

NEWSLETTER

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BPC Mission Statement

Connecting all to God's love and grace.

Engage. Nurture. Serve.

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From Pastor Carrie

Greetings!

We started our **stewardship season** last Sunday, Oct. 28th, with our theme "Invest in the Future!" I am very excited about this theme, as there is a stirring of the Spirit happening here at BPC. **I just want to thank all of you who are already investing of your time, talent, energy and money to step into the future that God is laying out before us.**

I think all of us hope for a dynamic and thriving future for BPC and that hope is **YOU!** Your investment of your resources will help foster an atmosphere of love and commitment to follow in the ways of Jesus, so that we can connect others to the grace and love of God. Your participation matters.

Below is the worship series that connects with our stewardship theme:

Oct. 28 Reformation Sunday

Invest in the Future: Reimagine Church!

Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday

Invest in the Future: Connecting People to God's Love and Grace.

One service of worship at 10:00AM in Kerr Hall

Nov. 11 Stewardship Sunday

Invest in the Future: Be the Kingdom!

One service of worship at 10:00AM in the sanctuary with lunch in Kerr Hall

Bring Your Generosity Brochure to worship

There are many **hopes and dreams for BPC** as we enter the 2019 New Year. Many of them have to do with strengthening relationships inside and outside of the church walls, reimagining church both in structure and reach, and igniting the next generation's passion and enlarging their leadership. God is preparing a path for BPC and we invite everyone to step forward in faith and **invest in the future** that God has planned for us. Below are just a few dreams for this next year as we use our ministry monies to connect all to God's grace and love:

- Expand our Social Media presence and communication to our surrounding community so more people can experience God and join in our mission.
- Participate in "Be The Kingdom Sunday" – A Sunday filled with worship and service.

- Create a Road Trip for Seniors to Lancaster PA's Sight and Sound Theatre to see the "Jesus" production during Lent.
- Commission and send a mission team to partner with the Puerto Rican people and rebuild homes and lives.
- Create more opportunities for youth to have transformative experiences of God and build their leadership capacity.

May generosity invade our whole lives so that joy and abundance become our outcome for following in the ways of Jesus.

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 **Praise Team** meets every Wednesday at 7PM in Kerr Hall. Contact Jasper at 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 November 13th at NOON at **Olive Garden**, FSK Mall in Frederick. For reservations, contact **Carole Beal** at 301-874-0039 or carolenbeal@hotmail.com by Sunday, November 4th.

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 for local charities. 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 or for more information.

Soul Sisters meet the last Thursday of each month. The next gathering is November 29th at **Agrodolce** in Germantown. Come join us anytime between 6:30-9:00PM for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.



Mission and Merriment (M&Ms) is sponsoring a **Thanksgiving food drive on behalf of Western Upper Montgomery County Help (WUMCO)**. WUMCO provides those in need with emergency food, as well as financial assistance for housing and utility costs, medicines and medical procedures, and Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Food items they would like:

- canned string beans, corn, peas, or lima beans
- stuffing mix or stuffing cubes/crums
- sauerkraut
- mashed or other potatoes, fresh potatoes, fresh sweet potatoes
- anything else someone would use to make a traditional Thanksgiving dinner

If you would like to give money, WUMCO suggests gift cards from local grocery stores or cash. Please place any gift cards or cash (envelope marked WUMCO) in the offering plate during Sunday services.

Food collection bins are located in the sanctuary, Pollock-Williams Hall, and the Vail Education Building.

Please bring in your donations by November 15th at 4PM for delivery to WUMCO.



Christian Education Ministry Team

The CE Ministry Team met on October 2nd- Dick Ernst, Barb and Mark Stunder, Jasper Davis, Pastor Carrie, and Chair Dee Smith.

- The Adult Bible Study just started their fall program and will be asking the members of the group for feedback on Advent materials.
- There was no update on the Adult Fellowship Class.
- Logistics for the Communion Workshop were discussed.
- Next, plans for the October 5th - 6th Lock-in was discussed. This is the 2nd Youth Lock-In this year and will provide a good amount of time for both Confirmation learning and fun. The next Lock-In is Nov. 9th -10th. Formal confirmation education and meeting with the mentors will conclude in November.

- At the next CE meeting, the Abuse and Harassment Prevention Contract will be reviewed and signed.
- A discussion about the new mission statement “Connecting all to God’s love and grace. Engage. Nurture. Serve.” led to possibilities of proclaiming God’s Love to the community, such as at the Cabin Branch “dog park” or linking to an existing Bible Study in Cabin Branch.
- Main topics of the Friday, Dec. 7th Advent Fair / Tree Lighting were listed – songs at Tree Lighting, suggestion of handing out BPC-branded flashlights, hay ride, street banner, poster coloring, 2 rooms needed for children’s crafts, refreshments, Santa, Santa’s gifts to the children, and music.

Next meeting: Thursday, 11/1 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

Adult Bible Fellowship meets at 9:30AM on most Sundays in the sanctuary for devotionals and discussions based on scripture. They do not meet if there is only one worship service.

The **Adult Study Group** meets every Wednesday at 7PM in P-W Hall. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information.

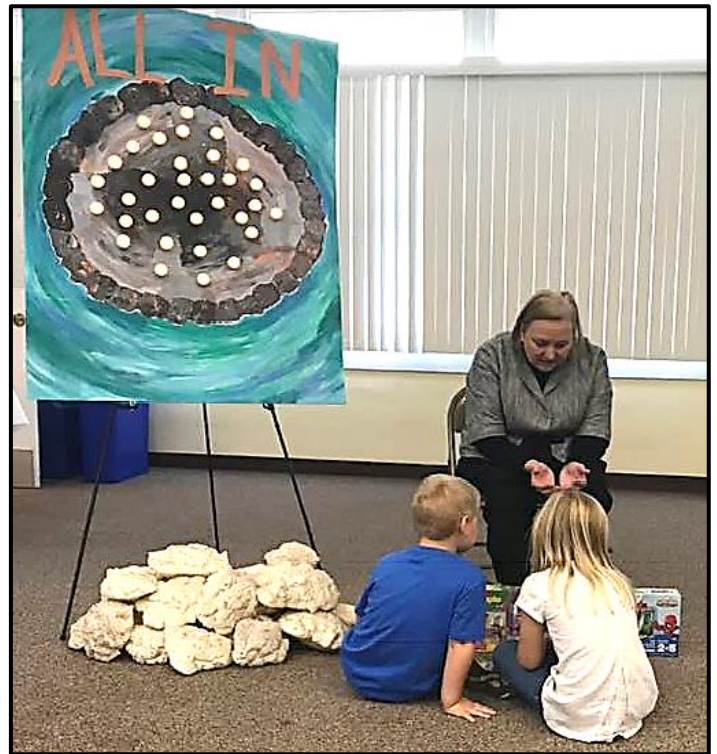


The **Communion Workshop** held Saturday morning, October 6th was a success! The children heard Bible stories about communion, and made communion-related crafts, which were displayed at the October 7th, 9:30AM service, fostering a special setting for World Communion Day. Crafts made were stick crosses (some decorated with yarn and known informally as "God's Eyes"), chalices made from decorated, clear cups, paper outlines of loaves of bread and chalices were colored and pasted on poster-board, and finally, rolls were made. Special thanks to the Youth, Cornelia Burr, Dee Smith, Mark Stunder, Jasper Davis, and Pastor Carrie for making this outreach to the children possible.



A New Beginning!

On Sunday, November 4th, we welcomed two young children to Christ's table. Our newest member, Barbara Stidham, helped her two children, Annabelle and Paul, celebrate their first Communion and each child received a Communion stole (a brightly colored ribbon) to mark the special occasion.





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From the Session

Invest in Our Future

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Season and this month's sermon series is "Invest in Our Future" by being "all-in." In order to demonstrate how you and your family can show that you are "all in," we have created a Generosity Brochure. This provides you the opportunity to indicate what gifts and talents you have that might help the Church move forward. It also includes your annual giving goal so that Session can create an accurate budget for 2019. The Generosity Brochure for this year can be downloaded at <https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-19215090/documents/5be093937b18dqhnrCbS/2019%20Generosity%20Brochure.pdf> Printed forms are available at the church. Please bring your completed form to worship on Sunday, November 11th.

A tradition continues with the Annual Stewardship Dinner on Sunday, November 11th following a single 10AM worship service in the Sanctuary. While the RSVP deadline has passed, we may still be able to squeeze in another family or two. Just let the Church Office know. The Church supplies turkey and trimmings, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Feathers of Opportunity

Throughout November and December, the Church has many missions to support. It is a season of Thanksgiving and that means giving to others. "It is better to give than to receive!"

The "Feathers of Opportunity" is coming your way! Each mission partner that is being identified during the Holiday season will be asked what specifically they need (rather than assuming what might be needed.) Those items, along with the mission partner's organization, will be written on a "feather" which will be placed on a turkey in Pollock-Williams Hall and the Vail Education Building. You and your family are asked to review the feathers available, remove the feather(s) you want to supply, then bring the item(s) and the feather back to the church and put it in the designated bin. Feathers for the WUMCO food drive need to be back at the church by Nov. 15th and the other feathers designated for the Christmas holidays will need to be back by Dec. 16th. Let's see if we can pluck those turkeys clean with your generosity! After the collection has taken place, a number of church members and youth will deliver the items to the identified mission partners.

Financial Update: 2018 Year-to-Date

There are many people to thank for managing our financial resources. The team is led by Ken Beal (Treasurer), Barb Stunder (Assistant Treasurer) and Sharon Catron (Office Manager). This year has been particularly difficult as expenses have exceeded income on several occasions.

It takes about \$190,000 a year to operate our Church. Our largest expense is payroll and benefits at \$164,000. Our controllable expenses are closely monitored by our financial team. Those expenses which are discretionary have routinely been delayed this year.

Session was clear to the congregation last fall when presenting its budget. Transfers from reserve accounts were anticipated and they have happened throughout 2018. Fortunately, the Church has operating and restricted reserve funds to help us through tough years.

- Your gifts through the end of this year can significantly impact Session’s ability to reduce withdrawals from reserve accounts. Your pledge for next year will help Session calculate if further withdrawals in 2019 will be needed.

Through the end of October, we have transferred about \$65,500 out of reserves to keep our checkbook in balance. We have been mostly using the unrestricted operating reserve account to fund operations. We have also been using the Good Samaritan Fund to sustain our local mission giving (which was the fund’s intentional goal when it was created). These funds are professionally managed through an investment advisory service affiliated with Charles Schwab.

	Balance, March 2018	Balance, October 2018	Increase/(Decrease)
Unrestricted Operating Reserve Fund	\$218,000	\$175,000	(\$43,000)
Good Samaritan Fund	\$64,000	\$54,000	(\$10,000)

As with your own family budget, this is not sustainable so Session urges everyone to prayerfully consider your financial support for this year, and for 2019.

Congregational Meeting Approves 2019 Slate

On Sunday, November 4th, 46 members voted in the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers. Joining the Boards, starting with the February meetings will be:

- Session (Elders): Hammet Hough, Bob Hoyt, Glenn Karta,
- Deacons: Heather Buehler, Janice Edwing, Maria Romero
- Trustees: Cornelia Burr, Don Pleasants

Congratulations and welcome to your new leadership positions! Thank you to everyone who brought a pot-luck item for the pop-up lunch buffet! As usual, when it comes to food, we do it right!

Town Hall Meeting Discusses Stated Supply Position

Everyone was pleased to welcome Lyman Smith, Presbytery’s Co-Chair, Congregational Transitions Commission, to our Town Hall Meeting. Lyman has been working with Session to identify and discern where God is leading Boyds Presbyterian.

Stated Supply pastors work on long-term (annual) contracts and are increasingly popular among Presbyterian churches. In fact, not many churches in the USA have a “called and installed” pastor these days. Stated Supply Pastors are not called and installed by congregational vote. Instead, the contract is between Session and the Pastor. Each year, the contract is renewed and can be renewed indefinitely.

The position of “Interim” has always implied a short-term assignment. PCUSA defines the “interim” period as 18-24 months. “Stated Supply” is a year-long contract with specific deliverables and helps congregations anticipate the future instead of wondering when the interim period will end.

Changing Pastor Carrie to Stated Supply ends the speculation on when our interim period will end. It would also mean that a future congregational meeting will be held to officially thank and disband the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) because Pastor Carrie would be named as the official pastor.

Because the PNC was created by congregational vote, it must be disbanded by congregational vote. Look for news and updates in the coming months regarding this next step.

Questions?

Session is always seeking your input. Please feel free to contact any member of Session, Pastor Carrie or the Church Office. Session members include Doug Fiedler (clerk), Anne Davies, Brenda Jones, Dee Smith, Mark Stunder and Cathy Reese.

Next meeting: Monday, 11/5 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 23rd. The revised bylaws for the cemetery have been approved by Session and will go into effect on January 1, 2019. An inspection of the tar and gravel roof on the Vail Building is being arranged. Various lighting problems inside and outside our buildings are being addressed on an on-going basis.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 11/27 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

From the Deacons

The Deacons met on October 8th. We continue to coordinate with the Worship, Fellowship and Mission Teams. The first Ledo Pizza fellowship fundraiser was held on October 1st and was a great success, raising approximately \$134 to be used for local mission projects currently under discussion. We have two more scheduled (to be held November 5th, and December 3rd, each night from 4-10PM). Come on out, and spread the word widely to help make the next two nights even more successful! We also began planning our Christmas Angel Tree mission event—more on that next month.

Next meeting: Monday, 11/12 at 7PM in P-W Hall.



From the Worship Team: Investing in the Future

(by Mark Stunder, Chair)

Investments—got to love ‘em! The market is down 1,300 over two days, up almost 300 the next. It see-saws all over the place. Interest rates are rising, CD’s pay a percent or two. Our nation’s economic history is certainly full of twist and turns, ups and downs. So, what about “Investing for the Future” in the economy of today? Plenty of opinions about that. Interestingly, “Investing for the Future” is the BPC stewardship theme for this fall.

“Investing for the future” related to church involves priorities and planning for the future. Certainly, worship is a high priority. There are other priorities as well that other teams are talking about such as Christian Ed or community outreach. But let’s talk about worship.

First, it's interesting to look at investments of the past that have borne fruit. Scripture helps us here. Jeremiah 32 provides a long story about how Jeremiah buys a field during the siege of Jerusalem. (See: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+32&version=NIV>.) Jeremiah has been prophesying to King Zedekiah that the king will lose Jerusalem to the Babylonians and that Israel will be sent into exile. Jeremiah was thrown into prison for sharing that news. While there, he was presented an opportunity to buy a field and he did. He bought the field knowing that exile is coming for Israel, and Jerusalem will be destroyed. Why did he buy? His act was investing for the future. He never lived to see his investment, but it was a vote of confidence for the future. That Israel would be reborn in its land and flourish.

What about us? There are plenty of Boyds stories about investing for the future, many of them worship/facilities related. Example: Who would have thought those church people in the early 1960's could have imagined what the investment in building Kerr Hall then, meant today? Look at its use from contemporary worship to ELF school to community groups. A real Jeremiah moment. Example: Renovation of P-W Hall. Renovation was needed to provide fellowship between the new then 9:30AM service and the 11:00AM service and also for church offices, BFCU etc. Example: The acquisition of the church parking lot land. The benefit was to provide better parking for the church. Example: Formalizing passing the peace and putting announcements up front in worship. Sounds simple? We've only be doing this about a year and a half! This was actually discussed at our last worship team meeting as a great means of engaging new people and continuing dialogue with existing members.

What about now and the future? In the near term, the Worship Team reviewed the many worship experiences coming up this fall:

- November 4: One service, 10:00AM Kerr Hall, All Saints celebration and communion following by a church forum in Kerr Hall
- November 11: One service, 10:00AM Sanctuary, Stewardship Sunday, with supper after worship in Kerr Hall
- November 18: Two services, as normal. Thanksgiving Theme
- November 25: One service, 10:00AM Sanctuary, Guest Pastor
- December 2: One service, 10:00AM Kerr Hall, communion and confirmation celebration

For the future, we need to continue to invest in the worship experience. Having two services (one traditional and one contemporary) allows us to be creative and to explore different worship themes, scripture interpretations etc. The Worship Team is starting to do that through looking at core worship values and how we can not only connect better to our current congregation, but how we can connect to the people God sends us in the future.

We need to be a Jeremiah...investing in the future with a clear mind and with great hope and faith. Worship is one way to do that.

Join us to "Invest in the Future." 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 Jasper Davis, and Rev. Carrie Yearick.

Next meeting: Thursday, 11/8 at 7PM in P-W Hall.





Appreciation and Gratitude to:

- ❖ Everyone who hosted an October fellowship:
 - Children & Youth
 - Anne Davies
 - Brenda Reid Jones
 - Darlene Kerr
 - Janet & Tom Reise
 - Everyone who contributed to the Potluck
- ❖ Margaret Leaman for cleaning the church.

We need volunteers to host **Fellowship** between services on Sundays. It's easier than it sometimes looks. Deacons make the coffee and help serve it and the lemonade. The food is meant to be simple: e.g. cookies, grapes, cheese and crackers. The emphasis is on fellowship and, while a big spread is appreciated, it is wholly unnecessary. So partner with another family, if you like, but please take a turn. Sign up is in P-W Hall. The last Sunday of each month is potluck.

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



Pray for grieving:

Family and friends of those who passed away during October:

- Praxedes Amador
- Mark Lewis
- Sandy Llewellyn
- Jason Schwartzbeck
- Lauren McHenry Wesley

Pray for healing:

Gwen Alred; Ian Armstrong and family; Taylor Barnes; Jeffrey Barrientos; Karla Barron; Stephanie Bennett; Callier family; Aaron Cantler; Mark Cantwell; Nancy Daughtry; Dean; Averi Donat; Dick Ernst; Blair Gibson; Ginger & Steve Gibson; Perri Green; Joe Healy; Gene Hoilman; Ken Huff; Jason Johnson; Joe Katran; Megan Kerr; Larry King; Eddie Kiser; Renie Kiser; Nancie Kondo; John Labbe; Ellen Landriau; Jack Louth; Zelda Morgan; Marcia Nass; Christine O'Connell; Tony Pirrone; Linda Reise Brainard; Mary Lou Robertson; Justin Rosner; George Smith; Mark Sutch; Andrea Kempner Wink; Arthur & Mary 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.

Youth Fall Schedule

- Sun, Nov 4** 5:00PM What's up For Advent? Meet at Panera's near Wegmans
- Fri-Sat, Nov 9-10** Lock-In – Fri 5:00PM - Sat 9:00AM
Family Advent Svc Planning and Souper Bowl of Caring initial thoughts
Presbyterian Polity
Bible 101
Cosmic Bowling and Fun, Fun, Fun!
- Week of Nov 11** Mentor Week – Prayer
No Ablaze Nov 11th
- Sun, Nov 18** 5:00PM Ready To Cross Over?
Dinner For Confirmands, Parents, Mentors, Session
- Sun, Nov 25** No Ablaze – Happy Thanksgiving
- Sun Dec 2** 10:00AM Confirmation Sunday-Kerr Hall
First Act of Being a Member – Help Serve Communion
- Fri, Dec 7** Tree Lighting and Advent Fair – Time TBD
- Sun, Dec 9** 5:00PM Family Advent Service Planning
- Fri-Sat, Dec 14-15** Lock-In – Xmas Party and Advent Planning Fri 5:00PM-Sat 9:00AM
- Sat, Dec 22** Rehearsal for Family Advent Service – 1:00PM
- Sun, Dec 23** 10:00AM Kerr Hall – Family Advent Service
- Sun, Dec 24** 7 & 9 PM Christmas Eve Services – Need Readers for both Services



Set clocks back 1 hour at bedtime, Saturday, November 3rd
Standard time begins at 2AM Sunday, November 4th



Service & Partnership in Puerto Rico!

Come and join the National Capital Presbytery's Disaster Relief Assistance Network's adult volunteer rebuild trip and partnership with Presbyterian churches and their communities in Puerto Rico.

Who: Adults (18 years and older)

What: Volunteer work trip to rebuild and build partnerships

Where: La Posada de Ángeles; Añasco, Puerto Rico

When: Monday Dec. 31, 2018- Wed. Jan. 9, 2019

(Dates flexible on the back end of trip.)

Cost: \$450.00 (Room/Board, Meals and Rental Van Costs)

This Does Not Include Airfare

<https://ncpdrn.carrd.co/>



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November 3 – Turn clocks back 1 hour @ bedtime

November 4 – Communion, Church Meeting, 1 blended svc @ 10AM in Kerr Hall

November 6 – Election Day

November 11 – Stewardship Dinner, 1 blended svc @ 10AM in Sanctuary, Veteran's Day

November 12 – Office Closed

November 16 – Wedding setup-Sanctuary & Kerr Hall

November 17 – Wedding, Sanctuary, P-W Hall & Kerr Hall

November 23 – Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed

November 24 – Office Closed

November 25 – Guest Pastor - 1 blended svc @ 10AM in Sanctuary , Potluck

November 26 – Newsletter Deadline

November 30– Session Retreat



Annual Stewardship Dinner

Sunday, November 11th after one
blended service @ 10AM

*The church provides the turkey, dressing,
gravy, potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut,
rolls and beverages.*

Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share!

Sign-up sheet is in P-W Hall.

Please indicate name, number of people attending, and item to share.

Sign-up by November 4th so we know how many turkeys to buy!