



# NEWSLETTER

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### *From Pastor Carrie*

Greetings!

What a wonderful Easter it was! The **Easter Sunrise Service at Sugarloaf Mountain** was awe inspiring as eight churches came together in the leadership of worship and around 450 people from the surrounding communities gathered to give thanks and experience the Living God. As the dawn broke into a glorious orange and bluish sunrise, Pastor Danny Moore from Barnesville Baptist Church gave us a thought provoking message that helped us understand the difference between celebrating Jesus and experiencing more of Jesus in our lives. He is Risen indeed.

In addition, both the 9:30 am Contemporary and the 11:00 am Traditional Easter services were packed and an experience of God was palpable. The pancake breakfast was tasty and the candied bacon was to die for! And we had so many community children and their families participating in the Easter egg hunt as well as the 9:30 am worship that it felt like an explosion of goodness! Moreover, at the 11:00 am service, after talking about radical hospitality in our small groups during Lent, one person suggested that we could have used a rocking chair in the back for a young family with an infant to make them feel more comfortable! It was delightful to be a part of both worship celebrations and to feel the Spirit of God alive and well amongst us! **Thank you** to everyone who used their gifts of time, talent and treasure to make all these activities, our worship and the bench building and break down for the Sunrise service such great events. Alleluia!

With the renewal of our spiritual energies coming from the Easter festivities, we continue with the spiritual deepening of our lives and our church life with several upcoming learnings and gatherings in this interim time together. **Tina Smith**, our mediator and consultant, is beginning her three-month journey with us as she listens and gathers information about your experiences of God and the church. Tina is an independent consultant, **does not work for the Presbytery**, and gets high praise from the clients and groups that she has served. She is highly regarded, fun to work with, and excels in all she does. I hope that your encounters with her will be fruitful.

In these three months, Tina will be visiting each board and every ministry team as well as encountering some of you for one-on-one conversations. As a whole church, we will be meeting together several times for learning events and experiences that hopefully help us grow closer together with one another and go deeper in our relationship with God. You will be receiving more information from the Session about these gatherings as soon as Tina becomes more familiar with the inner workings of the church and is ready to facilitate our time together.

Please continue to be in prayer for the church so that we can perceive the new thing that God is doing and that we can discern God's desired future for BPC.

With Lent and our small group study of the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations behind us, we will be bringing forward, in these next 50 days of the Easter Season, ideas that have come out of our study and invite you to calls to action as we live out these 5 practices. The Session is reading a leadership book called "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger and are learning about adaptive change and building a uniting vision for BPC. I commend this book to all of you and especially those of you who are in small groups!

May this Easter Season, as we walk toward Pentecost on May 20<sup>th</sup>, be restful, renewing and refreshing.

May the rest of the Lenten season be fruitful for you!

Blessings!

Carrie

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## 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 **Praise Team** meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Kerr Hall. Contact Jasper 706-405-5262 if you're interested, or you can just come join us.



**Lunch Bunch** meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at **Olive Garden** in Frederick. For reservations, contact **Sharon** at **301-540-2544** by Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.



**M&Ms** (Mission and Merriment group) meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month in P-W Hall, from 11am – 1pm. At each meeting, we start with a devotion, have a brief business meeting and then make fleece blankets. Some members of M&Ms also knit and crochet prayer shawls and hats at their homes.

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



**Soul Sisters** usually meet the last Thursday of each month. The next gathering is April 26<sup>th</sup> at **GrillMarx** in Clarksburg. Come join us anytime between 6:30-9pm for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.



**Adult Bible Fellowship**, led by Anne Davies and Brenda Jones, will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. They took a few weeks off and will resume meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. (This is the group that met during Lent.)

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Our youth meet for **Ablaze** on Sunday evenings from 5 – 6:30pm for a meal, a lesson and preparation for youth involvement in the 9:30am Sunday services. We have some exciting events planned. Come join in the fun!

- 4/8 Meet at church at 4:45 pm to leave for SkyZone Jump Place.
- 4/15 5:00-6:30 pm, Plan and Plant- Make Our Church Bloom!
- 4/ 22 Let's Go to the Theatre!  
Meet at church at 1:15 pm, Support our youth!
- 4/29 5:00-6:30 pm, Pentecost Art Project- Learn and Create!
- 5/6 5:00-6:30pm, Special Project
- 5/13 No Youth Group- Take your Mom to lunch!
- 5/20 8:30 am, Set Up Worship For Pentecost  
5:00-6:30 pm, Where the Wild Things Are
- 5/27 No Youth Group- Memorial Day Weekend
- 6/3 Meet after 9:30 am worship for canoeing and picnic!
- 6/10 4:30-6:30 pm, All Church Dinner and Bingo Night



On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the **Adult Study Group** will begin a 6-week Lenten study titled *Wisdom: Making Life Work* by Bill Hybels. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information and material.



Join Pastor Carrie for a New Member conference on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in P-W Hall. Please let Pastor Carrie know if you plan to attend.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## From the Session

### Easter Blessings and Gratitude

Session would like to thank the many people who helped organize and deliver an exceptional Easter Sunday to our Church and community families. The events began on Saturday with building the benches for Easter Sunrise Service at Sugarloaf Mountain's East View. Many hands (and trucks and trailers) made light work of moving the many planks and logs from the storage shed at the bottom of the mountain to the East View. The next morning, we estimate about 450 people from many surrounding churches enjoyed the worship service. The entire collection of around \$2,500 will be donated to WUMCO.

Easter Morning began with a pancake and scrambled egg breakfast in Kerr Hall with bacon and sausage and much more. Many volunteers were organized to set up an Easter egg hunt in the front yard. More volunteers helped prepare the food and still more volunteers helped lead the songs for a spirited and joyful Easter worship service. Fellowship between the services featured a fresh round of pancakes and eggs in Pollock-Williams Hall. Our Easter celebration ended on a high note with the traditional Easter worship service in the sanctuary. Thanks go out to those who helped bring this service together as well.

All in all, a joyful Easter was had by all. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

**Next meeting:** Monday, 4/2 at 7pm in P-W Hall.



## From the Deacons

The BPC Deacons meet on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We continue to coordinate with the Worship, Fellowship and Mission Teams, as well as discuss taking on additional congregational care responsibilities.

**Next meeting:** Monday, 4/9 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

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## From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Spring Cleanup was held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and, thanks to the following individuals, it was a booming success: Dick Ernst, John Burdette, Cornelia Burr, Kay Curtis, Kim Grimes, Pam Holston, Rodney Holston, Catherine Reese, Bill Leaman, Margaret Leaman, Angie Marker, Jacob Marker, Jim Pedersen, Mark Pedersen, Mattie Pedersen, Chris Rau, and Carrie Yearick. A surge protection system has been installed at the Christian Education Building: cost \$350. Soundproofing material was blown into the walls of the pastor's office: cost \$2,000. New lighting was installed in the office--cost of installation: \$290. The roof, the underside of the walkway, and various walls were cleaned; a special thank you to Kay Curtis for paying the bill to have this work done.

### Cemetery Rules & Regulations During Mowing Season

To prevent increased costs for cemetery upkeep, it has become necessary to enforce the cemetery by-laws. Please help us by following the following policies governing the rules and regulations:

1. No artificial flowers or decorations between April 15<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; except over the holiday of Memorial Day, at which time all flowers and decorations will be removed by June 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Prohibited on the grave site are: trellises, wooden frameworks, glass jars, planters, flower gardens, wire/wooden stake supports, piped enclosures, glass boxes, the planting of shrubbery and trees.
3. All trash is to be placed in the designated containers.
4. Access to cemetery is through the church parking lot. Disabled people may use the driveway leading into the cemetery.
5. Cemetery visitations to the grounds are only during daylight hours.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 4/17 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

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## From the Worship Team: Exciting Worship

The Bible has no record of what happened Good Friday night. But, imagine if you were one of the disciples that night. A person you followed and believed for three years was just crucified. The man people called Christ was dead. Your friend was gone. He promised resurrection. He promised eternal life. You saw him perform miracles. He used words like *John 16:22* "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." You can't think of those words right now, for worse than His death, was the potential of your own death at the hands of the Jewish Sanhedrin or Romans. Patrols roamed the streets. It wasn't a good night for sure.

Just the night before you had a meal and worshiped with Jesus. Both Matthew 26 and Mark 14 record the singing of a hymn and of course the Last Supper. It was a bit perplexing to you at the time, since you didn't quite understand His words, but still a worshipful experience, a Seder, celebrating the Passover.

Jump forward to His resurrection. The women reported they worshiped Him upon seeing Him (Matthew 28:9) and you did too (Matthew 28:17). You were excited and overjoyed, for Jesus has risen from the dead!

There were profound words at our last Worship Team meeting “that worship needs to provide nourishment to be a child of God and ***most importantly people need to be excited about worship.***” Team members noted that this excitement is exactly what the passionate worship practice is about.

Being excited about worship doesn't mean that we all do cartwheels in Kerr Hall or backflips up and down the sanctuary aisle! Every Sunday at Boyds doesn't have to be a New Year's Eve party celebration. Instead, we each need to bring our own excitement of the risen Lord to worship every Sunday and experience His presence there. Whether it is via traditional hymns, praise music, the spoken Word, or PowerPoint graphics, bring a spirit of enthusiasm and excitement.

And so, we are not Good Friday night disciples...frightened, disheartened, worried about the next knock on the door, and lost without the Lord. Nor are we the Last Supper disciples, worshipful yes, but perplexed and not understanding Jesus' words. And not knowing what comes next.

Instead, we are Easter disciples, worshipping a risen savior, one who hears our concerns, loves each one of us, gives us grace and hope, and keeps us calm about the future. Now that's excitement!

The Worship Team usually meets once a month in P-W Hall. Members of the team are: Glenn Karta, Nancy Knott, Dee Smith, Mark Stunder (chair) and Marj Turbyfill.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 4/12 at 7pm in P-W Hall. Feel free to join us!



BETTERtogether

### Appreciation and Gratitude to:

- ❖ Everyone who hosted a March fellowship.
  - Hammet Hough, Carole & Ken Beal, Sylvia Drake, Janet & Tom Reise
  - Everyone who contributed to the Potluck
  - Everyone who contributed to the Maundy Thursday fellowship
- ❖ Marolyn Curry for cleaning the church.
- ❖ All who helped with the Spring clean-up.
- ❖ All who helped with the Easter services and festivities.



**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.



The **2018 Sanctuary Cleaning** schedule is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please sign-up to clean for one month.



The **2018 Per Capita** for each church member is **\$39.91**. Per capita is what BPC pays to *The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, to cover the denomination's general administrative expenses. You may use the first blue envelope in your offering box designated for “per capita apportionment.” Thank you to those that have paid their per capita for 2018. So far, we have received \$2,776.75 in per-capita contributions.



### **Pray for grieving:**

Family and friends of those who died during March:

- Richard Lippart, who passed away 3/2
- John Palanci, who passed away 3/14

### **Pray for healing:**

Gwen Alred; Carlos Aulestia; Karla Barron; Stephanie Bennett; Susan Blackman; Morgan Bone; Nell Brewer; Michael Broschart; Cornelia Burr; Charles Shepherd Burton; Mark Cantwell; Dave Cullen; Nancy Daughtry; Anne Davies; Dean; Averi Donat; Billy Dorsey; Blair Gibson; Ginger Gibson; Perri Green; Hanne & Family: Gene Hoilman; Ruth Hoyt; Joe Katran; Eddie Kiser; Renie Kiser; Kaisy Knott; Sandy Llewellyn; Jack Louth; Dwight Mote; Christine O'Connell; Jean Phillips; Rex Reed; Linda Reise Brainard; Carolyn & John Repass; Jim Rhea; Justin Rosner; George Smith; Mark Sutch; Grace Turner; Gene Younkin; Arthur Virts; those who have recently lost loved ones; active members of the armed services and their families; members of our church; those affected by natural disasters and tragedies. Pray for those recovering from their war wounds, for victims of violence and war throughout the world.

Mission & Merriment have prayer shawls to give to anyone, church member or friend.  
To request a prayer shawl, please contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265.

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**April 1 – Easter Sunday**

**April 8 – New Member Conference**

**April 15 – Guest Gary Mears, one blended-service @ 10am in the Sanctuary**

**April 24 – Newsletter Deadline**

**April 29 – Potluck**