



NEWSLETTER

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From Pastor Carrie

The summer is upon us and we have some energizing events and worship experiences coming up to revive our spirits and help us mingle with our community. First, the youth invite everyone to a Dinner and **"Cookie Bingo" on June 10th from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm**. Come and enjoy some fellowship and dinner together and then we will get our Bingo on! The youth and their families will provide dinner, but we need some help with providing a plate full of cookies or treats for the winners of Bingo. Please bring a container full of treats if you can (but if you can't, no worries- there is always enough!) Hopefully, everyone will be able to take some sweets home!

On Father's Day, June 17th, we will celebrate all the men of the church and continue our sermon series "Don't Forget To..." with the theme of "Be The Living Message!" Bring your Dad or father-type to church for a moving and meaningful service.

July 1st we will have a patriotic theme! Wear red, white and blue (or any of those combinations!) and we will celebrate together in worship and fellowship and enjoy eating "all things red, white and blue."

During July and the first week in August, we will invite the community to **"Dinner and a Movie"** on Fridays and follow up at the 9:30 am worship service with a **"God in the Movies" sermon series** based on the movie we saw. This is an **outreach event**, so we need your help to spread the word, and your participation in various preparations in carrying this event out is much appreciated. More information will be forthcoming soon!

On another note, Bill and I had a fantastic vacation as we cruised the Caribbean. One of the most meaningful things we did was to **connect with our Presbytery's sister Church, La Iglesia Presbiteriana en Levittown, while we docked in Puerto Rico**. This church was devastated by hurricane Maria - not only was everything flooded,



but the roof was ripped off; there was no water or electricity and debris was everywhere you looked.



The community where the church is located is in a low income area, so everything around this church was also in a shambles. As we talked with the Pastor of this church, Rev. Jorge, and several church members, it was clear that hopelessness abounded and just the sheer, overwhelming nature of the situation was palpable. But, into the midst of this utter chaos, hope shines and provision comes.



This church was a light of goodness in this community. They became one of the community centers where people from the neighborhood could come and receive food gift cards and other necessities while the cleanup was happening. Now after 9 months, the rebuilding is just starting to happen- sometimes without electricity and necessary tools to do the job, but there is the tiniest bit of movement in the renovation of this neighborhood and church.



But the real issue that is becoming clear after these 9 months lies not in the physical buildings and renewal of the landscape, but in the emotional and spiritual side of the aftermath. PTSD and suicides are alarmingly on the rise and anxiety about this next hurricane season that has just begun is penetrating the hearts and minds of the Puerto Rican people.

Our Presbytery, National Capital Presbytery, is supporting a multi-disciplinary and comprehensive longer-term intervention initiative that our sister church in Levittown is proposing to strengthen community, school and religious leaders in overcoming the impact of disasters in communities. There will be more information forthcoming from the Presbytery as to how we might be able to help in this endeavor. Bill and I hope that we can become ambassadors for Christ in the midst of this mission with our sister church. We hope that you all will be moved as we were to partner with and be the encouragement to those who are hurting in the aftermath of this disaster.

Blessings to all!
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 **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 June 12th at noon at **Longhorn Steakhouse** in Germantown. For reservations, contact **Brenda Hoyt** at 301-428-1953 or hoytbb@aol.com by Friday, June 8th.



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 June 28th at **Agri Dolce** in Germantown. 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 do not meet if there is only one worship service.



The **Adult Study Group** is currently using a Christian Basics Bible Study – Hope: Never Beyond Hope, based on various passages from both the Old and New Testaments. This study will run through June 20th. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information and material.



After the events on June 3rd and 10th, our youth will take a few weeks off for summer vacation. Watch for information about future events!

- 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. Bring treats to share!



From the Session

It's June! Wow this year is going by quickly... Summer is upon us.

In May, BPC celebrated Mother's Day with flowers for all the women and a delicious brunch fellowship prepared by the MOB – Men of Boyds! A special thanks to Glenn Karta, Doug Fiedler and Paul Buehler for putting on a very nice spread. Pentecost Sunday was marked by a balloon release from the walkway between P-W Hall and the Sanctuary. If you missed it, check out our Facebook page for photos. It was quite a sight to see. We also celebrated Memorial Day on the last Sunday of May with the annual tolling of the bell in memoriam of those veterans buried in our cemetery and elsewhere which were listed in the bulletin.

Session met in April and May. At the April meeting we welcomed new members into our BPC family and subsequently baptized two children at the 9:30 service on April 22nd. Each Elder reported on various Ministry Team meetings. Tina Smith joined the May Session meeting and held two Town Hall Meetings in May. More Town Hall meetings will be scheduled as needed. It was also voted to convene the Nominating Committee for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the Deacon Board. Stay tuned for details.

If you haven't signed up for *Date for 8* yet – you're in luck! The sign-up sheet will be taken down and groups formed this Sunday, June 3rd.

Next Session meeting: Monday, 6/4 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Deacons

The BPC Deacons meet on May 14th. We continue to coordinate with the Worship, Fellowship and Mission Teams, as well as discuss taking on additional congregational care responsibilities.

Next meeting: Monday, 6/11 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 22nd. Because of all the rain, repair work to one of the monuments in the cemetery has not yet been completed. There's a broken window in the upstairs classroom of the CE Building. Extra care needs to be exercised by **all** who use the CE Building and/or P-W Hall to make sure the doors actually latch when they are being closed. These buildings are supposed to be secured, but are sometimes left unlocked because the latch on a door has not actually made contact. If you're the last one out, please make sure the door is locked. Doug Smith has installed a new, eye-catching sign in front of the church. Thank you, Doug.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 6/26 at 7pm in P-W Hall.



From the Worship Team: The Boyds Gas Station at 19901 White Ground Road (by Mark Stunder, Chair)

You're running very low on gas. In fact, you're running on fumes, the yellow light has been on for a while and the car is sputtering. You were in a panic, but no worries. You've pulled up to a gas station and all will be well. You get out of the car and put in your credit card. It's processed. You reach for the pump and start to pump gas. Oops... gas spills all over the side of the car. What have you forgot?

You forgot to pop the cover and open the gas tank!



At its last meeting the Worship Team started to discuss core values related to worship. One line of thought discussed was that worship provides a "sense of being refueled or renewed." Every time a person comes to worship one should get refreshed or in other words become refueled with the Holy Spirit. Three things come to mind about a church being a holy refueling station.

First, some get to the refueling station, but don't let the fuel in. They don't pop the cover and open their gas tank. Pastor Carrie on Pentecost Sunday started a sermon series on "Don't Forget to..." In fact, her sermon title that Sunday was "Don't Forget to...Let the Spirit In." How many times do we come to church and not really let the Spirit in? Instead we are distracted by other things. We are not excited about worshipping God that Sunday. The fuel provided by the Spirit spills onto the ground because we are not open to receive it. Contrast that to what happened on Pentecost. Acts 2:41 says that three-thousand people received Christ as their Savior in one day! A dangerous thing to do by the way, given the Romans and the Sanhedrin. It's important to let the Holy Spirit provide fuel and to let God's love enter your soul and refresh you.

Second, some don't get to the refueling station at all. It's a sad fact that church attendance is down across the country and Boyds is no exception. I often ask myself why, and find that there are too many things that can interfere with church these days including work, sports, family priorities, and just plain tiredness—the need for sleep. But when you don't get refueled, your engine eventually sputters, and you sit there disabled on the side of the road. There are SO many people who need the church as a refueling station to receive the free grace and love of Christ. Their engines are sputtering, and the church can help them. But sadly, many never make it to the station.

Finally, what does one do when their car is refueled? You see your gas tank gauge (or these days the Distance to Empty or like display) touch full and on your way you go. But what do we do after getting refueled in church and leave the station? Scripture tells us via the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20): *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations¹ baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."* In addition, after Pentecost, Acts 4: 33 states, *"The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all."* We are to get out there and make a difference for Christ and be a witness for him.

So, the next time at Boyds consider your refueling. Have you made a commitment to attend worship and are you open to receiving the Holy Spirit? Reflect on what energy God has already provided you to do God's will? Do you know people who need some genuine love that Christ can provide? And finally, are you inspired to make a difference out there in the world? And then say to God: "Fill 'er up!"

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. Staff members include Jane Dassen, Jasper Davis, and Rev. Carrie Yearick.

Next meeting: Thursday 6/14 at 7pm in P-W Hall. Feel free to join us!



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Appreciation and Gratitude to:

- ❖ Everyone who hosted a May fellowship.
 - The Fleeger & Fiedler families
 - Men of Boyds & Fellowship Team
 - Christian Ed Team
 - Everyone who contributed to the Potluck
- ❖ Margaret Leaman 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 \$3,016.57 in per-capita contributions.



Pray for healing:

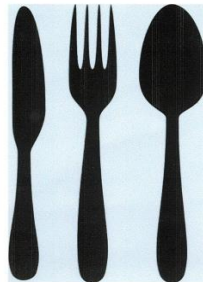
Gwen Alred; Carlos Aulestia; Karla Barron; Stephanie Bennett; Susan Blackman; Morgan Bone; Nell Brewer; Michael Broschart; Cornelia Burr; Charles Shepherd Burton; Mark Cantwell; Dave Cullen; Nancy Daughtry; Anne Davies; Dean; Averi Donat; Billy Dorsey; David Frazer-Hidalgo & family; Blair Gibson; Ginger Gibson; Perri Green; Gene Hoilman: Ruth Hoyt; Joe Katran;

Eddie Kiser; Renie Kiser; Joe Knott; Kaisy Knott; Sandy Llewellyn; Jack Louth; Dwight Mote; Christine O’Connell; Jim Pedersen; 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.



- June 3 – Youth Canoeing after 9:30am service
- June 10 – Graduate Recognition, Dinner & Cookie Bingo
- June 17 – Father’s Day
- June 21– Summer Begins
- June 24 – Potluck



LET’S EAT

&

PLAY COOKIE BINGO!



**SUNDAY JUNE 10TH
4:30PM-6:30PM**

Kerr Hall
RSVP via sign-up sheet in P-W Hall
by June 4th

**THE ONLY THING YOU
NEED TO BRING IS
YOURSELF AND A DISH OF
COOKIES!**

**ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP WILL
PROVIDE A PASTA DINNER**

Pentecost Sunday balloon release



