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# BMPC Window



Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

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## Fall is finally here!

Isn't it amazing how a little cool weather can make everything better? I am so thankful for everything God is doing in the life of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church! November is a great time to highlight **gratitude** in our homes as well as in our church. Throughout this month, worship here at BMPC will focus on gratitude. I am excited to announce that on **November 5th**, we will give thanks for our past with **Heritage Sunday!** If you have a family tartan, make sure to wear it! The choir is preparing special music for us that day and we will also have a bagpiper welcoming us into worship!



Studies have shown that people who take the time to express gratitude on a regular basis feel more alive, sleep better, express more compassion and kindness and even have stronger immune systems. In fact, filling a journal with brief passages about the moments for which we are thankful can increase well-being and life satisfaction.

Another easy way to practice an attitude of gratitude is to cut strips of paper for family members to write words or phrases of things in their life they are grateful for. Fold the slip one time and put it in a mason jar. If they do it every day this month, you will have a jar full of gratitude slips that can be read aloud before the Thanksgiving meal. An even simpler activity is to put a piece of paper on the fridge and have everyone contribute to an ongoing list of things – big or small. The sun, cooler air, cheerful orange pumpkins, long walks, my children and husband, forgiveness, and

Jesus are just a few on my list. What are yours?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Join me this month in worship as we give thanks to God with grateful hearts for all of our many blessings here at BMPC!

*Mary Katherine*



an Earth Care Congregation



**BMPC Child Protection Policy**

*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



## The High School Youth having great fun playing Foot Golf on Sunday, October 22



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

| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
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|  <p><b>daylight saving time ends</b><br/>Sunday, November 5<br/>Clocks go back an hour</p> |  |   | 1<br>5:30p Potluck<br>Bible Study<br>7p Choir                     | 2<br><b>Simply... Christmas Alternative Gifting begins Nov. 19</b>                      | 3  | 4   |
| 5<br>8:30a FirstLight<br>9:40a Church School<br>9:40a Inquirers' Class<br>11a Worship<br>12 Potato Lunch<br>3:30p Officer Training<br>5p Bells                              | 6<br>7p Earth Care Team  | 7<br>PW Circles<br>7p Weekday School<br>7p Deacons<br>7p Prophets | 8<br>5:30p Potluck<br>Bible Study<br>5:30p Strategic<br>7p Choir  | 9<br>1:30p Sewing Ministry  | 10<br>MS Youth at Camp Grier<br>Nov. 10-12 | 11<br><b>Feed A Family bags available on Nov. 12</b>                                      |
| 12<br>NO HF BUS<br>8:30a FirstLight<br>9:40a Church School<br>11a Worship<br>3:30p Officer Training<br>5p Bells<br>5p MS&HS Youth   | 13<br>9a Finance<br>4p Stewardship<br>5p Nurture<br>6:45p Ministry Teams | 14<br>5:30p CE<br>7p Prophets                                     | 15<br>Window Deadline<br>5:30p Potluck<br>Bible Study<br>7p Choir | 16-18<br><b>The deadline for the December Window newsletter Wednesday, November 15.</b> |  |   |
| 19<br>8:30a FirstLight<br>9:40a Church School<br>11a Worship<br>3:30p Officer Training<br>5p Bells<br>4p HS Youth Rake&Run<br>6p Communion Service                          | 20<br>6p Weekday School<br>Giraffe<br>Potluck                            | 21<br>12p Weekday School<br>Potluck                               | 22<br>No Potluck<br>Bible Study                                   | 23<br>12noon Thanksgiving Lunch   | 24<br>Office closed                        | 25<br> |
| 26<br>8:30a FirstLight<br>9:40a Church School<br>11a Worship<br>5p Bells  | 27<br>6p Session   | 28<br>1p PW Bible Study<br>2p PW Coordinating Team                | 29<br>5:30p Potluck<br>Bible Study                                | 30<br>1:30p Red Cross Blood Drive   | <b>See page 5 for YOUTH calendar</b>       |   |

## Simply... Christmas



**Get ready for this year's alternative gifting event!** From November 19 to December 10 in the narthex we can find the perfect gift for everyone on our lists – donations to local and global mission efforts. It's so simple and it's always the perfect fit. Whether it's scholarships, medicine, food, school supplies, new wells, these are gifts you can really feel good about giving. Fill out an order form, write one check, and each gift will be acknowledged in your choice of beautiful Christmas cards designed by BMPC members. We even have a special way for children to participate with gifts of just a dollar. Look for the sample order form and cards on the church website beginning Nov. 12. Reclaim Christmas in your family and help make it especially bright for our mission partners.

## Help a child attend our Weekday School

The Weekday School is financially assisting 10 families with tuition. This is the largest number 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 it is 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. Contact Alice Patton [wkds@bmpcnc.org](mailto:wkds@bmpcnc.org) or 669-2725 if you would like to learn more or write a check to the BMPC Weekday School, mark it scholarship, and put it the plate. Thank you!

## Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner



Thursday, November 23, 12:00 noon, BMPC Fellowship Hall. **Please consider contributing a large dish or a cooked turkey to share.** Volunteers needed to set up, clean up, and prepare extra dishes. Sign up in the narthex or call 669-2725.

Congratulations to Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, students Andrew Bowman and Rosy Robson who have been honored as 2017 Apollos Award recipients by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



### Tuesday, November 7 Circle meetings

#### Dorcas

Judith Burt, 54 Timber Park Dr.  
10:00 a.m.  
carpool from church at 9:40

#### Esther

Karen Smith, 144 Lake Eden Rd.  
10:00 a.m.

#### Hannah

Mary Kells, 70 Wagon Trail  
10:00 a.m.

#### Naomi

4:30 p.m. – Library at church

#### Priscilla

Faith Bradley, 31 Wagon Trail  
10:00 a.m.

#### Rebekah.

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

#### Ruth

Penny Mayronne  
30 Laurel Branch Drive  
1:30 p.m.  
carpool from church at 1:00

## Feed a Family this Thanksgiving

**Pick up** a marked bag after worship on **November 12.**

**Purchase** dinner item that is written on the bag.

**Return** bag with purchased items to church on or before **November 19.**

Youth will sort food to make **30 complete meals** for families identified by SVCM.

The whole congregation is invited to a simple, youth-led **communion worship service at 6:00 p.m. on November 19** when meals will be distributed.



## Library Notes

### Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Billy Graham!

Born November 7, 1918, William Franklin Graham, the well-known evangelist, is considered to be the most influential preacher of the twentieth century. He began his Billy Graham Crusades in 1947 and hosted the Hour of Decision from 1950-1954.

He has preached to 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories. Also, he has reached an estimated 2.2 billion people through radio and television audiences. He retired in 2005.

His writings are timeless and continue to be published and purchased. Our library collection has many of his books and some of his wife's writings. These are on display in our library – in honor of his November birthday.

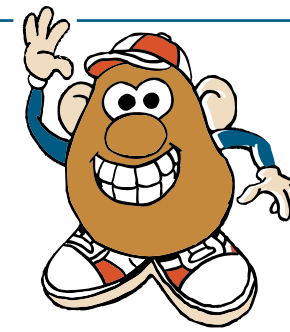
Billy still lives in Montreat in the house he and Ruth built on the mountain.



## Potato Lunch Sunday November 5

after 11:00 worship

*Fund-raiser to help our youth  
attend retreats and conferences*



## November Adult Church School

**Becomers Class** meets in Library

**5** *We Declare* – 1 John chapter 1 and background of I, II, III John, David Kaylor

**12** *Darkness vs. Light* – 1 John chapter 2, Florence Shelor

**19** *Children of God?* 1 John chapter 3, Florence Shelor

**26** *How Do We Know?* 1 John chapter 4, Florence Shelor

**Bible Exploration** meets in CR-2

continuing study of First Peter

**Biblical Perspectives** meets in CR-1

**5** *Earthcare: What can we do?* Henry Griffin, David Kaylor

**12** *Favorite Bible Passages* (bring your Bible!)

**19** *The Opioid Epidemic in Buncombe County*

Deanna LaMotte

**26** TBA

**Faith Builders** meets in Parlor

**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.

**26** TBA

## November YOUTH events

### middle school

**5** Rake & Run 5-7p 🍌

**10-12** Camp Grier \$

**19** SVCM Feed A Family 🍌

**26** No evening program  
(Thanksgiving weekend)

### high school

**4** Refugee Visit

**5** Potato Lunch, 9:30a-1:30p

**12** Veteran's Restoration Quarters  
4-7:30p 🍌

**17** Breakfast Club @ the Gunn's  
7-7:45a 🍌

**19** Rake & Run 5-7p 🍌

**26** No evening program  
(Thanksgiving weekend)

## Inquirers' Classes Sundays, November 5, 12, 19 @ 9:40 a.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 call or email Mary Katherine if you are interested in participating, or have any questions (669-2725, ext. 1111, or mk@bmpcnc.org).





The Middle School Youth participated in activities that highlighted some of the issues that are faced by people who are differently-abled!



The High School Youth enjoyed food, fun, fellowship and a movie at the Lehman's house!





## Jean Mangels' Musical Legacy

Veterans' Day at Givens Highland Farms will be celebrated this year with a special memorial concert for Jean Mangels, sponsored by her daughters Barbara Mangels and Karen Mangels Boyd. Many of you knew Jean during the ten years she lived at Highland Farms until her death at age 97 this past March. Jean loved classical

music, especially piano and chamber music, and was always a cheerleader for young people who study music. To honor that deep love of hers, on Saturday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room, more than a dozen of the Asheville area's most accomplished student string players and pianists will be performing in concert.

Featured in the concert are the piano students in high school taught by Karen Boyd at Harmony Lane Piano Studio. Three of these pianists, **Austin Wells, Joseph Rajagopal, and Dominic Rajagopal** will be performing chamber music by Mozart and Beethoven. String players in those pieces are **Laney Barnett, Elizabeth Propst, Phoebe Propst, Emily Lim, and Aaron Chen.** A solo by **Aubrianna Martin** and a duet ensemble with **Therese Rajagopal** round out the Harmony Lane performers.

In addition, four special guest artists will be heard in the concert. High school junior **Christopher Tavernier** will play "L'Isle Joyeuse" by Debussy. NC State music and engineering student **Nicholas Murphy** will play the first movement of the "Appassionata" sonata by Beethoven. Jean's grandson, **Peter Salvucci**, who plays saxophone and specializes in Turkish music, along with vocalist **Joanna Boyd Best** of Asheville's popular band Virginia and the Slims, will perform a classic song from Broadway of the 1930's with Karen Boyd at the piano.

A reception will follow the concert in the Assembly Room. All friends and music lovers are welcome to attend the program.

## Black Mountain OPEN TABLE

*Community outreach providing a place for friendship and food for all*

**Every Wednesday**

**11:30-1pm**

**First United Methodist Fellowship Hall**

**All are welcome.**

## SVCM immediate needs

**all sizes – clean, gently used blankets**

- 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.

## Help Wanted at SVCM

**Part-Time Administrative Assistant/Accounts Payable Clerk**

Work 2-1/2 to 3 days per week. Base pay is \$15 per hour. Prospective applicants must be proficient in Word, Excel, and QuickBooks. Previous experience as an administrative assistant or similar position is preferred. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume by October 31 at 5:00 p.m. to [svcmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svcmdirector@gmail.com), or to SVCM, P.O. Box 235, Black Mountain, NC 28711. To receive a complete job description, send an email to [svcmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svcmdirector@gmail.com), or call Renae Brame, Acting Executive Director, at 664-9224.

**Part-Time Homeless Shelter Late Shift Supervisor**

Base pay is \$12 per hour. Applicants must have prior experience working at SVCM/First Baptist Church Homeless Shelter or other homeless shelter facility, and/or background in Certified Nursing Assistant, law enforcement, or EMT. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume by October 31 at 5:00 p.m. to [svcmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svcmdirector@gmail.com), or to SVCM, P.O. Box 235, Black Mountain, NC 28711. To receive a complete job description, send an email to [svcmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svcmdirector@gmail.com) or [moorer912@gmail.com](mailto:moorer912@gmail.com), or call Renae Brame, Acting Executive Director, at 664-9224, or Sonny Moore, Homeless Outreach Coordinator at 828-273-5001.

## SVCM Shelter

Please bring items for lunches and breakfast to BMPC by noon on Sunday, November 5, or take them to the First Baptist Church across the street by 5:00 p.m. that day. Please mark items SVCM shelter. I am overwhelmed by the gracious response from BMPC and our guests who will be out of the cold will be most thankful!

*-Barbara Gaw*



We have been given a wonderful opportunity to raise money for Room in the Inn! We were contacted by Jim Reyland, founder of audioproductions.com and writersstage.com, who wrote the play STAND about his relationship with a homeless friend that he met while volunteering with Room in the Inn – Nashville. As most of you know, our roots are from Nashville and Jim has volunteered there for 25 years. We have limited time to advertise this to our congregations, as the performance will take place November 2 at 7:30 at First Presbyterian. There will be a second performance the morning of November 3 but that is for high school students and is free of charge to them. If any of you have high school contacts that you think would like to bring their students, please have them contact me.

Blessings,

Sharon P. Blythe, Volunteer Services Director  
*Homeward Bound of WNC*

# 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.

## “Has Everyone Been Fed?”

Every Wednesday in November  
(except November 22)  
5:30-6:30 p.m.



Intergenerational time of fellowship,  
good food, sharing, Bible study, singing, prayer.

### Join Us – All are Welcome

#### Presbytery Hunger Program



If you have noticed on the back of your Sunday bulletin a new logo... it is for our acceptance into the Presbyterian Hunger Program. We are now recognized as a PC(USA) Hunger Action Congregation. The following is an excerpt from the letter we received from Rebecca Barnes, Coordinator for the the program: “You have joined the faithful ranks of churches around the country that respond with compassionate action to end hunger in a country and world that have the potential to feed everyone. Through your local ministry commitment, and now as a recognized PC(USA) Hunger Action Congregation, you march side by side with other Presbyterians committed to alleviating hunger and to addressing the prejudices, practices.”

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| <b>3</b> Lew Rudisill<br>Dan Stitt<br>Alison Banzhoff                   | <b>17</b> Ella Davis   |
| <b>4</b> Arlene Wells   | <b>18</b> Joe Standaert<br>Lauren Rash<br>Parker Fisher      |
| <b>5</b> Kiersten Hall  | <b>19</b> Margaret Baxter<br>Brett Gudeman                   |
| <b>6</b> Cailyn Hollifield  | <b>20</b> Carolyn Johnson<br>Avery Van Note                  |
| <b>8</b> Virginie Pomeroy<br>Vivian Pickett                             | <b>21</b> Becky Hughes<br>Daniel Wiggs<br>Colton West        |
| <b>9</b> John Evans   | <b>22</b> Wilson Jumper<br>Caleb Holladay                    |
| <b>10</b> Rachel Hekking<br>Isaac Dannenberg<br>Eli Banks<br>Evie Wiggs | <b>23</b> Kemper Bornman<br>Jill Edwards                     |
| <b>11</b> Robin Stiles<br>Noah Lehman                                   | <b>25</b> Matt Coward  |
| <b>12</b> Vanessa Pickett<br>Isaac Baraki                               | <b>27</b> Lenoir Tucker<br>Jonathan Kadau                    |
| <b>13</b> Sarah Wilson  | <b>28</b> Kim Wheeler  |
| <b>14</b> Beverly Highland<br>Bethany Corn                              | <b>29</b> Jim Cogswell<br>Connor Mailander<br>Vivian Rachman |
| <b>15</b> Ellen Farrior<br>Jane Blount                                  |  |
| <b>16</b> Bess Perryman   |  |

### Red Cross Blood Drive at BMPC

Thursday, November 30, 1:30-6 p.m.

call the church office, 669-2725  
to sign up



### BMPC is headed to College Conference at Montreat!

Young adults that have graduated high school are invited to attend this AMAZING event! Registration deadline to attend is Friday, December 1, 2017. The cost, which includes housing, registration fee and meals, is \$150. Please visit the BMPC website on the youth page to find out more and **register by December 1!**

### Hospital Visits and Stays

Please call the church office to let us know if you or another member are in the hospital so that our pastoral staff may visit. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals do not inform us when a member is hospitalized (even though a request for your church affiliation may appear on the admissions form.) When given permission, we print members' names in our bulletin and on our Care board at church so we may pray for them. Please contact Mary Katherine Robinson for any pastoral updates.

### Narthex Gallery

On display in November  
Wall Hanging by Nada Barnett