on your baptismal promises to raise Aubry and Will in the faith. We depart feeling well cared for, well loved, and generously blessed by this community as we embark on our next adventure. Thanks be to God for the ways we have shared our lives and ministries together!

May the Lord bless you and keep you – each one of you.

BERRY

## Have you signed up for our Fall Retreat?

We had an amazing time last year!

hiking,  
canoeing,  
singing,  
playing,  
and  
worshiping  
together

We are excited to return to Camp Holston in Banner Elk for our Second Annual Retreat.



**October 6-8, Friday-Sunday**  
**\$60 for ages 11 and over \$20 for 10 and under**  
**includes activities, meals, and housing**

**Register at [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org) (click on link found on the home page)**  
**or call the church office, 669-2725**

## Library Notes

If you are interested in learning about the history of Black Mountain, this Western North Carolina area, or works set in WNC by local authors, our library has many books for your pleasure. Check out the display in our library.

### NON-FICTION

- *A History of Black Mountain, North Carolina, and Its People* by Joyce Justus Parris
- *On the North Fork of the Swannanoa River* edited by Joan and Robert Goodson
- *Our Southern Highlands: A Narrative of Adventures in the Southern Appalachians and a Study of Life Among the Mountaineers* by Horace Kephart
- *The Road (Railroad)* by John Ehle
- *A Centennial History: Our First Hundred Years in Words and Pictures – Black Mountain Presbyterian Church,* Charlotte Sprawls
- *A Spire in the Mountains, First Presbyterian Church in Asheville* by Ora Blackman
- *The First Chapter, Early Montreat Homes* by Henrietta Wilkerson and Bluford B. Hestir
- *Montreat* by Mary McPhail Standaert and Joe Standaert
- *Montreat Gateboys and Their Stories* edited by Mary McPhail Standaert
- *Montreat, How I Love You!* by Jane Elizabeth Frist

### FICTION

- *Brighten the Corner Where You Are* by Fred Chappell
- *Burning Bright* by Ron Rash
- *Cataloochee* by Wayne Caldwell
- *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier
- *Gap Creek* by Robert Morgan
- *The Hinterlands* by Robert Morgan
- *A Land More Kind Than Home* by Wiley Cash
- *Return of the Innocent Earth* by Wilma Dykeman
- *Smoky Mountain Magic* by Horace Kephart
- *The Tall Woman* by Wilma Dykeman
- *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier
- *The Truest Pleasure* by Robert Morgan

## “Cross” Culture

Cross Culture is an appropriate name and symbol for the garden located on Midland Avenue behind the First Baptist Church. For five years this garden has produced delicious, nutritious vegetables enriching the diet and life of innumerable members, friends, and neighbors of the church. Each season some of the produce has been distributed through SVCM to those served by that ecumenical ministry. This season there is a new dimension to this “Cross-culture” ministry with the presence and participation of the Earth Care team of BMPC.

Bruce McMahan and David Kaylor, along with many others from both congregations, continue to provide inspiration, wise guidance, and sweat equity for this amazing, life-giving and hope-giving venture.

“The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.”  
Psalm 67:6,7

“How good and pleasant it is when kindred live (work and serve) together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

– Bill Janes

## Piano Available for Purchase

**Everett Console Piano, built in 1962 (serial #140557). \$300.**

Currently located in the church house. All the keys work; all three pedals are functional. We make no representation about the condition of the soundboard, nor of the ability of the pins to hold a tuning. The piano comes with a metal dolly already installed for ease of movement. The expected dust and cobwebs can be easily removed and cleaned. This would be an excellent instrument for a family if piano study might be of interest to children. For a fee, Piano Emporium will inspect the piano to detect technical issues. Buyer responsible for transport. Contact Mike Barker, 669-2725.



## Summer Lunch Program

Did you know that BMPC has been serving lunch to children at the Ridgeview Trailer Park in Swannanoa this summer? Three or four folks report at 11 a.m. each Tuesday to set up a tent and greet children as they arrive between 11:15-12:15. The food is delivered by the Buncombe County Schools nutrition van and the volunteers hand out the food. Lunch consists of a protein, vegetable, fruit, grain, and milk. We have served twelve to twenty children each day – preschool through high school.

### Thanks so much to these volunteers

Leslie Applewhite, Barbara Brinson, Scottie Cannon, Christy Carswell, Ruth Duckworth, Cathy Evans, Rick Hughes, Bill and Ruth Janes, Nancy Sprinkle, Susan Jumper, Rosie Johnson, Patti Pyle, Ginny Soll

## Church Life App/Online Giving



We had a great turnout for our Church Life App/Online Giving class on July 12. Thanks to all of you who came armed with your smart phones and patience! It was a fun time for all, and we learned about the awesome Church Life app and what it can do to help us stay in touch at BMPC. If you missed the class, download the manual at [www.bmpcnc.org/churchlife](http://www.bmpcnc.org/churchlife), pick up a copy in the narthex, or you can call Jen at (828) 669-2725 to set up an appointment for one-on-one help. See what Church Life can do for you!

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|--|---|
| 1 Ali Johnson  | 19 Carol Aho  |
| 2 Jeannie Franklin<br>Dave McClintock  | 20 Cindy Byrd<br>John Snell<br>Nathan Speegle-Snell               |
| 4 Jane Holt<br>Stuart Williams<br>Connor Watson Burns                        | 21 Bob Tuttle<br>Leslie Applewhite<br>Matthew Baraki              |
| 5 Andy Banzhoff  | 23 Lois Royer<br>David Miller<br>Joe Walker<br>Gladys Brooks      |
| 6 Maggie Shaffer   | 24 Kali Fleagle   |
| 7 Barb Griffin<br>Anne Straughan<br>Nora Price                               | 25 Denise Geiger<br>Adlai Boyd                                    |
| 8 Mark Hewitt<br>Emily Munn  | 26 Katherine Holman<br>Will Nelson<br>Taylor Owen                 |
| 9 Jack Cordell<br>Kitty Fouche<br>Wendell Begley                             | 27 Melissa Kadau<br>William Neville                               |
| 11 Cathy McMillan<br>Penny Mayronne<br>Martha Speegle-Snell<br>Fiona Rachman | 28 Betsy Reimer<br>Denison Hewitt                                 |
| 12 Sally Gunn  | 29 Mike Beaver<br>Jesse Dannenberg<br>Eli Hile<br>Melissa McElwee |
| 13 Jacob Allen   | 30 Wade Burns<br>Phil Cogbill                                     |
| 14 Travis Reece  | 31 Clarence Fouse<br>Andrew Tyson                                 |
| 15 Phillip McDaniel  |   |
| 16 Cheryl Wilson<br>Erica Campbell   |   |
| 17 John LaMotte  |   |
| 18 Ginger Neustadt<br>Marc Begley  |   |

## Dear Elders, Mission Committee, and Members of BMPC,

Thank you so much for your faithful on-going support of the mission work in Asia. It is a joy to be in partnership in mission with the good folks at BMPC!

I just returned last night from San Diego, CA, where I spoke to a conference of Taiwanese/American churches. While they are Taiwanese/Americans, I told them that I am an American/Taiwanese.

This week and next at two of the seminaries where I teach, a portion of my students will graduate and begin their service to God through the church. They are blessed to be a blessing to the Lord. Thank you for your part in that blessing.

Gratefully,  
John McCall

## Narthex Artwork Gallery

Please take time to notice artwork created by a different BMPC member each month on the brick wall in the narthex. Displayed in August is Big Animal Photography by Art DeJong.