



NEWSLETTER

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From Pastor Carrie

What a blessing it is to celebrate three **new members** joining BPC and two **baptisms** all on the same day! There is nothing more exciting to a pastor than hearing the congregation make promises to help raise children in the faith. Thanks to all who extended that radical hospitality to make our new members and newly baptized feel at home here at BPC.

In the month of May, there are a number of opportunities to gather in fellowship and worship. We are currently in a sermon series called **Thrive!** Each week we are delving into a particular area of our lives and looking at scripture to help us discover how to thrive, not just survive, as God has designed. Below is the schedule of this series:

April 22	Thrive! Living Abundantly!
April 29	Thriving Amid the Chaos!
May 6	Thriving in our Generosity!
May 13	Thriving in Families!
May 20	Thriving in Worship!

On Sunday May 13th, **Mother's Day**, we will worship together in the Sanctuary at 10:00 for one blended service. We have a special prize for all the women of the church that day!

On Sunday May 20th we celebrate **Pentecost**. The youth and children of the church have been working on some special Pentecost artistic endeavors that will be shared with the congregation on that Sunday. You really won't want to miss worshipping God that day! And don't forget to be in Pollock-Williams Hall for fellowship- there will be an extension of the Pentecost theme as we share some goodies together.

On Sunday May 27th, we will celebrate with a **Memorial Day tribute** in worship. This year, we will be honoring **only** those military service men and women who have died. **If you have a loved one who served and has died**, please e-mail his or her name and your relationship with them to Sharon, our office manager, at boydspc@comcast.net. Then, on November 4th of this year, we will celebrate All Saints Day with a service to honor all those who have died in the faith. Moreover, come Sunday, November 11th of this year, we will have a service of celebration of all Veterans living who have served or is serving our country. It is good to pause and remember those who have shaped our nation and our faith as we move through the year.

Our work with Tina Smith, our mediator/consultant, continues her work with the ministry teams, boards and members. We will be gathering to learn, fellowship and create some other ways to move toward becoming all of whom God wants this church to be and do! You will be hearing some more information about this gathering soon.

Save this date in June for an all church Dinner and Bingo, sponsored by the youth group! They will make and serve dinner to everyone and then we will play some Bingo together- and why, yes, there will be some prizes given out!

May you thrive in Christ in all you do!

Blessings!

Carrie



It is with great excitement that we introduce our new members!

Barbara Hungerford Stidham is coming full circle back to BPC! As a youth she enjoyed Sunday School and worship at BPC and since coming back to this area, she felt the nudge to check things out here at BPC. She brings with her two children, Paul and Annabelle, who have delighted our Sunday School Teachers with their energy and enthusiasm for learning the faith in creative ways. These two preschoolers were baptized in April and are our newest baptized members of the church!

Ron and Linda Fleeger bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience in the Presbyterian Church! Linda has been ordained as both an Elder and Deacon and both have had the pleasure of creating a church from the beginning with a new church start-up in Virginia. Ron is a retired military man and engineer and Linda is a retired nurse and loves to sing with the Praise Team here at BPC.

Ron, Linda, Barbara, Annabelle, and Paul enjoyed meeting some BPC folk at the New Member reception during fellowship time and are looking forward to being part of the church.

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 May 8th at noon at **Monocacy Crossing** in Frederick. For reservations, contact **Anne Davies** at 301-922-4332 by Sunday, May 6th.



M&Ms (Mission and Merriment group) meet the 1st and 3rd 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 May 31st at **Carrabba's** 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, meets most Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. They will not meet on Mother's Day.



The **Adult Study Group** is currently using a Christian Basics Bible Study – Wisdom: Making Life Work, based on the book of Proverbs. This study will finish on May 16th.

The next study will also be from Christian Basics Bible Study – Hope: Never Beyond Hope, based on various passages from both the Old and New Testaments. This study will start on May 23rd and run through June 20th.

Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information and material.



Our youth meet for **Ablaze** most 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!

- 5/6 5:00-6:30pm, **Special Project**
 - 5/13 **Mother's Day** - The Fellowship Team will host a **Mother's Day Brunch** following a single, blended 10 am service.
No Youth Group- Take your mom to dinner!
 - 5/20 8:30 am, Set Up Worship For **Pentecost**
5:00-6:30 pm, **Where the Wild Things Are**
 - 5/27 **Memorial Day Weekend** - No Youth Group.
 - 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**
Our Youth Group will host an all-church dinner and bingo night on Sunday, June 10th. Watch for details!
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Next Session meeting: Monday, 5/7 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Deacons

The BPC Deacons meet on April 9th. We had a lengthy and fruitful discussion with Tina Smith, the mediator working with BPC. She shared thoughts about her plans for going forward, and Board members shared many observations and concerns about our current situation. We continue to coordinate with the Worship, Fellowship and Mission Teams, as well as discuss taking on additional congregational care responsibilities.

Next meeting: Monday, 5/14 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 24th. Top soil, grass seed, and straw have been applied to barren areas in the cemetery. The handle on the toilet in the boy's bathroom in the CE Building was replaced, and the float valve was adjusted. The water leak around the window in the CE Building stairwell was caulked. A surge protection system was installed in P-W Hall – cost \$175. Separate switches and light motion sensors were installed on the bathroom lights and fans in P-W Hall.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 5/22 at 7pm in P-W Hall.



From the Worship Team: Why Do We Sing?

(by Mark Stunder, Chair)

At our last Worship Team meeting we discussed the topic of singing less familiar hymns and songs as part of worship. Beyond the less familiar hymns/songs themselves, the question arose as to why we even sing hymns and songs. Ephesians 5: 19-20 (RSV) addresses the why: *“Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.”*

The context of this scripture is interesting. It is from a part of Paul’s letter to a new church forming in Ephesus which is in modern day Turkey. Ephesus was no ordinary town. It housed one of the seven wonders of the world, the Temple to Artemis, a big Greek goddess. Lots of pagan worship going on there. Idolatry reigned. And what did Paul do? Among other things he writes asking the fledging new congregation to try to address each other in song and then to make melodies with their heart as the instrument, and to give thanks for everything.

So, one main purpose of singing is expressing thanks to God. I think Paul’s message to the Ephesians and to us is to sing as an expression of thanks. There are plenty of thankful hymns and songs. I’m also sure Paul meant for songs to be spiritual encouragement for the Ephesians. Do you ever get pepped up by a hymn or song? I do. “One Thing” sung at 9:30am peps me up. So does “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” among others. The words of songs can inspire and encourage. All hymns and songs have meaning and even history behind them.

A third purpose for singing songs is teaching/learning. Many less familiar (and familiar) songs in the hymnal are actually teaching songs. A lot are linked directly to scripture and events in the Bible. “Were You There” and “Silent Night” come to mind. Look for the scripture link at the top of the hymn. A fourth purpose for singing songs is to have a communion or inner feeling of being with God. “Oceans” sung at 9:30am and “Be Thou My Vision” or “Open My Eyes” are those types of songs. In fact, when Paul and Silas were imprisoned in Philippi, they sang hymns together both as a means of encouragement and also to be in communion with God.

By now some of you may be saying; “Yep, I agree, you’re right about all this, but I can’t sing an unfamiliar tune so why try” or “the congregation doesn’t know the tune, so why try?” Don’t stress about it! First, think who’s really keeping the musical scorecard! It’s God, not us. God’s looking at what’s in our hearts and not at our vocal chords. And then ask yourself this (LOL): By singing a less familiar hymn or song are we telling God something God doesn’t already know? We are not really “musically” singing songs, instead we’re praising God and exalting the Lord through song. We are praising God through one or a combination of the purposes of church songs: thankfulness, encouragement, teaching/learning, or communion each time we sing an unfamiliar hymn/song

So why do we sing? Kirk Franklin, a contemporary gospel singer says, or should I say, sings it best: “You’re the reason why I sing.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2dTzgdJ3X8>

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 5/10 at 7pm in P-W Hall. Feel free to join us!



BETTERtogether



Appreciation and Gratitude to:

- ❖ Everyone who hosted an April fellowship.
 - Mission & Merriment group, Fellowship Team
 - Everyone who contributed to the Easter Pancake breakfast
 - Everyone who contributed to the Potluck
- ❖ Kay Curtis 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.



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 \$2,816.66 in per-capita contributions.



Pray for grieving:

Family and friends of those who died during April:

- Lisa Bethel (wife of David Fraser-Hidalgo), who passed away April 7th.
- Lisa Lamb, who passed away April 26th.

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; David Frazer-Hidalgo & family; 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; Nancy Peterson; Jean Phillips; Tony Pirrone; Ralph & Rosemarie; Rex Reed; Linda Reise Brainard; Carolyn & John Repass; Jim Rhea; Justin Rosner; Savanna; 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.

Happy Mother's Day!

May 13 – Mother's Day, Guest Gary Mears, one blended-service @ 10am in the Sanctuary followed by Brunch in Kerr Hall

May 19 – Armed Forces Day

May 27 – Potluck Fellowship

May 28 – Memorial Day, Office Closed

Save the Date!!

Join us Sunday, June 10th for an **all church Dinner and Bingo night**, sponsored by our Ablaze Youth group. Our Youth will prepare and serve dinner to everyone, then stay for Bingo.

