The SPOTLIGHT

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

2024

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Picnic at Oasis Pavilion

Saturday, July 13 5:00 to 7:00

Pizza 🖈 Music 🖈 Yard Games

Everyone Is Invited!

Oasis Pavilion is located in the center of Bridgewater Retirement Community. Direct questions & RSVPs to Pam Bailey

A Little ...goes a Jesus... long way! This summer, take Jesus with you - wherever you go! Snap a pic, and share with us on fb or by email. We will track & see just how far our little community can go

Contemporary Christian Music Jam

7:00—8:00 p.m. Wednesdays

July 3, 11, 17, 31 & Aug. 7

This will be informal and may result in special music one Sunday; we'll play it by ear! If you have instruments to play or share, bring them. There will also be several parts to sing. Feel free to invite friends. We will gather in the sanctuary.

-Lacey

"A New Creation"

Massanetta springs BIBLE & MUSIC CONFERENCE JULY 21-27

WORSHIP each evening 7:00-8:15 Free & open to the public.

Note: the Johnsons will participate in the Children's Choirs on Wednesday, July 24 Bible & Church Music Conference — Massan-



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Next Session meeting is Thursday, August 15 6:30 p.m.

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Transitional Pastor:

Rev.

Kate Rascoe

A Note from Pastor Kate

A Transitional Update:

At their June meeting, the Session agreed that it is time to begin an official pastor search! Our time together in transition has involved a lot of work, soul searching, and prayer. I am deeply grateful for the engagement and enthusiasm of the entire congregation, and the elders especially. Much of our work this year has been on financial clarity. I am happy to report

that the Session has a solid grasp of what BPC can support and sustain.

So... what's the next step, you ask? The search process for a pastor is done with the presbytery, through the guidance of the Committee on Ministry. The Session has contacted the COM, and will learn next steps from them. Certainly, this will involve the congregation electing a Pastor Nominating Committee that represents the diversity of the church. My role will continue as your transitional pastor during the search. I invite you to join me in prayer for BPC's elders, the future PNC, the COM, and the pastoral candidates they will meet in the process. +Pastor Kate

Church Secretary's Office Hours 9:00 to 1:00 Mon.-Thurs. The office is closed every Friday

Nurturing Our Faith & Each Other

Member Care



- ~ Joe Price and his family on the death of his son, Mark.
- ~ Thomas Bortolot, his father Zach, and their family on the death of Thomas' grandmother.
- ~ Mary Kay, Brian, Evan and their families on the death of Gary Adams (June 2)

"The Adams family truly appreciates the tremendous outpouring of love, exhibited in numerous ways, that we received over the weekend of Gary's memorial service, as well as in the weeks, months, and years prior to that. Your calls, texts, emails, cards, visits, prayers, flowers, conversations, and acts of service (meals galore! window washing, running errands, organizing help, taking over duties around the house (& at church), invitations to your homes for dinner, bringing over paper products or food, offering lodging for our guests, singing in Gary's service, etc. etc.!) were so much appreciated and came at such helpful times. You just jumped in and took charge so that everything ran more smoothly than we could have managed ourselves. Our out-of-town relatives and friends were amazed at how much support and love we received from our church family, and they saw first hand how richly we've been blessed. Thank you!"

> With heartfelt gratitude. Mary Kay and family

Spiritual Life

August 11th at Wildwood Park
9:00 Carry-in Breakfast; bring a dish to share 10:00 Informal Worship; bring a lawn chair Music by The Johnson Family. Invite someone!

Building & Grounds

Notice of Appreciation

If you see Emily and Mike, give them a big Thank You for arranging to have the church building power washed in early June.

Mission & Outreach

Have you noticed the new Little Free Library?

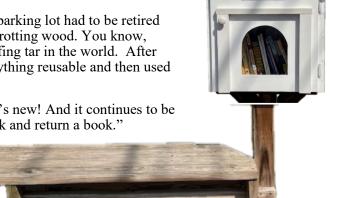
To quote Matthew 25:21, "Well done, good and faithful servant..."

Alas, BPC's original Little Free Library by our parking lot had to be retired (actually condemned). It had a leaking roof and rotting wood. You know, there is only so much duct tape, Bondo, and roofing tar in the world. After carefully taking it down, it was inspected for anything reusable and then used as a prototype for a brand-new design.

So, take a look! It's white, and it's bright, and it's new! And it continues to be popular with the community as they "take a book and return a book."

What a joy it is to share this ministry with our church family, our friends, and our community!

> -MJ & Carroll Chewning LFL White Knights



July '24

Birthdays

Bryce Heatwole Veronica Adams Mary Kay Adams Andrew Armstrong Meg Oldman Ed Sonifrank Maeby Gardner-Oldman Chelsea Thomas Jim McElroy Paige Walker **Bobby Fields** Clayton Rascoe



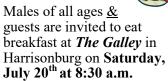


7 Bill & Gracie Florence (')

16 Lance & Erin Rees (')

27 Brian & Nancy Adams (')

Men Meet for Breakfast



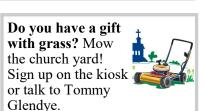
If you need a ride, or can provide one, contact Carroll Chewning

Book Group's Next Read

"Miss Morgans Book Brigade" by Janet Skelsien Charles. Monday, July 8th at 10:00 a.m. At North River Library.



A reminder that TOPS uses our building every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. For everyone's safety and privacy, whenever possible do not come to the building during their designated times.





Worship at White Birch

Sunday, July 14th at 1:30 p.m. Betsy Glendye is preaching and George Anderson is playing piano. Everyone is welcome. Come to the dining hall.



Meet at Smiley's for Ice Cream Wednesday, July 10 at 3:30

Featured flavors that day: Brownie Batter, Coconut Pie, Death by Chocolate, Snickers Cheesecake, Orange Dream, and Red Raspberry Swirl. One scoop of each, please!!!

Office Notes:

Pastor Kate will be away July 22—August 5. If you have a pastoral need during her absence, contact Bev Carver, Clerk of Session, at

Sally will be off Thursday, August 1st and the church office will be closed.

Note: IF my sister in Oregon is healthy enough to travel, I will also be out of the office August 5 & 6. Your prayers for her are most appreciated! She really wants to come 'home.'

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!

| | Ushering and Greeting | Lay Leader | Highlight /Flowers |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 7 | Merrill Simon & Mary Kay Adams | Joe Crockett | |
| 14 | David & Charlette McQuilkin | Charlette McQuilkin | |
| 21 | Carroll Chewning & Emily Heatwole | Emily Heatwole | |
| 28 | David & Charlette McQuilkin | Carroll Chewning | Guest: TBA |
| 8/4 | David & Judy Rees | Jon DeVier-Scott | |

The 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA) - "Live Into Hope"

The General Assembly meets in Salt Lake City June 30—July 4. We have 4 commissioners and 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate from Shenandoah Presbytery in attendance. All 12 assembly committees will be livestreamed on the GA226 website. To view: https://ga-pcusa.org/ To follow along with the business of the assembly, go to PC-Biz: https://www.pc-biz.org/

Cultivating Our Resources

Resource

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Pledge vs Giving Update for 2024:

It is reassuring to report that of the amount pledged for 2024, 48% has been gifted, for 2024 expenses, through the month of May. Additionally, un-pledged giving exceeds \$1300 for the first five months of 2024. We have done a good job meeting our budget the past two years. We appear on track to do so again in 2024.

As we plan ahead and begin our search for fulltime pastoral leadership, your continued financial support for the work and life of BPC is needed. THANK YOU!

Congratulations, BPC!!

We are one of just sixteen churches in the Shenandoah Presbytery, which includes 100 churches and chapels, to be recognized as a "Four for Four" congregation.

This recognition is extended to congregations who participate in the four special offerings of PCUSA throughout the year. These offerings are *One Great Hour of Sharing* (Easter), *Pentecost* (May/June), *Peace & Global Witness* (October), and *Christmas Joy* (December). WAY TO GO BPC!!



Be on the lookout for mid-year giving reports, to be mailed this month.

Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

| Account Balances | Operating | Money Market | Payroll | Tax | Ed. Jones (for stock gifts) | 3 \$10,000 CD's |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| as of May 31, 2023 | \$44,413.73 | \$40,387.08 | \$1,126.31 | \$847.09 | 0 | \$30,000 |



| Totals as of 5/312024 | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Income ** | \$78,996.18 | | | |
| Expense | \$58,405.15 | | | |
| Difference | \$20,591.03 | | | |

Fund Balances as of May 31, 2024

- Youth Event Fund: \$5,784.93 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$354.04 (monies reside in Operating)
- Memorial Fund: \$40,203.45 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Raise the Roof Fund \$4,398.70 (monies reside in Money Market)



** Includes a \$30,000 general giving donation for 2024 to cover three years (2024, 2025, and 2026)

| SUNDAY | Monday | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| JUNE 30 10:30 Worship Summer Praise Dance "JOSEPH" | JULY | 4:30 TOPS | 7-8 CC JAM | Office Closed | 5 Office Closed | 6 |
| 7 10:30 Worship | 10: -11:30 8 Book Group North River Library | 4:30 TOPS | 3:30 at Smileys 7-8 CC JAM | 11 | 12 Office Closed | 5-7 Picnic at Oasis |
| 10:30 Worship 1:30 White Birch | 15 | 16 4:30 TOPS | 7-8 CC JAM | 18 | 19 Office Closed | 8:30 AM 20 Men eat at The Galley |
| 10:30 Worship 21 | Newsletter 22 Deadline | 23 4:30 TOPS | 24 | 25 | Office Closed 26 FH RESERVED | 27 |
| GUEST: TBA 28 10:30 Worship | 29 | 30 4:30 TOPS | 7-8 CC JAM | AUG 1 Sally away Office Closed | 2 Office Closed | 3 |