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From Pastor Carrie

Greetings!

Easter has given way to our 140th Anniversary celebration and now we are turning the corner into the summer months. What a great celebration we had on May 7th to commemorate 140 years of ministry in the Boyds area. As a new comer, I so enjoyed getting to know a little more of the history of BPC- especially in the photos! A **BIG thank** you goes out to all who put their heart and soul- and many, many hours- into making this a huge success.

Now, as the weather turns from spring to summer, I see so many opportunities for mission and ministry springing forth. First, the Deacons and the Mission-Ministry Team have been working on several **summer service projects**. You will hear more about these opportunities in the near future.

In addition, we are very excited about an **outreach event** that we hope will get funded by a grant that we have written. Our event is entitled "**Movie Under the Stars.**" The desired outcomes of this event are to invite people to share and experience God anew through the use of movie and media and to create a space for community relationships to grow stronger. As you know, BPC has 13 acres of property nestled in the town of Boyds, Maryland. Because the town of Boyds is unincorporated, there is no town center per se. In the past, BPC has acted as a meeting place for many civic organizations and community events, and we want to further utilize our buildings and beautiful setting as a ministry tool for the town of Boyds and also the booming developments that surround our church. We would like to create a "Town Center" like "Movie Under the Stars" event for 4 weeks in July to bring together a diverse community by developing a family-friendly space for games, food and outdoor movies. Coupled with this event, we would invite the community to a "God in the Movies" sermon series on Sundays based on the week's movie. We hope all of BPC members and friends will help in some way to bring this event to life!

And last, but not least, **VBS will be coming soon- but we have had a date change.** With Easter being late and then all of the work and planning of the 140th Anniversary celebration, it has left little time and energy to bring forth the VBS program we envision. **So, we have changed the date from June 19th-23rd to July 31st - Aug. 4th.** We are excited to get started with making faith and fun come alive! If you would like to help out, please contact me.

Please peruse this newsletter as you will find important dates and information about the life of the church. If you have not noticed yet, we have been sending these newsletters by email as well as snail mail for the past few months. **We are converting to an all e-mail newsletter beginning with the July edition**, but if you do not have email, please let us know so that we can continue to snail mail you this information. This conversion will save us

money and will help speed up our communications to you. You will also continue to see 2 new articles every month- PCUSA NEWS and 21st Century Church Learnings- so that we may stay current with what is happening in the wider PCUSA denomination as well as learn and start some conversations about what is happening with churches in the 21st century.

Blessings,
Carrie

21st Century Church

Dear Church,

As I stated in my front page article in this newsletter, each month there will be 2 different articles that help us to understand what is going on with the wider PCUSA denomination and with the church that is trying to minister in a very different world in which most of us have grown up. It is my hope and prayer that we will be not only filled with the knowledge that is needed for understanding why the main-line denominations are decreasing in size, but also where the Spirit is moving and where churches are thriving because of God's movement in the world and in their lives. As you read the below article, how is BPC doing with respect to these 10 things?

10 Things You Won't Find in a Church That Attracts Millennials, *By Frank Powell*

Many people are pessimistic about Millennials, but I believe the next generation is poised to transform the culture (and the world) for the good. For many churches and leaders, however, Millennials are (to borrow from Winston Churchill) "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma."

I would agree with Churchill's statement on some levels, but the riddle can be solved. Once you find out what makes Millennials tick, they are not that puzzling. They simply have a unique set of passions, interests, and viewpoints on the culture and the world.

But the church has largely failed to take stock in this generation because they are different. This is a problem. A lack of knowledge breeds fear, and this is true of the church in relation to Millennials. Many churches do not take the time to know the next generation, so they are stuck with attaching stigmas (many untrue) to them.

There are churches, however, that are thriving with Millennials, and if you did some investigation I believe you would find similar results, regardless of the church locale.

So, what differentiates a church culture that attracts Millennials from one that repels them? There are many factors, but I want to highlight ten really important ones. If your church wonders why reaching the next generation is difficult, the following points might shed some light on your struggle.

1.) There is a strong resistance to change.

The next generation doesn't understand why churches refuse to change a program, activity, or even an entire culture if they aren't effective. Millennials don't hold traditions close to their heart. In fact, for many (myself included) traditions are often the enemy because many churches allow traditions to hinder them from moving forward.

Is this right? Maybe. Maybe not. But it is a reality nonetheless. One that must be understood.

Millennials are tired of hearing the phrase "this is how we have always done it." That answer is no longer acceptable. Millennials want to change the world. Many times traditions hold them back from this. Change is necessary to remain focused on the vision and being externally focused, among many other things. The next generation understands this.

2.) A compelling vision is lacking or non-existent.

If creating an environment totally void of the next generation is your goal, especially those with any initiative and talent, refuse to cast vision in your church. That will drive Millennials away faster than the time I saw a rattlesnake in the woods and screamed like a girl. Don't judge me. I hate snakes...and cats.

It baffles me when a church doesn't value vision and planning. In no other arena of life do we refuse to vision and plan, but for some reason the church is different.

“If your vision doesn’t compel, move or stir people, your vision is too small.” ~Craig Groeschel

Millennials will not invest in a church that refuses to dream big because they see example after example of an infinitely powerful God doing amazing things through normal people. You might think they are naive, but most Millennials don’t believe they have to wait until they receive a certain degree or reach a certain age to start non-profits, plant churches, or lead businesses.

So, go ahead and believe “the Spirit is supposed to guide us, not a man-made vision” or just allow sheer laziness to lead the way, but your church will continue to be void of the next generation.

3.) Mediocrity is the expectation.

Quite simply...the next generation is not content with mediocrity. They believe they can (and will) change the world. Good or bad, they have a strong desire for the extraordinary. Failure is not going to drive the train. This also seems like a foreign concept to many in previous generations, but Millennials aren’t scared to fail. And they believe churches should operate with a similar mindset.

Failing and being a failure are mutually exclusive. They dream often and dream big because they understand they serve a God who works beyond their abilities.

Millennials have a collective concern for making the world a better place, and mediocrity fits nowhere in those plans.

4.) There is a paternalistic approach to leading Millennials.

If you want to push the next generation from your church, refuse to release them to lead.

This is one I have experienced personally. If you want to push the next generation away from your church, don’t release them to lead. Simply giving them a title means nothing. Titles are largely irrelevant to the next generation. They want to be trusted to fulfill the task given to them. If you micro-manage them, treat them like a child, or refuse to believe they are capable of being leaders because of their age and lack of experience, wisdom, etc., they will be at your church for a short season.

Millennials will not allow age to keep them from leading...and leading well. If you refuse to release them to lead, the next generation will quickly find another church or context where they can use their talents and gifts to their full capacity.

5.) There is a pervasive insider-focused mentality.

Traditional or contemporary worship? High church or low church? A plurality of elders, board of directors, or staff-led church? While past generations invested a lot of time in these discussions, most Millennials see these conversations as sideways energy. There might be a time and place for talking about acapella versus instrumental or high church versus low church, but the time is very rarely and the place is not from a pulpit or in a small group.

Millennials won’t attend churches that answer questions nobody is asking.

“When the faithful saturate their schedules with Christian events at Christian venues with Christian people, the world has a hard time believing we hold the rest of the world in high esteem.” ~Gabe Lyons

What is important to Millennials? How a church responds to the lost in the world, both locally and globally. How a church responds to the poor, homeless, needy, and widowed. If you want to ensure your church has very few Millennials, answer the questions nobody is asking, spend most of your resources on your building, and have programs that do little to impact anybody outside the church walls.

The next generation is pessimistic towards institutions...the church included. Millennials are not going to give their time and resources to a church that spends massive amounts of money on inefficient and ineffective programs.

Church leaders can get mad or frustrated about this, or they can consider changing things. Churches who value reaching the next generation emphasize the latter.

6.) Transparency and authenticity are not high values.

Despite what I often hear, most Millennials value transparency and authenticity. If your church portrays a “holier than thou” mentality and most of the sermons leave everyone feeling like terrible people, your church will be largely devoid of the next generation.

Why? Because the next generation knows something the church has largely denied for a long time...church

leaders are not in their position because they are absent of sin, temptations, or failures. Millennials have seen too many scandals in the church (i.e. Catholic church scandal) and witnessed too many instances of moral failures among prominent Christian leaders.

Millennials are not looking for perfect people...Jesus already handled that. Millennials are looking for people to be real and honest about struggles and temptations.

7.) Mentoring is not important.

This is a common misconception about Millennials. While they do not like paternalistic leadership, they place a high value on learning from past generations. I have a good friend who lives in Jackson, TN and he occasionally drives to Nashville (two hours away) to sit at the feet of a man who has mentored him for years. He does this because his mentor has knowledge my good friend highly values.

He is not an exception. I have driven as far as Dallas to spend a weekend with a family I love and respect. I had no other reason for going than to watch how they parent and let this man give me nuggets of wisdom on following Jesus and loving others. Many might think this is ridiculous, but this is what makes Millennials unique.

They value wisdom and insight. It is a valuable treasure, and they will travel long distances to acquire it.

Millennials aren't standoffish towards those who have gone before us. They place a high value on learning. But they want to learn from sages, not dads. If your church is generationally divided and refuses to pour into the next generation, you can be sure your church will not attract Millennials.

8.) Culture is viewed as the enemy.

Millennials are tired of the church viewing the culture as the enemy. Separationist churches that create "safe places" for their members, moving away from all the evil in the city, are unlikely to attract the next generation. The next generation is trying to find ways to engage the culture for the glory of God.

Millennials are increasingly optimistic about the surrounding culture because this is the model of Jesus. He loves all types of people, does ministry in the city, and engages the culture. They also know the church does not stand at the cultural center anymore.

In past generations, preachers could stand in pulpits and lecture about the evils of the culture because the church shaped the culture. Today, this is not true.

The goal of Christian living isn't to escape the evils of the culture and finish life unharmed. To reach people today, the church must be immersed in the community for the glory of God.

9.) Community is not valued.

This might be the greatest value of Millennials. Community is a non-negotiable part of their lives. And they aren't looking for another group of people to watch the Cowboys play football on Sunday...the next generation desires a Christ-centered community. They value a community that moves beyond the surface and asks the hard questions.

Community keeps Millennials grounded and focused. Community challenges them to reach heights never imagined alone. Jesus lived in community with twelve men for most of His earthly ministry. Jesus spent a lot of His time pouring into people. Community isn't an optional part of a Millennial's life...it is essential.

Personally, I have seen the value of community on so many levels. Without authentic Christian community, I wouldn't be in full-time ministry today. I wouldn't have overcome serious sins and struggles. I wouldn't have been challenged to live fully for God.

In a culture becoming increasingly independent and disconnected, Millennials model something important for the church. There is power in numbers. As an African proverb states, *"If you want to go fast, go ALONE. If you want to go far, go TOGETHER."*

Millennials want to go far and want their life to have meaning. In their minds this is not possible without deep, authentic, Christ-centered community. I agree.

10.) The church is a source of division and not unity.

Nothing frustrates Millennials more than a church that doesn't value unity. Jesus's final recorded prayer on earth in John 17 has been preached for years. What many churches miss is one of the central themes in that prayer...unity.

On four separate occasions, Jesus explicitly prays for unity. It was important to him. He brought together tax collectors and Zealots (just do some research if you want to know how difficult it would have been to bring these groups together). He brought people together. This is why places like coffee shops are grounds (like my pun?) for a lot of Millennials. They want to be in environments where everyone feels welcomed and accepted.

Churches that value racial, generational, and socio-economic unity will attract Millennials. Why? The gospel is most fully reflected when all of these groups are brought together, and most of them are just crazy enough to believe the power of the Spirit is sufficient to make it happen.

Some churches and leaders don't see the value of changing to reach this generation, but once they realize this mentality is wrong it will be too late. The Millennials are a huge part of the population today (about 80 million strong), and if your church is serious about the Great Commission, your church also needs to be serious about understanding this generation.

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PCUSA News

This article is circulating in social media and has been talked about for some time in the PCUSA circles, especially since we have an epidemic of young clergy just coming out of seminary with huge debts and no churches to go to. It might be time to rethink the notion of ordination on several levels.

PS- it's hard to see in this picture, but if you look smack in the middle of this photo, you can see me in black holding hands and singing with some mighty awesome folk!
-Carrie

It may be time to radically rethink ordination



People sing "We Shall Overcome" during the NEXT Church gathering in Kansas City, Missouri, in March. (Jen James)

Bill Tammeus | April 8, 2017

A movement called NEXT Church, made up of leaders from congregations in the Presbyterian Church (USA), the denomination that includes my church, recently provided a venue for me to say something that even surprised me a little.

Drawing on the book about Pope Francis that my pastor, Paul Rock, wrote with me, we spoke at the national NEXT gathering in Kansas City, Missouri, in March. In the discussion period, what I sort of blurted out may have resonance with all branches of Christianity — especially Catholicism, given its severe shortage of priests.

I suggested rethinking ordination of pastors — and for many reasons beyond scarcity (which is a Presbyterian problem, too). Radically changing our approach to ordination may seem heretical, but stay with me.

I've been ordained as both a deacon and an elder in my church. Both are elective positions, not requiring a seminary education. But the ordination vows I take are exactly the same as those pastors take, with two

exceptions, which have to do with administering our two sacraments, baptism and Communion.

I don't want to minimize what pastors learn in seminary, especially the Presbyterian requirement that future pastors learn Greek and Hebrew. One of their primary jobs, after all, is to preach, and that exploration of Scripture requires knowledge of the Bible in its original languages.

But that's about preaching. And from time to time, we Presbyterians allow laypeople, including me, to preach, recognizing that they will bring to the task something other than masterful exegetical competence.

Administering the sacraments, however, is reserved for pastors. The question I raised at the NEXT conference was, essentially, this: Why does it require a seminary degree and ordination to be able to baptize people and to oversee the Eucharist? These are profoundly meaningful sacraments and must not be trivialized by having people lead them who don't understand them in deep ways or who don't take them seriously.

But I have trouble seeing why only ordained clergy are fit to serve in that role in Protestant churches (recognizing that the Catholic understanding of the role of a priest in the Eucharist differs from the Protestant understanding). I also wonder why congregations — or, anyway, small groups of them — can't raise up clergy from within their own number...

I don't know where a thorough look at the issue of ordination will take the church. What I do know is that ordination can and does sometimes turn into clericalism, in which pastors, priests, imams and rabbis acquire almost unquestioned authority. That's not good for anyone, including the clergy.

This year, in which we are commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, may be an excellent time to discern anew where the restless and generative Holy Spirit may be leading us on this and related matters. That's much preferable to circling our ecclesial wagons so that we can protect the way we've nearly always done things.

Wagon-circling, after all, hardly ever works. Besides, it makes us look silly in the long run because eventually we find that we get run over by the wagons that God will drive right through our defenses.

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140th Anniversary Celebration

On May 6-7, we celebrated our church's 140th anniversary with a concert by Elisabeth von Trapp, organized by Doug Fiedler, on Saturday and, on Sunday, a special worship service followed by a community picnic. Thanks to all those who contributed their time, talent, and food to make this celebration a success.

In the weeks leading up to the celebration, we were treated to a photograph of one of our beautiful stained glass windows and a paragraph about its history, in our bulletin each week, thanks to photographer Kim Grimes and Cathy Reese working with our resident historian Arthur Virts. In addition, members of the congregation gave an Anniversary Moment at each service, speaking about the church in their lives and their hopes for its future. During our Anniversary Service, we sang our long-time organist Jane Dassen's favorite hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and heard Ginger Gibson read her Anniversary Poem, printed in this newsletter. Our youth group gave a special rendition of Amazing Grace, led by Larry and Linda Burke and featuring Corinne Ruth. We were blessed this day with a sermon by Pastor Karen Chamis, from our Presbytery. As we left the sanctuary, Christina Maughlin, a descendant of the founding Boyd family, distributed commemorative pins that she had designed for us. Then a bagpiper played as we walked over to Kerr Hall for the picnic. During the picnic, the piper continued to play, along with a West Point drummer and a fife player.

There we were honored with the presence of two of our elected officials, Senator Brian Feldman and Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo, who read a citation from the state of Maryland. We also had a proclamation from the County, and a letter from our Congressman John Delaney, with a flag that has flown over the capitol in BPC's honor.

Doug Fiedler, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, presented certificates of appreciation to Edna Reffit for her long support of our church; to Jane Dassen for her many decades of playing the organ and leading our choir; to Dick Ernst for his years of caring for our buildings and grounds; and to Arthur Virts for his years of service and loving care of our cemetery.

We owe thanks to many people, but especially to Sugarplum Tent Co. for the huge tent they provided; Germantown Copy Center for their graphics and printing work; Christina Maughlin who coordinated all the graphics, including the beautiful invitations; Melane Hoffmann, who provided flowers for the altar and also for all the picnic tables; the Boy Scouts who came to help with parking; Larry Burke who provided traffic control; Arthur Virts who assembled photos and memorabilia and regaled us with tales of early Boyds; Linda New who shared her table of antiques; Jean Phillips who brought her photographs; Pastor Carrie Yearick who produced our scrapbook; Cathy Jewell who produced the slide show; the youth of the church who not only provided special music but also brought games and provided a box for collecting wishes for the church's future. (We will be collecting wishes for the next several Sundays during fellowship, so be sure to submit yours on the cards provided. We will save these wishes for our next anniversary.)

No event at BPC is complete without food, and our Anniversary Picnic had the best food ever! Lisa Fiedler and Brenda Hoyt organized it, we all contributed, and their team made short work of serving and cleaning up. Marie Allnutt washed every dish. Bob Hoyt manned the grill and cooked all the meat. Christina Maughlin and her mother contributed a delicious and unique sheet cake featuring a picture of BPC. People are still talking about the food.

We retrieved the banner advertising the weekend and everyone is invited to sign it during fellowship for the next couple of Sundays. We then plan to save it until our 150th Anniversary in ten years.

Thanks to everyone who loaned us pictures. They have all been scanned and will be assembled on a DVD that will be distributed to everyone. Please retrieve your pictures from Pastor Carrie's office and be sure that you have all of yours, but only yours. Thanks again for your help.

The Anniversary Planning Committee: Lisa Fiedler, Brenda Hoyt, Christina Maughlin, Cathy Reese, Anne Davies and Brenda Jones (Co-Chairs).

Upcoming & Recurring Events



The **Choir** meets every Wednesday at 2pm at Jane Dassen's house. Contact Jane at 301-948-9816 if you're interested in joining.



Mission and Merriment will meet Tuesdays, June 6th and 20th at 11am in P-W Hall. Come help with mission projects. For more information, contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 or just4marj@verizon.net.



Lunch Bunch meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is June 13th at noon at **Outback in Germantown**. For reservations, contact Charlotte Hoilman at 301-349-5455 or 301-461-3378 by Sunday, June 11th.



Men's Fellowship meets the second Saturday of each month at **Bob Evans** in Milestone. We welcome all men to join us for a hearty breakfast, devotion with discussion and good conversation. The next gathering is June 10th at 8am. For more information, contact Rowland New at 301-882-7151.



Karen Ashbrook, husband Paul Oorts and Irish singer Connie McKenna will give a **concert at Boyds Presbyterian Church** on Sunday, June 11th at 2pm. Church and community are invited to this concert of Celtic, French and Flemish music. There is no charge, but a free-will offering for the church will be gratefully accepted.

Karen Ashbrook, whose hammered dulcimer playing was recently heard in Boyds, also plays the wood flute and tin whistle. Paul Oorts performs on harp guitar, 10 string cittern, mandolin and musette accordion. Connie McKenna is well known for her performance in Ceoltoiri.

M&Ms is providing refreshments following the concert. The musicians will be available in Pollock-Williams Hall for conversation and CD sales.



Ablaze will meet this Saturday evening, (June 3rd) at 6:30pm. We will enjoy **dinner, music and a campfire** at the campsite in the woods. All CE children and youth are invited. Please rsvp to Dee Smith (deesmith1030@gmail.com or 301-318-4561) so we will know how many to expect.



This Sunday, June 4th is Promotion day. We will celebrate our graduating seniors and have our bible presentation at the 9:30 service.



VBS week has been changed to July 31st – August 4th

Rome: Paul and the Underground Church

Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Dee Smith or Pastor Carrie to volunteer. SSL hours will be available. There will be a VBS meeting on Monday June 12th at 7pm in PW Hall.



The **Adult Study Group** meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in P-W Hall. On June 7th, they will begin a study titled *Ecclesiastes: The Detour Signs of Life*, written by John Beukema. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information and material.



Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, a Civil War veteran named William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised six children. After hearing a sermon about Mother's Day in 1909, Sonora told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.



From the Session

Welcome to the season of Pentecost, the start of summer and the month of June! It's hard to believe the year is almost half-over already.

Pentecost begins on the fiftieth day (including Easter Sunday) or seventh Sunday after Easter and marks the time when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. The Book of Acts 2:1-31 tells the story of how the disciples were celebrating the Jewish day of Shavuot or Feast of the Weeks which celebrated the handing down of the laws to Moses. Today, Pentecost Sunday is commonly referred to as the official start of the Christian church and teachings. The Book of Acts recounts the story as:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

We will celebrate Communion on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. The 9:30am family/contemporary service will have Communion by Intinction, meaning congregants will come to the front of the room, receive the bread, dip it in the grape juice and then eat the juice-soaked bread. The 11am service will celebrate traditional Communion. We will also celebrate Promotion Sunday for our youth in Ablaze and Sunday School at the 9:30am service.

The traditional color for Pentecost Sunday is red to represent the fire referenced in the passage above. Wear your red on Pentecost Sunday! Busy day!

Can You Help?

We would welcome your support and participation in two key initiatives in the coming weeks. We are seeking someone with marketing expertise to help us design a marketing plan to attract families with children. The communities of Cabin Branch and Leaman Farms in Germantown are two areas that seem to hold potential. We would like to implement an outreach initiative, a direct-mail campaign and marketing material to be left in the model homes in the communities. Please let the Church Office know if you can assist.

Our website and social media strategies are also in need of a refresh. If you (or your teenager!) are a whiz at social media, please help us design an outreach campaign. If you have talents in the area of website design and management, we could use your advice as we consider our options for a redesign or refresh of our website (www.welcometoboydspc.com).

Thank You!

There are too many volunteers to name for those who helped with the 140th Anniversary Celebration. Anne Davies' article in this newsletter credits the many who helped it come to life. Anne and Brenda Jones led the planning effort and our thanks go out to them for the many hours of planning and meeting to create a great weekend.

Per Capita Update

In last month's newsletter, we issued the invitation for everyone to pay the per-capita fee we are assessed by Presbytery and PCUSA. The fee is \$38.75 per member and is not an optional item in our budget. Since our article last month, several families have paid their per capita and for that, we are most grateful. If we don't collect the per capita, we have to pay the bill out of operating and local mission funds. If you haven't paid your per capita,

please consider catching up and remember it is \$38.75 per member so a family of four confirmed members is assessed a fee of \$150. Please mark the memo line of your check "Per Capita" so we know where to credit your contribution.

Next meeting: Joint with Deacons, Monday, 6/5 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Deacons

We are so proud of the commitment of BPC to our mission partners and the support the Church has given over the years to support their work. In an effort to expand our role in mission, the Deacons are going to plan various service activities throughout the year that are appropriate for all ages. The first will take place on Saturday, June 3rd, from 1-3pm at Manna Food in Gaithersburg, one of several groups we are supporting that deal with food insecurity issues. We are looking for 9 volunteers who will spend their time pre-sorting non-perishable food items. To add to our support, we will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as fresh produce (calling all gardeners) during the months of June and July. Boxes for the items will be placed in P-W Hall. In addition we will have a box for small toiletries. Those items are being collected for the shelters and emergency assistance programs we support. If interested in volunteering with us at Manna on June 3rd or if you have any questions, please contact Lynn Arndt at lynn@arndthome.com or (301)502-2443.

Next meeting: Joint with Session, Monday, 6/5 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 25th to do a physical inspection of the Vail Education Building. A list was prepared of work that needs to be done to the building to keep it in good repair. Any major capital repairs of a non-emergency nature will be approved by the Session prior to work being done. Other issues needing attention were discussed and will be reported on as they are addressed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 6/27 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

PNC Update — June: Going to The Mountain, All Night

By Mark Stunder, PNC Chair

Jesus, early in his ministry, was entering an important time. He needed to select his final disciples...the twelve. Earlier scripture tells us about his calling Peter and Andrew and others to his ministry: "I will make you fishers of men." But it is in Luke 6:12-16 (TLB) where Jesus indicates his selection of the final twelve, those that would carry forward his teachings:

¹² *One day soon afterwards he went out into the mountains to pray, and prayed all night.* ¹³ *At daybreak he called together his followers and chose twelve of them to be the inner circle of his disciples. (They were appointed as his "apostles," or "missionaries.")* ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ *Here are their names:* (Scripture then lists the twelve names).

The PNC is entering an important time. I am happy to report that as of this writing, we are entering the phone interview phase of the process. We have narrowed the candidate field down and will be conducting phone interviews over the next month or so. These interviews will consist of both common questions (common to all candidates) and specific questions (tailored to each candidate). In addition, candidates will be asking the PNC questions about BPC. Each candidate is being provided with a church update and some community links such that he/she may become more familiar with the area. The next step after this is more questions to the candidates and a further narrowing of the field to onsite (at BPC) interviews. The whole idea is that the PNC needs to feel right about calling the candidate and the candidate should feel right about accepting our call. This is an exciting and important milestone to reach.

It is interesting to read above in Luke what Jesus did when he needed to select the final twelve: He went to the mountains to pray, all night. That must have been some conversation with God! Well, although not a bad idea, I don't think the PNC is going to go to Sugarloaf Mountain and stay up there all night and pray! The PNC will continue to remain in prayer trying to discern God's will.

And I don't think that you will be going to Sugarloaf to pray all night either! (That would be different, wouldn't it?) But here's what we can do: Pray individually and pray as church groups realizing the Lord is at work here. Individually, ask God to make known God's plan for Boyds and what role you will play. All our groups (the boards,

Mission and Merriment, Choir, Adult Bible Study etc.) intentionally at each of your meetings ask God to make known God's plan for BPC. Scripture says Jesus spent all night praying. That's a long time. As BPC moves into its next phase our prayers should not be just: "Oh God, please help the PNC, or Oh God, please reveal your will to our church." Instead we need to pray intentionally and deeply about our future.

Then, "at daybreak" believe that God's plan, including our call to a new pastor, will be revealed to us.

Thanks for your support. Please continue to keep the PNC in your thoughts and prayers!

The PNC:

Carole Beal, Anne Davies, Ginger Gibson, Glenn Karta, Nancy Knott,
Margaret Leaman, Rowland New, Moira Ruth, Mark Stunder (Chair)



We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give!
~Winston Churchill

Appreciation and Gratitude to our Men's Fellowship and Kim Grimes for hosting one of the May fellowships; to everyone who contributed to the Potlucks; to Maria Romero & Catherine Reese for cleaning the church.



Fellowship Hosting is needed during the first three or four weeks of each month. The last Sunday of each month is designated as "Potluck." The sign-up sheet is in P-W Hall. Join with a friend or other family or two to host Fellowship between the services.



Prayer List

Pray for grieving:

Families of Nancy Branscome, Richard and Claudette Romano, Kenneth Bruner.

Pray for healing:

Betty Allnutt; Susan Blackman; Michael Broschart; Charles Shepherd Burton; Billy Dorsey; Harry Dove; Mary Grafton; Ruth Hoyt; Daniel Inscoe; Carey Beth King; Mike Kline; Xia Martinez; Rowland New; Rex Reed; Nancy Spring; Bill Yearick; Gene Younkin; those who have recently lost loved ones; active members of armed services and their families; and members of the pastor nominating committee. Pray for communities and nations recovering from natural disasters. Pray for those recovering from their war wounds, for victims of violence and war throughout the world.



The newsletter is going digital!

Beginning next month (July edition), we are converting to an all-digital newsletter. The newsletter will continue to be:

- Emailed
- Posted to Facebook (www.facebook.com/BoydPresbyterianChurch)
- Posted to our website (www.welcometoboydspc.com)

If you haven't received the newsletter by email for the past few months, please contact the church office (boydspc@comcast.net) with your current email address.

If you don't have email or internet access, please let us know. You can get a copy of the newsletter at church or we can mail you this information. This conversion will save us money and will help speed up our communications to you!

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June 3 – Youth Camp Dinner

June 4 – Promotion Sunday

June 18 – Father's Day

June 20 – Newsletter Deadline

June 25 – Potluck

Boyd's Cloud of Witnesses

Boyd's Church began when the railroad came
And James A. Boyd gave us his name.
He grew the town and helped the church
Until Rev. Richards his name besmirched.

Rev. Richards looked askance
At the Boyd's who liked to dance
His fire and brimstone met some scorn
Col. Boyd was quite forlorn.

It took thirty years to call Rev. Kerr
But he served thirty-one and the church did endure
Outreach and mission and children and youth
The Boyd's church grew in spirit and truth.

When Phil Lee was called in sixty two
He worked on plans with the faithful crew
To construct a building for Sunday School space
And a wider community to embrace.

Merritt Ednie was called in sixty-nine
And with the Tankersleys drew the line;
He entered a fight to stop the quarry
And Boyd's today is free from the lorry.

Youth groups, retreats and mission outreach
ELF school and MOPS and Bible school teach.
Merritt was dubbed the Bishop of Boyd's
The church bought a pasture from neighboring Gloyds.

For forty-five years Pastor Merritt did serve
With laughter and song and insouciant verve.
He fought for the church against Presbytery
Whenever Goose Creek thought it necessary.

His death left a swath of community grief
While interims and GAP pastors bring some relief.
Trusting God's Spirit the church tries new things
With hope for the future that joyously rings.

The church that was built in seventy-six.
Offers haven to all, our lives to enrich
The door's always open for peace and for prayer
God's Spirit enfolds to offer His care.

by Ginger Gibson
(with thanks to Earle Vail, Arthur Virts and Dick Ernst)