

# BMPC Window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter



March 2018

## Holy Week

**Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Join the processional into worship waving palms and enter the Palm Sunday story.

**Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.**

**Candles and Communion in the Spirit of Taize** – Seated in the round in our fellowship hall, we will hear the story of Jesus' last meal with his followers and commemorate that meal with our own communion celebration. Words of scripture and songs reminiscent of Taize will undergird our contemplative worship.

**Friday, March 30 – Good Friday Sacred Concert, 7 p.m.**

Michael Barker, organist, will present a contemplative program of hymns based on the Passion Week Manual (1955) of the Moravian Church.

**Sunday, April 1 – Easter, Flowering of the Cross**

Please bring flowers to enhance our Easter Palm Cross outside the narthex.

Brunch will be served in the narthex between services from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

*Order Easter flowers on the back to make our Easter garden beautiful!*



# MARCH

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Volunteer opportunities are available in the church office for two Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings a month. Please call or email: <a href="mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org">jackie@bmpcnc.org</a></p>				1	2	3
				<p>The deadline for the April Window newsletter Thursday, March 15.</p>		
<p>4 <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12</b> Potato Lunch <b>5p</b> HS Youth <b>5p</b> Bells</p>	<p>5     <b>7p</b> Earth Care</p>	<p>6 PW Circles    <b>7p</b> Prophets</p>	<p>7 <b>10:30a</b> Book Study  <b>5:30p</b> Potluck Bible Study <b>7p</b> Choir</p>	<p>8 <b>1:30p</b> Sewing Ministry</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <b>9:00a</b> Youth Sunday Rehearsal <b>10:30a</b> CE Visioning Ministry</p>
<p>11 Youth Sunday <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship  <b>5p</b> Bells</p>	<p>12     <b>6:45p</b> Ministry Teams</p>	<p>13     <b>7p</b> Prophets</p>	<p>14 <b>10:30a</b> Book Study  <b>5:30p</b> Potluck Bible Study <b>7p</b> Choir</p>	<p>15 Window Deadline  <b>6p</b> Weekday School Art Show</p>	<p>16 HS Youth Presbytery Retreat</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>2p</b> CPR Class <b>5p</b> Bells <b>5p</b> MS Youth</p>	<p>19  <b>Community Lenten Service at BMPC Wednesday, March 21</b>  <b>5p</b> CE meeting</p>		<p>20     <b>7p</b> Prophets</p>	<p>21 <b>10:30a</b> Book Study <b>12p</b> Lent Service <b>5:30p</b> Potluck Bible Study <b>7p</b> Choir</p>	<p>22     <b>1:30p</b> Sewing Ministry</p>	<p>23 <b>7a</b> HS Youth Breakfast Club</p>
<p>25 Palm Sunday <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship  <b>5p</b> Bells <b>5p</b> Youth</p>	<p>26     <b>6p</b> Session</p>	<p>27 <b>1p</b> PW Bible Study <b>2:15p</b> PW Coordinating Team <b>7p</b> Prophets</p>	<p>28 <b>10:30a</b> Book Study  <b>5:30p</b> Potluck Bible Study <b>7p</b> Choir</p>	<p>29 <b>12p</b> Weekday School Flowering of the Cross <b>7p</b> Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>30 Good Friday</p>	<p>31     <b>7p</b> Good Friday Sacred Concert</p>

**Daylight Saving time begins Sunday, March 11.**

## BMPC Easter Brunch help needed

**Easter is April 1.** One tradition here at BMPC is to have Easter Brunch between the two worship services from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to bring a favorite dish to share. **Thank you!**

# 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 with Ginny Soll if you plan to attend, [gsoll@bmpcnc.org](mailto:gsoll@bmpcnc.org).



## Weekday School Art Show

**Thursday, March 15  
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

You are cordially invited to join the Weekday School for an evening celebrating young artists. Please drop by the school and enjoy light refreshments as you tour our art galleries.



# MARCH YOUTH

## middle school

- 4 Potato Lunch**  
no evening youth
- 11 Youth Sunday**
- 18 Movie Night 5-7p**
- 25 Movie Night 5-7p**

## high school

- 4 Youth Sunday prep**  
5-7p
- 10 Youth Sunday rehearsal** 9-10:30a
- 11 Youth Sunday**
- 16-17 Presbytery Retreat**
- 18 No Youth**
- 23 Breakfast Club**  
7-7:45a
- 25 Game Night 5-7p**



## CHOIR WORKSHOP

The chancel choir recently spent an afternoon in a singing workshop with Dr. Melodie Galloway. The workshop dealt with matters of vocal production and good singing technique. The choir benefits greatly from this sort of experience in instilling best practices for music leadership in worship. Dr. Galloway is associate professor of music at UNCA where she directs the choral and vocal studies program. She also conducts the Asheville Choral Society. Your support of our church's operating budget makes this sort of continuing education event for our congregation's musicians possible. Thank you!

## CareNotes

Display Rack in Narthex  
(near the windows)

Provided by your BMPC Deacons.  
Take any you find to be helpful.

### Topics include

(these and more)

- Health Care
- Spirit Care
- Counseling
- Aging
- Bereavement

**THANK YOU!**  
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church's 2018 Collection  
raised:  
**\$403.51**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**  
souponetbcow.org

February 4, 2018  
Clara Cooper  
President and CEO  
Souper Bowl of Caring

# CPR Course

Sunday March 18

2:00-4:15 p.m.

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Bob Headley, we now have a new AUTOMATIC EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR. Register now to be trained to use it. Shawn Marler (staff at Camp Rockmont) will be offering the American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED course to the first ten folks who sign up. Sign up in the church office or by emailing Ginny Soll [gsoll@bmpcnc.org](mailto:gsoll@bmpcnc.org). There is an online component that must be completed before taking the course. Ginny will send you the link.

## Parenting Well

Sunday, March 25

5-7 p.m.



**"Anxiety and Your Child"**

facilitated by Mistie Cogbill

# From the Bean Counter

For those of you who were unable to attend our annual meeting in January, know that we ended 2017 in a much better position than had been anticipated.



Though \$37,000 in 2017 pledges were unfulfilled we were blessed to receive over \$20,000 in new and unpledged gifts above and beyond our budgeted amounts. Ministry teams were also faithful and frugal stewards of their own annual budgets and mindful of spending. Thus, we were able to put into savings a nice reserve for the APNC as they begin the process in 2018 to call a new Associate Pastor.

**2018 started strong, with January seeing almost \$65,000 in pledges fulfilled early for this year.** They will be amortized over the next 11 months to keep a more consistent cash flow as we prepare for typically "low" summer months. Also new this year is a reserve account to earmark funds for the Associate Pastor's salary.

**End of year contribution statements were mailed/emailed the second week of January.** If you did not receive a statement please call me at 669-2725 or email [jen@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jen@bmpcnc.org). Several emailed statements are still going through to spam/promotions folders for Gmail and Hotmail users. For those of you in this category, please read the tutorial here: [bmpcnc.org/churchemails](http://bmpcnc.org/churchemails).

**Many are utilizing our online, text and QR Code giving methods – HOORAY!** It's super simple to use, and if you want one-on-one help, please contact me to set up an appointment. If you'd like to give it a go, simply visit our website at [bmpcnc.org/online-giving](http://bmpcnc.org/online-giving) to set up your account.

**Are you using our Church Life app on your smartphone? If not, you should!** Phone numbers, pictures, maps, calendars... all at your fingertips. Visit [bmpcnc.org/churchlife](http://bmpcnc.org/churchlife).

That's all from the Bean Counter!

In Christ's service,  
Jen Thorstad, *Church Business Administrator*

# Rise Against Hunger

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

formerly **STOP HUNGER NOW**



**17,000+** meals packed  
in **1** hour, **15** minutes





**120** participants ranging  
in age from **5** to **86**



If you missed the  
Biblical Perspectives class:  
“Living With Dementia”  
with James and Cannan Hyde,  
you can watch their video,  
**Cannan & James’ Story**  
<https://vimeo.com/58582155>

## March Adult Church School

**Becomers Class** meets in Library

- 4** Matthew 5, *The Beatitudes vs. the Law*
- 11** Matthew 6, *Hypocrisy, Prayer, and Treasure*
- 18** Matthew 7, *Judging vs. False Prophets*
- 25** Matthew 8, *A Series of Miracles*

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

**Biblical Perspectives** meets in CR-1

- 4** *Glimpses of Resurrection in the Old Testament*  
John LaMotte
- 11** *Male Initiation*, Dan Davis
- 18** *My Life and Ministry*, Gene Witherspoon
- 25** *Grief and the Distant Song of Triumph*  
Joe Walker

**Faith Builders** meets in Parlor

A Spring schedule is posted on the Church Parlor door and will be emailed to the class. Add your name to the FB email list by emailing Ellen McClintock at [mountainellen@gmail.com](mailto:mountainellen@gmail.com).

## 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. Early Bird registration for church members, March 25.**

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



## Narthex Gallery

**Please let Mike Barker know if you would like to display your artwork.**



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## Tuesday, March 6 Circle meetings

### Dorcas

Martha Jean Alvis – 10:00 a.m.  
Birch Room, Highland Farms

### Esther

Nan Higgins – 10:00 a.m.  
22 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms

### Hannah

Virginie Pomeroy – 9:30 a.m.  
Library at church

### Naomi

4:30 p.m.  
Library at church

### Priscilla

Dot Kaylor – 10:00 a.m.  
32 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms

### Rebekah

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

### Ruth

1:30 p.m.  
Maple Room, Highland Farms

## Tuesday, March 27

1:00 p.m.

Bible Study, Library

2:15 p.m.

Coordinating Team, CR1

# THANK YOU

BIG hugs and many thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy to serve the ladies at Room in the Inn. The Mission Team was overwhelmed by your gracious outpouring of love and prayers.

### Drivers

Wayne Mullis  
Joe Carreiro  
Griffin Dodd  
Sam Webber  
Tom Cannon  
Dave McClintock  
Pat Tuttle  
Bill Bale

### Lunches

Margo Smith  
Yvette Ballard  
Lew Rudisill  
Laurel Broadhurst  
Ginny & Rick Lindsey  
Anne Drummond  
Weekend Volunteers  
Franklin Jones  
Mary Bruegemann  
Scottie Cannon  
Jessi Stitt

### Overnighters

Beth Barker  
Jessie Barker  
Robin Stiles  
Jane Collins  
Susan Dannenburg  
Patti Pyle  
Liz LeVan Riley  
Margaret Fouse  
Russ Spiller  
Jessi Stitt  
Laurel Broadhurst  
Gayle Mudge

### Dinners

Olivia & John LaMotte  
Gay Ferguson  
Paul Drummond  
Susan Jumper  
Kim Porter  
Berkley Reece  
Dee Cox  
Michele & Chris Rhoten

### Churches who helped

Unitarian Universalist  
Montreat Pres  
Christ Community  
Methodist Church for  
allowing us to host in  
their church house.

### Supplies and Snacks

Becky Sumner  
Cheryl Wilson  
Ann Herring  
Anne Drummond  
Rosie Johnson  
Jayne Vaughn  
Ellen McClintock  
Genny Hagler  
Debbie Bailey  
Nada Barnett  
Bobbie Johnson

... and please let  
Barbara Gaw know  
if we have left  
anyone out!



# Lenten Prayers from **Bread For The World**

## Third Week in Lent March 4-10

### PRAYER

O Christ, you enable us to worship God with our entire lives. Grant us the courage to speak out against greed and injustice in our world. Embolden us as we challenge our nation's leaders to change the conditions that allow hunger to persist. Amen.

### ACTION

Invite someone from a local food pantry to your adult Bible class or adult forum – or perhaps you can visit their site. Learn about how those served by these programs benefit from SNAP and other federal nutrition programs.

## Fourth Week in Lent March 11-17

### PRAYER

O God, you lift up your Son Jesus on the cross so that the whole world might be saved. Sustained by your steadfast love, may we not grow weary in seeking an end to hunger. Amen.

### ACTION

Take a few minutes to write, call (800-826-3688), or send a personal email message to your representative and senators. Urge them to protect vital programs for people who struggle with hunger and poverty so that they have the opportunity to reach their God-given potential. Visit [bread.org/write](http://bread.org/write) to find a sample letter along with the names and contact information for your members of Congress.

## Fifth Week in Lent March 18-24

### PRAYER

O Christ, we give thanks that, in your suffering and death, you reveal God's glory and give us the gift of new life. As you create a new heart in us, may our eyes be opened to ways we can create hope and opportunity for those who hunger and live in poverty. Amen.

### ACTION

Stay informed about hunger-related happenings in Congress. Sign up to receive *Fresh Bread*, a brief email newsletter sent each week when Congress is in session. Sign up at [bread.org/freshbread](http://bread.org/freshbread).

## Holy Week March 25-31

### PRAYER

O Christ, grant us grace and hope as we prepare for Good Friday. By your crucifixion and resurrection, you overcome death and all the powers of evil. As you raise us up to new life with you, use our hands, hearts, and voices to see that all people benefit from the abundance of God's creation. Amen.

### ACTION

The weeks following Easter are an ideal time to explore how we can be agents of new life in God's world. The Spring recess is also a good time to meet with your representative in Congress when she or he returns to the home district. Visit [bread.org/activist](http://bread.org/activist) to find suggestions about arranging these face-to-face visits with your congressional representative.



**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger programs at home and abroad. Working through churches, campuses, and other organizations, they equip and inspire people of faith to persuade Congress to address the causes of hunger. Bread for the World is supported by the Roman Catholic Church and all major Protestant denominations, and is sustained by generous contributions from individuals and families.

# MARCH birthdays

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Betsy Murphy     | 17 Mary Hunnicutt |
| Nada Barnett       | 19 Bobbie Johnson |
| Bella Van Note     | 20 Mary McMurray  |
| Fletcher Rash      | Kevin McDaniel    |
| 2 Perry Sprawls    | 21 Rick Hughes    |
| Alice Patton       | 22 Edward Hay     |
| Kim Reece          | Anne Cooper       |
| 3 Neil McMillan    | Adron Morgan      |
| 4 Ann Weeks        | 23 Jim Adams      |
| Jackie Garrison    | Martia Rachman    |
| Reid Kirkpatrick   | Jessi Stitt       |
| Isaiah Parker      | Sarah Hutcheson   |
| Abraham Mailander  | 24 Burkley Reece  |
| 5 Peter Ansley     | Scottie Cannon    |
| 7 Nancy Beaver     | 26 Josie Davis    |
| Emily Beaver       | Munroe Robinson   |
| 8 Cullen Ferguson  | 27 Bill Pollard   |
| Patti Pyle         | Jamie Munn        |
| Mike Duckworth     | Harrison Partlow  |
| Tyler Smith        | Wilder Hutcheson  |
| 9 Carl Murray      | 28 Ginny Soll     |
| Don McMahill       | Chris Rhoten      |
| 10 Darrell Johnson | Kaitlyn Duckworth |
| David Kadau        | 29 Martha Murphy  |
| Scott Roy          | Judith Burt       |
| Jennifer Partlow   | Max Dodson        |
| 11 Pam McMurray    | 31 Edith Covert   |
| 12 Ellen Coward    | Page Campbell     |
| 14 John Smith      |                   |
| Karen Davis        |                   |
| 16 Betty Thum      |                   |
| Joe Tyson          |                   |
| Randy Peterson     |                   |
| Christy Carswell   |                   |

Happy Birthday

## LIBRARY NOTES

### From Lent to Easter

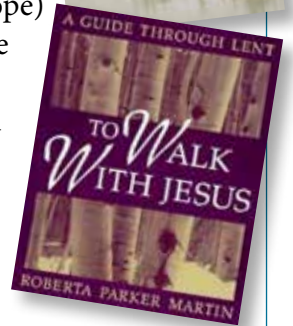
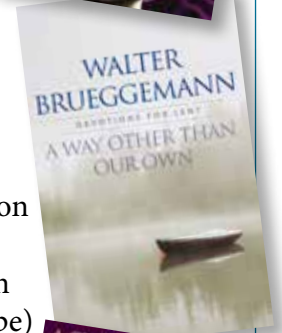
“With each new dawn, a little of Easter morning is waiting to come into our lives.

Whether it peeks out of the deep cold of winter, flashes by in the changing colors of autumn, lazies around in the too-hot summer, or sprouts forth in the bright, refreshing spring, we need to rise to greet it and to capture it. We need to be absorbed into the Resurrection moment, not only on Easter Sunday, but on all our days in our decades on earth... I (hope) that wherever you are on the merry-go-round of human existence, you will feel lifted up and drawn to a broader vision of what it means to feel the surge of newness in this life and the next. The Resurrection (with a capital R) refers to the moment when Jesus the Christ was raised from the tomb. A resurrection can happen almost any time you need it... and will help [you] to deepen your faith and allow you to borrow on the power and peace of the Resurrected Jesus with gusto and grace.”

Richard M. Cromie

*Sometime Before the Dawn: Responses to the Resurrection*

***Our spotlighted books this month are on Lent and Easter for adults and on Easter for the children.***



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**BMPC Child Protection Policy**

*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



## Order form for Easter flowers

return to the church office by Monday, March 26

your name \_\_\_\_\_

choices:  flowering plant  green plant    \$8     cash     check

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

(or) in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

