The SPOTLIGHT

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A Month of Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship, and Service

PSunday, March 10th at 9:00 is the always scrumptious **Spring Forward Breakfast** prepared by the Men.



† Wednesday, March 13th at 4:00 everyone is invited to our monthly get together for Ice Cream at Smiley's.

†Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 is when we will serve a meal to the guests of **Open Doors.** (more on page 3)

†Saturday, March 16th at 8:30 all fellas are welcome to join in when the **Men eat breakfast** at The Galley.



†Sunday, March 17th at 10:30 we will acclaim the sacrament of **Baptism** for *Bryce & Aiden Carter*. *Katherin Carter* is joining BPC by Re-Affirmation of Faith.

A reception in their honor follows.

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₱Friday, March 22nd at 5:00 is **Set up** for Yard Sale and LOTS of help is needed. Talk to Brett Johnson.

PSaturday, March 23rd, 7:00 to Noon is the **Indoor Yard Sale** to benefit Youth Missions. Donations and Shoppers are needed so spread the word. (more on page 3)

<u>HOLY WEEK</u>

(More details are coming so watch bulletins and emails)



March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday, worship at 10:30 and will include Communion plus considering *Coats in plain sight*.



March 28 - Maundy Thursday, gather at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a light meal and Communion to remember the 'last supper' and take a closer look at *Towels in plain sight*.



March 29 - Good Friday, the annual Community Walk with the Cross begins at Noon on our front steps. We journey through Bridgewater, stopping periodically to remember Christ's suffering and promises. Rain or shine.



March 31 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at the Glendye's home includes a light breakfast and fellowship at 6:30 with worship at 7:00. Dress for the weather. (*directions on last page*)

Resurrection Celebration at 10:30 in the sanctuary features music by the Choir, the Flower Cross and seeing at *Stones in plain sight*. Egg Hunt for children follows.

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Session meeting Thursday, March 21 at 6:30

> Transitional Pastor:

> > Rev.

Kate Rascoe

A link to our Lenten Daily Devotional Local Pilgrim is on the church Website.

Nurturing Our Faith & Each Other

Member Care

- ~ We are happy to share that *Nancy Spencer* is back at Bellaire. She deeply appreciated the many cards, prayers, and visits she received during her recent surgeries and rehab.
- ~ We hope everyone will come to *Smiley's on March 13th (4PM)*. Their flavor of the month is Mint Oreo and that week's featured flavors are Oatmeal Cream Pie, Maple Walnut, and Brownie Mint.
- ~ We are providing *light refreshments* following worship on March17 to welcome the Carter Family.

Spiritual Life

- ~ The Committee is *meeting Thursday, March 7th* at 6:30 p.m. at the church.
- \sim *The Flower Cross* is a beautiful, symbolic way we share the joy of the resurrection with our neighbors. Please bring flowers, blooming branches or other live, colorful greenery to add to the display on Easter morning.
- ~ The *Outdoor Prayer Wall* is up and many ribbons are already attached. Thank you to Carroll Chewning and Tommy Glendye for the design/build.



How to pray with ribbon:

- ◆ Remember-God doesn't need words!
- Bring a ribbon or pick one out of the box
- ◆ Think about the person, relationship, or situation you would like to lift up
- ◆ Tie your prayer ribbons securely to the wall
- ◆ Take a moment to lift up the other prayers on the wall, ending with "Amen"

Building & Grounds

- \sim Big shout out to *JC Enterline* for inspecting the bell tower and to *Robin Stanford* for removing the trip hazard at the end of the concrete ramp.
- ~ There will be *outside cleanup day(s)* sometime in March. Pam Bailey and Emily Heatwole are working out the details. Please say "SURE!" when you get the call!



Christian Education

ADULT Sunday School Schedule				
<u>Date</u>	Leading "Lent in Plain Sight"			
3	Bill Florence—week 3 "CROSS"			
10	NO Sunday School; breakfast			
17	TBD			
24	TBD			
31	TBD			

ADULT:

There is one copy of "Lent in Plain Sight" available and it is <u>not</u> too late to join in the discussion.

CHILDREN:

Look for sign-up on the kiosk covering March, April & May.

CHILDREN Sunday School Schedule			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>		
3	Mary Kay Adams		
10	NO Sunday School; breakfast		
17	Need a volunteer		
24	Judy Rees		
31	EASTER—volunteer needed		

OPEN DOORS MEAL DETAILS & OPPORTUNTIES

Please, sign up on the sheet on the kiosk or call Sally in the church office.

MENU:

- Chicken Pot Pie (9x13 dish) 8 recipes (use the recipe on the kiosk ONLY, please)
- Mashed Potatoes (crockpot) 60 servings (use the recipe on the kiosk ONLY, please)
- Applesauce, Biscuits, Brownies, & Cupcakes round out the meal, and have all been secured! (if you fix/provide dishes but are unable to come on March 14, coordinate with Brett about food drop-off)

VOLUNTEERS:

• We need folks to set up, serve and dine with the guests on Thursday, March 14th at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Plan to arrive around 6:00 p.m.

DONATE:

- If you want to help, but cannot prepare food or serve that night, consider making a monetary donation.
- Any money given prior to March 8th will go toward the purchase of ingredients for making the meal.
- Money donated March 9th or after will go straight to Open Doors for work in their ministry.
- Write "OPEN DOORS" in the memo line of your check. Online giving is also an option.

Thanks to all who attended the organizational meeting. We are excited about this opportunity.

-Brett Johnson, Mission & Outreach Chair

Open Doors in the news! If you haven't see the coverage of recent developments for a permanent place for services to the homeless, watch this report from WHSV. Open Doors preparing to operate Harrisonburg Homeless Services



INDOOR YARD SALE – Saturday, March 23—7:00 am to Noon.

If you have things to donate, put them in the room next to the nursery. Contact Brett Johnson if you have large or heavy items & need them picked up. NO TV's. We need donors and shoppers so spread the word!

One Great Hour of Sharing

The OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. It is traditionally received on **Easter Sunday**.

Three programs of the PCUSA share your gifts:

- ♦ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) works alongside communities as they recover after natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. pcusa.org/pda
- ♦ Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and the causes of poverty so all may be fed. pcusa.org/hunger
- ♦Self-Development of People (32%) invests in communities responding to their own experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice. pcusa.org/sdop



On February 11th, we enjoyed a delicious lunch AND received two special offerings. Thank you! Totals are:

- ▼ Souper Bowl of Caring 36 canned items & \$219 donated; goes to Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
- 2¢-a-Meal \$377; shared by B'water Interchurch Food Pantry (25%) & Shenandoah Presbytery Hunger (75%)

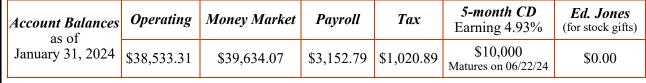


Cultivating Our Resources





Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer



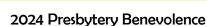


Totals as of 1/31//2024				
Income	\$ 8,968.23			
Expense	\$12,256.99			
Difference	\$ 3,288.76			

Fund Balances as of January 31, 2024

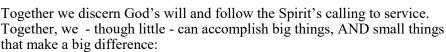
- Youth Event Fund: \$5,291.93 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$572.69 (monies reside in Operating)
- Memorial Fund: \$39,943.44 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Raise the Roof Fund: \$4,398.70 (monies reside in Money Market)

Resource



The PCUSA: 1.1 million members 8700 congregations

166 presbyteries





- Sending missionaries
- Supporting refugee resettlement
- Helping congregations in crisis and transition
- Producing quality curriculum
- Setting aside safe places for us to explore Creation and Christ's vision of community

Our presbytery has asked for BPC to contribute \$5,217.40 to this work in 2024.

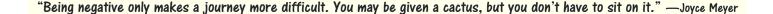
BPC has been steadily increasing its commitment: the Session budgeted a Pledge for 2024 of \$2,500. The gap (\$2,717.40) could be filled if each of our active members gave an extra \$35 this year! We give thanks for those who have already given above their normal pledge, and look forward to further generosity to support our regional, national, and international efforts.



On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Kate and Betsy served Communion to the Mizells and the Adams at Joy House. They also visited Nancy Spencer at Bellaire at Stoneport.



Confirmation Class: Please pray for Phoenix Johnson, Evie Enterline, James Enterline and Pastor Kate as they embark on a confirmation journey this winter. Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide meals for the group and to those who agree to be a mentor.



March '24

Birthdays

Benjamin Meslovich George Anderson Pat Humphreys Taylor Heatwole Devin Eichlin Mary DeVier-Scott Katherin Carter Susie Benedict Hillary R. Fields Charlie Enterline Jake Simon



Anniversaries

Vern & Cheryl Fairchilds Mike & Martha Bocock ('07)

Our Building as a Blessing

~ A reminder that TOPS uses our building every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

~ We are honored to host a workshop presented by Virginia Program for Aging Service (VPAS) on Wednesday, March 6th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. It is for family caregivers of people living with early stage dementia. To register or ask questions, call 540-615-5341 or visit vpas.info/dementia-awareness (or ask Mary Kay Adams).

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

Worship at White Birch

Leader: Charlette McQuilkin

Music: Nancy Dagen

Sunday, March 10th

at 1:30 p.m. in

the dining room.

Everyone can attend.

Men Meet for Breakfast

All males are invited to breakfast at The Galley in Harrisonburg on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

All ages and guests are welcome. Our next date:

March 16th at 8:30 a.m.

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

VPAS Café in **Bridgewater**



Anyone age 60+ is welcome. Programs happen on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the Blue Ridge Room of the Houff Community at BRC.

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

Book Group's Next Read

"The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. Everyone is invited to discussion Monday, March 4th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, in the meeting room at North River Library.



Ice Cream!

Meet at SMILEY'S on Wednesday, Mar. 13 at 4:00



Backpacks

Students are out of school March 5th and April 1st in addition to Spring Break, March 25-29 (Holy Week). Keep the 10 families that we serve in prayer.



Saturday night MARCH 9

	Ushering and Greeting share duties with one at each door	Acolyte/ Bell Ringer	Lay Leader	Highlight /Flowers
3	Emily Heatwole & Tommy Glendye	Phoenix	Charlette McQuilkin	Lent #3
10	Steve & Pat Humphreys	Emory	Bev Carver	Lent #4 & TIME CHANGE
17	Merrill Simon & Bev Carver	Phoenix	Mary Kay Adams	Lent #5 & Baptisms
24	Carroll Chewning & Betsy Glendye	Emory	Betsy Glendye	Palm Sunday/Communion
31	David & Judy Rees	Phoenix	Carroll Chewning	Easter! One Great Hour of Sharing

REMINDER: Providing flower arrangements for worship is a perfect way to honor or remember a loved one and enhance our worship experience at the same time! The calendar for 2024 is on the kiosk. Simply sign up or contact Sally in the church office. Bring a houseplant for one Sunday, or cut blooms from your yard!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Office Closed	March 4 & 5			World Day 1 of Prayer	2
3 rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—COINS Guys, meet after worship to plan the Spring Forward Breakfast	4 10AM to Noon Book Group at North River Library	4:30 TOPS	9:00 to Noon 6 VPAS Care Workshop 7:00 Choir	7	8 Office Closed	TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
4th Sunday in Lent 10 9:00 SPRING BREAKFAST 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—SHOES 1:30 White Birch	11	4:30 TOPS	13 4:00 Smiley's 7:00 Choir	FEED OPEN DOORS	15 Office Closed	8:30 AM Men eat at The Galley
5th Sunday in Lent 17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—OIL Baptisms & New Member! Reception follows	18	4:30 TOPS	7:00 Choir	6:30 Session	Office Closed 5:00 PM YARD SALE SET-UP Help wanted!	7am to Noon INDOOR YARD SALE
Palm Sunday 24 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—COATS Communion	25 Newsletter Deadline	4:30 TOPS	7:00 Choir	Maundy 28 Thursday Towels 6:30 Meal & Worship / Communion	Good 29 Friday Noon—Walk with the Cross Office Closed	30
Easter Day 31 6:30 Sunrise Service at Glendye's 9:30 Sunday School	APRIL 1 Office Closed (holiday)	4:30 TOPS	7:0 <u>0</u> Choir	4	5 Office Closed	
10:30 Worship—STONE EGG HUNT after worship		Co	s onfirmation	Save the Dat Celebration		ril 7

A Few Items from Sally in the Church Office:

- ~ My family is taking a short trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg. The office will be closed Monday/Tuesday, March 4 & 5.
- \sim The office will be closed for the Easter holiday on Monday, April 1.
- ~ Please remember that my office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 1:00; closed every Friday.

<u>Directions to Glendyes' - Easter Sunrise</u>

Food & Fellowship at 6:30 a.m. Worship at 7:00 a.m.