



NEWSLETTER

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From Pastor Carrie

Greetings!

I find myself longing for warmer and sunnier days and it is my hope that April will bring to us this type of atmosphere! My feet are aching to walk the grounds here at Boyds, the White Ground Road area and the new development in Cabin Branch. I find myself pausing at each building or house to pray for those who live or work there. "Praying the Neighborhood" is a great spiritual practice that helps you become more aware of your neighbors- even if you don't talk or see them as you pray your way down the street! Many times, though, someone is out walking their dog or people are getting in their cars and those are the times when a wave and a smile or a short conversation ensues.

Jesus asks us to love our neighbors- in fact he said this is the most important commandment out of the 613 that are given to us. He couples this command to love your neighbor with "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind soul and strength." What might this loving God and loving neighbor look like for you? We only have 3 more weeks left in Lent- why don't we all experiment a bit in finding ways to love God and neighbor more. I'd love to hear your stories of how God is moving in your life and how you have found creative ways to love your neighbor.

On another note, there is still time to deepen your understanding of Jesus by participating with a group of BPCers as we travel to Lancaster PA to the *Sight and Sound Theatre* and attend the show called "Jesus" on Thursday, April 4th. Additional details in this newsletter.

There are a number of other events in April that you will not want to miss:

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| Sun. April 7 th | | New Member Reception during both Worship services |
| Sat. April 13 th | 9:00 AM | Cemetery Cleanup |
| Sun. April 14 th | | Palm Sunday Worship! |
| Thu. April 18 th | 7:00 PM | Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service at St Mark UMC-
Darnestown Presbyterian will also be joining us. |
| Sat. April 20 th | 9:00 AM | Bench Building for Sunrise Service- if you have a truck, please bring it!
SSL hours for youth! |

Sun. April 21 st	Easter!
	6:00 AM Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mountain
	8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
	9:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt
	9:30 AM Contemporary Worship
	10:30 AM Fellowship in P-W Hall
	11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Blessings in these last weeks of Lent!
Carrie

Upcoming & Recurring Events

Easter plant orders (in memory of loved ones) are due April 14th. Order envelopes are available in the Sanctuary, Kerr Hall and P-W Hall.

Bring your gloves and rakes, and join us for the **Cemetery Cleanup** on Saturday, April 13th. We will pick up trash and remove old decorations from the grave sites. If you can help with this project, please meet in P-W Hall at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts. Contact John Burdette at 240-409-3387 for more information. Rain date is April 20th.

- Main church grounds will be cleaned and mulched on April 6th by a contractor.
- If you have Christmas decorations on an existing grave that you would like to keep, please remove prior to the cleanup.

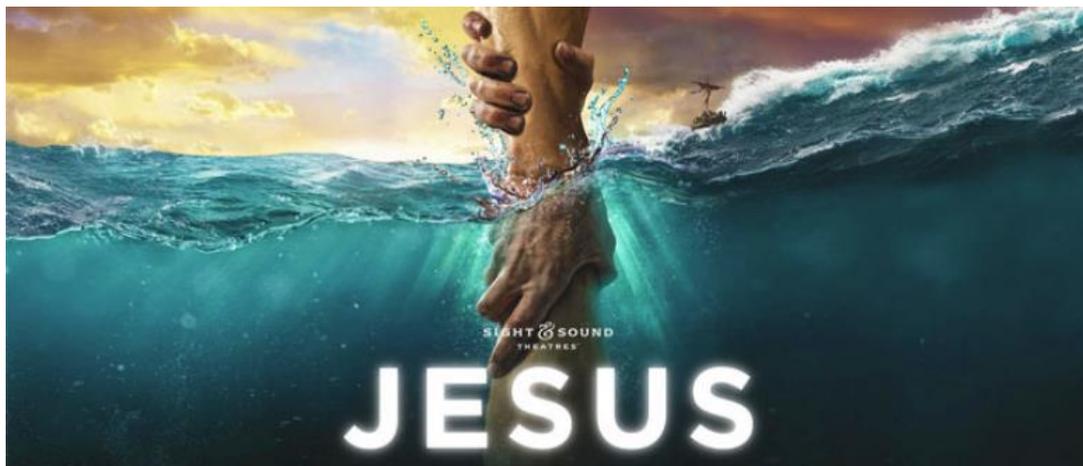
The **Praise Team** meets most Wednesdays at 7PM in Kerr Hall. Contact Jasper at 706-405-5262 if you're interested, or you can just come join us.

Lunch Bunch meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is April 9th at NOON at **Ruby Tuesday** in Germantown. For reservations, contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 or just4foxie@gmail.com by Monday, April 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 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 April 25th, location TBD. Come join us anytime between 6:30-9PM for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.



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

Thursday April 4th

8:30 AM	Meet at BPC
9:00 AM	Leave for Lancaster
NOON	Lunch
2:15 PM	Arrive at Sight & Sound
3:00 PM	"Jesus"
6:00 PM	**Check in at Hotel Comfort Inn and Suites 24 S. Willowdale Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602
6:30 PM	Dinner at the Amish Marketplace Buffet
8:00 PM	Free Time

Friday April 5th

7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Leave for BPC
NOON	Arrive at BPC

**** For those who want to stay the night. Others can make it a day trip if needed.**

Cost Ticket \$56 (if we have enough for a group rate)
 Hotel \$80/room (approximately)
 Meals will be on your own

Please contact Carrie if you want to sign up.

Please make your own hotel reservation - room block is under BPC.



From the Session

Ministry Team Leads

At our March meeting, we determined our Ministry Team Leads for 2019. Please contact our Elders if you would like to participate in a ministry team.

Anne Davies, Fellowship Team
Hammet Hough, Admin Team
Bob Hoyt, Building & Grounds Team
Brenda Reid Jones, Fellowship Team
Glenn Karta, Mission Team
Dee Smith, Faith Formation Team
Mark Stunder, Worship Team

Next meeting: Monday, 4/1 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 26th. There has been one burial since our last report: Sharkey Poole, Sr. It was noted that the Montgomery County Planning Department is holding a series of meetings to inventory burial sites in the county. One of the meetings will be held locally - at the Germantown Library on Saturday, April 6th at 1:00PM. Arrangements have been made for the mulching and edging of the church grounds: cost \$525. Our cemetery cleanup has been set for Saturday, April 13th — donuts will be provided for our volunteers. We are still looking for a licensed handyman to take care of minor problems as they come up; any recommendations will be appreciated.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4/23 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

From the Deacons

The Deacons met on March 11th. Earlier in the month, the deacons served their first homebound communion. Pastor Carrie and Deacon Heather Buehler had a very moving experience visiting with and serving communion to Betty Allnutt.

Next meeting: Monday, 4/8 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

Ministry Teams



Fellowship Team Report

By Anne Davies & Brenda Reid Jones

The Fellowship Team met on March 11th. Cornelia Burr, Anne Davies, Brenda Jones, 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. Mission & Merriment hosted in March, along with Darlene Kerr and Lisa and Doug Fiedler. 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.

We have begun planning for a celebration of Jane Dassen's ministry as our music director for the past 50 years. Please let Anne know if you want to help. Timing will depend on Jane's health.

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.

Next meeting: Monday, 4/8 at 6PM 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 OGHS offering will be gathered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please write your name on the fish box and tape it shut.

Worship Team Report

By Mark Stunder

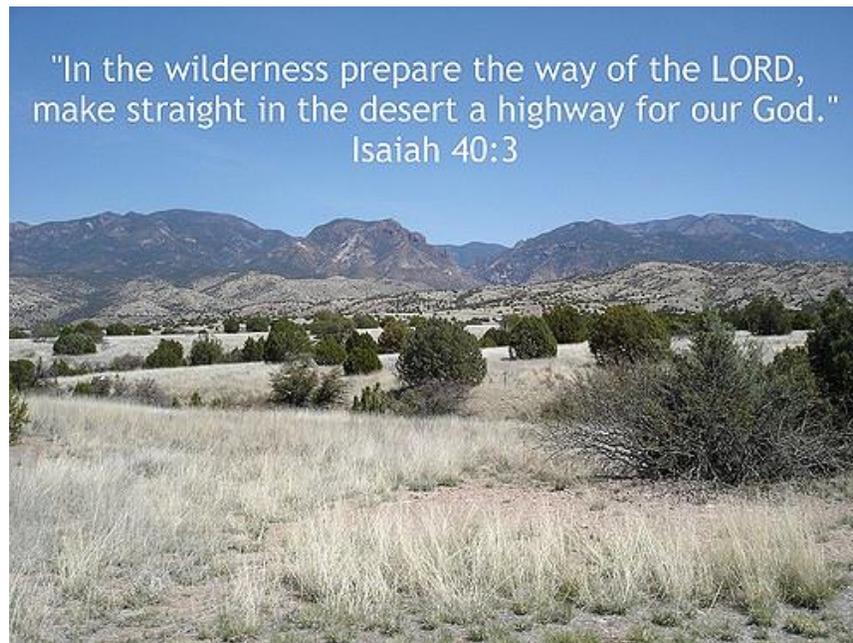
Prepare....ye...the way...of the Lord

I don't know about you,, but I'm still in singing mode (albeit I can't sing) from our "The Sing" hymn sing back in February. That was a great service and the worship team has discussed doing another Sing in the future. I recently went to *Godspell* with our Ablaze youth group and now I can't get the opening song "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" out of my head. (Listen to it at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuUI522_8jQ). So I got to thinking about what that phrase means as Easter approaches.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord" appears in Isaiah 40:3:

A voice cries in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God'

All four Gospels have John the Baptist preaching Isaiah 40:3 as he baptizes people just prior to baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River. It's interesting that John the Baptist's "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" is almost always preached today in the context of Advent or in early January when the lectionary sometimes refers to Jesus baptism. But I believe there is a message for us at Boyds as we prepare for Easter.



Prepare: "Prepare" of course means "to get ready."

Ye: It's an old form of the word "you" as in "Hear ye, hear ye."

The way of the Lord: In Biblical times it was common for someone to proceed ahead of the king or another high dignitary and say, "make way for the king." Similarly, today, motorcades or body guards/Secret Service etc. precede officials and make the way clear for passage. Note too that Isaiah 40:3 goes on to say, "make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Many roads in Israel are winding and hilly.

Putting this all together, my interpretation of the phrase is that we are to serve people in the manner of our Lord - --to be a church or to be a person through which others can see Christ and come to him. BPC is to prepare the way of the Lord through our mission actions, worship actions, Christian education actions, fellowship actions, and our day-to-day personal interactions. Christ set the example of love and service along with grace. We are to do the same, thus helping to turn confusing, winding, or unmarked roads that people's lives sometimes travel, into straight highways, clear and focused on loving Christ and loving one another.

It's interesting to put "prepare ye the way of the Lord" into the context of worship. The Worship Team went over special worship opportunities as the church prepares for Easter and to receive new members:

- a. April 7th New Member reception- both at 9:30AM and 11:00AM
- b. April 18- Maundy Thursday at St. Mark's UMC, 7:00PM
- c. April 21 Easter Sunday:
 - 6:00AM on the mountain
 - 8:30AM pancake breakfast in Kerr followed by an Easter egg hunt
 - 9:30AM Worship in Kerr
 - 10:30 AM Fellowship in P-W Hall
 - 11:00AM Worship in the sanctuary

Each time we worship, whether as listed above (celebrating new BPC members, celebrating the Lord's Supper, celebrating on Easter morning the resurrection of Christ) or in our regular services, we "prepare the way of the Lord." We do this with our gratitude to God working through BPC and our witness to God's love and grace to the community and to each other.

And each time we create a smile and help a child or family at Daly Elementary, or help organizations such as WUMCO Help or through any other mission, we are "preparing the way of the Lord" through our actions.

So, feel free to sing "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," as we approach Easter. And in doing so, not only remember what we are to be as a church, but also remember that Jesus prepared a way for us to eternal life through his suffering and resurrection.

Our way is prepared because of Easter.

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 4/11 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

Faith Formation Team Report

By Dee Smith

Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in Kerr Hall. Currently they are using "Embracing the Uncertain, a Lenten study for uncertain times" by Margery de Vega.

The Adult Fellowship Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary and is studying "Happy and Blessed" by Jake Cox.

The Ablaze / Youth mission trip is July 7-13. A group of youth and adults will be traveling to Lexington NC. There they will be on a mission trip as part of Groupworks; they expect to be doing some home repairs for those in need. The youth will be raising funds for the trip on May 18th at the church Yard sale.

The youth also continue to partner with the Mission ministry team on activities at Daly Elementary including movies planned during the summer.

The Youth will begin a new study on March 31st titled "Dive: The freedom of commitment" series. Ablaze meets most Sunday afternoons at 2 PM.

On Friday March 21st, a group of teens and adults enjoyed dinner and then attended a performance of "Godspell" at Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg. It was a inspiring performance and enjoyed by all.

A new member class was held on Sunday March 24th. 3 new members will be welcomed on Sunday April 7th. Please come and welcome them as members as they officially join our congregation.

Team members are Anne Davies, Jasper Davis, Dick Ernst, Ginger Gibson, Dee Smith (chair), Mark Stunder, and Carrie Yearick. All are welcome to attend our meetings.

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

Spring/Summer 2019 Youth Schedule

Sun	March 17	2:00-3:30PM	Top O' the Day to Ya' - Wear Green!
Fri	March 22	5:00-9:30PM	Dinner and a Show- bring \$10.00 cash Meet at the Panera near Wegmans for dinner. We will carpool from there to Covenant Life Church to see the production of "God Spell"
Sun	March 24	No Youth Group	
Sun	March 31	2:00-3:30PM	Dive- Jesus Wants All-In Followers
Sun	April 7	2:00-3:30PM	Dive- Selfless Surrender
Sun	April 14	10:30AM	Out to Brunch and pre-mission devo
Thu	April 18	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Worship at Saint Mark's United Methodist
Sun	April 21	Happy Easter	No Youth Group
Sun	April 28	2:00-3:30PM	Dive-Counting the Cost
Sun	May 5	2:00-3:30PM	Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Yard Sale Prep
Sun	May 12	Mother's Day	Take Your Mom to Lunch! - No Youth Group
Fri	May 17	6:00- 8:00PM	Yard Sale Prep
Sat	May 18	8:00 am-Noon	Yard Sale Fundraiser!! 8:00 am-Noon
Sun	May 19	Recovering From Yard Sale! – No Youth Group	
Sun	May 26	Happy Memorial Day Weekend – No Youth Group	
Sun	June 2	2:00 – 3:30PM	Dive- Accepting the Cost (Start of "Invest in Our Youth" Fundraiser (Buy stock shares!))
Fri	June 7 or 28	Daly Elementary-Dinner and a Movie'	
Sun	June 9	9:30AM Worship	Graduate Recognition
		4:30-6:00PM	End of Year Par-Tay!
July	7-13	Mission Trip to Lexington, North Carolina	
Fri	July 19	Daly Elementary- Dinner and a Movie	
Fri	Aug 9	Daly Elementary- Dinner and a Movie	
Wed	Aug 28 or	Thurs. Aug. 29	Daly Elementary School Supply Drive at the Mobile Home Park
Sun	Sep 15	Rally Day!	

2019 Easter Plants

6" Daffodil

\$8.25



6" Tulip (Pink, Purple, Red or Yellow)

\$8.25



6" Peace Lily (18" x 18")

\$16



8" Hydrangea (Pink or Blue)

\$25



Order envelopes are in the Sanctuary vestibule, Kerr Hall and P-W Hall.

Order deadline is Sunday, April 14th.



Saturday, May 18th, 8:30AM-12:30PM

Boyd's Presbyterian Church is hosting a public yard sale in the Education building parking lot. The event will be heavily advertised and has a rain date of Saturday, May 25th.

Now accepting reservations for participation at \$20 per space to benefit the Church's Youth Mission trip. Tables are provided for the first 24 vendors in need of a table or you can bring your own table and participate. Tables are 8' long with approximately 10' x 10' overall space.

Please contact Angela Smith on (240) 750-0555 or email 72smitty@gmail.com with subject: "Yard Sale" to participate.



Appreciation and Gratitude to:

- ❖ Everyone who hosted a March fellowship:
 - Janet Reise
 - M&Ms
 - Darlene Kerr
 - Doug & Lisa Fiedler
 - All who contributed to the Potluck and Ash Wednesday supper
- ❖ Kay Curtis 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.

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."



Pray for healing:

Betty Allnutt, Ian Armstrong and family, Taylor Barnes, Jeffrey Barrientos, Karla Barron, Stephanie Bennett, Linda Reise Brainard, Callier family, Aaron Cantler, Mark Cantwell, *Gloria Delle Cese*, Jeannette Cochran, Jane Dassen, Nancy Daughtry, Dean, Averi Donat, Joyce Floyd, Allen Forney, Blair Gibson, Ginger & Steve Gibson, Gregory Glaude, Perri Green, Greg, Anne Gupman, Leslie Happ, Joe Healy, Gene Hoilman, Ruth Hoyt, Pam Huff, Jason Johnson, Joe Katran, Larry King, Eddie Kiser, Renie Kiser, Joey Knott, John & Ted Labbe, Ellen Landriau, Janet Manuel, Zeld

Morgan, Jane Mote, Nass, 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.



April 4 – Jesus Production field trip

April 7 – Communion Sunday & New Member Reception

April 13 – Cemetery Cleanup

April 14 – Palm Sunday, Easter Plant orders due

April 18 – Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Tenebrae service @ St Mark's UMC

April 20 – Bench Building

April 21 – Easter Sunday

April 28 – Potluck



Maundy Thursday, April 18th

7:00PM Combined Maundy Thursday / Good Friday Tenebrae service
at Saint Mark's United Methodist Church

Bench Building, April 20th

9:00AM Meet at the foot of the mountain at the barn.
Bring hammers, gloves, trucks; nails provided.
Come help build benches for the sunrise service!

Easter Sunday, April 21st

6:00AM Sunrise Service, East View of Sugarloaf Mountain
8:30AM Pancake Breakfast in Kerr Hall
9:15AM Egg Hunt (rain or shine)
9:30AM Contemporary service in Kerr Hall
10:30AM Fellowship in P-W Hall
11:00AM Traditional Service in the sanctuary