

# BMPC Window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church monthly newsletter



June 2019

## SUMMER SERMON MUSIC SERIES!

Have you ever heard a particular hymn or piece of music and thought that it would make a great sermon? This summer, while Mike Barker is on sabbatical and exploring the wide range of church music at conferences and various churches, we will commit to studying with him by exploring various types of music here in worship. Our Summer sermon series will journey along the theological landscape of music looking for sacred, theological and biblical themes in Old fashioned hymns, Taize, Celtic, Bluegrass, folk, Spirituals and prophetic music to name a few. Music has the ability to captivate and take our hearts and minds places we never expected to go.

<b>June 16</b>	Why We Sing	Psalm 100
<b>June 23</b>	Old Fashioned Hymn Sing	Ephesians 5:19-20
<b>June 30</b>	Peace Songs & Patriotic Hymns	Galatians 5
<b>July 7</b>	Bluegrass	Revelation 22:1-5
<b>July 14</b>	Celtic	Psalm 104:1-9
<b>July 21</b>	Spirituals	Galatians 3:23-29
<b>July 28</b>	Taize	Romans 14:13-19
<b>August 4</b>	Jazz	John 3:14-21
<b>August 11</b>	Prophetic Music-U2	Revelation 15:2-4

*Join us in worship as we travel through these summer months of music!*

# JUNE

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h2>Called Congregational Meeting</h2> <h3>Sunday, June 16, 10:40 a.m.</h3> <p>read more on page 3</p>						
<b>9:15a</b> FirstLight <b>11a</b> Worship	<b>1:30p</b> Lectio Divina <b>6p</b> Session <b>7p</b> Facility Task Force <b>7p</b> Earth Care	<b>7p</b> APNC	<div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">             The deadline for the July Window newsletter Monday, June 17.           </div>		<b>4p</b> Bounty & Soul	<b>9a</b> BMPC Clean Up Day
<b>PENTECOST</b> <b>9:15a</b> FirstLight <b>11a</b> Worship	<b>6:45p</b> Ministry Teams	<b>5:30p</b> Family 'round the Table  <b>8:30p</b> Men's Prayer Group	<b>6p</b> Men's Group	<b>4p</b> Bounty & Soul		
<b>9:15a</b> FirstLight <b>10:40a</b> Congregational Meeting <b>11a</b> Worship <b>2p</b> Lenoir Tucker Memorial Service	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> <b>8:30a-12:30p</b> Weekday School Summer Camp  <b>5:30p</b> CE Team	<b>8:30p</b> Men's Prayer Group	<b>4p</b> Bounty & Soul			
<b>HYMN SING</b> <b>9:15a</b> FirstLight <b>11a</b> Worship	<b>8:30p</b> Men's Prayer Group	<b>4p</b> Bounty & Soul				

## Wednesday Family 'Round the Table

### SUMMER DATES

**June 12 • July 10 • August 14 5:30 p.m.**

Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with your BMPC family!

# Sanctuary Hearing Assistance

We have been employing a hearing assistance "loop" in our sanctuary for several years. The system functions well. However, not every person who is hard of hearing enjoys the same benefits from the system. Our loop system was purchased based on research and data that revealed it had the potential to help the greatest number of persons who use hearing aids, and that it would work well in the large space which is our sanctuary. One added bonus is that our sound system does an excellent job of picking up the ambient sounds in the room, congregational singing especially, and these come through the loop. Listeners using the loop enjoy the full service, not only what is said over the pulpit and lectern microphones. There are of course other technologies available, especially for personal use at home. However the loop system has proven itself quite helpful in large venues like our sanctuary. The loop relies on "t-coil" technology, a feature not included universally in hearing aids. The loop system works in conjunction with our sanctuary sound system: the signal sent from the sound system to the speakers lining the room is sent at the same time to the loop. Persons with the t-coil feature in their hearing aids receive the sound system's output as a radio signal in their hearing aids. Not all hearing aids have this feature; further, this is a feature which may have to be enabled by your hearing aid professional. The Worship and Music Ministry Team urges any person who uses hearing aids to speak with their audiologist or other professional to learn about the t-coil feature and how it may benefit them at church. Speak to a member of the Worship and Music Ministry Team for more information. — Michael Barker



Called  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday, June 16  
10:40 a.m.

We will come together on Sunday, June 16, for the purpose of hearing a report from the APNC on our new Associate Pastor! (Pending approval of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry's examination on June 4). We will also elect officers for the class of 2022. The meeting will be held between worship services with the hope that everyone will find it convenient to attend. Please come to cast your vote and to celebrate this momentous day in the life of BMPC!



***Living into our mission and vision of being a church "where the welcome never ends", thank the Evangelism team for our new sign on Montreat Road!***

## Property Ministry Team News

We are working with Velux America, the manufacturer of our skylights, to find a way to reduce or eliminate the “popping” sounds that occur when direct sunlight shines on the skylights. This noise is often distracting and we are trying to find a remedy.

The water problem in the North parking lot is being addressed. Property is using the services of a geotechnical engineer and civil engineer to evaluate the problem and design a solution. They have determined that a large volume of water is moving through the top 2-4 feet of earth below the parking lot. This is causing the parking lot to break apart. The designed solution will require that the parking lot be excavated, drains built, new gravel added and new asphalt. Jess Gardner, the civil engineer that we have hired, works often with the Town of Black Mountain and has experience in designing to meet the town’s standards for storm water and erosion control. His design must be approved by the town before permits are issued. We hope that the actual work on the area will begin in late May of early June so that we can minimize the impact on the Weekday School. As the project proceeds, we will provide further updates.

Property is grateful to Margaret Fouse for the beautiful flowers and plants around the church grounds. Margaret provides many hours of service to our church and the results are wonderful!

– *The Property Ministry Team*

## Presbyterian Women

A festive evening with record attendance celebrating the PW Birthday Offering and new PW leadership was held on Tuesday, May 14. Two members were awarded with an Honorary Life Membership: **Beverly Highland** and **Cathy McMillan**. Congratulations to them both!



New PW circles will be formulated during the summer... so see you in the Fall!

# Women's Connection Montreat Conference Center August 9-11

Faith, Hope, and Love abide but the greatest of these is LOVE. -1 Corinthians 13:13

This passage from the New Testament is the theme of the 2019 conference. It is a guidepost out of the rage and hostility that surrounds us daily. As the passage reminds us God loves us anew every single day. Because of this we are asked to choose love over hate. Come and be inspired by the work of this year's keynote speaker Valerie Kaur and acclaimed singer/songwriter Amy Grant.

Valerie Kaur will speak on Saturday evening August 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Anderson Auditorium. She is a seasoned civil rights activist, award winning filmmaker, lawyer, faith leader, and founder of the Revolutionary Love Project. Through this project she is championing love as a social ethic and tool for change.

Amy Grant will take the stage on Sunday morning, August 11 at 9:30 am. Her thirty-plus year career has taken her around the globe and she has received too many awards to count, but she has always used God's love as a guide.

This is a dynamic conference and with scholarship funds from Montreat Conference Center and BMPC's Education Committee, women from our congregation will receive a discount. Instead of \$90 for this Presenter's Package the cost will be \$30. For more information on registering with the BMPC reduced rate contact Gayle Petty-Johnson, [gayle.culturalassets@charter.net](mailto:gayle.culturalassets@charter.net).

Visit the Montreat website: [montreat.org/women](http://montreat.org/women).

**Scholarship funds are limited and we need to register our group before July 1** when this Presenter's package goes on sale to the general public.



## SUPPLY DRIVE June 2-23

There will be a box in the narthex for supplies. Over 50% of the Centers' clients qualify for discounted or subsidized sessions and 40% are at or below poverty level.

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

**Healthy after school snacks**  
(granola bars, protein bars, whole wheat crackers and cheese, etc.)

**HP 63 printer ink**

**HP 952 printer ink**

**Printer Paper**

**Pens, pencil**

**Clay** (for child therapy; non hardening)

**Coffee**

**Office Depot gift cards** are always appreciated

**Tissues/Kleenex**

**Band Aids, Neosporin**

**Tape dispensers**

**Sticky Notes**

**\$10** will cover our monthly rental fee for a water cooler

**Toilet Paper**

**Paper Towels**

# Stewardship Campaign for 2019

Our theme for 2019 is “**Reimagine Generosity**”. You might first think “How is a stewardship theme linked with generosity?” Your Stewardship Committee believes that the perception of “stewardship” puts a narrow definition on what the concept really means.

Remember that our mission and vision include statements such as “continuing our legacy of generosity”, so this is a natural outgrowth of the Mission and Vision developed last year.

Generosity includes not only your financial support of BMPC, but also the ways you support the church with your time, your talents, your prayers and your actions.

NOTE: To help us all understand this new “reimagined” concept of generosity, we will be having small group discussions with youth, young adults and families, and with older adults to talk about your understanding of generosity and how that might serve the ministries of BMPC.

We will be scheduling these discussions over the course of the summer, will capture ideas from each discussion, and provide quick feedback to each group and to the congregation as a whole once the discussions are all completed.

We hope these discussions will provide ideas for actions for the church to fulfill its mission and truly be seen as a leader in generosity in our community.

— *Dave Johnson, Stewardship/Generosity Chair Person*

— **from the Earth Care Team**

## Calculate Your Carbon Offsets When You Fly

When making summer travel plans, we should keep this fact in mind: One round-trip flight from New York to London (6,940 miles round trip) causes 3 cubic meters of Arctic ice-cap melt. Source: David Wallace-Wells, *Uninhabitable Earth*.

Some people purchase carbon offsets, planting trees to replace the amount of carbon dioxide they have put into the atmosphere, when they fly. As an example, we have calculated the carbon offset for a hypothetical round trip (economy class) from Asheville to London. The round trip is 8,750 miles, so 5,026 pounds of carbon dioxide is exhaled into the atmosphere to lift the person, luggage, and his/her share of the plane and its fuel 30,000 feet. Source: [calculator.carbonfootprint.com].

It would take 335 mature (25 years old) pine trees, which are excellent at carbon dioxide absorption, to remove 5,026 pounds of carbon dioxide in one year. Source: [calculation.com].

You would need to plant 7 trees to offset 5,026 pounds of carbon dioxide in the trees’ lifetime. Source: [footprintstoforests.com].

Rule of thumb: For every 1,250 miles you fly, you need to plant one tree to offset the carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere.

These numbers are only approximate due to variations in plane size, number of passengers, wind direction and speed; size of seedling, type of tree, where planted on the Earth, and so on. But we don’t need a few people calculating carbon offsets perfectly; we need millions of people doing it imperfectly.

**Planting trees does a world of good!**

# JUNE birthdays

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|---|---|
| <b>2</b> Diane Ginther<br>Donn Handy<br>Ellen Begley<br>Sarah Wren Robinson | <b>17</b> John Knight<br>Powell Winstead<br>Margie Stansell   |
| <b>3</b> Joseph Rand<br>Liesl Case  | <b>19</b> Keithie Knowles<br>Randy Shaffer<br>River Hana  |
| <b>4</b> Kurt Shaffer<br>Tanya Banks  | <b>20</b> Ruth Janes<br>Jim Layman<br>Laura Weaver  |
| <b>5</b> Alex Hutcheson<br>Bradley Garrison                                 | <b>22</b> Thomas Stiles<br>Joe Lehman<br>Griffin Dodd   |
| <b>6</b> Taylor Morris<br>Moses Lehman                                      | <b>23</b> Phil Garrison   |
| <b>7</b> Carter Douglas   | <b>24</b> Juie Moore<br>Noah Holladay   |
| <b>8</b> Kent Patton  | <b>25</b> Paul Drummond   |
| <b>9</b> Franklin Harris<br>Debbie Bailey<br>Ameliah Lee Davidson           | <b>26</b> Pat Thrailkill<br>Charlotte Sprawls<br>Jennifer Mohr<br>Sandy Shaffer<br>Tonya Tyndall<br>Mattie Lehman<br>Gavin Dodd |
| <b>10</b> Spring Patton<br>Rachael Lee<br>Lauren Nalley                     | <b>27</b> Jack Wynn<br>Jeannie Maidment<br>Alex Farmer<br>Caroline Roy<br>Abby Lehman   |
| <b>11</b> Faith Bradley<br>Cory Partlow<br>Kelly Peterson<br>Ruth Carswell  | <b>28</b> Carolyn Cordell   |
| <b>12</b> Peter Mudge<br>Katherine Neville<br>Isabella Hile                 | <b>29</b> Bob Headley   |
| <b>13</b> Henry Copeland<br>Melissa Wilson<br>Summer Kirkpatrick            | <b>30</b> Bob McMurray<br>Wyatt Campbell  |
| <b>15</b> Bill Bale   |   |
| <b>17</b> Ruby Begley<br>Elizabeth Rand                                     |   |

**Matt Begley**, a member and elder of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, will be going to Glasgow, Scotland in August as a mission coworker for the PCUSA through the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program and the Church of Scotland. The Church of Scotland started an initiative 15 years ago to partner with and focus their energy and resources toward the 5% of communities in Scotland most economically deprived. Of these communities, almost half (31) are located in Glasgow. Due to factors such as losses in manufacturing jobs and discriminatory housing schemes, slums are prevalent and upward economic mobility is restricted. While in Glasgow, Matt will be working with local churches to address the needs of their communities, ranging from community gardening to helping alleviate issues related to food deprivation to youth programs working to prevent gang violence. Matt will be serving there for a year, learning from God's community in Scotland and discerning his own call during this transitional period. Each YAV is required to personally raise \$5,000 to support this mission, \$2,500 of which must be raised by July 1. Please consider donating to Matt's mission. Every donation is greatly appreciated. The following link leads to a page designated for that purpose. <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/E210115/#>

*many thanks*

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you so very much for your calls and cards, encouraging my recovery. It has been three weeks since my total hip replacement. According to the doctor, I'm right on schedule! Thanks for the prayers, also.*

*Lovingly,  
Mary McMahill*

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*providing a safe environment for children & youth*



**In May the Racial Justice Task Force sponsored a book study on Bryan Stevenson's book *Just Mercy*.** Many of us had attended his lecture in Asheville at UNCA on the disparities in our justice system for African Americans. On the second night for the study our group took a field trip to the Little Church, The Thomas AME Church that has been restored and placed on the historical registry. It was a powerful moment to be in that place talking about systemic racism and how we as a church can powerfully acknowledge our sins of the past. We also learned from Board members of the Little Church ways we can be involved in their upcoming activities. Stay tuned for more information! – *Pat Tuttle*