

Looking Ahead... Mark Your Calendar.

Saturday, August 17

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Church School Teachers Workshop

Sunday, August 25

Fall Schedule Resumes

Summer In Review Worship

at 8:30 and 11:00 services

9:40 a.m. Church School all ages

Monday, September 2

2:00-6:30 p.m.

Church Picnic at Camp Rockmont

including Congregational Mtg. at 6:00

September 6-7

Logos Encounter Retreat

September 8

5-7:00 p.m. Youth Kickoff – Parent and

Youth Potluck Dinner

September 15

5:30-7:30 p.m. Guatemala Reflections –

Potluck Dinner

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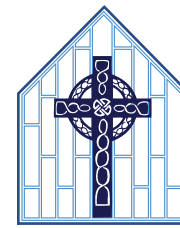
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The Window

The news of
Black Mountain
Presbyterian Church
August 11-24, 2013

Friends,

On July 28th, both worship services focused on prayer. So after the sermon, at the time of Prayers of the People, we spent time talking with those sitting near us and praying for each other. At 11 a.m., we had a poet in our midst. Her name is Elizabeth Wynne Marshall and she blogs at wynnegraceappears.com. She wrote a poem about her experience here in worship and gave me permission to print it here for you.

Shannon

I Was Just Wondering – Because I Am Weird That Way

If every church, everywhere, literally not figuratively

Speaking

Of church

Do you think every pew in every town everywhere

Has the quiet griever in its midst

The stranger suffering in our midst

We are too busy singing from the old blue hymnal

Traditional words could, no

Would help the one who has the quiet thoughts

I really miss my wife who died last month

Everyone is facing forward looking straight ahead

Of me

And behind me too

well, and to my right to be exact is one

Who has the silent prayer trapped inside

I hope my friend with cancer doesn't die

But we watch our watch and wonder, tea or diet coke

At lunch when will this sermon end

Is it too much

To ask

The lady hunched over in her chair if she knows how lovely

She looks today

Barely hanging by a thread

Beside the man sitting worried in the pew

His insides churning

It's hell, this recent divorce

Keeps him up at night

If you'd just ask he'd be happy to tell you

And if you even spoke in church

He might ask you to pray

I was just wondering because I am weird that way

Maybe the church

Could close the hymnal every now and then

I love music more than most

But let's

Seek the hurting, silent ones in our midst

Faith without works is dead

We

Could pray and say and love

I don't know anymore but somehow I don't want to miss the boat

Perhaps a little more love would

Cover a multitude of sins

And I was just wondering

Maybe we should love our neighbor

Literally

Speaking

Mine wept in church today

Quiet never saying a word until he was spoken to

And then he cried

And so did I

Strangers we until he voiced his pain

I am weird that way

I was just wondering.

Sunday, August 11
Communion, both services
9:15 a.m. *FirstLight*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. New Member Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Evangelism Ministry Team

Monday, August 12
4:00 p.m. Nurture Ministry Team
6:45 p.m. Ministry Teams meet

Friday, August 16
12:00 p.m. Window deadline
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting

Saturday, August 17
9:00 a.m. Youth and Youth Advisors
"Let's Celebrate" event
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Teacher Workshop

Presbytery "LET'S CELEBRATE"
Education Event for Adults & Youth
Saturday, August 17 – 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Morganton
Registration forms are in the church office

next Window deadline: noon on
Friday, August 16. Please send your
news to: jackie@bmpcnc.org

Sunday, August 18
9:15 a.m. *FirstLight*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Long Range Planning

Thursday, August 22
Weekday School teachers begin

Friday, August 23
9:00 a.m. Child Protection Training
Part II
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting

Sunday, August 25
Summer in Review Worship, both services
8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*
9:40 a.m. **Church School begins**
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Child Protection Training
Part I

A Can in Each Hand
Summer allows the luxury of taking things a little easier, but hunger doesn't take a holiday. We continue to be committed to "a can in each hand" to donate to SVCM's food pantry. However, the summer is a time when access to affordable meals is more limited for many, and so we are called to do a little more. Now perhaps a "can in each hand" and one balanced on the head is stretching the agility of most of us, a couple of cans in a bag in each hand would really help keep the SVCM shelves well-stocked. Thank you for your continued support. Specific needs are listed on page 7.

The Loyal Folders Ministry
For over five years Betty Boyer and Kathy Moore have folded the Guides to Worship every Friday morning, AND they have folded *The Window* twice a month and assembled *The Window* bulk mailings. So Betty and Kathy have folded over 294,500 pages. Recently, we reluctantly let them retire but we wanted everyone to recognize their very valuable ministry for all of us.



Friends and Sponsors of Dave's House
Dave's House is progressing beautifully: it's hard to believe we raised the first wall on that house just six weeks ago! The rapid progress is due in large part to the remarkable volunteers and groups who have worked hard this summer.
A couple of weeks ago our Executive Director, Lew Kraus, hosted a Blueprint Sponsorship day in memory of our former board member Jay Stewart, who served on Habitat's board along with Dave Bassett. Jay's widow Nancy and about a dozen of her friends and family joined Lew on the jobsite that day to volunteer on Dave's House and to celebrate the lives of both Jay and Dave.
In addition, a Black Mountain dentist, Dr. Mark Kleive, hosted a Blueprint Sponsorship day for his staff and patients. Another Habitat donor sponsored a Blueprint Day in honor of Ridgecrest Summer Camps, where he met his wife and where his children attend camp.



The Blueprint Sponsors have provided not only volunteer groups for Dave's House, but also funding. Sylvia's goal has been to raise the full House Sponsorship amount of \$55,000 in celebration of Dave's life. I am delighted to report that we have only \$5,500 left to go! Thanks to nearly 275 donations, \$49,500 has poured in for Dave's House! If you would like to help Sylvia and the Friends of Dave make the final push, click on Learn More on the "Donate" button at ashevillehabitat.org and select the Dave Bassett House from the Area of Support drop-down box.

Thank you, everyone, for the support you have provided and continue to provide. Thank you for your donations, your labor, your prayers, and your partnership with Habitat and the Bassett family. What a happy memorial we are creating for Dave Bassett!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BMPC offers many fulfilling avenues to the elements of faithful living.

Did you know that Presbyterian Women (PW) is one of those avenues? PW offers you opportunities through prayer, worship and missions to spread the “Good News.” There are eight Circles in which women meet for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The Circles meet on the first Tuesday at different times – in the morning, afternoon or evening – to accommodate your schedule. In our Circles, which begin meeting in September and in the general meetings, held three times a year, we are always faithful to PW purposes:

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- To support the mission of the church worldwide
- To work for justice and peace, and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witness to the promise of God's Kingdom.

Check out PW – You'll be glad you did!

YouTh

All rising 6th graders through rising Seniors **and their parents** are invited to the **Youth Kickoff Parent and Youth Potluck Dinner Sunday, September 8, from 5-7:00 p.m.**

We'll be gathering most Sunday evenings from September through May from 5-7:00 p.m. for youth fellowship and dinner and programs.

Join us! Email Berry@bmpcnc.org with questions.

Guatemala Reflections!

You are invited to a church-wide Potluck Dinner on September 15 to hear about the BMPC team that recently visited our partner church in Guatemala. We will gather to eat at 5:30 and wrap up the program around 7:30. Bring a Latino-themed dish to share.



Swannanoa Valley Hand In Hand Back to School Backpack Program

Backpacks were distributed on Sunday August 4 with hopes of being filled with



school supplies and returned Sunday, August 11. We also have lists of specific needs for people to purchase. You can bring in school supplies before August 11 and place them in the basket in the church office.

Please return the backpacks and school items to BMPC by August 11, 2013. We want to be ready for local schools which start on August 21.

For more information, contact Kyle and Jennifer Holt at kylejholt@msn.com or visit the website at www.handinhandsv.org

Did You Know?

The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in this country.

(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1995)

Dear BMPC Family

Now that our new website **bmpcnc.org** has been launched, we are asking you to use the website to access *The Window*. Please sign up on the form below and we will email to you a direct link to the website and *The Window*. These emails will come every two weeks when the latest issue of *The Window* has been uploaded to the web site.

Our costs are rising for paper and mailings and as our Friends of Creation Ministry continues to find ways for the church to be more “green,” we can save trees and money by making *The Window* accessible to the congregation electronically.

If you would like to continue receiving *The Window* in the mail, you do not need to do anything.

Form for Accessing *The Window* on line:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Thank you very much.

Lisbet@bmpcnc.org

Volunteer Spotlight

Listening and Doing In Luke 8:21, Jesus identifies his family as those “who listen to God’s word and do it.” Each month on the mission webpage and in the Window watch for highlights of service done by individuals among us who model active mission to our valley.

Florence Shelor, *Habitual Servant*



People are creatures of habit. We love the familiar – the routine, the well-known friendly face, the comfortable patterns. The beloved routines of many members of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church include caring for others. Florence Shelor’s

habit of service demonstrates how to live Christ’s work in the world. A well-known face at BMPC, Florence has served both the church and the wider community in Black Mountain for more than four decades. She is recognized and appreciated for her leadership in the Women’s Bible Studies and the Becomers adult church school class. She has also served on Presbytery committees and helped with Logos and countless other programs.

Having spent her professional career in state social services, she has always been well aware of the needs of the community at large, and so when Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries was founded, Florence was part of the organization. For the past six years, Florence has served on the SVCM board and is presently the president of the board.

Florence credits much of the success of SVCM to Renae Brame’s leadership and to the many volunteers from the community. She observes that there is

always a need for more volunteers. Rather than emphasizing her work, Florence mentions the many contributions made by others, particularly the scholarship program fostered by John Moore. Her comments reemphasize what her own actions show: that service is a way of life and each of us has a part in caring for the community.

Developing the mission habit is even more important now in the face of proposed funding cuts affecting SVCM and all social services directly. Florence explains that besides support for the food insecure, SVCM also has been able to supplement costs for heating and electricity with the help of government subsidies which are in endangered by cuts. Other money comes from donations and grants, including a grant that helps with prescription costs. Florence explains that Manna food bank provides food for the shelves at a nominal cost, and SVCM relies on the generosity of the community through donations of both money and food.

Because SVCM provides a direct means to serve those in the greatest need, involvement through donations of money, food, time, and prayers puts each of us in contact with its vital work in the community. Florence offers her time, her experience, and her commitment to doing what God expects of us. We are fortunate to experience a culture where we and our children live with those who are regular reminders of the best result of being creatures of habit, the habit of creation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 11 Cathy McMillan
Penny Mayronne
Martha Speegle-Snell
Jeremy Myers
- 12 Jean Moore
Sally Gunn
Kathy Barnett
Kannah Begley
- 13 Jacob Allen
- 14 Travis Reece
- 15 Phillip McDaniel
- 16 Cheryl Wilson
Erica Campbell
- 17 John LaMotte
- 18 Ginger Neustadt
Marc Begley
Hannah Kershner
Nora Mathews
- 19 Carol Aho
Peggy Hollandsworth
Jenny Barnett
- 20 Cindy Byrd
John Snell
Nathan Speegle-Snell
- 21 Susan Neville
Lucy Olson
Bob Tuttle
Leslie Applewhite
Matthew Baraki
- 23 Lois Royer
Keith Wood
David Miller
Joe Walker
Gladys Brooks
John Cooper
- 24 Kali Fleagle
Brock Little

Thank You BMPC family

Thank you, my brothers and sisters at BMPC. I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone in my former church family for supporting me with prayer during my time of having two procedures to address GAVE 2, an uncommon cause of iron deficiency anemia. At this point I have 80% of my energy back. My next procedure will be in 6-10 weeks. BMPC played a huge part in my journey of faith and because of the Presbyterian Women Circles, I developed lasting friendships.

*Love, peace and grace,
Ginny Gernoske*

Please know how important your continued food donations are to the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry. We are currently running \$5,200 over our operating budget and still need to provide food and other services to our clients. This summer’s Second Loaf donations of excess food from Montreat Conferees are being distributed each Saturday to our most vulnerable families. Since 2010 over \$44,000 has been given in scholarships to help 93 students further their education. Two students are currently working on Master’s degrees in their chosen fields at Western Carolina. These scholarships would not be possible without grants, foundations, churches, and gifts from individuals. The SVCM team is blessed by your support.

Jean, volunteer at SVCM

Thank you for your contribution. Your donation will be doubled through the Rebirth Challenge match in honor of GenOn’s 50th Birthday this year. GenOn is a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of people like you to ensure that we will be here to continue this ministry for years to come.

**Natalie Emberger, Development Director
GenOn Ministries (previously The Logos Ministry)**

Needs of SVCM

- peanut butter
- canned mixed vegetables
- canned tomato products
- red kidney beans
- canned pinto beans
- chicken noodle soup
- vegetable soup
- toilet paper
- soap
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- baby wipes
- size 6 diapers