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From Pastor Carrie

I want to thank all of you who have donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) or any other agency in our ongoing support for those who were hit by the numerous hurricanes. That support has mattered because it brings hope and healing to those who have been left devastated. As recovery over the next months and years happens, I pray that we be attuned to the Spirit's nudging as not only does the money matter, our skills, abilities and time matter also. There are already mission teams being set up by the Presbytery and other churches to actually go to these affected areas to help rebuild and clean up. I hope some here at BPC will be engaged in those efforts to bring a glimmer of God's grace, hope, and love to those most in need.

On another note, I wanted to give you some updates on one of the major endeavors that BPC's leadership is implementing. Last year, before I came to BPC, there was a considerable amount of time spent in developing BPC's new structure of Ministry Teams. Research was done on the common governing models in many Presbyterian Churches and it was found that a simple structure was very common and quite effective. After much thought and prayer, 6 Ministry Teams were formed:

1. Worship- Mark Stunder, chair
2. Administration- Doug Fiedler and Cathy Reese, co-chairs
3. Fellowship- Anne Davies and Brenda Jones, co-chairs
4. Mission- Linda New, chair
5. Buildings and Grounds- Doug Fiedler
6. Christian Education- Dee Smith, chair

We are now living into the Ministry Team structure and we invite you to think about how you might use your gifts and abilities within one or more of these teams. Each of these Teams has a leader from the Session as its chairperson (as noted above) and each team has a core of 3 or 4 (or more!) members who are creating that team's core values as well as programming for ways we can either become more fully devoted disciples or how we might reach out with the love and grace of God to our surrounding communities. **Your participation either on one of these teams or your time and talent on one of the events that these teams implement is essential in bringing the mission and vision of BPC alive!** I can't tell you how meaningful it can be to serve with a group of people who are praying and listening to God's direction as they bring to fruition programs that are faith deepening or community connecting. Please contact the chairperson of the Ministry Team with which you would like to engage!

Finally, as we enter into the Fall months, our attention turns toward our gratitude and thanksgiving to God. Our Stewardship Dinner on Sunday November 12th (my first here at BPC!) will bring us together in celebration as we are reminded just how much God's grace has sustained us through the years. There will be one blended service of worship that day at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and we will dine together in Kerr Hall after that worship. There are food sign-up sheets in PW and Kerr Hall, so please take a minute to sign up to bring some scrumptious food for that day!

May this month be filled with goodness for you!

Blessings,
Carrie

Upcoming & Recurring Events



The **Choir** meets every Wednesday at 2pm at Jane Dassen's house. Contact Jane at 301-948-9816 if you're interested in joining.



The **M&Ms** (Mission and Merriment group) meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in Pollock-Williams Hall, from 11 am to 1 pm. At each meeting, we start with a devotion, have a brief business meeting and then make two fleece blankets. Each month, two blankets are made for baby cribs, and two are for youth-sized beds. These blankets are given to a pregnancy center and the Children's Advocacy Center, both in Frederick.

Some members of M&Ms carry out knitting and crocheting projects at their homes, making prayer shawls and hats for those who lose their hair due to chemotherapy. The prayer shawls are given to anyone struggling with illness or loss. The hats are distributed to oncology units and cancer treatment centers and anyone who wants one for a friend or relative.

Contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 if you are interested in receiving any of the items we provide and for more information.



Lunch Bunch meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is October 10th at noon at *Longhorn Steakhouse* in Germantown. For reservations, contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 by Sunday, October 8th.



Men's Fellowship meets the second Saturday of each month, now at *IHOP* in Germantown. We welcome all men to join us for a hearty breakfast, devotion with discussion and good conversation. The next gathering is November 11th at 8am (no meeting in October). For more information, contact Rowland New at 301-882-7151.



Soul Sisters will meet Thursday, October 26th at *Bennigan's* in Clarksburg. Come join us anytime between 6:30-9pm for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.



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We are planning the youth trip to visit Brambleton Presbyterian Church and the corn maze in October.



The movie *The Shack* is a major motion picture that takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey after suffering a family tragedy.

Join us for a 5-week series on love, forgiveness and connection with God.

Small groups on Sunday evenings at 5pm and Wednesday evenings at 7pm, as well as a sermon series, will begin the week of September 24th. The Youth will also be studying these themes in the coming months.

Sign-up Sheets for the study groups are in P-W Hall. Bring a friend!



Prayer List

Pray for grieving:

Families of Jane Fowler and Helen Burdette, who died during September.

Pray for healing:

Gwen Alred; Cindy Ashley; Carlos Aulestia; Wynona Beuz; Susan Blackman; Greg Boivin; Nell Brewer; Michael Broschart; Junior Burdette; Cornelia Burr; Charles Shepherd Burton; Phyllis Staley Catron; Dave & Judy Cullen; Nancy Daughtry; Earl Dillehay; Averi Donat; Billy Dorsey; Harry Dove; Tammy Ernst & Sandy; Sue Gloyd Esworthy; Mollie Genovese; Bruce Gibson; Mary Grafton; Ruth Hoyt; Daniel Inscoe; Kenny; Carey Beth King; Kaisy Knott; Ted Labbe; Debbie Mantel; Xia Martinez; Carol Nair; Rex Reed; Jim Rhea; Nancy Spring; Bill Yearick; Gene Younkin; those who have recently lost loved ones; active members of armed services and their families; members of the pastor nominating committee; residents of Texas and Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Harvey and all those helping with the cleanup; all in the path of Hurricane Irma. Pray for communities and nations recovering from natural disasters. Pray for those recovering from their war wounds, for victims of violence and war throughout the world.

Youth Group Schedule

Fall 2017

Sun, Oct 1	9:30-10:30am- Youth Lead in Worship: World Communion Day 5:00-6:30pm- Small Group Study- Part 2 and 3
Sun, Oct 8	5:00-6:30pm- Small group Study- Part 4
Sun, Oct 15	8:30am-4:00pm- Brambleton Worship and Corn Maze
Sun, Oct 22	5:00-6:30pm- Small Group Study Part 5
Sat - Sun Oct 28-29	6:30pm -9:30am -Lock-In- Hillbilly Hangout 9:30am- Youth Lead in Worship- Reformation Sunday
Sun, Nov 5	12:30-2:00pm- Walk For the Homeless
Sun, Nov 12	No Youth Group – Stewardship Dinner
Sun, Nov 19	5:00-6:30pm- Game Night and Advent Prep
Sun, Nov 26	No Youth Group- Happy Thanksgiving!
Sun, Dec 3	5:00-6:30pm- Advent Prep
Fri, Dec 8	Tree Lighting- Time TBD
Sat, Dec 9	Craft Fair- Time TBD
Sun, Dec 10	5:00-6:30pm- Advent Prep
Sun, Dec 17	9:30-10:30am- Youth Advent Service



From the Session

We continue to work towards living into our Ministry Team structure. Recently, Session considered how we will approach the next step. As a reminder, our Ministry Teams include Administration, Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education, Christian Fellowship, Mission, and Worship. Each has a lead Elder and our goal is to get 3-4 people on each team. Meetings would be held monthly and a budget would be given to each team. Early in the process, each team will decide its priorities and think about a budget to accomplish what needs to get done. The goal is to spread the word of Christ in all that we do, attract families with children and become more prominent in the community.

Communion

Session recently approved monthly Communion services for both the 9:30am and 11am worship services. On the first Sunday of every month, Communion by Intinction will be held at the 9:30am worship service and traditional Communion will be served at the 11am service. We invite everyone to mark this on your calendars. We will continue to hold Communion at other times such as Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday and other special days in the Christian calendar

With Gratitude

Session would like to express its thanks to the Board of Trustees for their work on repairing and renovating the Vail Education Building and freshening up the landscaping. Our shrubs and bushes in the front yard were a little overgrown and have been thinned. Lots of manual labor! It is looking great. Thank you
Session would also like to thank the Board of Deacons for their work towards collecting literally a ton of food for the Manna Food Bank. We reached our goal of a ton!

Communication

Session continues to focus on communication. A notebook in the Sanctuary foyer contains the meeting minutes from all three Boards. There are also copies of the financial statements. Please feel free to read the minutes (please do not remove them) or pick up a copy of the financial statements

From the Deacons

Upcoming Key Dates:

October 1 – World Communion Sunday (Communion both services)
November 5 – Communion both services, Walk for the Homeless
November 12 – Stewardship Sunday/Thanksgiving Dinner

We donated 2,000 pounds of food towards our goal of 2,000.

Next meeting: Monday, 10/9 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees and Pastor Carrie Yearick met on Tuesday, September 26th. Discussed forming a sign committee to address the various signs needed regarding the Church. The ELF school paid to have the septic system pumped, and the Church paid for installation of the extension on the lid of the tank. Various maintenance projects have been completed in the kitchen in the Vail Building. Made arrangements with Titus to have a large trash can placed at the Vail Building.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10/24 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

PNC Update

In order to increase our chances of finding a new pastor, we will be taking our Ministry Information Form (MIF-the “job announcement”) offline for a brief period of time. We will be updating the MIF and then placing it back online. To those of you that have been praying for us, thank you! And for those of you who haven’t been praying for us, now would be a good time to start!

Thanks for your support. Please continue to keep the PNC in your thoughts and prayers!

The PNC: Carole Beal, Anne Davies, Ginger Gibson, Glenn Karta, Nancy Knott, Margaret Leaman, Rowland New, Moira Ruth, Mark Stunder (Chair)



We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give!

~Winston Churchill

Appreciation and Gratitude to Carrie Yearick & Bill Wall and our Christian Ed team for hosting one of the September fellowships; to everyone who contributed to the Potluck; to Kim Grimes for cleaning the church.



Fellowship Hosting is needed during the first three or four weeks of each month. The last Sunday of each month is designated as “Potluck.” The sign-up sheet is in P-W Hall. Join with a friend or other family or two to host Fellowship between the services.

October Happenings

October 2 – World Communion Sunday

October 9 – Office Closed

October 15 – Youth Trip to Brambleton

October 21-22 – Barnesville Basement Sale

October 28-29 – Youth Lock-in *Hillbilly Hangout*

October 29 – Potluck



UPDATE



Please provide your current contact information so we can create a new directory!

You can turn-in this sheet on Sunday with the offering or email this info to the office.

Please provide the following:

Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary email: _____

Phone numbers: (check box for primary)

Cell: _____

Land: _____

Email addresses: (check box for primary)

Children's names: _____

Children's emails: _____

(if applicable for youth events)