

# The SPOTLIGHT

## Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

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2024

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### A Month of Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship, and Service

☩ Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 is the always scrumptious **Spring Forward Breakfast** prepared by the Men.

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☩ Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 everyone is invited to our monthly get together for **Ice Cream at Smiley's**.

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

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

☩ Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 is **Set up** for Yard Sale and LOTS of help is needed. Talk to Brett Johnson.

☩ Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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)*

### HOLY WEEK

*(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

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*Transitional  
 Pastor:*

Rev.  
**Kate  
 Rascoe**

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

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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 13<sup>th</sup> (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 March 17 to welcome the Carter Family.

Spiritual Life

~ The Committee is **meeting Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

~ **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"

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Building & Grounds

~ 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	
Date	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 not too late to join in the discussion.

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

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

**OPEN DOORS MEAL DETAILS & OPPORTUNITIES**

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> will go toward the purchase of ingredients for making the meal.
- Money donated March 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://pcusa.org/hunger)
- ♦ **Self-Development of People (32%)** invests in communities responding to their own experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice. [pcusa.org/sdop](http://pcusa.org/sdop)



On February 11<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a delicious lunch AND received two special offerings. Thank you! Totals are:  
 ♥ **Super 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



Account Balances as of January 31, 2024	Operating	Money Market	Payroll	Tax	5-month CD Earning 4.93%	Ed. Jones (for stock gifts)
	\$38,533.31	\$39,634.07	\$3,152.79	\$1,020.89	\$10,000 Matures on 06/22/24	\$0.00

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



### 2024 Presbytery Benevolence

The PCUSA: 1.1 million members  
8700 congregations  
166 presbyteries

Together we discern God's will and follow the Spirit's calling to service. Together, we - though little - can accomplish big things, AND small things that make a big difference:

- 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.

*"Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it."* —Joyce Meyer





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### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

### Men Meet for Breakfast

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

All ages and guests are welcome. Our next date: **March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

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

### Book Group's Next Read

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



### Worship at White Birch

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the dining room.**

Everyone can attend.

Leader: Charlette McQuilkin

Music: Nancy Dagen



### VPAS Café in Bridgewater



Anyone age 60+ is welcome. Programs happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.vpas.info/calendar)



### Ice Cream!

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



### Backpacks


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



**Saturday night MARCH 9**

	<b>Ushering and Greeting</b> share duties with one at each door	<b>Acolyte/ Bell Ringer</b>	<b>Lay Leader</b>	<b>Highlight /Flowers</b>
<b>3</b>	Emily Heatwole & Tommy Glendye	Phoenix	Charlette McQuilkin	Lent #3
<b>10</b>	Steve & Pat Humphreys	Emory	Bev Carver	Lent #4 & TIME CHANGE
<b>17</b>	Merrill Simon & Bev Carver	Phoenix	Mary Kay Adams	Lent #5 & Baptisms
<b>24</b>	Carroll Chewning & Betsy Glendye	Emory	Betsy Glendye	Palm Sunday/Communion
<b>31</b>	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
					World Day <b>1</b> of Prayer <small>Office Closed</small>	<b>2</b>
	Office Closed March 4 & 5					
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <b>3</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—COINS  Guys, meet after worship to plan the Spring Forward Breakfast	<b>4</b> <u>10AM to Noon</u> Book Group at North River Library	<b>5</b> 4:30 TOPS	9:00 to Noon <b>6</b> VPAS Care Workshop 7:00 Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b> <b>TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR</b>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <b>10</b> <b>9:00 SPRING BREAKFAST</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—SHOES  1:30 White Birch	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:30 TOPS	 <b>13</b> 4:00 Smiley's 7:00 Choir	<b>14</b> <b>FEED OPEN DOORS</b>	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b> 8:30 AM Men eat at The Galley
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <b>17</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—OIL <b>Baptisms &amp; New Member!</b> <b>Reception follows</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>20</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>21</b> 6:30 Session	<b>22</b> <small>Office Closed</small> 5:00 PM YARD SALE SET-UP Help wanted!	<b>23</b> 7am to Noon <b>INDOOR YARD SALE</b>
<i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>24</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—COATS <b>Communion</b>	<b>25</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>27</b> 7:00 Choir	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <b>28</b> Towels 6:30 Meal & Worship / Communion	<i>Good Friday</i> <b>29</b> Noon—Walk with the Cross <small>Office Closed</small>	<b>30</b>
<i>Easter Day</i> <b>31</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service at Glendye's 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship—STONE EGG HUNT after worship	<b>APRIL 1</b> Office Closed (holiday)	<b>2</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>3</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b>
Save the Date: Confirmation Celebration Sunday, April 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.
- ~ 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.

### **Directions to Glendyes' - Easter Sunrise**

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