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Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

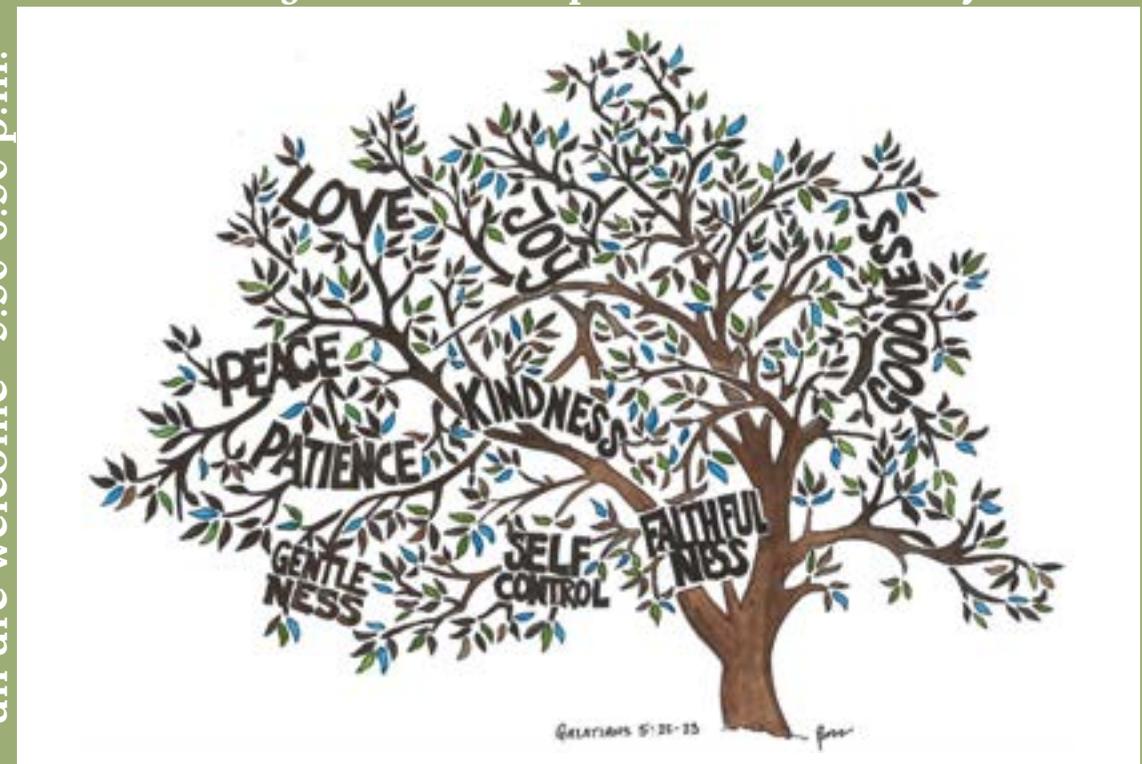
October 2017



## “Has Everyone Been Fed?”

intergenerational potluck bible study

all are welcome 5:30-6:30 p.m.



feeding our body and our spirit

come and bring your friends and neighbors

### Wednesday evenings beginning October 4.

Volunteers will lead Bible study in this weekly gathering of eating and learning together for all ages as we build relationships, share our food, and have faithful conversations around the table.



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



**Hand in Hand** of the Swannanoa Valley would like to thank the BMPC congregation for partnering with us for the Backpack Program. For the fourth year in a row, your generous donations allow our local school children to have the items they need to fully participate in school. The items were distributed to our Owen district schools and kept in an area in the counselor's office so children that need these necessities can get them discreetly. Hand in Hand has fundraisers throughout the year to help with our valley's children and their continuous needs.

- Jennifer & Kyle Holt

# OCTOBER

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Church School 11a Worship  5p Bells 5p MS&HS Youth	2  6p Session 7p Earth Care Team	3 Office Closed Staff Retreat  PW Circles 7p Prophets	4  5:30p Potluck Bible Study 7p Choir	5 1:30p Red Cross Blood Drive	6	7
8 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Ch School 11a Worship 2p SVCN Hunger Walk 5p Bells	9  6:45p Ministry Teams	10  7p Prophets	11  5:30p Potluck Bible Study 7p Choir	12 1:30p Sewing Ministry	13	14
15 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Ch School 11a Worship  5p Bells 5p MS&HS Youth	16 Window Deadline 5:30p Stewardship	17 12p PW Fall Gathering 7p Prophets	18  5:30p Potluck Bible Study 7p Choir	<b>The deadline for the November Window newsletter is Monday, October 16.</b>		
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<b>A page for your pictorial directory showing new members who joined on September 17 is available in the narthex. Be sure to pick one up!</b>						

**Our grounds are looking beautiful these days** due (in large part) to the love and caring hands of Margaret Fouse. We're not sure how many hours she has put into our garden, but it is many! Margaret says she loves taking care of the plants and flowers at BMPC – and it shows! Thank you, Margaret!

## How will you be an opener of doors?

It is that time of year when we have the privilege of launching Black Mountain Presbyterian Church's 2018 stewardship campaign. And this year our theme is – **Open Doors...to Endless Opportunities.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Be an opener of doors of such as come after thee." God calls us to pass on our story of faith from one generation to the next.

Throughout the month of October we will hear wonderful stories in worship about how we at BMPC have opened the doors to faith in the past and how we hope to open doors in the future. Come hear the exciting dreams we have for 2018 as we strive to join God's missional activity in the world!



**Great family fun at our annual Labor Day Picnic at Camp Rockmont. If you weren't there, we missed seeing you! Join us next year. It's always great food, fellowship, and fun.**



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



### Tuesday, October 3 Circle meetings

#### Dorcas

Gin Pharr  
D-53, Highland Farms  
10:00 a.m.

#### Esther

Carey Jo Elam  
52 Wagon Trail  
10:00 a.m.

#### Hannah

Betty Jo Sumner  
Cragmont Assembly  
1233 North Fork Road  
10:00 a.m.

#### Naomi

4:30 p.m. – Library at church

#### Priscilla

Gay Van Osdall  
22 Timber Park Drive  
10:00 a.m.

#### Rebekah

4:30 p.m.  
The Lodge, Highland Farms

#### Ruth

1:30 p.m. – CR1 at church

## Would you like to be a part of a supportive group of women who are committed to mission?

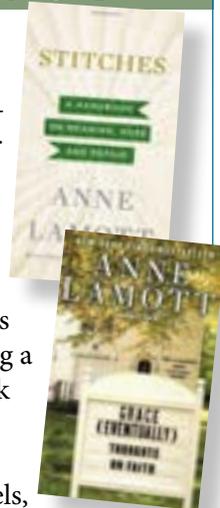
If you are not part of a PW Circle and would like to join, please call Jane Collins, 669-0335. The next circle meetings are on **Tuesday, October 3**. On **Tuesday, October 17**, at noon, we will have our Fall Gathering in Fellowship Hall with a light Italian lunch **for all women of the church**. Following lunch will be our Thanks Offering Celebration – “For the Healing of the Nations”, benefitting 15 projects. Reservations are requested by October 9. Please plan to join us and prepare to be warmly welcomed!

## Library Notes

Anne Lamott was the featured writer in the July-August issue of the Presbyterian Women's magazine, Horizons. She is a well-known and best-selling author who writes from her heart about her experiences and her observations. Her essays are witty and hilarious, often unconventional. They are honest and unexpected expressions of how she sees family, friends, and faith.

Conversational in tone, most of Lamott's books offer advice on spiritual growth, daily living, raising a child, difficult situations, and putting one's life back together after unfortunate incidents. In fact, her candid wisdom is her trademark.

Of her many essay collections and her six novels, our library has eleven of her books, which are on display this month. [Two have been misplaced. If you find *Grace (Eventually)* or *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair*, please return to the library, so that other readers can enjoy them.]



## Weekday School Scholarship Assistance Needed

The Weekday School is financially assisting 9 families in order for them to send their children to the Weekday School. This is the largest amount we have ever had. This school year \$13,000 is needed in our scholarship fund to give these families partial assistance. Each family pays what they are able and every child is accepted regardless of ability

to pay. **You can help!** You may adopt a family anonymously for the year and make an ongoing donation, or you may make a one-time donation to the scholarship fund. Please talk with Alice Patton or Ginny Soll if you would like to learn more. You may write a check to the BMPC Weekday School and mark it scholarship.

## October Adult Church School

### Becomers Class meets in Library

- 1 Zechariah – Chapter 7:1-8:23, *New Jerusalem*
- 8 Zechariah – Chapter 9, 10, 14, King & Kingdom
- 15 Malachi – Chapter 1-4, *The Lamb's Book*
- 22 Joel – Chapter 1-3, *The Day of the Lord*
- 29 *Time between Old and New Testament*

### Bible Exploration meets in CR-2 continuing study of First Peter

### Biblical Perspectives meets in CR-1

- 1 John & Gay Van Osdall, *Making an Ethical Will 1*
- 8 John & Gay Van Osdall, *Making an Ethical Will 2*
- 15 Kathy Bergen, *Christian Zionism*
- 22 TBA
- 29 David Kaylor, Henry Griffin – *Earthcare*

### Faith Builders meets in Parlor

- 1 Annual Class Planning time
- 8 TBA
- 15 TBA

### Oct. 22-Nov. 19: Five-week Book Study

*Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Led by Pat Tuttle and Deb & Wayne Mullis.

## October YOUTH events

### middle school

- 1 **Picnic and Hike** @ Warren Wilson  
5-7p (bring bag supper)
- 8 **SVCM Hunger Walk 1:30p**  
(no evening program)
- 15 **Disability Awareness 5-7p** 🍌
- 22 **Montreat Hike** Grilling @  
Monkey Bottom 5-7p 🍌
- 29 **Day Adventure 9:45-3p**  
Pisgah Hike & Picnic (bring bag lunch)

### high school

- 1 **Hike and Vespers 5-7p**  
(bring bag supper)
- 8 **SVCM Hunger Walk 1:30p**  
(no evening program)
- 15 **Outdoor Movie Night**  
@ the Lehman's 5-7p 🍌
- 22 **Mystery Night 5-7p** \$
- 27 **Breakfast Club**  
@ the Gunn's 7-7:45a 🍌
- 29 **Campfire Theology**  
@ Grey Eagle, Rockmont 5-7p

# Volunteer Spotlight



**A.T. and Doris Brown** have been partners for 62 years, as a loving married couple and parents to three sons, and as servants of God through Christian Education, especially in camps, recreation, and outdoor education.

Their long relationship is an answer to the question, “What can teaching church school offer to me?” Having served in the Naval Air Corp during WWII, A.T. moved to Charlotte, built a house for his mother and himself, and worked selling insurance. A self-proclaimed “party boy,” A.T. changed his ways after being asked by David Wilkinson, the minister of Plaza Presbyterian, to help out in the third grade church school class, and introduced A.T. to Doris, the DCE. Did Wilkinson have ulterior motives? Well maybe. A.T. recalls Doris, who didn’t have a car, could always get to meetings, but mysteriously always needed a ride home which A.T. happily provided. The rest is history.

A life long lover of the outdoors, A.T. applied to direct a camp for a Charlotte school, but needed his college degree, so instead answered the request from Plaza Pres

to serve as assistant to the minister. He did everything including church school, youth work, visitation, and elder support. When an opportunity to attend a workshop at PSCE in Richmond arose, he went and met a fellow student, Glenn Bannerman.

In the meantime, A.T. and Doris had married and had their first son Chuck (now the director of the William Brearley House in Montreat), and when A.T. decided to seek a degree from PSCE, Doris agreed and they moved their young family to Virginia. It wasn’t easy to support themselves while A.T. was in school, but they scraped by and A.T. graduated in 1960. He says Glenn Bannerman, by then a professor at PSCE, claims he taught A.T. everything he knows!

From this point, A.T. and Doris threw themselves into the church camping ministry, beginning at Glenkirk in Gainesville, Virginia, where they actively built facilities and programs. They served from 1960-69 and are proud to say the camp was fully integrated.

Their skills drew the attention of Westminster Presbytery in central Florida, and A.T. and Doris were asked to help develop a new campground to serve the area. After looking at over 30 sites, they settled on an area near the Alafia River, initially called “PickaTick,” but later more mellifluously named Cedarkirk. They were involved from the first cutting of trails, to tent and later cabin camping, and they continued building Cedarkirk into a model church camp and retreat center.

A.T. is quick to say he and Doris were always a team. He says Doris is the organizer and did all the booking, check-ins, and supervising the famously wonderful food. He admits his skills and interests lay in

programming, training, and special programs, but Doris could calm the homesick child and support groups of ministers’ wives who needed a break from their demanding roles. Many can attest to the warm camp “home” Doris and A.T. provided.

Cedarkirk is known for its various camping opportunities and venues including canoe camps and bike camps. A.T. and Doris also created a partnership between paid staff and volunteers tapping into the skills of people from the Presbytery that allowed high level staffing at an affordable price. During their tenure, Cedarkirk served people 240 days of the year, and A.T. and Doris are especially delighted to report that they hosted students from around the world at their “International House” every Christmas.

A.T. remembers there were days when he and Doris were bone tired, but then a group activity would infuse them with the energy from those learning the joy of Christian community, and they would be renewed by the enthusiasm.

After 20 years at Cedarkirk, A.T. and Doris “retired” to grandparenting, moving closer to family so they could help out. In 2006, they retired at last to Black Mountain where they continued to volunteer; A.T. tutoring at W.D. Williams and Black Mountain Elementary, and Doris working at Kiwanis Thrift. They are happy to be near Montreat where A.T. has been involved with youth programs.

Having lived an active life, it is hard for these vibrant folks to slow down, but A.T. and Doris agree that when they reflect on their lives asking “Does my life matter,” they know they have made a difference, and they did it together. A.T. reflects fondly, “Doris is a good woman,” and Doris replies, “And we are still in love.”

People travel far and wide to find “the meaning of life,” when all they have to do is spend an afternoon with A.T. and Doris Brown. Their love, their lives of service, and their clear example of serving God is all one needs to know. ❖

## Thank you for sponsoring the Red Cross blood drive in August

The efforts of BMPC have always been greatly appreciated and your support of the community blood program goes a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. You may be interested to know that 30 donors registered, three donors were deferred and 29 units were collected in your last blood drive! We also registered four first time donors!

– Tabitha, American Red Cross

## The next BMPC blood drive is October 5.

## Our Solar Panels

It’s hard to believe a year has already passed since the dedication ceremony



for the Solar Panels on September 11, 2016. Since then, they have provided electrical power for our everyday activities at the church, reduced our utility expenses by \$2,365, and lessened our environmental footprint. We are grateful to members of BMPC and the Earth Care Team for their generosity and dedication which have enabled us to be good stewards of our resources and of Creation.

## LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF

### Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Walk for Hunger Relief Sunday, October 8



First Baptist Church, Black Mountain

- Registration 1:30 p.m., Walk begins 2:00 p.m.
- Walk the one mile or four mile route
- Contributions will go toward purchase of food for the SVCM pantry (10% to Church World Service)

For more information, call John Murphy,  
669-0324 or email: [svcmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svcmdirector@gmail.com)

## “You fed me when I was a stranger”

Calling on volunteers to please sign up for helping with food during BMPC's week for the SVCM Shelter held at the First Baptist Church – **November 5-11. Sign up in the narthex if you can help bring food for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.** We serve meals for 15 women and men each day for a week. Bringing in a bag of apples helps as well as bottled water, boiled eggs etc. If you cannot prepare a meal you can help by giving toward take out meals. It's a blessing to sit down at the table with these folks who need food and love. You may call Barbara Gaw for any questions at 669-4463. Our Mission Team thanks you!

15.4% or 34,990 people in Buncombe County are food insecure, or unsure of where the next meal is coming from  
(Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap, 2014)

A list of especially needed items for the SVCM pantry shelves is listed below. This is a good time to think ahead to a **Can in Each Hand** for Sunday. BMPC is well-known at SVCM for its dedicated workers, its generous giving, and its weekly donations of food. Among us, we represent well over 1,000 hands. Imagine a can in each one of them each Sunday. **Be part of our tradition of giving to those in greatest need.**

### SVCM immediate needs

- canned green beans
- corn
- pork and beans
- red kidney beans
- pinto beans
- sugar
- all-purpose flour
- soap
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- shampoo

Monetary donations for food are welcome (send to PO Box 235). Drop off items at 101 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Black Mountain or in the BMPC narthex.



## BMPC Middle School Youth at Lake Lure

We had a great time at the Hollady's lake house tubing, swimming and playing games! If you weren't able to attend we missed you and hope to see you this Sunday!



## High School Youth screen print t-shirts

The High School Youth made some awesome T-shirts on September 17 at Beth Gunn's home! We enjoyed a meal and had fun playing outdoors together as well.

# Thank you for sharing

We love seeing photos that you have taken at BMPC events! Feel free to post your photos on the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Facebook page or send them to [jackie@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org) so they can be shared with the congregation in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Do you paint, sew cross-stitch, or do any kind of craft or artwork that can be hung? We are looking for artists of any age to display their work on the brick wall in the Narthex. You don't have to be a professional, just be willing to share what you do with the congregation. Contact Alida Grady at 669-1937 or call the church office at 669-2725.

## Where do those 5 cents go?



Since January of this year, generous BMPC congregants have contributed at the end of each month a total of \$3,372 to the Five Cents a Meal offering. Have you ever wondered how such a small sacrifice can do so much for so many? The Presbytery of Western North Carolina's Hunger Committee reports that as of July 2017, 65 churches (including BMPC) have provided significant support for:

- Malawi's Nkhoma Hospital Children's Ward ..... \$16,764
- Black Mountain Children's Home Community Garden ..... \$1,000
- Interfaith Assistance Ministry of Henderson ..... \$4,000
- Dulatown Presbyterian Church Food Pantry ..... \$3,350
- Community Assistance Program of Waldensian Presbyterian Church ..... \$3,350
- Back Pack program of Macon County's Care Network ..... \$5,000
- Cherokee County Sharing Center ..... \$6,000

**The next Five Cents a Meal offering is Sunday, October 29** – please give generously and let's work together to end hunger!



## Peace & Global Witness

Presbyterian Mission Special Offerings  
**Sunday, October 1**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining

50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. BMPC has named **Bridges To Life** (BTL) for the 25%, a program at the Swannanoa Women's Correctional Center. BTL provides rehabilitation, reconciliation, and healing to victims of crime, while reducing recidivism among offender graduates of the program, making our community a safer place. For more about Bridges to Life, go to [bridgestolife.org](http://bridgestolife.org).

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| <b>1</b> Mary Knight<br>Nick Murphy<br>Mary Scott Robinson<br>Will Chilton | <b>19</b> Marvin Secrest<br>Allen Bell<br>Sara Bassett<br>Ella Farish                                |
| <b>3</b> Eleanor Landers   | <b>21</b> Carol Cauthen  |
| <b>4</b> Jessica Lehman  | <b>22</b> Linda Stroupe<br>Donna Drake<br>Olivia Tyson   |
| <b>5</b> Doris Hogle   | <b>24</b> Patrick Miller<br>Michael Gun  |
| <b>6</b> Grace Stitt<br>Tonia Allen  | <b>25</b> Ellen McClintock   |
| <b>8</b> Craig Cooley<br>Delores Spielman                                  | <b>26</b> Harry Home<br>Donna Marie Todd<br>James Huggins  |
| <b>9</b> Barbara Jenkins<br>Dave Johnson                                   | <b>27</b> Frank Davison<br>Bill Janes<br>Hugh Mayronne<br>Ken Scott<br>David Hekking<br>Reid Pomeroy |
| <b>10</b> Gayle Shelton  | <b>28</b> Betty Becker<br>Olivia LaMotte<br>Caleb Ford<br>Jonathan Donnell<br>Max Cogbill            |
| <b>11</b> Dot Kaylor<br>Renee Sandy<br>Daryl Fisher<br>Kristi Morgan       | <b>30</b> Leslie Carreiro  |
| <b>12</b> Art Lindsay<br>Bill Waterstradt<br>Josie Munn                    | <b>31</b> Billy Banks<br>Susie Burns   |
| <b>13</b> Barbara Massey<br>Paul Willison                                  |  |
| <b>14</b> Lucy Dusthimer   |  |
| <b>16</b> Hannah Webber  |  |
| <b>17</b> Gayle Petty-Johnson<br>Mary Standaert<br>Autumn Hollifield       |  |

*Happy Birthday*

## Thank You BMPC family

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers while I recovered from foot surgery.

– Helen Davies

Hello all!

Thank you so much for your support of my 4th mission trip with Marion Medical Mission to help install shallow wells in Malawi/Tanzania/Zambia. By the time you read this I will have been hard at work since September 17th putting a dent in our goal of installing 2,800 wells during this year's installation season (Sept-Oct). If I can find access to internet, I will post to my blog – [www.travelcontinued.blogspot.com](http://www.travelcontinued.blogspot.com) so you can see where I am and what I'm doing. If not, you'll have to wait until I get home! I look forward to seeing you and sharing my experiences after I return in November.

Peace,

– Jessi Stitt

## Narthex Gallery

On display in October  
is a quilt by Nada Barnett