

BMPC Window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter



July 2018

Community Sing

A colorful, hand-drawn illustration of musical notes and a treble clef. The notes are in various colors (pink, blue, green, orange) and are scattered around the treble clef, which is also drawn in a simple, sketchy style.

Sunday, July 29, 5pm

White Horse Black Mountain

Good for your body

Good for your soul


Good for your world

Free with a can of food for
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

Contact Mike Barker for more information, michaelb@bmpcnc.org

JULY

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:15a FirstLight 11a Worship 12p Hope For Tomorrow Open House	2 Church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 – Fourth of July	3	4 	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; background-color: #fff9c4; display: inline-block;"> The deadline for the August Window newsletter Monday, July 16. </div>	6	7
8 9:15a FirstLight 11a Worship High School Youth at Montreat Conference 3p Clarence Fouse Memorial Service	9 6:45p Ministry Teams	10 →	11 5:30p Potluck Bible Study	12	13	14
15 9:15a FirstLight 11a Worship	16 Weekday School Summer Camp Window Deadline	17 →	18 5:30p Strategic Planning	19 →	20 →	21
22 9:15a FirstLight 11a Worship	23 6p Session	24	25 Guatemala Mission Trip	26 →	27	28
29 9:15a FirstLight 11a Worship Guatemala 5p Community Sing at White Horse	30 →	31 →	Join us on Sunday, August 19, after 11:00 worship in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Ginny Soll and her eighteen years at BMPC!			

Time and Talent surveys are still being collected. Download a form from the BMPC website or pick one up in the narthex. We'd love to add your name to the list of disciples willing to serve in roles throughout the church. Many hands make light work!

Summer Nutrition Program Begins

The first team of volunteers from BMPC consisting of Barbara Brinson, Leslie Applewhite, and Patti Pyle served twelve children a nutritious lunch consisting of a grilled cheese sandwich, green peas, cold peaches, and chocolate milk on Tuesday, June 19. Each Tuesday for the rest of the summer, volunteers from our church will serve lunch and interact with children at the Ridgeview Mobile Home Park as a part of Buncombe County Schools Summer Nutrition Program. This program would not be possible without volunteers. We are working with other churches in Black Mountain to make sure a nutritious meal is available Monday-Friday to any person 18-years-old or younger. Thanks to all who have contributed books to be given to the children. It was reported that all the children took a book this past week. We could also use some children's magazines, Sudoku books, sketch books, and crossword puzzles.



BMPC's New Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Lisa Matayabas, a lifelong resident of Buncombe County, is right at home here in Black Mountain. She graduated from Owen High School in 1982 and immediately began her employment with the state of North Carolina. She and her husband, Glen, have a son and three daughters. They are blessed with six beautiful grandchildren, as well!



Upon her retirement as an Administrative Assistant with the NC State Highway Patrol in 2014, she has continued to work throughout the community in a variety of settings. She is a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Marion, NC, where she serves on the Pastor's Aide Committee and other areas of hospitality.

Lisa happily recalls that she committed her heart and life to Jesus Christ in the fall of 1983. Early in her Christian walk, she found herself in roles of teaching and exhortation. She spent a great deal of time at the Black Mountain Women's Correctional Facility where she held Bible studies and participated in group outings. Today, she conducts studies and mentors with the young women of Mt. Moriah in her home. Her heart's desire is to convey the message of Hope and Salvation through Jesus Christ.

She is truly thankful for the opportunity to serve and assist both the members of the church and the family of faith community in her role as Administrative Assistant at BMPC. Lisa works at the front desk Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Her email address is lisa@bmpcnc.org.

Thanks to our Property and Earth Care Teams!

Many of you may have noticed the motion sensors in our bathrooms and hallways, and we'd like to thank the Earth Care Team, including Peter Mudge, for their hard work in getting these installed! Not only do they save on our energy use and help us to be even more of an "Earth Care Congregation," but also will reduce our power bills significantly. Also, we'd like to thank the Property Ministry Team, including Wayne Mullis, for their long-term efforts in securing the LED lighting for both the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Also, we've received new HVAC units for the sanctuary! Again, these are big energy and money savers, and we are excited to see the reduction in wattage use over time. If you see a member of either of these teams, be sure to say "THANK YOU!"

CareNotes

Display Rack in Narthex

(near the windows)

Provided by BMPC Deacons.

Take any you find to be helpful.

Some Conservation Tips Which Make Good Lifelong Habits

Our recent experience with the storm Alberto brings two substances to mind which we normally waste: water and plastics.

WATER

In addition to boiling it, we were asked to conserve it. Remember that conserving tap water saves fossil fuels as well as water. It took energy first to treat the water, then to pump it to a storage tank.

Conservation tips

- Only run washing machines and dishwashers when full.
- Brushing teeth: Turn on water, wet toothbrush, turn off water, brush teeth, turn on water and rinse.
- Showering: Turn on water, wet your hair and body, turn off water, apply soap and shampoo, turn on water and rinse.

PLASTICS

One unfortunate consequence of floods is a huge increase in the use of bottled water. The production of plastic uses around eight percent of the world's oil production. Fifty percent of the plastic we use, we use just once and throw away, and Americans throw away 35 billion plastic water bottles every year. Each bottle has been rinsed with twice the amount of water that it will hold before it is filled and sold.

Conservation tips

- Only use throw-away plastic bottles in an emergency. Normally, drink from a reusable bottle.
- Buy distilled water in gallon jugs, rather than small individual bottles, to store for an emergency.
- Form the habit of keeping cloth bags or baskets in the car to use for groceries. Also use them when shopping in any store that offers you a plastic bag. Refuse the plastic bag.
- Keep a couple of reusable food containers in the car for carry-out in restaurants.

It's not easy to form new habits, but our oceans, streams, and mountainsides will appreciate our efforts at Creation Care.

— BMPC Earth Care Team

What I learned at Massanetta...



“I was a little shy at first but when I got with my group and got to know them more, I showed myself. I love Massanetta and I can't wait to go next year!”

“Massanetta was strange at first, but I loved it.”

“I learned that people are nice when you are nice to them and I learned that I can be myself around people who are my friends and they won't judge me.”

“I learned that Massanetta is as special and spiritual a place as my children have said it is.”

“I learned that God calls us to share our faith, God protects us and is always with us.”

“I learned that God has called me by name, that God has created each of us for a reason.”

“I learned that you can worship God in many ways in many places.”

“We learned a lot about each other.”



The Drummonds travel with Presbytery to Malawi for dedication of the **Mariella Provost Chapel**

Anne, Paul, and Joy Drummond traveled to Nkhoma, Malawi with WNC Presbytery Mission team in May. Of personal significance was the completion of the Mariella Provost Memorial Chapel at the Ebenezer Institute of Learning in Nkhoma. It was exciting and emotional to see the chapel, full of kids and actively in use for school assemblies and worship. Pictured are the chapel, outside and during assembly and some students supported by US sponsors. Ebenezer School was established over 10 years ago to support the families coming to Nkhoma to work at the hospital or attend seminary.

The WNC Presbytery is an active partner with the CCAP NKHOMA SYNOD to support projects at the hospital, outlying clinics and medical initiatives, the school and the seminary. This annual mission trip continues to foster and build upon this partnership with the people of Nkhoma Malawi.





Backpack Buddies 2018

It's that time again. It seems that summer always flies by and Buncombe County Schools begin on Monday August 27, so we have just a couple of months to get everything together for this year.

Collection of supplies will start on **Sunday, July 29**, in the Narthex and will be picked up on Sunday, August 19. Supplies will be gathered and delivered that Sunday to Tabernacle United Methodist Church which is the Hand In Hand delivery point. Volunteers will sort the items on Monday into separate areas for the Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High School children. For example, crayons would go to Primary and Elementary while college-ruled paper would go to the high schools. Small backpacks would go to the younger children, while the large backpacks would go to the middle and high schools. Once everything has been divided and boxed up, volunteers will deliver the supplies to the six schools in the Owen district. The intention is to get everything delivered before school starts on August 27.

Each school has a closet that the supplies are kept in. When a teacher sees a need, the child is sent to the counselor to pick what they need out of that supply closet. This allows the child to get what they need without anyone else knowing.

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 blessed to be a mission partner with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Our valley students need our help to be successful in school and this is a big part of that success.

School Supplies Needed

Pencil Boxes
Backpacks: all sizes
Crayons
Pencils
Kleenex
Hand Sanitizer
Stitched Composition Books
Marbled Composition Books
Notebook Paper
(college and wide ruled)
Glue Sticks
Scissors
Copy Paper
Poster Board
Tri-fold Presentation Boards
Index Cards
Rulers
USB Thumb Drives
Notebook Dividers
Spiral Notebooks: all sizes
Pocket Folders
Pens
Sharpie Pens
Magic Markers
White Board Markers

Questions? Contact Jennifer

Holt at 828-230-8613 or

Kyle Holt at 828-606-0631 or

Admin@HandInHandSV.org

26th Presbyterian/United Methodist House Dedicated

Over 100 people and an ice cream truck gathered on a hot day in May in Arden for the dedication of five new homes. WLOS was there and some of you may have seen the event on the 6:00 news. It was wonderful to see the children of the new homeowners running and playing in their new yards.

The newest Habitat homeowners of the 26th Presbyterian/United Methodist Home accepted their ceremonial keys (they actually moved into their new home the first of the year). Regina Hunter and Nikita Norris, with their two daughters, shared their deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the many people who made their dream of home ownership possible.

Our church donated, in work hours this year, a grand total of 173 hours. We had 17 volunteers. Several people told us they needed a Saturday and we hope to schedule more Saturdays on the next build.

Thank you BMPC for all you do and have done. We are so grateful that you share Habitat's vision of a world in which everyone has a decent place to live.

— Cathy and John Evans



We would like to thank the following volunteers for their dedication and hard work on this beautiful home.

Jane Bannerman	Rosie Johnson	Patti Pyle
Kevin Brandon	Ken Kelly	Margo Smith
Cathy Evans	Peter Mudge	Beau VanNote
John Evans	Wayne Mullis	Daniel Wiggs
Margaret Fouse	John Pomeroy	Charlie Wilson
Autumn Hollifield	Virginie Pomeroy	

Thank you also to all those who donated financially toward this project. **You are ALL SO appreciated!**

New Drums

If you worship at FirstLight you may have noticed some new drums in our midst. A priority for our worship at FirstLight is that any and all who desire should participate, including in the music-making. The new drums are expression of our commitment to letting worshipers express their faith through sound and music. The most recent nine new drums are handmade. The wooden shells are from Ghana. Andy Gwynn adds the heads and cording and turns them into "djembes." Most Sundays in FirstLight there are ample opportunities to drum along with the music. The door



is open wide for any to take up an instrument and join the praise-making. **Keep an eye out for an "Intro to Worship Drumming" class with Andy Gwynn on July 15.** This will be a low-key introduction to the drums and how to get the most and best sound out of them.

Calling BMPC Artists!

The Stewardship and Worship & Music Ministry Teams would like to give a visual voice to our upcoming Stewardship Campaign through an exhibition throughout our church facility showcasing the many talented artists and artisans in our congregation. The theme for the campaign and for this exhibition is “From Our Roots to Fruits”. Our faith traditions and the nourishment of our church family provide the rich soil for the roots that allow us to thrive and bear fruit in our community and around the world. We invite you to give artistic expression to this theme and share that expression with the congregation. We want to celebrate your creativity and welcome all levels of ability and any media that can fit in the space available. We do not expect that all the works will be “religious” though it is always appropriate. We look forward to a wonderful exhibition.



watercolor by Carolyn Johnson

Guidelines

- Works will be displayed Sept. 30 through Oct. 28.
- Individuals interested in participating should submit a photograph of their work, title, medium, size, and your name to Susan Wilkinson (stwilkinsons@gmail.com) by Friday, Sept. 7.
- Since there are other opportunities throughout the year for children and youth to display their works, this is open to only adult members of our congregation.
- Artwork should be brought to the church on Monday, Sept. 24 between 10 am and 12 noon. Contact us if you need to make other arrangements.
- If you can assist with the installation of this exhibition between Sept. 24 -27, please let Susan Wilkinson know.
- All work must be picked up on Monday, October 29.

If you have questions please contact either one of us:

Gayle Petty-Johnson, *Stewardship Ministry Team* – gayle.culturalassets@charter.net
Susan Wilkinson, *Worship & Music Ministry Team* – stwilkinsons@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

Plans are underway to organize a group of members who feel called to intercessory prayer. Confidential prayer requests will be directed to the group by email, coming from individuals, deacons, staff, and concerns of our church, community and our world. One of the first on the list will be the work of our brand new Associate Pastor Nominating Committee! If you would be interested in being part of this ministry team, please contact Gay Ferguson or Patti Pyle. Please also consider if you would be willing to serve as the leader of this group, receiving and distributing the requests. This task can be easily shared. Pray about it!

Cross Culture Garden

by Bill Janes

Members of the First Baptist Church and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church worked in the Cross Culture Garden on June 7. This garden is located on Midland Ave. on the backside of the Baptist Church. Those participating were: Bill Walker, Bruce McMahan, Cathy and Jack Ollis, Gayle and Peter Mudge, and Bill Janes. Work accomplished: weeded five rows of potatoes, sowed seeds of one row of sunflowers, three rows of green beans, four rows of corn, and three rows of onion sets. The produce from these crops will be distributed to people in need through the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry.

Thank You from the Weekday School

During the past year we served 58 families for a total of 65 children. We enjoyed watching the children learn and grow while being nurtured in this loving Christian environment.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the congregation. Your love, concern, prayers, and financial support of this vital ministry mean so much to the staff and families of our church and community. This year we gave out a total of \$13,402 in scholarships to families.

We are thankful for all the individuals, Becomers, and Biblical Perspectives Sunday School Classes for their ongoing donations to our scholarship fund. Without your generous donations, these families would not be able to afford for their child to receive this quality early childhood education. Thank you for understanding the importance of these young members of our congregation and community.

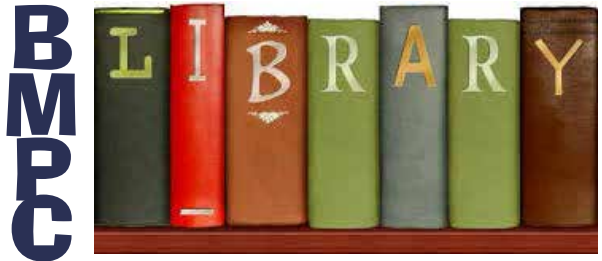


Also, thank you for supporting us through the use of your Ingles Advantage cards. With the funds that we earned, we were able to purchase \$962.86 in supplies and equipment. In August, we will have to relink our Advantage Cards as we begin the new school year.

JULY birthdays

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|---|---|
| 2 Arlene Brandon | 15 Hal Scheidler |
| 3 Polly Miller
Levi Bannerman
Milo Parker | 16 Courtney Stiles |
| 4 Terry Soll
Bill Chilton
Holly Sosebee | 18 Joan Kline
Wade Talbot
Marrion Ward
Parker Davidson |
| 5 John Murphy
Benjamin Fleagle
Maia Cogbill
Jonah Lehman | 19 Iris Parker |
| 7 Maya Swanson | 20 Carl Franklin
Mary Jo Adams |
| 8 Alida Grady
Andrea DeWitt
Bradley Campbell | 21 Pat Tubbs
Andrew Bowman |
| 9 Gay Mothershed | 22 Margo Smith
Jean Holder |
| 10 Linda Caldwell
Tyler Scouten | 23 Brad Rachman
Lisa Donaldson |
| 11 Nancy McClintock
Katie French | 24 Lamar Williamson |
| 12 Holly Douglas | 25 Grace Martin |
| 13 Karen Scheidler
Pat Tuttle | 26 Arthur Holman |
| 14 Alice Smith | 27 Aidan Schneider |
| | 28 Kristy Beaver
Cody Neville |
| | 29 Tiffany Douglas |
| | 31 Keaton Williams |

Happy
Birthday



Thank you to Nancy Beaver for her years of serving as our librarian. She has spent many hours adding new books, evaluating donations, keeping the card catalog straight, making displays, writing reviews for the newsletter. Our library is in great order because of her dedication. It is time for these duties to be passed on to other folks. **The CE ministry team is looking for several volunteers to serve as a team.** Contact Jane Bannerman (jtbannerman@gmail.com) or Ginny Soll (gsoll@bmpcnc.org) to find out more.



Rosy Robson and Andrew Bowman graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary on May 19.

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Thank you for your faithful support of the mission of BMPC!

As we enter into our Summer months and third fiscal quarter, we stand at 42% of paid pledges so far this year. While this is close to the 50% we should be seeing at the end of June, it still represents a shortfall going into traditionally “slim” months. For those who have already paid their pledges in full, we are very grateful! If you have not yet made a pledge payment this year, please consider doing so. The church remains open during the summer, and our payroll, building repairs, bills, and mission partners are ongoing financial commitments.

Many are already utilizing the Automatic Payment pew/friendship pad cards as a way of participating in the offering when their giving comes by way of stock gift, electronic check, automatic payment or otherwise. If you would like to set up your pledge payment and use our online system, please go to our website www.bmpcnc.org/online-giving or you can call Jen Thorstad at 828-669-2725 to get it set up.

Quarterly giving statements will be sent out the first week of July, so please take a look at yours and prayerfully consider getting caught up on your pledge if you have not already. If you have a change in your life and would like to discuss your pledge, you may talk with either Jen or Mary Katherine.