

# The SPOTLIGHT

## Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

July  
2024

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To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

**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

**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

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A Little  
Jesus...

...goes a  
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.



**“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-  
etta Springs](#)

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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 en-  
 tire 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 pres-  
 bytery, 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

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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

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## 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



## Anniversaries

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



## Men Meet for Breakfast



Males of all ages & guests are invited to eat breakfast at **The Galley** in Harrisonburg on **Saturday, July 20<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

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



## Our Building as a Blessing

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 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.  
 Betsy Glendye is preaching and  
 George Anderson is playing piano.  
 Everyone is welcome.  
 Come to the dining hall.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.'

**Do you have a gift with grass?** Mow the church yard! Sign up on the kiosk or talk to Tommy Glendye.



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!!!*

**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 226<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## 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 full-time 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

<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)	<i>3 \$10,000 CD's</i>
	\$44,413.73	\$40,387.08	\$1,126.31	\$847.09	0	\$30,000



Totals as of 5/31/2024	
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
<b>JUNE 30</b> 10:30 Worship Summer Praise Dance "JOSEPH"	<b>1</b> JULY	<b>2</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>3</b> 7-8 CC JAM	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>8</b> 10: -11:30 Book Group North River Library	<b>9</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>10</b> 3:30 at Smileys 7-8 CC JAM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Office Closed	<b>13</b> 5-7 Picnic at Oasis
10:30 Worship <b>14</b> 1:30 White Birch	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>17</b> 7-8 CC JAM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Office Closed	8:30 AM <b>20</b> Men eat at The Galley
10:30 Worship <b>21</b>	Newsletter Deadline <b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	Office Closed <b>26</b> FH RESERVED	<b>27</b>
GUEST: TBA <b>28</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>31</b> 7-8 CC JAM	<b>AUG 1</b> Sally away Office Closed	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>