

BMPC Window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter



April 2019

Holy Week

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

Service of Healing & Wholeness, 7 p.m.

This service incorporates written reflection, prayer stations, and a visual meditation. It flows through three major movements and is designed to provide worshipers space to reflect on the needs in their lives whether they are seeking healing or wholeness for themselves, a loved one, or the earth.

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

We will recall Jesus' final hours with his disciples and celebrate communion around tables, family-style in fellowship hall.

Saturday, April 20

Easter Egg Hunt for children, 10 a.m.

Weekday School and BMPC children will gather on the playground to play and hunt for eggs! Bring a friend!

Sunday, April 21

Easter, Flowering of the Cross

Please bring flowers to enhance our Easter Palm Cross outside. Brunch will be served in the narthex between services from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m.

Help make our Easter garden beautiful! *See order form on back page.*

APRIL

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1</p> <p>7p Earth Care</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PW Circles (see page 4)</p> <p>7p APNC 7p Prophets</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6a Men's Prayer Group 12 noon Lenten service and lunch 7p Chancel Choir</p>	 <p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4p Bounty & Soul</p>	 <p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Church School 11a Worship</p> <p>5p Hand Bells</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:30p Lectio Divina</p> <p>6:45p Ministry Teams</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7p APNC 7p Prophets</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6a Men's Prayer Group 5:30p Family 'round the Table 7p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>The deadline for the May Window newsletter Monday, April 15.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6p Mens Group 4p Bounty & Soul</p>
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Remaining Lenten Services at noon on Wednesdays in April

April 3

Here at BMPC

Warren Wilson Presbyterian
co-hosting

April 10

First Baptist Black Mountain
130 Montreat Road
Black Mountain

April 19 – Good Friday

First Christian Church
201 Blue Ridge Road
(no lunch)

from the BMPC Earth Care Team

Striving Toward Zero Waste at BMPC

The Session has recently approved a Strive Toward Zero Waste Proposal, which was developed by the Earth Care Team to honor our congregation's Earth Care pledge to be "careful, humble stewards of this earth." The proposal aims **1**) to work with the many groups serving food, encouraging the use of washable dishes and utensils whenever possible (recyclable or compostable when necessary); and **2**) to move toward using post-consumer recycled paper products such as office paper, napkins, paper towels, and toilet paper.

The Earth Care Team will be researching costs, conferring with Session Committees, and gathering information from groups that have made the switch to utilizing our white dishes versus disposables. Soon you may see helpful signs with the Earth Care logo around the church. We will be working closely to offer support at the Hospitality table between church services this spring, because that time is weekly, visible, and involves numerous hosts. We will create a sign-up list for people willing to help with dishwashing, and we encourage those who can, to bring their own cups.

Finally, we encourage anyone who can, to get in the habit of bringing your own flatware and dishes to meals at the church and taking them home to wash. This will cut down on the number of dishes we need to both own and wash at the church.

Easter Egg Hunt

for Weekday School
and BMPC children
Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.
on the church playground

Please help us by donating wrapped candy to the office by Friday, April 12. Volunteers are needed to stuff eggs, distribute eggs on the playground, and act as hosts on Saturday morning.
Please contact Margie@bmpnc.org.



Bring a friend!

events in our town

APRIL 13

Town Arbor Day Celebration, Black Mountain Town Square, 11 a.m.-noon. Ten serviceberry seedlings in 3-gal. containers will be given away by the Urban Forestry Commission.

APRIL 27

Montreat Native Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Moore Field next to Lake Susan

APRIL 28

Earth Day Sunday

Check out These Books!

J. Barrie Shepherd has imagined what was in the minds of those who watched Jesus as he hung on the cross in *Faces At The Cross*, a series of monologues of such people as Judas and Mary Magdalene. Beloved poet and author, the late Ann Weems, in *Kneeling In Jerusalem* has penned many short selections good for personal devotion. Weems' *From Advent's Alleluia To Easter's Morning Light* also has sections for Holy Week and Easter. Richard M. Cromie has written a book which has explored contemporary and historic responses to the Resurrection, *Sometime Before The Dawn*. *An Easter Celebration* details traditions and customs from around the world, including the legends of a lily and the dogwood and a recipe for hot cross buns. For families who want to make the season more holy there are *Family Celebrations At Easter* by Ann Hibbard, and *Christ In Easter: A Family Celebration of Holy Week* with entries by several well-known Christians. Since Earth Day is April 22, look for a display of resources on creation care the latter part of the month.



April Adult Church School

Becomers Class Library, **Book of Matthew**

Bible Exploration upstairs Room 12, **Book of Corinthians**

Biblical Perspectives Conference Room 1

Series exploring *The Seven Words Jesus Spoke From the Cross*:

7 Schaap Freeman-Fouse, *Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit*

14 Michael Poulos, *It Is Finished*

21 EASTER, Brunch in courtyard, no church school

28 Bill Henderson, *Christian Mission in Black Mountain*

Faith Builders Parlor

7 Ina Hughs shares her poetry and leads a short workshop on writing a biographical poem/short essay; "I am from . . ."

14 Class participants share their "I am from" compositions

21 EASTER, Brunch in courtyard, no church school

28 Rev. Connie Button leads the first in a series of three Bible studies

Love & Logic Conference Room 2, **Parenting Class**

Presbyterian Women

Circles
Tuesday, April 2

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. – BMPC Parlor

Esther

10:00 a.m. the home of
Karen Smith, 144 Lake Eden

Hannah

10:00 a.m. at the home of Robin
Stiles, 206 Central Ave

Naomi

4:30 p.m. – BMPC Library

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. the home of
Bess Perryman

Rebekah

2:30 p.m. the Lodge, HF

Ruth

1:30 p.m. BMPC CR1

Tuesday, April 23

Lydia

6:30 p.m. BMPC Parlor

APNC Update!

We are plodding away like good Presbyterians, and no one knows better than we how long it seems to be taking to find the Associate Pastor being called to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. We have narrowed down some favorable candidates and are actively interviewing those who look most compatible with our needs for an Associate Pastor for Faith Formation with supervision in Christian Education, Mission, and Youth for our folks. Looking ahead, we realize that we live in an area where housing can be a challenge. At this point, we don't know if the person who comes to BMPC will be thinking about renting or buying or if our AP will be a first-time home buyer or someone with equity from a previous home. In our area, often word of mouth and contacts can help augment standard real estate channels to locate potential housing. Maybe you know someone who is downsizing or someone who no longer needs a summer Montreat or Black Mountain house, or someone who may have a house that is open for short term or long term rental. Obviously, we are thinking ahead without a specific directive, but we do not want housing to be a deterrent for the person whom we finally want to call. Please keep your eyes and ears open and contact bmpc.apnc@gmail.com if you have a lead. As always, please continue to pray for the APNC as we seek to follow God's lead in our search for our new Associate Pastor.

The Sarasota Statement

At its 2017 national gathering, NEXT Church released a new confessional statement in response to the current state of the church and world. Throughout the Lenten season we have been using excerpts in our worship. Find the complete Sarasota Statement at:

<https://nextchurch.net/the-sarasota-statement/>

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



Lenten Prayers for an End to Hunger

Readings, prayers, and actions to help us observe Lent in 2019 – prepared by *Bread for the World*

FOURTH WEEK IN LENT March 31-April 6

Jesus Welcomes Sinners

But while he [the prodigal son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him... [The father said,] "This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" – Luke 15:20,24

[O Lord,] You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
– Psalm 32:7

PRAYER

O God, we are both the prodigal son and the elder brother. Save us from despair and from pride. Through your love and grace in Christ, turn us around so that we may prepare a feast of hope and opportunity for those who live in hunger. Amen.

ACTION

One in six children in the US lives in a family that struggles to put food on the table. Bread for the World continues to seek funding and improvements in our child nutrition programs, including making school breakfasts and summer meals more available. For news and ways get involved, visit bread.org/write.

FIFTH WEEK IN LENT April 7-13

Jesus Is Anointed for Death

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
– John 12:3

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
– Psalm 126:5-6

PRAYER

O Christ, we give thanks for Mary and all your disciples for their faith and their witness to your love and mercy. As we follow you to the cross during this season of Lent, grant us courage and determination so that we might urge our elected officials to end hunger and poverty. Amen.

ACTION

Parts of Africa are suffering the most severe drought in more than 50 years. Urge your members of Congress to increase funding for global nutrition, which helps farmers grow crops that can withstand climate change. To find out how you can make a difference, visit bread.org/ol.

HOLY WEEK April 14-20

Jesus Suffers Death

These are the scripture readings appointed for the Sunday of the Passion. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." – Luke 23:46-47

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.
– Psalm 31:14, 16

PRAYER

O God, your Son gave up his life for us so that we might live in your steadfast love. In the Risen Christ, the tomb becomes the birthplace of new life for us and the world you created. May that gift sustain us as we work to save the lives of mothers and children threatened by hunger and disease. Amen.

ACTION

Meet face-to-face with members of Congress when they return to their home districts in the spring. You can also participate in Bread for the World's annual Advocacy Summit and Lobby Day on June 10-11 in Wash., D.C. Join hundreds of others in pre-arranged visits with congressional offices on Capitol Hill. To register, visit bread.org/lobbyday.

APRIL birthdays

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| 2 Betty Hill
McCain Farish | 17 Nancy Ruppert
Helen Sheorn |
| 3 Bridget Leary | 18 Margaret Peery
Pearl Hall
Camryn Davidson |
| 4 Brittany Williams | 19 Joy Minnick |
| 5 Kiersten Edwards
Ethan Banks | 20 Carly Sperry
Margaret Waterstradt
Ann Bell
Jake Rash |
| 6 Bill Gilliland | 21 Vance Stiles |
| 7 Frances Kennedy
Bill Mohr | 22 Mary McElrath
Ally Gudeman
Xander Dodd |
| 8 Jane Collins
Jean Norris
Devin Carswell | 23 Glenn Bannerman
Karen Smith
David Hana
Thomas McElwee |
| 9 Tommy Hay
Ann Herring
Ginny Lindsey | 24 Margaret Fouse
Jayne Vaughan |
| 10 Mike Morse
Melzer Morgan III
April Roy
Lily Morgan
Graham Roy | 25 Susan Hensley |
| 11 Susan Jumper
Chad Williams
Grace Drummond
Joy Drummond
Rylan Van Note | 26 Samuel Baraki
Mary Katherine Robinson |
| 12 Norman Carswell | 28 Chloe Stiles |
| 13 Dwight Stobbs
William Holmes | 29 Ken Farmer
Maya Fleagle |
| 14 Cathy Skeen
Diana Soileau | 30 Connie Schimpf
Emma Bell |
| 16 Edward Smith
Allie Brandon | |

Happy
Birthday!

Dear Women of BMPC,

It is not only beautiful to look at but it surrounds me with your love when I take a nap in your quilt. You women are something special to me. I feel so welcomed at your church. When Yonie does the dishes you always desire to include me in your meetings. Whenever there is a need, you are always right there to help those in need. God bless you and thank you for the beautiful quilt that surrounds me with your love.

Love,

Dodi Kline

YOUTH events in April

middle school

7 Wild Goose Chase, 5-7p

14 No Youth

21 No Youth

27 Presbytery Adventure Day @ Camp Grier

28 No Youth

high school

5 Breakfast Club @ the Gunn's, 7-7:45a

7 Faith & Art, 5-7p

14 No Youth

21 No Youth

**26-27 Camping Trip and Presbytery
Adventure Day @ Camp Grier**

28 No Youth

CONFIRMATION in April

April 7 and April 28 3:30-4:45p at BMPC

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Order form for Easter flowers

return to the church office by **Monday, April 15**

your name _____

choices: flowering plant green plant **\$8** cash check

in honor of _____

(or) in memory of _____

