

NEWSLETTER

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From Pastor Carrie

Greetings!

I want to first say a BIG **"THANK YOU"** to all who prayed for and supported our mission team that went to **Puerto Rico**. Your gift card donations as well as your cash donations supplied over 300 gifts to the 3 Kings celebration in the La Playa neighborhood, as well as the 3 Kings celebrations in the Presbyterian Churches in Rincon and Montclair. Here is a taste of what the celebration looked like!



All the Kings Costumes were made by 3 different churches here in our Presbytery and were brought down and given to the Añasco Presbyterian Church, as their costumes were washed away in the flood from Hurricane Maria.

Your contributions also supplied the resources to:

- completely renovate 2 Seminary apartments;
- renew appliances and furniture in a volunteer house at the Seminary;
- paint an entire house inside and out in Añasco;
- lay the foundation work to build another house in Añasco for a family who lost everything;
- supply needed windows, door and other materials for another severely damaged home in Añasco;
- and resourced the rebuilding work of the First Presbyterian Church.

We are so grateful for all that you did to help in the rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico.

I also want you to know that the physical rebuilding was just a part of this mission experience. The **rebuilding of hope** and the partnerships that have begun are deep and, we hope, long lasting. Many of us from this mission team are already asking when we can go back to Puerto Rico. One church in our Presbytery has already connected with one of the pastors at the First Presbyterian Church in Rincon so that she could come and partner with her church in February. Many on our team are connected to those whom we met in Puerto Rico by Facebook, Instagram and other social media interactions. It is really hard to put in words how spiritually

deepening this trip was, but there were so many "God Moments" of joy and heartbreak at the same time. I appreciate your support of my time and efforts to heed God's calling.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th

Come mark the beginning of the season of Lent with us as we share a simple meal and worship together. The meal will begin at 6:30PM and the worship will start at 7:00PM. Both are in Kerr Hall and are family friendly. The imposition of ashes will be a central part of our worship that night. Bring a friend or neighbor for this moving and meaningful service. St. Mark's UMC will be joining us this year during Lent to continue our partnership.

The Passion accounts, the stories of Holy Week, in all four Gospels are stories of failure and courage, despair and hope, political machinations and theological inspiration. This lent we will delve into the last week of Jesus' life as we deepen and rethink our understandings of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and the reconciliation that the Lenten season offers us.

- Mar 10th Jerusalem: Risking Reputation
- Mar 17th The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
- Mar 24th Teachings: Risking Challenge
- Mar 31st The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
- Apr 7th The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
- Apr 14th Gethsemane: Risking Temptation
- Apr 18th Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr 21st Easter Services

Blessings! Carrie

Upcoming & Recurring Events

The **Praise Team** meets most Wednesdays at 7PM in Kerr Hall. Contact Jasper at 706-405-5262 if you're interested, or you can just come join us. Praise Team will meet March 6th, Ash Wednesday at 6PM.

Lunch Bunch meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is March 12th at NOON at **Benningan's** in Clarksburg. For reservations, contact **Sharon** in the office at 301-540-2544 or <u>boydspc@comcast.net</u> by Monday, March 11th.

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. M&Ms won't meet New Year's Day.

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 March 28th, location TBD. Come join us anytime between 6:30-9PM for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.

Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour at bedtime on **Saturday, March 9^h**. This is also a good time to check or change the batteries in your smoke and CO_2 detectors.

Jesus at Sight & Sound Theatre ®



More info @ https://lancasterpa.com/event/jesus-sight-and-sound/

Lent is a perfect time to deepen your understanding of Jesus. The Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! JESUS is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

There will be a group of BPC members and friends going to Lancaster, PA to the Sight & Sound Theatre to see the production Jesus on Thursday April 4th for the 3:00 PM showing. There will be vans and cars for those who need a ride. See below schedule for details:

<u>Thursday April 4th</u>	
8:30 AM	Meet at BPC
9:00 AM	Leave for Lancaster
NOON	Lunch
2:15 рм	Arrive at Sight & Sound
3:00 рм	"Jesus"
6:00 рм	**Check in at Hotel
	Comfort Inn and Suites
	24 S. Willowdale Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602
6:30 рм	Dinner at the Amish Marketplace Buffet
8:00 PM	Free Time
Friday April 5 th	
7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Leave for BPC
NOON	Arrive at BPC
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** For those who want to stay the night. Others can make it a day trip if needed.

Cost Ticket \$56.00 (if we have enough for a group rate) Hotel \$80.00/room (approximately) Meals will be on your own

Please sign up in the Sanctuary narthex or in Kerr Hall – Deadline is March 10th. Please make reservations yourselves with hotel- room block is under BPC. Tickets will be sorted out as soon as we know how many will be going.



From the Session

"The Sing" Sunday, February 24

Everyone has a favorite hymn or song of praise and BPC's Worship Team celebrated about 20 of those favorites on Sunday, February 24.

The worship service opened with an explanation of the liturgical calendar which begins with the first Sunday in Advent. The congregation sang favorites from Christmastide, Epiphany, the Easter season, and Pentecost. So many people were involved, too many to list here, but the response was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to all who participated.





Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 27, about 50 members and friends of BPC joined together for the Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck lunch. Each of the Ministry Teams presented a highlight of accomplishments from 2018 and asked for input on how to grow into 2019.

In 2018, there were six Ministry Teams. A seventh is being added in 2019 (more on that later!).

- Worship: Sustains and empowers God's people with a variety of worship experiences glorifying God; encouraging the congregation to experience a life-enriching connection with Jesus Christ. The team assists the Pastor in carrying out worship plans for weekly Sunday services as well as special services of worship.
- Faith Formation (Christian Education): Fosters spiritual growth and commitment, create experiences of God to all as the Spirit leads, and develop servant-leaders through diverse, biblically-based programs and relational learning opportunities.
- Christian Fellowship: Provides opportunities of relational growth of members as they share in fellowship building friendships and relationships with one another that we may grow closer as a Church family.
- Mission: Works hand-in-hand with the Board of Deacons to support and promote mission activity local and global – to bring God's love through being the hands and feet of Jesus. This ministry encourages congregational interest and involvement in many local mission activities, as well as support for worldwide issues of hunger and social justice.

- Buildings and Grounds: Works hand-in-hand with the Board of Trustees on maintaining our Church property (grounds and building interior/exterior.) Under Session's guidance, oversees use of the Church building and policies governing its use, and recommends to the Session major expenses to maintain the facility, including remodeling or repair as needed.
- Administration: Oversees the Session-approved budget of the Church and helps further the vision of the Session as it pertains to the priorities of BPC's mission. Provides oversight of personnel policies, procedures, and practices that will enable BPC to recruit, retain, and motivate employees in a supportive work environment. Provides oversight and material for daily operation of BPC. Prepares and presents recommendations concerning the management, use, and dispersal of the capital and/or invested funds of the congregation.

In 2019, a seventh Ministry Team is being added. The mission of the **Outreach Ministry Team** is to be a witness in various ways to the surrounding neighborhoods around the Church and create different outreach opportunities that <u>connect all to God's love and grace</u>. This team's focus is meeting our neighbors and building relationships with them and to meet the identified needs of these neighbors. This team will also extend radical hospitality to all and integrate those who would want to participate in BPC's mission and ministry or welcome all who want to take a next step in joining our Church family.

New Member Class Forming – Sunday, March 24, 4pm

Interested in joining as a member? Contact the Church Office or Pastor Carrie about attending the New Member Class. We will meet on Sunday, March 24 at 4pm. Welcoming all, regardless of your previous faiths!

Easter Season is already here!

The Worship Team and Pastor Carrie have been preparing to celebrate the Risen Lord. Sermons during Lent will be based on the book, "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Amy Jill Levine. It is an excellent read and deals with the risks that Jesus faced. Sunday, April 21 is Easter Sunday. Plans include sponsoring the Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mountain with several other area churches. For the youngsters, an Easter Egg hunt and Pancake Breakfast is in the works. Contemporary worship will be at 9:30 AM in Kerr Hall and 11AM will be in the Sanctuary. Come celebrate the wonderful season of Easter with BPC!

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

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 22nd. Trustees are still looking for a licensed handyman to take care of minor problems as they come up; any recommendations would be appreciated. Some exterior projects cannot be addressed in cold weather so are being put on hold until the Spring. Problems that come up on the inside and outside of our buildings are being addressed on a case by case basis.

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 26th. Trustees elected officers for 2019: John Burdette will serve as president and Margaret Leaman will serve as secretary. Heartfelt thanks to Dick Ernst and the rest of the trustees for their contributions to BPC. Since our last report there have been three burials in our cemetery: Polly Huff, Kenneth Huff, and Carolyn Freed. The HVAC system in the CE Building has just been replaced - seems like there's an on-going need to replace lighting in and around our various buildings. This and other issues are being addressed on a case-by-case basis. We are still looking for a licensed handyman to take care of minor problems as they come up; any recommendations would be appreciated. Our spring cleanup has been set for April 6th with a 'rain date' of April 13th. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 3/26/19 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

From the Deacons

The Deacons met on February 11th. We welcomed new members, Heather Buehler, Janice Edwing, and Maria Romero. We filled the following board positions for the coming year: Kim Grimes, Moderator; Janice Edwing, Secretary; Marie Allnutt, Nominating Committee Representative.

Next meeting: Monday, 3/11 at 7PM in P-W Hall.



"CANTALE – CUAN GRANDE ES DIO....." Worship Team Report (by Mark Stunder)

What about the title of this article? In Spanish it means: *"Sing With Me—How Great Is Our God,"* and it's from the Spanish version of a top contemporary Christian song by Chris Tomlin, *"How Great Is Our God"* based on the classic hymn *"How Great Thou Art."*

The Bible contains over 400 scripture verses related to singing or music. Many relate to singing or praising God. One of them is:

"Oh, sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." (Psalm 96 1-2)



In fact, the longest book in the Bible, The Psalms, contains all songs, many created and played by the Bible's greatest songwriter, King David and his entourage. The guy liked to dance and sing to the Lord! The Bible is quite explicit about David's love of singing, music, and praising the Lord, even to the point of asking relatives of the chief Levites to sing and to bring loud cymbals and other instruments with them:

"Then David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy." 1 Chronicles 15:16

The act of singing itself is described in several Bible verses. For example, Paul and Silas sang hymns while in prison (Acts 16:25). Jesus sang a hymn with his disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30). The prophet Zephaniah says that God the almighty even sings. From *Zephaniah 3:17*.

The *LORD* your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing."

Ever had to memorize a song? Recall learning the ABC's? ABCDEFG HIJK L MNO P? Moses was commanded by God around the time of Moses's death to teach all the Israelites the words of a song they would remember in upcoming bad times. See: *Deuteronomy 31: 19-22 and all of Deuteronomy 32 – it's a long song!* https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+31&version=NIV

I like a zippy tune, but it's the words that really matter. Many of our hymn and praise songs are linked to scripture. Next time you open the hymnal take a look at the top of a page. Chances are you'll see reference to a scripture. That means either the hymn has scripture in it or is directly related to scripture. Or look at the words on the screen at 9:30am. Lots of scripture can be found in praise songs.

Song/hymns have such deep meaning to people. For example, "How Great is Our God" has special meaning to the people of Puerto Rico who survived Hurricane Maria. The Spanish version of the popular hit was introduced and sung by our Praise Team at a recent service celebrating the Puerto Rico relief trip. This was moving and inspirational to many.

Of course, music can be performed without words. But with words, hymns/songs become special and take on meaning. Imagine Handel's Hallelujah chorus without words? Still good. But with those rising choir voices.." King of Kings.. and Lord of Lords" ...magnificent!

Finally, don't be shy to sing! Hey---I can't sing. If you can't sing, then hum along or really dive into the words and their meaning like I do. I many times think what prompted the artist to write the song or hymn. John Wesley the Methodist theologian puts it out there rather bluntly:

Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan. (John Wesley, Preface to Select Hymns [1761])

So, warm-up those vocal chords each time you come to church: Remember, "me me me me (you, you, you, you)?" Most importantly, listen for what the hymns/songs are telling you. Chances are you will find rich history and a deep message there.

"CANTALE – CUAN GRANDE ES DIO.....Y todos lo veran, cuan grande es Dios (Sing with me how great is our God, and all will see, how great is our God!)

We usually meet 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 3/21 at 7PM in P-W Hall.



One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. The OGH offering will be gathered on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Please write your name on the fish box and tape it shut.

Faith Formation Team Report By Dee Smith

For several months we have all heard Carrie say it's a different world today than it was 20, 30, 40 years ago. People do not worship the same. Things have changed. Well that was brought home to me in a big way this week. I work at the Elf Preschool as many of you know. During snack one day, a child asked for water instead of juice. As we happened to be in a room with a sink I went to the tap for the water. You could have heard a pin drop. The children were staring at me." You get water from the sink?", one asked. "yes", I replied. Looking for more information about why they were surprised I asked "where do you get your water from?" the answers followed—the fridge, the brita, the store. They were astounded that I had served someone water to drink from the tap, instead of a pitcher or water filter. It really hit home how different things are today. So when Carrie says we have to do church different, be different, she knows what she is talking about, because the world has changed when kids don't associated a necessity of life like a glass of water as coming from inside the house, it has to be an outside source. Families today do not have the same expectation that God is found in a church or worship service. God is found in other places.

Ablaze Youth News & Schedule

Mission Trip

The youth group will be preparing for a mission experience in Lexington NC with Group Workcamps from July 7th – 14th. Throughout the week, our youth will have the opportunity to construct wheelchair ramps, repair porches, paint homes, and weatherize windows and doors. The need is great in Lexington and there is much work to do!

If you are interested in being an adult advisor on this trip or are in grades 6th-12th grade, please contact Pastor Carrie.

Cost of the trip is \$450.00 A nonrefundable \$50.00 is due before March 24th Scholarships are available.

Schedule

Ablaze Youth Group has a time change! Instead of meeting at 5:00 PM, we will meet from 2:00-3:30 PM. Check out the schedule below!

- Sun. Mar 3 2:00-3:30 РМ
- Sun Mar 10 2:00-3:30 PM
- Sun. Mar 17 2:00-3:30 PM
- Fri. Mar 22 6:00 PM 9:30 PM Dinner and Attend "Godspell" together!
- Sun. Mar 24 No Youth Group
- Sun. Mar 31 2:00-3:30 РМ

The youth put on a Souper Bowl of Caring skit On February 3rd. The subject was a court case of Greed vs. Generosity. Over \$600 was raised so far this year. The donated food will be delivered this week to WUMCO.

The "First Friday" outreach event was rescheduled for Feb. 8th. It was a parent's night out. 11 children were registered from families in the community. The children watched the movie "Rio", enjoyed pizza for dinner along

with brownies for dessert. There was popcorn and sweets to accompany the movie. The children were divided into 2 groups by age. They did age appropriate crafts and games. All had a wonderful time. Non-perishable food was donated by the families for the Souper Bowl food drive. This was advertised to the ELF School parents and on social media including the church's facebook page.

There will be a breakfast and egg hunt on Easter morning. Volunteers will be recruited to stuff eggs, set up for the breakfast, cook breakfast, put out the eggs, transition the room from breakfast to the 9:30 AM service.

The Adult Study Group meets most Wednesday at 7PM in P-W Hall. They began a Lenten Study on 27th, *Embracing the Uncertain, A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times,* by Magrey deVega. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information.

Adult Bible Fellowship continues to meet at 9:30AM in the sanctuary.

Next meeting: Thursday, 3/7 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

Fellowship Team Report By Anne Davies & Brenda Reid Jones

The Fellowship Team met on February 12th. Anne Davies, Lisa Fiedler, Brenda Hoyt, and Darlene Kerr attended.

The Team discussed Sunday Fellowship in light of the discussion at the Congregational Meeting. We encourage people to team up with others to host, and we recommend keeping it simple. A reminder, though, to include something gluten free if possible; fruit is ideal. We have also decided to assign a group to be responsible for refreshments each month, covering those days not taken by individuals. Session was assigned February. Bob and Brenda Hoyt hosted one Sunday, Glenn and Pat Karta with Hammet Hough hosted another, with Faith Formation hosting Souper Bowl Sunday. Thanks to all! Remember, the Deacons make the coffee and lemonade, set up the table, and clean up after. All you need to do is bring the snacks. So check your calendar, find a partner, and sign up. The sheet is on the bulletin board in P-W Hall.

Soul Sisters will gather for dinner at Bennigan's on February 28th at 6:30PM. Please let Anne know if you plan to come, <u>NAnneDavies@verizon.net</u> or 301-922-4332. Also let her know if you need a ride.

Once the weather warms up, we will circulate sign-up for SunDates, an arrangement for groups of 8 to organize themselves into once a month activities: dinner, bowling, movies, whatever the group chooses. This is a great way for church members to get to know each other better. Nine of us did this last summer and thought it was well worth sharing with others.

We have tentatively planned a church picnic for September 8th. Stay tuned for details.

2019 Offering Envelopes are in the church vestibule and Kerr Hall. Our Worship Team has put your envelopes in the location where you typically attend worship. If you weren't assigned a box, they are available in P-W Hall. Please write your name on the form and take the associated box of envelopes, or contact the office.

The **2019 Per Capita** for each communicant member is **\$41.73**. Per capita is what BPC pays to *The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),* in order to cover the denomination's general administrative expenses. If you choose to help offset this expense, you may use the first blue envelope in your offering box designated for "per capita apportionment."



Appreciation and Gratitude to:

Everyone who hosted a January or February fellowship:

- Our Fellowship Team
- Lisa Fiedler
- Anne Davies
- Bob & Brenda Hoyt
- Glenn & Pat Karta
- ➤ Hammet Hough

Everyone who contributed to the Potlucks

Margaret Leaman, & Mary Beitzel 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 **2019 Sanctuary Cleaning** schedule is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please sign-up to clean for one month.



Pray for grieving:

Family and friends of those who passed away during January and February:

- Ken Huff
- Barbara Ward
- George Gibson
- Jeff Kopas
- Carolyn Freed
- Jack Duros
- Rex Reed

Pray for healing:

Betty Allnutt, Gwen Alred, Ian Armstrong and family, Taylor Barnes, Jeffrey Barrientos, Karla Barron, Stephanie Bennett, Susan & Tom Blackman, Linda Reise Brainard, Ron Breland, Callier family, Aaron Cantler, Mark Cantwell, Gloria Delle Cese, Jeannette Cochran, Jane Dassen, Nancy Daughtry, Dean, Averi Donat, Dick Ernst, Joyce Floyd, Blair Gibson, Ginger & Steve Gibson, Gregory Glaude, Perri Green, Greg, Anne Gupman, Leslie Happ, Joe Healy, Gene Hoilman, Pam Huff, Jason Johnson, Joe Katran, Larry King, Eddie Kiser, Renie Kiser, Nancie Kondo, Joey Knott, John Labbe, Ellen Landriau, Jack Louth, Janet Manuel, Zelda Morgan, Jane Mote, Marcia Nass, Christine O'Connell, Don Pleasants, Tony Pirrone, Justin Rosner, George Smith, Mark Sutch, Andrea Kempner Wink, Veronika, 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.



- March 6 Ash Wednesday / beginning of Lent
- March 9 Turn clocks ahead one hour @ bedtime
- March 20 Spring Begins
- March 22 Youth Outing to Godspell
- March 23 St. Mark's Prayer Breakfast
- March 24 New Member Class
- March 31 Potluck



Bad Weather Action Plan

In the event of heavy weather this winter, please use one of the following for worship schedule changes:

- * Call the church office @ 301-540-2544
- * Check our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BoydsPresbyterianChurch</u>
- * Check our webpage: <u>https://www.boydspc.org</u>

We will update any service change info before 8AM on Sunday mornings.