

# BMPC Window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter



October 2018

**D**uring this year's stewardship season, **From our Roots to Fruits**, we will celebrate our new vision and mission as a congregation as we remember the strong and deep roots that sustain us as a congregation.

In coming weeks, we will be considering once again the grace that shapes our life together and the stewardship that creates such a healthy congregation here. We will be thinking once again, not about needs so much as about possibilities. Stewardship here is rooted in a long history of gratitude, but it stretches toward the horizon – toward opportunities yet before us. As we move toward our Dedication Sunday on October 28, I ask you to consider two components that lie at the heart of every stewardship decision: 1) the grace of God and the vitality of this community of faith; and 2) your part in extending that grace and vitality even further with your gifts of resources, time, and energy.

A great kickoff to the church school year, a new season of partnership with Bounty & Soul (read on page 4) and the energy flowing through our choirs, our educational and youth ministries, and our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee – there is so much worth celebrating in these days. Thank you for all you do to make it possible, and for all you will dare to do in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

*Mary Katherine*

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	1	2 PW Circles (p.4)  <b>7p</b> Prophets	3 <b>5:30p</b> Family 'round the Table  <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	4 <b>1:30p</b> Blood Drive  <b>6p</b> Creation Care Alliance (p.10)	5	6
7 No bus for HF <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship  <b>5p</b> MS Youth	8  <b>5:30p</b> CE Ministry Team <b>6:45p</b> Ministry Teams	9 <b>12p</b> PW Fall Gathering  <b>4p</b> Nurture Ministry Team <b>7p</b> Prophets	10  <b>1:30p</b> Stewardship  <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	11 <b>1:30p</b> Sewing	12 <b>7a</b> HS Youth Breakfast Club  <b>3:30p</b> Bounty & Soul	13
14 <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>2p</b> SVCM Hunger Walk <b>5p</b> Youth Parenting Well	15 Window Deadline  <b>6:45p</b> Outreach Ministry Team	16  <b>7p</b> Prophets	17  <b>5:30p</b> Family 'round the Table  <b>5:30p</b> Strategic <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	18  <b>5:30p</b> Thursday Night Live	19  <b>3:30p</b> Bounty & Soul	20 <b>10a</b> Youth
21 <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12p</b> Potato Lunch <b>5p</b> MS Youth	22  <b>6p</b> Session	23  <b>7p</b> Prophets	24  <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	25 <b>1:30p</b> Sewing	26  <b>3:30p</b> Bounty & Soul	27
28 Commitment Sunday <b>8:30a</b> FirstLight <b>9:40a</b> Church School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>4p</b> Youth RakeNRun <b>5p</b> Child Protection	29	30 <b>1p</b> PW Bible Study <b>2:15p</b> PW Coordinating Team <b>7p</b> Prophets	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>  <b>7p</b> Chancel Choir	 <p>The deadline for the November Window newsletter Monday, October 15.</p>		

## Faith Made Sight September 30-October 28

The Stewardship and Worship & Music Ministry Teams present a visual voice to our Stewardship campaign through an exhibition in the narthex showcasing many talented artists and artisans in our congregation. Enjoy this exhibit each time you visit the church in October.

**It is an exciting time in our congregation!** There are many young families and their children attending each week. The staff and session are trying to live into our vision and mission statement by offering childcare during events at the church. We need more trained approved adults to help staff our childcare rooms. If you know of anyone who is 19 or older and would like to earn some extra money caring for children, please have them contact Alice Patton, [wkds@bmpcnc.org](mailto:wkds@bmpcnc.org) or 669-2725.



## **Wednesday Night Potluck Continues**

Family 'round the Table will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and have some fun with your BMPC family!



## **Thursday Night Live** **October 18** **5:30 p.m.**

**Bienvenido a Guatemala!**  
Come enjoy a tasty taco bar and hear an inspiring presentation by our Guatemala Ministry Team. Sign up in the narthex or call all the church office, 669-2725. You won't want to miss this exciting report and hear plans for our next visit to our sister church in Guatemala. Muchas gracias!



## Bounty & Soul is coming to BMPC

Beginning Friday, October 12, BMPC will be welcoming Bounty & Soul to our campus where they will conduct their Friday evening wellness lessons and food distribution market. Bounty & Soul will be setting up in the South parking lot starting at 3:30 with the wellness lessons and children's nutrition education taking place from 4:00-5:00 and the free, healthy food distribution following that until 6:00. It will not conflict with other scheduled events in the church facilities.

"We are very grateful to the Session and congregation for this opportunity," said Bruce Ganger, Bounty & Soul executive director. "In many ways, Bounty & Soul was born four years ago out of the efforts of some BM Pres congregants and many more, including the church and Presbytery, who are active volunteers and supporters today. It's kind of like coming home."

Bounty & Soul has been conducting this event at Black Mountain Elementary School for many years but was outgrowing the space due to a rapidly growing population attending this event. They anticipate upward of 50 households to regularly participate in the wellness lessons, children's healthy cooking classes and health food distribution, many of whom are working families and low-income seniors.

If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, go to [www.bountyandsoul.org](http://www.bountyandsoul.org) or call Bruce at 828-419-0533.

## PW Fall Gathering 2018 Thank Offering

We invite all women of BMPC to attend the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering which is on Tuesday, October 9, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall.

In 2017 the Thank Offering funded twelve ministries serving people in need in the USA and four international ministries.

A delicious barbecue luncheon with all the trimmings will be served for the cost of \$10. **Reservations are required. Please call Penny Mayronne at 669-0360 no later than Thursday, October 4.**

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Come to learn more about this exciting PW Mission.

# Presbyterian Women



**Circles meet  
Tuesday, October 2**

## **Dorcas**

10:00 a.m. at Judith Burt's home  
54 Timber Park Drive  
optional carpool from church at 9:40

## **Esther**

10:00 a.m. at Carey Jo Elam's home  
52 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms

## **Hannah**

10:00 a.m., Becky Jo Sumner  
Cragmont, 1233 N. Fork Road

## **Naomi**

4:30 p.m. in the BMPC Library

## **Priscilla**

10:00 a.m. at Carolyn Cordell's home  
105 Bridge Street, Black Mountain

## **Rebekah**

2:30 p.m. in the Lodge, Highland Farms

## **Ruth**

1:30 p.m. at Glenda McDaniel's home  
205 Valley Ridge Lane, Highland Farms  
carpool from Church at 1:00



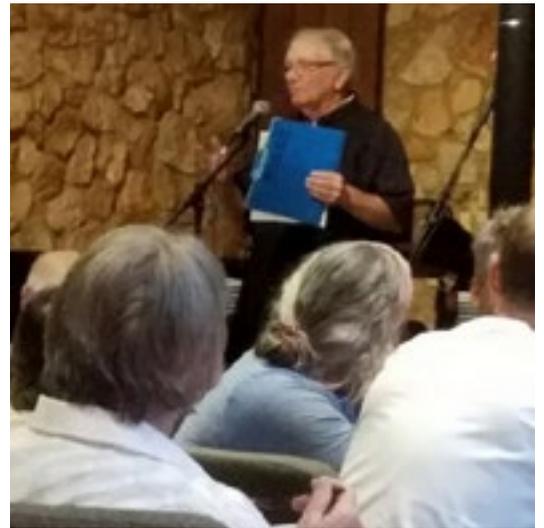
## **The BMPC Weekday School starts a new year!**

We have a total of 67 children and 29 new families this year. Our staff consists of ten teachers and four of them are new to the Weekday School. We spent a lot of time during our teacher training getting to know one another and our incoming families. One morning we volunteered together with Bounty & Soul, dividing up packets of rice, oats, beans, yeast, and tumeric. It was a great bonding experience.

We would love for you to be a part of our school, if you are able. Here are ways you can help: share a special talent or skill, read a book to the children, tell a story, share a musical talent, link your Ingles Advantage Card, or donate to our scholarship fund. If you are around the church during the week, please drop by and check out all the activity!

# BBQ and Bluegrass Stewardship Dinner at Assembly Inn in Montreat





## Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)

APNC meets regularly and are hard at work preparing the necessary materials for our Associate Pastor search. We are grateful for your prayers and support through this involved process. Each of us is committed to discerning the person God has in mind for BMPC. We are also seeking recent pictures of church life, especially those that show children, youth, fellowship, mission activities, and various worship venues. If you have pictures that demonstrate the work of the church, please send them to me (margoks@charter.net) or Jackie (jackie@bmpcnc.org).

Thank you,  
Margo Smith and the APNC



## Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Walk for Hunger Relief Sunday, October 14

### Register in the narthex

- Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. – Walk the 1-mile or 4-mile route
- Walk starts at First Baptist Church
- Make donations by having friends sponsor portions of your walk
- Contributions are tax deductible and 5% goes to Bounty & Soul and 5% to MANNA Foodbank to help serve those with food insecurity in our community.
- Make checks payable to SVCM with Hunger Walk on memo line

**For more information about the walk  
call SVCM 828-664-9224**

## Adult Church School in October

### Love & Logic Parenting

September 9–November 18, Conference Room 2

### Becomers Class

**Book of Matthew** in the Library

### Biblical Perspectives

Conference Room 1

#### 7 **Truth or Lies, Does It Really Matter?**

led by John LaMotte

#### 14 **Racial Bias in the Criminal Justice System**

led by Kathy LaMotte

#### 21 **Biblical Perspective on Justice**

led by Mary Miller Brueggemann

#### 28 **Peace and Justice in Palistine** led by Don Wagner

### Faith Builders

Parlor

#### 7 **Study of book of James**, led by Bill Waterstradt

#### 14 **Discipleship** led by Bill Gilliland

#### 21 **Reflections on Charlottesville Protests**

led by Paul Garrity

#### 28 **Handcrafting cards for homebound folk**

led by artist Martha Jane Peterson

### Bible Exploration

**Book of Corinthians**, upstairs Room 12

## Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 4  
1:30-6:00 p.m.



Sign up in the  
narthex or call the  
church office.

# Hand in Hand

of the Swannanoa Valley would like to thank the BMPC congregation and church for partnering with us for the Backpack Program. Your generous donations allow our local school children to have the items they need to fully participate in school, and this was our largest collection since the back pack program's inception! The items were distributed to our Owen district schools on Friday, August 24, in anticipation of school starting on the 27th. Each school has a closet in the counseling area where supplies are kept. When a teacher sees a need they notify the counselor, who can then help children get these necessities discreetly.

Hand in Hand has fundraisers throughout the year to help with our valley's children and their continuous needs.

Thank you so much,  
Jennifer & Kyle Holt



## SVCM Homeless Shelter

BMPC will be the first church to host the SVCM Homeless Shelter when it opens November 4-10. We are planning to provide a full week's meals. If the shelter is not open, these meals will be frozen to be used as needed throughout the winter. In addition, we will be collecting non-perishables and/or monetary donations to supply breakfast and lunch meals. Barbara Gaw is again ably leading this project for BMPC and will have sign-up sheets for meals and supplies in the Narthex as the time draws near. In planning what meal you might donate, consider menus that would be conducive to freezing. Sonny Moore, the shelter director, assures us that they have the freezer space, and being ahead of the game helps for all the vagaries: weather, volunteers, and numbers of guests. **BMPC has always been very gracious in supplying and serving meals and we thank you in advance for your donations.**

The shelter also needs people willing to spend part of the night. Hosts fill shifts in the evening and overnight. This is usually a good quiet time to get to know others, both the guests and other volunteers, and to see the faithful, kind interaction that Sonny provides. The shelter is a great gift to those in the community who lack housing and SVCM, First Baptist Church, and the church families of Black Mountain demonstrate God's love in caring for those in need.

# SVCM Hope For Tomorrow

The Hope for Tomorrow campus for homeless mothers and their children has been completed. The families will receive support and guidance in finding permanent housing, joining the workforce, caring for their children, and having a good life. Many volunteer opportunities are opening and there are many ways you can become involved in this mission to our neighbors.

Currently, child care givers are in demand. To fulfill both BMPC and SVCM Child Safe requirements, each child care giver must have a completed background check, and must work in pairs. If you have completed the BMPC Child Safety certification, you are qualified, but you do not have to have the full training to qualify to serve for Hope for Tomorrow clients. An application for a background check is at the SVCM office of Cheryl Wilson, director. SVCM is next to the Black Mountain Primary School. If you can serve, contact Barbara Gaw (828-775-4463), or call SVCM (828-664-9224).

## Creation Care Alliance

BMPC's Earth Care Team is excited to host a meeting of the **Creation Care Alliance at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, in Fellowship Hall.** The Alliance, based in Asheville, is a network of congregations and people of faith united around a moral and spiritual call to preserve God's creation.

We'll serve a light dinner and give a short presentation about our work here at BMPC, followed by a time for questions, answers, and networking.

We welcome other creation care teams in the Black Mountain area to join us as well. Contact Karen Austin, 279-1299, for more information.



## Significant Book About Caring for the Earth

*The Congruent Life: A Spiritual Ecology Practice* is a discussion of ways and means for families and individuals to put their core faith beliefs about earth care into

practice...hence the idea of “congruence.”

Fourteen chapters detail ideas regarding food, housekeeping, shopping, gifts, water, and vacation to name a few. At the end of each chapter, the authors list the four or five Best Practices, culminating at the end of the book is a list of twenty Best Practices, many we have perhaps heard before, but they give us memorable “handles” to care for the earth. Resources on the Web are listed, along with an extensive bibliography and quotations, from Wendell Berry, Rachel Carlson, T.S. Eliot and others at the beginning of each chapter. The book sings with beautiful photographs picturing places in Black Mountain and Montreat, as the two authors – Banta H. Whitner and Bruce R. Grob are residents of Black Mountain.

This book is available in our church library and is highly recommended by the Earth Care Team of our church.

# OCTOBER birthdays

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|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Mary Knight<br>Nick Murphy<br>Mary Scott Robinson<br>Will Chilton        | <b>19</b> Rick Bailey<br>Allen Bell<br>Sara Bassett<br>Aidan Nalley<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> Mary Brueggemann<br>Patrick Miller<br>Nora Nelson<br>Michael Gun                |
| <b>6</b> Grace Stitt<br>Michele Rhoten<br>Tonia Allen                             | <b>25</b> Larry Royer<br>Ellen McClintock   |
| <b>8</b> Craig Cooley<br>Delores Spielman   | <b>26</b> Harry Horne<br>Donna Marie Todd   |
| <b>9</b> Barbara Jenkins<br>Dave Johnson  | <b>27</b> 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> 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> Susie Burns<br>Billy Banks<br>Callie Shaffer                                    |
| <b>13</b> Barbara Massey<br>Paul Willison   |   |
| <b>14</b> Lucy Dusthimer  |   |
| <b>15</b> Pete Peery  |   |
| <b>16</b> Hannah Webber   |   |
| <b>17</b> Gayle Petty-Johnson<br>Mary Standaert<br>Kyle Holt<br>Autumn Hollifield |   |
| <b>19</b> Marvin Secrest<br>Stephen Riley   |   |

# Thank you!

**Thank you to BMPC and the Session for supplying the church bus.**

**Thank you to the volunteers who drive the bus** so that members living at Highland Farms can attend church services. They steady our unsteady gait, secure our walkers, and give us a helping hand with grace and assurance.

They even “go the extra mile” of providing transportation to extra church functions like Holy Week services, memorial services, and church picnics!

**and especially...**

**Thank you to Bill Janes**

He is our shepherd. He informs us of bus availability and schedule, he “rounds us up” when we forget, finds transportation when our number exceeds the capacity of the bus, even drives his own car or makes a second trip to church. And he performs all these services with the grace and caring spirit of servant ministry

*The Bus “Flock”*

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**BMPC Child Protection Policy**

*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



**Moni nonse!** (Hello everyone!)

That is how we greet the people at the well site and begin the dedication service. I'm back in Africa with Marion Medical Mission with the goal of 2,900 new wells this year! We started installations September 17 with long drives over bumpy roads! Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial support. You make this possible and I am so grateful! I have updated my blog ([www.travelcontinued.blogspot.com](http://www.travelcontinued.blogspot.com)) each chance I've gotten with the spotty internet. Zikomo kwambiri! (Thank you very much).  
Peace,  
Jessi Stitt

