

The SPOTLIGHT

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

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Summertime POPS! Pizza at Oasis Pavilion with Singing

Join the church family for fellowship **Saturday, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** We will gather **at the Oasis Pavilion** on the campus of Bridgewater Retirement Community to enjoy a dinner of pizza, simple sides and, *hopefully*, live music ! We need to know how much pizza to purchase so please RSVP to Pam Bailey by July 20th (). Donations are appreciated.

Have you looked up recently?

If you do, you might notice **we are in need of a new roof.** We are in the process of obtaining various quotes but we are estimating the cost will be around \$70,000 with a down payment of \$35,000.

We would love to not have to deplete our resources so we are turning to our congregation for assistance. We are asking you to help fund the down payment and we would like to put forth a goal of \$35,000 raised by September 1, 2023. If the Lord has put it in your heart to give and help us reach this goal we would greatly appreciate it. Please add "new roof" in the memo line of the check.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. God Bless.
– *The Session*

If you have questions:

about the roof itself,
contact
Carroll Chewning

about funding,
contact
Gretchen Collins

BPC goes to Massanetta Springs Bible & Church Music Conference! July 23-29th

This conference is an amazing opportunity right in our own backyard! You can register for the whole conference as a commuter, sign up for just a day. Wednesday is the suggested "Homecoming" day - \$35 includes programming for the day as well as lunch and dinner.

Of course, *worship each evening is free and open to the public.* A special highlight will be the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching both Wednesday and Friday nights. David LaMotte, a musician and peacemaker, will host a forum about what music can teach us about peacemaking on Tuesday, July 25th as well as performing a concert Monday, July 24th. These services begin at 7:00 p.m. in Hudson Auditorium.

BPC has not *yet* picked a night to attend worship together, but Pastor Kate should be there every night. Let her know you are coming, and she'll save a seat!
Learn more here: <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/bcmc>



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PHOTOS
THROUGHOUT!

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Next Session
meeting is
Thurs. Aug 17
6:30 p.m.,
☪

*Transitional
Pastor:*

Rev.
**Kate
Rascoe**

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

On Thursday, August 24, we are hosting a Stewardship Workshop by Presbyterian Foundation. Details coming soon.

Member Care

Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Lance & Erin Rees on the birth of their daughter, **Cameron Abbott Rees**, ¹. Lance writes, "She came out at a fighting weight of 8lbs, 12oz and 20 inches long." Cameron has an excited big brother, Theodore, and her elated grandparents are David & Judy Rees.

Fellowship Opportunities this month

- ◆ Wednesday, July 12th Ice Cream at Smiley's at 3:30.
- ◆ Saturday, July 15th - Men meet for breakfast at Bob-a-Rea's at 8:30
- ◆ Saturday, July 22th - Pizza at Oasis Pavilion. Details on page 1.

Spiritual Life

Pastor Kate is Away

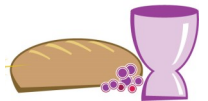
She vacationing July 1 - 8 and taking study leave Aug. 1-4. If you need a pastor during her absences, contact Bev Carver, Clerk of Session ()

July Music:

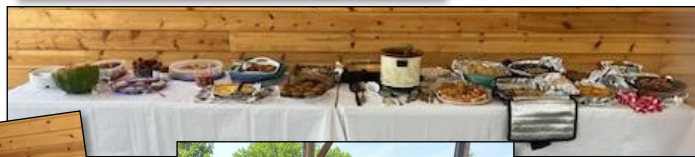
- 2 Katie McElroy
- 9 Mary DeVier-Scott
- 16 Phoenix Johnson
- 23 Emory Johnson
- 30 ?

Aug 13 at Wildwood Park

Carry-in Breakfast at 9:00. Worship starts about 9:50. Communion will be shared.



Sunday Smiles at Sandy Bottom



To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

Birthdays



Bryce Heatwole
 Veronica Adams
 Mary Kay Adams
 Andrew Armstrong
 Meg Oldman
 Ed Sonifrank
 Maebly Gardner-Oldman
 Julia D. Skinner
 Jim McElroy
 Hagan Elkins
 Paige Walker
 Bobby Fields
 Clayton Rascoe
 Hannah Leigh-Brown

Our Building as a Blessing

A reminder that two groups & one member use our building during the week:

- **TOPS** meets every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and

- **Friends Café** (formerly *Memory Café*) is gathering other places this summer.

- **Katie McElroy** is taking break from teaching piano lessons this summer.

For everyone's safety and privacy, whenever possible do not come to the building during their designated times.

Anniversaries



3 Jon & Mary DeVier-Scott (')
 3 Matt & Emily Gardner (')
 7 Bill & Gracie Florence (')
 16 Lance & Erin Rees (')
 27 Brian Adams & Nancy Ballesteros (')

Book Group's Next Read

We've decided to take a summer break. We hope everyone will consider coming to our kickoff gathering on **Monday, September 25th**, at **7:00**, at the home of Beth Smith. This will be a social time to catch-up, make welcome any new reading enthusiasts, and to choose a book for October.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us — more book lovers are always welcome! If you have questions, reach out to Judy Rees, Mary Kay Adams, or Gracie Florence.



Worship at White Birch



Sunday, July 9th at 1:30 in the dining room. Judy Rees will share a message, Mary DeVier-Scott is leading music and George Anderson is playing piano. *Everyone is welcome!*

Men Meet for Breakfast



All males are invited to breakfast at Bob-a-Rea's on the **3rd Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m.

All ages and guests are welcome. Our next date:

July 15th at 8:30 a.m.

If you need a ride, or can provide one, contact Carroll Chewing

VPAS Café in Bridgewater

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where: Houff Community Center at Bridgewater Retirement Comm. (Blue Ridge Room)

Who: anyone age 60+

What: programs, lunch and exercise; do all or some *New programs each month.*

Registration is required: Call VPAS at 540-615-5341 and check online at www.vpas.info/calendar



Meet at Smiley's on Wednesday, July 12th at 3:30 !
 Flavor of the month is **Peach**. That week's featured flavors are Cookie Dough & Orange Dream. Yummmm!

| | Ushering and Greeting share duties with one at each door | Acolyte/ Bell Ringer | Lay Leader | Highlight /Flowers |
|----|---|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Merrill Simon & a Rees | Emory | Bev Carver | Guest: Alex Pickell |
| 9 | Carroll Chewing & Betsy Glendye | Phoenix | Carroll Chewing | |
| 16 | Emily Heatwole | Emory | Emily Heatwole | |
| 23 | Tommy Glendye & Mary Kay Adams | Phoenix | Betsy Glendye | |
| 30 | Bev Carver & Gracie Florence | Emory | Jon DeVier-Scott | |

BPC's Most Valuable Resource? YOU!

*A Note from
Pastor Kate*

“What resources are we pulling together to serve the Lord?” - this is the primary question before the leadership of BPC at this point in your transitional journey. We have done a lot of discernment supported by deep conversation and prayer. We have dusted off policies and (re)learned some essential procedures. We are spending a lot of time and energy getting more comfortable with finances and asking for help. All of this to assess what we have and what BPC may need to move forward.

It is no shock that BPC's most valuable resource is YOU - the members of our community.

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love,
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. - 1 Corinthians 13:1*

There's no “noise” here, but an abundance of LOVE that shows itself in how you show up for each other and others in need. Of course, even the best of us can slide into easy habits, right? At church, this can show up in the “we have always done it this way” attitude, or a quiet assumption that someone else has it covered when a chance to serve pops up. (Apparently the apostle thought such actions came with sound effects *CLASH*!) This is exactly why our Membership Review Team put the invitation for personal reflection on the meaning of membership and our involvement in front of each of us. We hope this inspires you to new and exciting ways to serve Christ in the work and worship the church - here, or somewhere closer to home. We are enjoying hearing from you, and hope that if you are still hanging on to that paper or message, that you will please respond. We are called to help and encourage one another on our Christian journey. BPC also wants to celebrate our best resource as we discern the future of our mission and ministry. -Pastor Kate

Didn't receive a letter? Get in touch with Pastor Kate to chat about the possibility of membership.

Notes from the Little Free Library Group

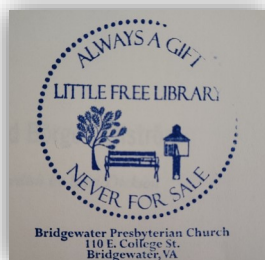
On Wednesday, June 7 at noon sharp a group of 12 children and adults met to work on two of our Little Free Libraries (LFLs). First, we enjoyed our bag lunches while discussing ideas for that day and future workdays. After splitting up into 2 groups, the older ones took charge of repainting the College St. library and the younger ones, after making new bookmarks and ink stamping some books, restocked the Broad St. library.

Not wanting to watch paint or ink dry we reassembled in the social hall to create ice cream sundaes!

We now have a newly painted and spruced up library in front of the church and the library near our parking lot is clean, uncluttered, and restocked with new selections.

When you see them please thank all of those responsible for helping with this BPC outreach project. pictured (L-R) are Bryce C., Katherin C., MJ C., Finley, Gracie F., Emory J., Lacey J., Phoenix J., Pastor Kate, and Blaze. Also helping were Sally (behind the camera), Merrill Simon (who escaped the photo), and Bryce's baby brother, Aiden, who quietly observed everything.

Stay tuned for our next adventure.
-MJ





Cultivating Our Resources

Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer



| <i>Account Balances</i> as of May 31, 2023 | <i>Operating</i> | <i>Money Market</i> | <i>Payroll</i> | <i>Tax</i> | <i>Ed. Jones</i> (for stock gifts) |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| | \$ 37,945.52 | \$ 44,741.40 | \$ 1,534.58 | \$ 1,422.09 | \$0. ⁰⁰ |



| Totals as of 5/31/2023 | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Income | \$ 44,277.49 |
| Expense | \$ 54,808.61 |
| Difference | \$ 10,531.12 (deficit) |

Fund Balances as of May 31, 2023

- Youth Event Fund: \$6,150.93 (*monies reside in Money Market*)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$1,262.49 (*monies reside in Operating Account*)
- Memorial Fund: \$38,590.47 (*monies reside in Money Market*)



Bronwen Boswell to Serve on the National Level of PCUSA

The Coordinating and Planning Commission for Shenandoah Presbytery has granted a **leave of absence** to our General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Bronwen Boswell, so that she can assume the role of Acting Stated Clerk for the PCUSA for the coming year beginning mid-July. She will be filling the unexpired term of the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, who is stepping down June 30.

Plans are being put into place to help cover many of the facets of her position. We are excited for this opportunity for her and know that we will all work together to keep the "train on the track" while she is away. (She WILL be back!). [Click Here](#) to read the official announcement:



SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 1
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
& STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION
 10:30 Worship Service at church, followed by a potluck celebration meal and fellowship

BPC Friends and Church Family at BRC



Sharing Communion with friends/family who cannot attend worship is meaningful for both recipients and servers. Elements are taken to the homebound a day or two following Communion at church.

Pictured here is a recent such visit with Gary Adams, Suzanne Mizell and June White at Bridgewater Retirement. Typically, eight persons are visited each time.



Pizza at Oasis Pavilion July 22nd is another way to engage our homebound and *their* neighbors. We hope everyone attends!

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------|----------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| Great Commission 2 10:30 WORSHIP Guest: Alex Pickell Music: Katie McElroy | 3 | 4 Office Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 Office Closed | 8 |
| Pastor Kate away all week. | | | | | | |
| The Challenge of the Gospel - part 1 9 10:30 WORSHIP 1:30 Worship at White Birch | 10 | 11 4:30 TOPS | 12 3:30 SMILEY'S  | 13 | 14 Office Closed | 15 8:30 AM Men eat at Bob-a-Rea's |
| The Challenge of the Gospel - part 2 16 10:30 WORSHIP | 17 | 18 4:30 TOPS | 19 | 20 | 21 Office Closed | 22 Pizza at Oasis 6 PM |
| The Challenge of the Gospel - part 3 23 10:30 WORSHIP | 24 Newsletter Deadline | 25 4:30 TOPS | 26 | 27 | 28 Office Closed | 29 |
| The Challenge of the Gospel - part 4 30 10:30 WORSHIP | 31 | AUG. 1 4:30 TOPS | 2 | 3 | 4 Office Closed | 5 |



Fun at Francesco's & Smiley's! Join us next time!

A Few Items from Sally in the Church Office:

- ♦ If anyone wants to help purge and reorganize a couple closets, give me a call/email.
- ♦ If you are able, sign up to mow! There is a poster on the kiosk.
- ♦ **The closing mechanism on the back door at ramp is not working properly. Please be sure to PUSH OR PULL it closed going in/out. Keep air-conditioning in and bugs out.**
- ♦ I'm on vacation the week of Rockingham County Fair, August 13-19. We always welcome volunteers greeters in the Homemaking/Art/Photography part of the airconditioned exhibit hall. Let me know if you'd like to help!

