



LENT 2020

The liturgical season of Lent is a perfect time to focus on the places where we need to grow, as individuals and as a congregation, in our relationship with Christ. During this centering time we are invited to refocus on God as we prayerfully examine our priorities, actions, thoughts, and expectations. Often, we give something up for Lent as a way of reminding us daily of Jesus' sacrifice. However, we might also take on additional spiritual practices or acts of service so as to follow Jesus more closely.

One of our top priorities for this year at BMPC is to foster a better sense of intentional connectedness among our members and visitors – as we nurture authentic relationships in our family of faith! As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we need each other's support and accountability as we continue to stretch and grow.

To that purpose, throughout the six weeks of the Lenten season, we are encouraging all of our members to find a way to commit to a weekly small group. (You will find all of the small group opportunities listed on pages 6 & 7). Engaging with a small group is a wonderful way to journey through Lent and be encouraged in your life with God. It's also a great way to try out community without a long-term commitment.

Too often, we rush through life, too busy to pay attention to the people around us. This Lenten season, let us practice slowing down, strengthening relationships within our church family, reconnecting with one another and God. I look forward to seeing the ways in which we'll grow together!

Faithfully-

MARCH

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Faith Formation 11a Worship 3p Creativity Class 5p Bells 6:30p Contemplative Prayer Service	2 7p Facility Task Force	3 Presbyterian Women Circles meet (p.8) 1:15p Kindermusik 7p Prophets	4 9:30a Kindermusik 7p Choir 8:30p Men's Leadership	5	6 3:30p Youth @ Bounty & Soul 4p Bounty & Soul Market	7
8 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Faith Formation 11a Worship 3p Creativity Class 4p Support Class 5p Youth 5p Bells 6:30p Contemplative Prayer Service	9 11:30a Ecological Class 6:45p Ministry Teams	10 1:15p Kindermusik 7p Choir 6:30p Lydia 7p Prophets	11 9:30a Kindermusik 5:30p Family Round The Table 8:30p Men's Leadership	12 1:30p Sewing 5:30p Thursday Night Live 6p Men's Group	13 4p Bounty & Soul Market	14 5:30p Kids Night In & Parents Night Out
15 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Faith Formation 11a Worship 3p Creativity Class 5p Bells 6:30p Contemplative Prayer Service	16 11:30a Ecological Class WINDOW DEADLINE	17 1:15p Kindermusik 7p Prophets	18 9:30a Kindermusik 1:30p Blood Drive 7p Choir 8:30p Men's Leadership	19 6p Weekday School Art Show	20 4p Bounty & Soul Market	21
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29 8:30a FirstLight 9:40a Faith Formation 11a Worship 3p Creativity Class 5p HS Youth 5p Bells 6:30p Contemplative Prayer Service	30 11:30a Ecological Class	31 1p PW Bible Study 1:15p Kindermusik 2:15p PW Coordinating 7p Prophets	<h2 style="color: red;">Thursday Night Live rescheduled to March 12, 5:30-7 p.m.</h2> <p>A representative of Pisgah Legal Service, a nonprofit that provides free civil legal aid to the most vulnerable people in WNC, will lead the program. Dinner will be a taco bar catered by Ole's Guacamoles for \$8, children under 12 eat free. Please sign up with your Church Life app or in the narthex.</p>			

Deadline for the April Window newsletter Monday, March 16



Godly Play

Godly Play for children in first through third grades will begin on Sunday, March 8. This program will take place during 11:00 worship, after Faith Sharing with Children. Godly Play is a method of Christian Education and spiritual direction. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action – to help them become more fully aware of the mystery and wonder of God’s presence in their lives.

Weekday School Art Show

Thursday, March 19

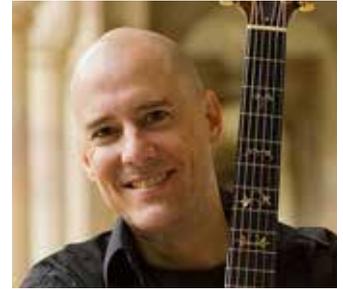
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Please join The Weekday School for its Annual Art Show, a drop-in event in the narthex. Art will be on display from all the Weekday School children (ages 1-5) and light refreshments will be served.

Cultivating an Anti-Racist Community

with

Tyrone Greenlee and David LaMotte



Sponsored by the BMPC Racial Equity Task Force

**RACIAL EQUITY
TASK FORCE** >>>

Sunday, March 22

12:15-2:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lunch included. Please sign up with your Church Life app or by calling the church, 828-669-2725.

All are welcome!

This two-hour workshop will provide a space in which to deepen your understanding of issues around race and racism. You will be offered a chance to engage in conversation and connect with others who are interested in making our community an even better place to live for every one of us. Expect to develop a broader perspective, deeper empathy, and a clearer framework and common vocabulary around issues of race and racism. There will also be discussion around next steps for creating a more racially equitable community.

Demystifying Solar Power for Homeowners

On Thursday, April 30, 7:00-8:30, the Earth Care and Nurture Teams will host a workshop for homeowners who are interested in learning more about installing solar panels. Representatives from Haynes Electric and Sugar Hollow Solar will be present to walk homeowners through the process. They will address such topics as the feasibility of solar power at your location, maintenance needed, the relationship with Duke Energy, possible rebates, cost per panel, and storage batteries. These companies have installed panels at the homes of our members, and Haynes installed the church's panels.

Plenty of time will be allotted for questions.

This free workshop will be advertised and open to the public, and we'll serve simple refreshments and beverages. Please let us know you are coming by April 27. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

The workshop will be part of a three-pronged approach to recognizing Earth Day in April. The other two prongs will be our annual Earth Day worship service on April 19, and a display table with audiovisuals and an art display in the narthex on April 19.

OTHER NEWS

- Pastor David is creating space in Conference Room 1 (where Biblical Perspectives meets) for his collection of books on Creation Care. Look for further announcements.
- The Creation Care Alliance (CCA) held a Solar Summit in January at Grace Covenant which was attended by Karen Austin and Robin Stiles, who brought back much information about how other churches have financed and put up their panels. Thanks to Wayne Mullis, who filled out our church's questionnaire.

from the Earth Care Team

DON'T TANGLE OR CONTAMINATE
RECYCLE MORE
FOR A GREENER STATE



<p>PLASTIC</p> <p>Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars</p>  <p>No pumps Empty and rinse</p>	<p>METAL</p> <p>All cans</p>  <p>Empty and rinse</p>
<p>GLASS</p> <p>Bottles and jars</p>  <p>Empty and rinse</p>	<p>PAPER</p> <p>Paper, cartons and cardboard</p>  <p>Flatten cardboard</p>

KEEP THESE OUT!



⊗ All batteries (car, lithium, etc.)	⊗ Electronics	⊗ Shredded paper
⊗ Ceramic items	⊗ Food-tainted items	⊗ Styrofoam/peanuts
⊗ Clothing or textiles	⊗ Household glass	⊗ Tangles (cords, hoses, wires, etc.)
⊗ Diapers	⊗ Medical waste	⊗ Tires
⊗ Disposable cups (plastic and paper)	⊗ Hazardous waste	⊗ Toys
	⊗ Plastic bags/wrap	⊗ Scrap metal/wood



PLEASE DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!

View poster at <https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/solid-waste/recycling.aspx>



Kids Night **IN** & Parents Night **OUT**

Saturday, March 14, 5:30-7:30 PM.

(Drop-off begins at 5:15 PM)

Where: BMPC Narthex (sanctuary lobby)

Who: Brittany Williams, Director of Children's Programs, and David Carter Florence will be leading the fellowship programs with the children at the church.

Kids who are one year old through fifth grade are invited to join us for Kids Night In at the church. This program of fellowship, games, dinner (pizza!), and a movie is meant to build a community of friends among our children. There is a suggested donation of \$5/per child.

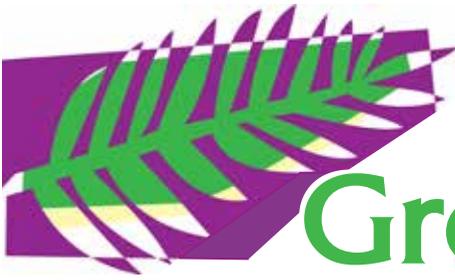
Parents are invited to join the host couple, Tanner & Vanessa Pickett, at North Fork Kitchen for your own time of dinner and fellowship at 5:30 PM.

Register by Thursday, March 12

with your Church Life app or by contacting Brittany Williams at (828) 669-2725 or brittany@bmpcnc.org

We need volunteers for this event!

If you would like to help out, please sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AA5A82FA4FB6-march> or by contacting Brittany Williams at (828) 669-2725 or brittany@bmpcnc.org



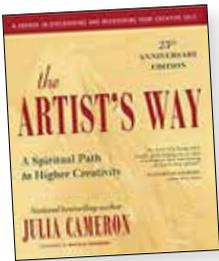
The following are being offered at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church during Lent. Please call the office (828-669-2725) or email Brittany (brittany@bmpcnc.org) to let us know you are coming, for planning purposes.

Growing in Lent

Sundays February 9-May 3

A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity

3:00-5:00 p.m. / Parlor



During this twelve week course, we will reawaken our creative selves, by studying Julia Cameron's book, *The Artist's Way*, and playing with a variety of art forms. We meet

together for the first hour and discuss the week's chapter and the second hour is spent in a time for process oriented experimentation (that means "to have fun") with all sorts of art forms. The results of this study are dramatic and for many of us, life changing. The cost for the 12-week course is \$150 and is taught by Ellen Cavendish Phillips.

Sundays March 1-31

Contemplative Prayer Service

6:30-7:15 p.m. / Sanctuary

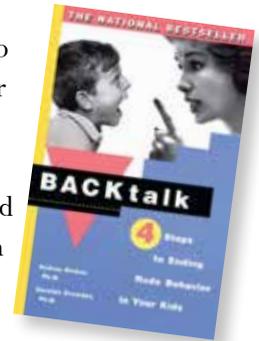
Through days of exhaustive schedules, noise, critical decisions and the pain-filled struggles of the day, we invite you to join us for a quiet and reflective time of prayer. Contemplative Worship seeks God in the stillness as we journey inward so that we can journey outward. Come, pray with us in the sanctuary that we might listen together for the Spirit's guidance as we seek to follow Jesus, together. For information, contact Rev. Dr. Beverly Thompson.

Sundays March 1-April 5

Parenting Class with Dr. Carolyn Crowder

9:30-10:40 a.m. / Room 10 upstairs

While building a community of parents who grow together and support each other, this six-week class is an opportunity to work with a parenting professional who is part of the BMPC congregation. The first two classes are important to attend for understanding the foundational material. Classes will include lecture, questions and answers, and discussion so that the material can be integrated into participant's parenting concerns.



Dr. Carolyn Crowder is the author of three parenting books, the first of which, Backtalk, was a best seller. Adlerians are concerned with understanding the unique and private beliefs and strategies (one's lifestyle), that each individual creates in childhood and which then serve as the individual's reference for attitudes, behavior, and one's private view of self, others and the world.





Mondays March 9-April 6

Ecological Crisis: What Then Must We Do?

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. / CR1 and church grounds

What does it take for a “sea-change” in the way we live on our sacred earth? We possess a richness of resources from our writings to our practical actions. This group will use our imagination and logic reflecting on short readings, vibrant discussion, and spring gardening. Bring a bag lunch and a spirit of innovation. Led by David Carter Florence and Margaret Fouse.

*Full fathom five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls
that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade
But doth suffer a sea-change
into something rich
and strange.*

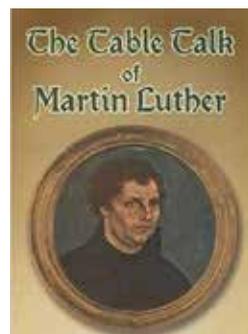
The Tempest
Shakespeare 1610

Wednesdays March 11-April 1

Table Talk: Theology in our Lives

7:30-8:30 p.m. / pubs & restaurants tba

Martin Luther was known for his “Table Talks” because he was always bridging traditional theology (words about God) with the lives of students and colleagues – around the table, on walks and in the garden over coffee, tea or beer. We will gather at a local pub or restaurant. This is not a teaching gathering, so much as an opportunity to listen and speak to one another about how we experience God in our lives.



Sundays beginning March 8

Friends and Family Supporting the Mentally Ill

4:00 p.m. / Parlor

This Support Group is for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Starting on Sunday, March 8, participants will gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar experiences and how family and friends can be advocates for those facing mental health challenges. Led by Reverend Bunny Alexander.



Sunday Morning (9:40-10:40) Faith Formation Classes

Nursery & Preschool first floor education wing

Nursery – room 6; Toddlers – room 7;

Three-, Four-, and Five-year-olds – room 8

Elementary (grades 1-5) second floor education wing, room 11

Brittany Williams, lead teacher

Middle School second floor education wing, room 14

Kent Patton, lead teacher

High School second floor education wing, room 14

Sam Webber, lead teacher

Parenting Class with Dr. Carolyn Crowder

second floor education wing, room 10

Becomers Library

John the Baptist was remembered by early Christians as “preparing the way” for the Messiah. How does each one of the Gospels tell John’s story? What makes each telling distinctive, adding to John’s legacy? These questions will guide our study during Lent.

Biblical Perspectives Conference Room 1 (CR1)

What does it mean to be free? During Lent Dr. Lewis Galloway will lead a study of Galatians. The class will explore how Christian freedom leads us to live a meaningful and fulfilling life in the world today.

Faith Builders Parlor

March 8, 15, 22: Pat Tuttle will lead a book study of *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*, by Austin Channing Brown.

March 29: *Discernment as a Spiritual Practice*, Rev. Dr. Beverly Thompson

Bible Exploration Conference Room 2 (CR2) first floor education wing – We welcome anyone wishing to join a small group for Bible Study.

Presbyterian Women



Circles

Tuesday – March 3

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. the home of Bess Perryman
27 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms

Esther

10:00 a.m. the home of Carey Jo Elam
52 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms

Naomi

4:30 p.m. – BMPC Library

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. – BMPC Library

Rebekah

2:30 p.m. – Limbert, Highland Farms

Ruth

1:30 p.m. – BMPC CR1

Tuesday – March 10

Lydia

6:30 p.m. – BMPC

Tuesday – March 31

Bible Study

1:00 p.m. in the Library

Coordinating Team

2:15 p.m. in CR1

Save These Dates

Red Cross Blood Drive, March 18
1:30-6:00 p.m.

Sign up in the Narthex or online to donate!



Children's Sabbath Sunday, May 3

If your child who is K-5th grade would like to participate, please contact Brittany@bmpcnc.org.

Planning and preparations will begin on Sunday, March 8! All first and fourth graders will receive a Bible during this service.

Photo Directory May 3 & 4 and May 28, 29, & 30

It's time for us to update our photo directory. We will be photographing all families May 3-4 and 28-30 here at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Our directory won't be complete without you. Watch our bulletin/newsletter/etc. for more information in the coming weeks.

Library News

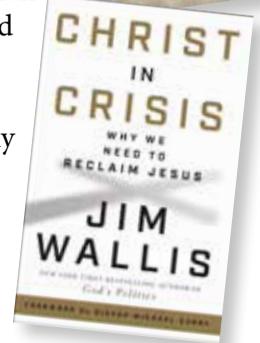
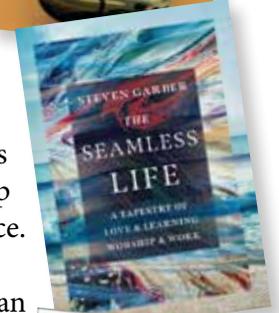
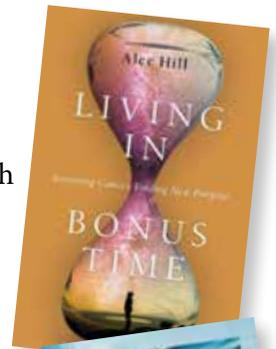
Thanks to generous donors, the library has received several new books, four of which were published within the last year. The books deal with a variety of subjects, from personal spirituality to social action. Among the former is *Living In Bonus Time* by Alec Hill, who draws upon his own experience to discuss surviving cancer.

Steven Garber in *The Seamless Life* maintains that we all want to make sense of life, but in the daily routines which we have, we often feel that we are separated from our faith and our sense of God's presence. Using personal anecdotes, he tries to help us find meaning in the ordinariness of our existence.

The most recent donation is entitled *Christ In Crisis*, written by Jim Wallis, a well-known Christian activist and founder of *Sojourners*, a magazine and a movement designed to promote social justice from a faith standpoint. In my opinion, it is an excellent resource to help people of faith, primarily Christians, understand how we can see issues of our time in the light of what Christ taught and lived. This too could be considered controversial by some because Wallis delves into politics, and many may not agree with his stance. However, he reminds us that "politics" is really the "work of the people," not something foreign to our faith. Whether or not you might agree with Wallis' opinions and beliefs, this is a thoughtful and, I would affirm, prayerful look at situations that even now make the headlines. Well-written and well-documented, I recommend it.

Finally, remembering that the Lenten season is upon us, the library will have on display various resources to be used during this time of preparation leading to Easter. Several of these will be good for personal meditation or for use as a group devotional. Authors such as Ann Weems, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Max Lucado, Barrie Shepherd, Frank Topping, and Joan Chittister have given us poetry, prayers, and prose to assist us as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

Come by and visit the library. You may be pleased with what you find. – *Sally Woodard*



An Invitation from Jim Layman to attend a regional conference at Montreat

(Jim attended the national conference in Louisville last October)

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN)

- Affirming life after 55 in body, mind & spirit
- Updating on issues of aging and the church

April 30 – May 1, 2020

All day Thursday with choice of two workshops, keynote, and worship

Friday morning one workshop and worship

Sample Workshops:

Healthy Eating and Community Engagement, Creating a Spiritual Legacy, Musical Morphine for Pain, Dementia, Active Spirituality, Challenge of Getting Older, Life Transitions and Grief

Nationally known leadership including:

- Dr. Eileen Linder (*National Council of Churches leadership*)
- Rev. Jon Brown (*former program director at Montreat*)
- Rev. Cindy Kohlmann (*Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly*)
- Carla Karst (*contemporary Christian singer and songwriter*)

For Cost, Registration, and Workshops

www.montreat.org/POAMN or 828-419-9815 (commuter rates available):

Kay and I (669-6868} along with BMPC Deacon Delores Spielman (357-8486) will be attending and welcome you to join us. Brochures are available at the church. We'll be glad to provide more info.



A non-profit organization creating healthier communities by providing fresh healthy food, nutrition literacy and health & wellness resources. We are committed to developing a cooperative model that can be used in communities where food insecurity and malnutrition exist.

MARKETS

Tuesdays

St James Episcopal Church

424 West State Street, Black Mountain

9:00 am – Group Activity

9:45 am – Gentle Movement/Yoga

11:00 am – Health & Wellness Class

11:00 am – Kids' Healthy Cooking & Activities

11:45 am – Live Healthy Cooking Demo

12:00 pm – Healthy Food Distribution

6:30 pm – ZUMBA Class

Thursdays

Charles D. Owen Middle School

730 Old US Highway 70, Swannanoa

4:00 pm – Health & Wellness Class (bilingual)

4:00 pm – Kids' Healthy Cooking & Activities

4:45 pm – Live Healthy Cooking Demo

5:00 pm – Healthy Food Distribution

Fridays

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

117 Montreat Road, Black Mountain

4:00 pm – Health & Wellness Class (bilingual)

4:00 pm – Kids' Healthy Cooking & Activities

4:45 pm – Live Healthy Cooking Demo

5:00 pm – Healthy Food Distribution

Saturdays

Carver Community Center

101 Carver Avenue, Black Mountain

9:30-10:30 am – Gentle Movement/Yoga

BountyandSoul.org or 828-419-0533

MARCH birthdays

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| 1 Betsy Murphy
Nada Barnett
Bella Van Note
Fletcher Rash | 14 John Smith
Karen Davis |
| 2 Perry Sprawls
Alice Patton
Susan Jumper | 16 Betty Thum
Joe Tyson
Randy Peterson
Christy Carswell |
| 3 Neil McMillan | 17 Mary Hunnicutt |
| 4 Ann Weeks
Jackie Garrison
Reid Kirkpatrick
Isaiah Parker
Abraham Mailander | 19 Bobbie Johnson |
| 5 Peter Ansley
Lucinda Miller | 20 Kevin McDaniel |
| 7 Nancy Beaver
Emily Beaver | 21 Rick Hughes |
| 8 Cullen Ferguson
Patti Pyle
Mike Duckworth
Tyler Smith | 22 Edward Hay
Anne Cooper
Melzer Morgan IV |
| 9 Carl Murray
Don McMahill | 23 Jim Adams
Martia Rachman
Jessi Stitt
Sarah Hutcheson
Gus Nelson |
| 10 Darrell Johnson
David Kadam
Knox Gunn
Scott Roy
Jennifer Partlow
Gennie Bassett
Roger Hewitt | 24 Scottie Cannon
Burkley Reece |
| 11 Pam McMurray | 26 Josie Davis
Munroe Robinson |
| 12 Ellen Coward | 27 Bill Pollard
Jamie Munn
Harrison Partlow
Wilder Hutcheson |
| | 28 Ginny Soll
Kaitlyn Duckworth |
| | 29 Martha Murphy
Judith Burt
Max Dodson |
| | 31 Edith Covert
Page Campbell |

many thanks

*Dear members and friends at
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church*

*This time following the sudden, tragic
death of my youngest brother has allowed
me to experience first hand the meaning of
“Fellowship of the Saints.” By your expressions
of support and your assurance of prayers you
have truly lessened the grief of losing Lee in a
way that I could feel, and I am so grateful.*

*Lee’s son-in-law, Bill, who was driving when
the tire blew out and the truck hit a tree is
now in a rehab facility recovering from four
surgeries, including the repair to two crushed
ankles. He and his family would love for you to
continue your prayers for him.*

*Thank you,
Olivia LaMotte*

WE NEED YOU!

Thank you to all of our current volunteers who help us keep everything going within the church! We appreciate you! Volunteers are needed for the following:

Front Desk

Elementary Sunday School

**Kids Night In/Parents Night Out
(March 14)**

Youth Advisors

Please contact Brittany (brittany@bmpcnc.org or 828-669-2725) with questions, for more details, or if you want to volunteer!



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Friday, 9am-noon

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an Earth Care Congregation



BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



Preparing care packages for our college students.

