

BMPC Window



Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter

January 2019

**Get to know your deacons
and share your best chili dishes!**

A yellow poster with a red border and a dotted pattern. At the top, a green banner contains the text "Chili Cook-off" in a cursive font. Below the banner, the text reads: "BMPC YOUTH CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER (in conjunction with the Potato Lunch) THE YOUTH AND DEACONS OF BMPC INVITE YOU TO JOIN US... SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2019". To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of a red chili pepper wearing a white chef's hat with a green band and a smiling face.

Chili Cook-off

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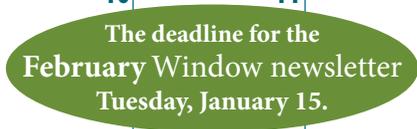
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2019

(entry form on page 7)

One worship service at 10:00 am on January 27, followed by the Annual Meeting

JANUARY

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27 10a Worship Service 11a Annual Meeting 12p Chili Cook-off and Potato Lunch 5p Hand Bells	28 6p Session	29 7p Prophets	30 7p Chancel Choir	31 Wednesday 'round the Table potluck will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. this month.		

Thank you! Sincere thanks for your gifts to our mission partners through Alternative Gifting. Disbursements are going out promptly and will surely bring smiles to our friends near and far. If you have feedback on this year's program, please let us know. We look forward to continuing this BMPC tradition. Special thanks to our artists Rachel Beaver, Barbara Brinson, Craig Cooley, Virginia Fouse, and Susan Wilkinson whose work made our Christmas cards so lovely. — Outreach and Global Mission Ministry Team

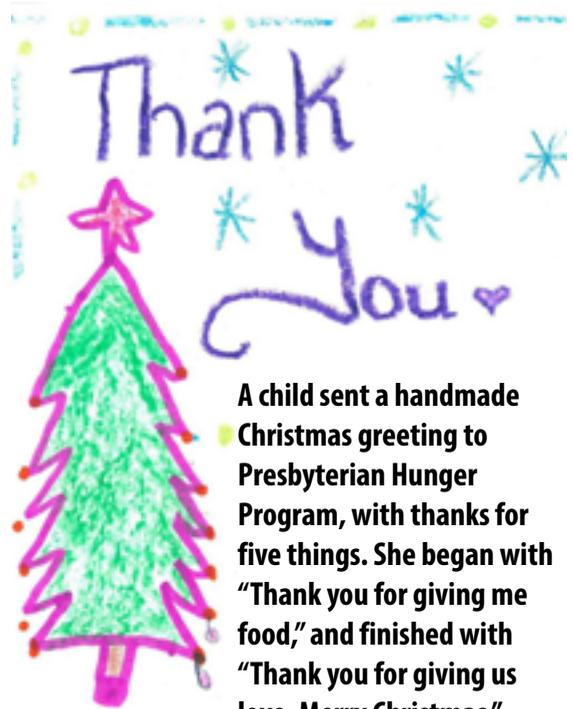


BMPC was one of the sponsoring churches for SVCM's grant and we are thrilled that these much needed funds were given to such a significant and vital ministry in our community. SVCM was awarded \$5,000 and this grant will help the Ministry provide food to our neighbors who come to SVCM for food. In 2018, SVCM served an average of 367 households with an average of 827 people each month. Pictured here left to right: Grace Stitt, Cheryl Wilson, Virginia Bradford, Mary Katherine Robinson.

Dear BMPC Family,

All of the Robinsons are grateful for the love and light you have showered upon us since Mary Scott's accident on Thanksgiving Day. Your cards, meals and prayers have lifted us up in the times when we needed encouragement the most. Thank you for showing us what it means to be the church as our family dealt with the trauma of Mary Scott's severe hand injury. During this advent season, we have truly learned the meaning of waiting as her hand continues to heal and we prepare for another surgery sometime in January. We are grateful for each and every one of you!

–Mary Katherine and family



A child sent a handmade Christmas greeting to Presbyterian Hunger Program, with thanks for five things. She began with "Thank you for giving me food," and finished with "Thank you for giving us love. Merry Christmas."

As a Hunger Action Congregation, you deserve to receive this thank you greeting as well. When you serve your community through hunger relief activities, you are offering more than just tangible gifts. You are helping to share the love of God with those you meet.

When you support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, you are also helping us work with partners around the world to help families have more and better food, to stand in solidarity with those standing up for their lands and livelihoods, and to encourage those working to achieve healthier, more livable environments. Thank you for sharing with us in bearing the compassion of Christ.

Thank you for giving love.

–Presbyterian Hunger Program

Adult Church School in January

Becomers Class

Book of Matthew

in the Library

Biblical Perspectives

Conference Room 1

- 6 Campus Ministry at UNC, Vance Stiles
- 13 Erskine Alvis, "My Faith Journey"
- 20 TBA
- 27 No class: Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Faith Builders

Parlor

- 6 Discipleship: Mission led by Bill Gilliland
- 13 Discipleship: Doing Good Works, Bill Gilliland
- 20 Paul Garrity leads a follow-up discussion to his presentation about implications of August 2017 events in his hometown of Charlottesville, Va.
- 27 No class: Annual Meeting

Bible Exploration

Book of Corinthians

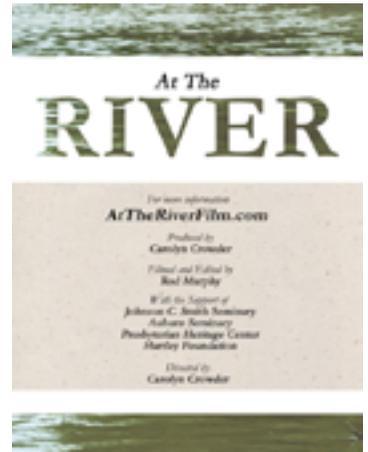
upstairs Room 12

APNC Update: The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work reading through PIFs (resumes for pastors) we have received from candidates all over the nation. Since our MIF (Mission Information Form) went live on the PC (USA) website, we have received over 75 PIFs to read! We hope to start interviewing candidates in the New Year.

Thursday Night Live January 17, 5:30 p.m.

A very special Thursday Night Live program is coming to BMPC! A screening of excerpts from the film by Carolyn Crowder, *At The River: Struggle and Grace in the White South*. Carolyn lives in Black Mountain and has recorded an amazing oral history of Presbyterian pastors who as very young men who stood up to the

culture, their churches and, sometimes their own families. Hear their stories in personal interviews recorded in this documentary with time for sharing questions and reflections after the film. Confirmands and High school youth are especially encouraged to attend. The meal will be catered by Pepperoni's at the cost of \$8. **Please reserve your spot by calling the church office 669-2725 or signing up in the narthex by Monday, January 14.**



Connections Ministry - help wanted: Bakers

"Nothin' says lovin' like something from the oven..."

Help us restock our supply of homemade bakery goods for the church freezer. We need a fresh batch since these are needed often for memorial services, hospitality table, shelter meals, youth events, and meetings. Please call Brett Van Dorsten with questions. Bake a batch, label with type and date, and place in the freezer in an airtight container. Cookies with no nuts are best. Upcycle that unused Christmas cookie dough from your freezer!



Presbyterian Women

All PW Circles will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Karen Austin will teach the Bible study and brunch will be served.

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery offer a \$1,500 scholarship for an applicant who has been accepted and/or is enrolled in a four-year degree program at an accredited college/university.

The recipient must be a member of a Presbyterian Church in the WNC Presbytery and exhibit leadership in church, school and the community. Scholastic ability and financial need are requirements.

The application must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by Feb. 15, 2019.

For an application or more information, contact Connie Schimpf, 828-669-1931.

Lydia Circle

Join us for Bible study, fellowship, and mission activities on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m. at church. We hope you will come and bring a friend on Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23, May 21. Call Schaap Freeman with questions, 404-451-4677.

Save the Date

PW will host a delightful luncheon program on **February 19 at noon**. The invitation is open to all women and we especially welcome visitors and those exploring what PW is all about. Come hear our mission speaker, Sarah Thomas, from the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families. Find out about their amazing ministries including the new apprenticeship program, café and thrift store. RSVP to circle moderators or by calling the office 669-2725. We hope you will join us to connect with other women of our church and find out more about the far reaching impact of PW around the world.



Reid and Summer Kirkpatrick would like to thank all the church members who helped us raise our new roof the week of Thanksgiving. We would like to thank Jo Lehman for letting us borrow his tools and for his time, Noah Lehman for taking the time out of his weekend to help, Melzer Morgan Jr. really knows his way around a job site, Cain McClary put shingles on the front (and there are no leaks!), Brett Gudeman who was taking vacation time from seminary, Eli Barker is always there when called upon and is a hard worker, and especially Sam Webber for his expert help with ordering materials and having the know how and the work ethic of a roofing robot. Much love to our Church family!

To the amazing BMPC Family,

Thank you for welcoming me into this church two and a half years ago. It has truly been a sincere pleasure getting to know all of you, and I've been blessed to work closely with so many, forming valuable friendships I will always treasure. I want to thank you for your support, both through the generous gift of a Love Offering as well as meals and prayers during the time of Elizabeth's NICU stay and homecoming.

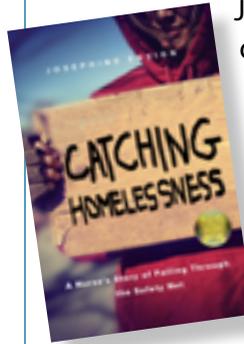
As many of you know, my husband works at Mills River UMC as the Contemporary Worship Leader and has recently accepted a promotion to Director of Music and Worship. With the recent growth of our family, this professional blessing allows us to make a shift in responsibilities and for me to focus on being a full-time mother. While this is a very difficult and bittersweet decision to make, it is simply the right one for our family and the best way we can honor the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

I will greatly miss everyone at BMPC, however I do hope that we can still be friends and neighbors, as this is such a special place – one I am humbled to be a part of. My last day as Church Business Administrator will be January 31 and as always, I am available to you for any questions or assistance you may need until then: jen@bmpcnc.org.

God bless you all, and thank you again for your friendship.

– Jen Thorstad

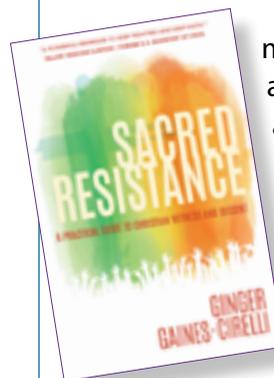
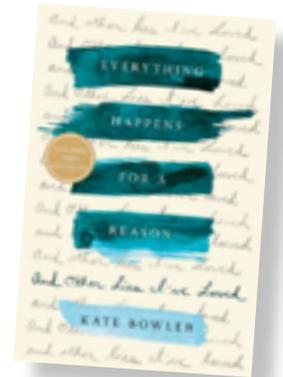
From the BMPC Library



Josephine Ensign was a wife, mother, daughter of a respected Presbyterian minister father and artist mother and nurse by profession who had chosen to use her education and gifts serving the homeless. No one would have dreamed that one day she herself would be counted among the homeless. In her book *Catching Homelessness* she describes how she "fell through the safety net."

This is one of three recent additions to the BMPC Library.

Another book which has been added is familiar to some in the congregation because it was the focus of a Sunday School class, and the author was a presenter at a Montreat conference. Kate Bowler, who continues to struggle with cancer, has an amazing story in *Everything Happens For a Reason And Other Lies I've Loved*. Those who have heard her speak or who simply know about her may want to learn more detail about this courageous woman's struggle.



In the current political climate many Christians are unsure how to address issues which concern them as people of faith without sounding belligerent or deepening the divide existing between them and others, particularly others of faith. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli has written an insightful book containing ideas of how to stand firm in one's convictions with, as her title suggests, sacred resistance.

Chili Cook-Off Entry Form **Deadline: January 20**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Name of your FAMOUS Chili Dish _____

check appropriate category: Mild Medium Spicy Vegetarian

Brief description of your chili: (white chili, family recipe, etc.)

Deliver or email submissions to Chandler Guess chandler@bmpcnc.org

BMPC YOUTH CHILI COOK-OFF GUIDELINES & DETAILS • All chili recipes need to provide taste tests for 40 people • Deliver chili to the fellowship hall prior to worship on Jan. 27 • Chili should be delivered fully cooked and “ready to eat” • tasting cups and spoons provided (as well as potato lunch and “chili fixins”) • Each entry will have a station complete with mason jar to collect “votes” (attendees may vote for their favorites with change) • The winner will be announced at the end of the fundraiser (Prizes will be awarded!)

JANUARY birthdays

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| 3 Brad Holmes | 10 Carey Jo Elam | 23 Lucas Dodson |
| 4 Levi Hall | Sloan Price | 24 Muriel Hart |
| 5 Carol Tyson | Sarah West | Amanda Wheeler |
| Molly Minnick | 12 Megan Bowman | Dusty Lindsey |
| Valorie Speegle-Snell | Charlie Edwards | 25 Rick Lindsey |
| 6 Becky Peterson | 13 Sara Owen | 26 Bill Straughan |
| 7 Jeff Ruppert | 14 Briggs Barker | 28 Maggie Ray |
| Kate Nelson | 17 Nancy Ruppert | 29 Margie Tyas |
| 8 Susan Banhoff | Daisy Buckner | Travis Childs |
| Kim Fisher | Sheldon Adams | Jack Jones |
| 9 Frances Turk | Cecilia Brandon | 30 Betsy Warren |
| Rosy Robson | Katherine Stanley | 31 Sam Byrd |
| Cammy Holt | 19 Susan Alvis | Nan Higgins |
| Wyatt Lehman | 20 Caroline McElwee | Porter Reece |
| | 22 Alec Hile | |

Can you help with blood drives?

We need a volunteer to recruit hosts who represent BMPC at Red Cross blood drives. We will provide a list of contacts for this recruiter to gather hosts who work about two hours greeting and signing in donors at the blood drives which occur five times a year at BMPC. Please call Jackie in the office if you are interested, 669-2725.

Thank you!

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Happy New Year from the Earth Care Team!

Here are our “Top Twenty Earth Care Practices” for all to remember as we head into 2019.

- **Avoid buying bottled water. Refill your own bottle.**
- **Eat less meat. Use it as a side dish.**
- **Eat local and organic food. Best is to grow your own.**
- **Cook at home as much as possible.**
- **Compost, compost, compost.**
- **Recycle, recycle, recycle.**
- **Drive less. Carpool, use public transport, walk, bike.**
- **When possible, live close to school and work.**
- **Fly less. Purchase carbon offsets.**
- **Keep tires properly inflated.**
- **Turn out the lights, turn off the computer.**
- **Use compact fluorescent and LED light bulbs.**
- **Use cloth napkins and washable dishes.**
- **Buy less, consume less, be satisfied with enough.**
- **Take reusable shopping bags to all stores, not just the grocery.**
- **Reduce outdoor watering. Shrink the lawn. Plant native plants.**
- **Remember that running even cold water uses fossil fuels, purifying it and pumping it into a tower high above you.**
- **Remember that what we eat, what we drive, and where we live are our heaviest users of fossil fuels. These are all choices that we control.**
- **Embrace the old values: thrift, economy, husbandry.**
- **Love and care for the Earth and all her creatures!**