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Guatemala Trip – Summer 2018

Our congregation has been in partnership with our Guatemalan brothers and sisters at Eben Ezer Church in San Antonio, Guatemala for 24 years. Many Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Western NC are partnered with Presbyterian Churches in the Guatemalan Presbyteries of Sur Occidente and Suchitepequez in Southwestern Guatemala. One of the most important parts of our partnership is building relationships through face-to-face time with our brothers and sisters at Eben Ezer. **We are excited to announce that we are going to visit our sister church in Guatemala this July!**

Back in 1994, Rev. John McCall, who was our pastor at that time, visited our sister church and during that following summer, we hosted the Eben Ezer pastor here at BMPC. We have sent BMPC members to Guatemala throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. During that same time period, we have also hosted church members from Eben Ezer Church. A new venture began in 2004, when we started communicating with our scholarship students through letters. In 2016, an intergenerational group of six high school youth and six adults from BMPC spent a week in Guatemala visiting our sister church Eben Ezer, and during the past several years, we had various BMPC members (youth and adults) visit our sister church through the annual Presbytery of Western NC Guatemala delegation trips.

In order to continue to strengthen this partnership, we are planning another trip. We plan to take another intergenerational group of BMPC members to Guatemala, from **July 25 through August 1, 2018**. There are applications on the BMPC website and also in the church office. Here is more information:

Who can apply? Any BMPC member 16 years old and older
When are applications due?

By February 14, 2018 to Mary Katherine

Why applications? Part of our trip involves home stays with individuals in the Eben Ezer church. Hosting more than about 10 people is not feasible for them. Also, due to the nature of travel in Guatemala, our transportation will not hold more than about 10 folks.

Who reviews the applications?

Members of the Guatemala trip planning team, including Mary Katherine, Dave Kadau, Mary Carroll Dodd.

When will we hear who will be on the BMPC team?

By February 26

How much will it cost? We estimate the total cost of the trip to be about \$1200, but the Mission Team is willing to pay up to \$500 per person. So, the cost per participant will be about \$700. Additional financial aid is available on an as-needed basis. Contact Mary Katherine to inquire.

If I don't feel called to go to Guatemala but want to support the trip, how can I help?

- Begin to pray for the trip and the BMPC team.
- Plan to attend church-wide events in the spring and fall to learn more about our partnership with Eben Ezer Church.
- Pray for our Guatemala Team participants individually.
- Help support the trip financially, by donating specifically to the BMPC Guatemala trip.

Further questions?

Please pick up an application for more information, and if there are additional questions, contact Mary Katherine at mk@bmpcnc.org or Mary Carroll Dodd at marycarrolldodd@gmail.com.



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BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



Community Worship Services – Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday

Each service begins at noon and lasts for about 30 minutes. A light lunch follows each service with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. An offering will be taken at each service for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries' heating fund. All are invited to these services which help us to prepare ourselves for our holiest day of Easter.

February 14 (Ash Wednesday)	St. James Episcopal
February 21	Black Mountain United Methodist
February 28	First Christian
March 7	Tabernacle United Methodist
March 14	Montreat Presbyterian w/Montreat Conference Center
March 21	Black Mountain Presbyterian w/Warren Wilson Presbyterian
March 30 (Good Friday)	First Baptist

sponsored by The Swannanoa Valley Ministerial Association

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ash Wednesday Service February 14, 6:30 p.m. Upper Anderson, Montreat				1 8a Weekday School Registration 1:30p Blood Drive	2	3
4 Souper Bowl Sunday 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Church School 11a Worship 5p Bells	5 4p Nurture 7p Earth Care Team	6 PW Circles 7p Deacons 7p Prophets	7 5p Nominating Committee 5:30p Potluck Bible Study 7p Choir	8 1:30p Sewing Ministry	9 The deadline for the March Window newsletter Thursday, February 15.	10 9a Session Retreat
11 Lent begins 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Church School 11a Worship 2p Rise Against Hunger 5p Bells	12 6:45p Ministry Teams	13 9a Endowment 7p Prophets	14 No Potluck Bible Study 6:30p Ash Wed. Service at Montreat 7:30p Choir	15 Window Deadline	16	17
18 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Church School 11a Worship 5p Bells	19	20 12p PW Gathering 7p Prophets	21 5:30p Potluck Bible Study 7p Choir	22 1:30p Sewing Ministry	23	24
25 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Church School 11a Worship 5p Bells	26 6p Session	27 1p PW Bible Study 2p PW Coordinating Team 7p Prophets	28 5:30p Potluck Bible Study 7p Choir	See page 5 for the February YOUTH calendar		

Narthex Gallery
 artwork by Ed Smith
 on display in February

We need greeters for the 11:00 service on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Call Summer Kirkpatrick, 256-452-1193, for more information. Thank you.

ATTENTION PARENTS

An awesome opportunity at Montreat:
Authentic Parenting Retreat – Feb. 9-11
www.montreat.org/authentic-parenting-retreat/
 The church will help cover the registration fee if you plan to go! Call Ginny Soll, 669-2725.

Visioning Ministry with Children & Youth Saturday March 10, 10:30-2:30

Led by Liz Perraud, executive director of GenOn Ministries
 Do you love children and youth? Are you concerned about the future programming and ministry here at BMPC for young families? You are invited to join the Christian Education ministry team and Strategic planning to look at where we are and what we are dreaming about for the future. Please register in the church office if you plan to attend. See Ginny Soll if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Winter Gathering/Luncheon

Tuesday, February 20, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall with John McCall

The lunch, catered by Pepperoni Pizza, has a mouthwatering menu. Reservations can be made at Circle meetings or call the church office by Monday, February 12. The cost for the lunch is \$9, but John's message is priceless!

All Presbyterian Women are invited.

Sunday, February 11



BMPC will participate in **Rise Against Hunger** packing over 17,000 meals for people in emergency food situations, both domestic and global.

This special project gives each of us a chance to do hands-on mission. There are jobs for all ages, from the very young to the not so very young. All are invited to come at 2:00 to join the assembly line which will result in shelf-ready meals that will be sent to those experiencing disastrous food shortages. The good we do comes with the benefit of fellowship among BMPC members of long standing and those who have recently joined our congregation. Children, youth, and the rest of us working side by side grow together as a congregation in service of God's people.

February Adult Church School

Becomers Class meets in Library

- 4 Matthew 2
- 11 Matthew 3
- 18 Matthew 4
- 25 Matthew 5

Bible Exploration meets in CR-2
study of book of James

Biblical Perspectives meets in CR-1

- 4 *Living with Dementia*, James and Cannan Hyde
- 11 *My experience with AmeriCorps*, Eli Barker
- 18 TBA
- 25 *Long Range Planning*, Wayne Mullis

Faith Builders meets in Parlor

- 4 Valentine Cards for homebound friends/
spring study planning
- 11 Join Biblical Perspectives to hear Eli Barker
- 18 TBA
- 25 TBA



BMPC Youth went snow tubing on Sunday, January 21. We left after 11:00 worship in cars and the bus and traveled to Zip N' Slip Snow Tubing Park in Mars Hill. It was a warm day for January and we had lots of fun sliding down the slope.

A Widow's Tale Retreat

Here at BMPC

Thursday, April 26, 9:30-4:30

Led by Donna Marie Todd, grief recovery specialist and member of BMPC!

Cost \$25. Register Today!

Forms in the narthex. For more info see or call Ginny Soll, 669-2725.



FEBRUARY YOUTH

middle school

- 4 **Souper Bowl** no evening youth
- 11 **Rise Against Hunger** 1:15-4p
- 17 **Presbytery Faith & Sexuality** 9a-5p
- 18 **No Youth**
- 25 **Game Night** 5-7p

high school

- 4 **Souper Bowl** no evening youth
- 11 **Rise Against Hunger** 1:15-4p
- 16 **Breakfast Club@ Gunn's**, 7-7:45a
- 18 **Faith & Sexuality** 12-7p
- 22-25 **Charleston Beach Retreat**

LIBRARY NOTES

Mark Twain wrote:

[the person] "who does not read good books is no better than the [person] who can't."

Most people who read tend to have a certain kind of book they like: novels, mysteries, science fiction, devotional, personal growth, Christian living, history, church theology, career-related.

Our library has several shelves of biographies that offer features of the genres mentioned above. Some of the life stories are about people who are familiar, and some are as ordinary as most of us. All are interesting and inspiring.

Thursday Night Live February 15 – 5:30 p.m.

Bring a vegetarian dish

Please join us for the February Thursday Night Live to hear about a positive side of the North Korea story. In Black Mountain we have an organization – **The Christian Friends of Korea** – who are working harder than ever to make a difference in the lives of the people in North Korea. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion after the program. We will begin at 5:30 with a potluck vegetarian meal and the program will follow.



Gavin and Xander Dodd with their blankets that the BMPC sewing group made for them. Gavin was given his when he was born and Xander received his when he broke his hip. The sewing group continues to make blankets to give out when children are born.

Clerk of Session Update

In January Of 2017, Mike Begley said he felt as if the time was right for him to step down as clerk of session at the end of the 2017 year. We are grateful for the ten plus years of service Mike has given BMPC as clerk. We recognized his service at the joint meeting of elders and deacons in December but if you see him, please thank him for his faithful years of service. The session is grateful that Mike Ballard has agreed to step in as clerk of session for 2018.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, February 6 Circle meetings

Dorcas

Linda Caldwell, 10:00 a.m. at church

Esther

Joan Kline, 7 Wagon Trail, 10:00 a.m.

Hannah

Barbara Brinson, 38 Eden Glen Rd.
carpool from church at 9:30 a.m.

Naomi

4:30 p.m. – Library at church

Priscilla

Carolyn Cordell, 105 Bridge St., 10:00 a.m.

Rebekah

The Lodge, Highland Farms, 2:30 p.m

Ruth

Margaret Fouse, carpool from church, 1:00

Thank You

Room in the Inn

Big hugs and many thank yous to all who will share their time, energy, money, and food with the ladies who spend a week at the Methodist Church House. A wonderful week of shelter, fellowship, and meals are provided for them. For those who participate, we hope you feel blessed as you bless a stranger who you did not know.

Barbara Gaw

Thank you so much for letting us join you and your amazing congregation! It has held a very special place in our hearts since the visit. We hope to return in the near future! Thank you all so much for the generous donations and sending so many helping hands to put the love of God into our new Habitat home! Everything is greatly appreciated more than you know!

The Norris-Hunter family

Nikita Norris and Regina Hunter, recently welcomed their second child, Kaleia Rayelle Norris, who was born on December 28, 2017. Mother, father, baby and big sister are healthy and happy.

In Our Community

Dr. Martin Luther Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday February 10, 8:00 a.m. at Camp Dorothy Walls Conference Center, 495 Cragmont Rd. in Black Mountain a prayer breakfast will be held in honor of Dr. King. The money made from this will be used for scholarships for Owen High School students. The speaker will be Reverend George Logan from New Day Christain Davidson Church, a young man who grew up here and graduated from Owen High School. Tickets are available at the door or from Barbara Gaw at 775 4463.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Bobbi White | 15 Charles Massey |
| 3 Torey Todd | Ernie Banzhoff |
| 4 Ina Hughs
Jean Hood | Joe Covert
Sam Webber
Cole Roy |
| 5 Pat Newbold
Netsanet Solomon | 16 Tanner Kelly |
| 6 Dee Cox | 17 Cain McClary
Chloe Munn |
| 7 Robert Turk
Evelyn Bannerman
Betty Walker
Gracyn Farish
Parker Donaldson | 18 Lolly Copeland
Pat Botsford
Sylvia Bassett
Clay Hile
Sarah Akin |
| 8 Jo Majka
Maureen Ben-Davies
Skylar Hollifield | 19 Doris Brown
Caroline Patton |
| 9 Bill Hollins
Guy Campbell | 20 Calvin Barker |
| 10 Rocky Ward
Carson Campbell | 21 Leila Cox
Libby Barker
Mark Allen
Alexandria Carver
Cody Duckworth |
| 11 Jack Beaver | 22 Austin Brown |
| 12 Charles Sandy
Gay Ferguson
Kay Salmon
Matt Begley | 23 Rosa Dougherty
Mylo Morgan |
| 13 Campbell Cauthen | 24 Art De Jong
Fox Watson
Sue Cauthen
Ashley McClary
River Edwards |
| 14 Dan Turk
Henry Griffin
Ted Minnick
Bebe Watson
Mike Ballard | 25 Wayne Mullis
Dan Davis |
| | 27 Andy Gwynn
Paul Scouten |



To the BMPC Congregation

I wanted to extend a very sincere thank you to all who supported Bounty & Soul as a part of your Alternative Giving process. It is only through the generosity of folks like you that we can respond to those in Eastern Buncombe and Western McDowell Counties who struggle with food insecurity. Every \$1 you donated will become 3-4 days of healthy, nutritious food and resources for a family.

During 2017, Bounty & Soul saw an unplanned and unbudgeted 30% increase in participation at our five, weekly food distribution and nutrition education events. We conduct these events 51 out of 52 weeks every year. Those who need our help know we will be in the same five locations with the same food and wellness resources every week at no cost to them, and they count on it. Bounty & Soul is now serving 700 children, seniors, veterans and member of working families every week and providing more than 7,500 pounds of fresh produce and whole grains.

Many members of your congregation are volunteers. Bill Hollins and Kitty Fouche are members of our Board of Directors. We welcome your involvement, too. If you have not been to a Bounty & Soul distribution, please come see how we put your generosity to work. I look forward to meeting you.

Blessings to you.

Bruce Ganger, Executive Director