



NEWSLETTER

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From Pastor Carrie

Greetings!

July has come and gone with a flurry of events and spiritually enriching experiences. I want to give a BIG thank you to all who made our outreach event such a wonderful time for all. To the food and decorations, which were coordinated with the theme of the movie each week, to the water slide, to all the games and crafts, and the swag bags and snacks- I am grateful to all of you who put your time, effort and talents to work!! The most amazing part of it all, for me, was to get to know some of our neighbors and community. I am always amazed at how God brings people together and how unique and gifted we all are. And while writing 2 sermons per week in the month of July was a little daunting, I really enjoyed being spiritually challenged in bringing out biblical themes for the "God in the Movies" series and finding a new nugget of biblical truth within the parables. What an outreach and "give back" to the community!

During the month of August and into September, BPC has a number of experiences of God planned. Below are some of the highlights:

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| Saturday, Aug. 5 | Manna Food Volunteer Experience |
| Sunday, Aug. 6 | Communion at both worship services
9:30 am worship- Vacation Bible Camp Sunday
Canoeing and Picnic with the Youth- Blessing of the College Students |
| Sunday, Aug. 13 | Both Worship Services- Old Testament Stories |
| Sunday, Aug. 20 | Both Worship Services- Old Testament Stories |
| Sunday, Aug. 27 | 9:30 am Worship- Backpack Blessing- all kids and youth bring their backpacks to church! |
| Sunday, Sept. 3 | Labor Day Weekend! Bill and I are hosting the fellowship time- a HUGE Sundae Bar! |
| Sunday, Sept. 10 | Rally Day! Look for information about an All Church Bible Study and Sermon Series around the themes in the movie "The Shack" |

May your August be restful and spiritually nourishing!

Blessings,
Carrie

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.



The **M&Ms** (Mission and Merriment group) usually meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, in Pollock-Williams Hall, from 11 am to 1 pm. For August, M&Ms will only meet on the 15th.

At each meeting, we start with a devotion, have a brief business meeting and then make two fleece blankets. Each month, two blankets are made for baby cribs, and two are for youth-sized beds. These blankets are given to a pregnancy center and the Children's Advocacy Center, both in Frederick.

Some members of M&Ms carry out knitting and crocheting projects at their homes, making prayer shawls and hats for those who lose their hair due to chemotherapy. The prayer shawls are given to anyone struggling with illness or loss. The hats are distributed to oncology units and cancer treatment centers and anyone who wants one for a friend or relative.

Contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 if you are interested in receiving any of the items we provide and for more information.



Lunch Bunch meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is August 8th at noon, returning to **Bassett's** in Poolesville. For reservations, contact Betty Allnutt at 301-349-5304 by Sunday, August 6th.



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 August 12th at 8am. For more information, contact Rowland New at 301-882-7151.



The Christian Education team is very excited about Vacation Bible Camp going on July 31st - August 4th. We have over 30 participants and helpers from the church and the community. This year we are learning about Paul and the underground Church in Rome. We will celebrate the conclusion of VBC on Sunday August 6th, inviting our participants to take part in our 9:30am worship service. Also on August 6th, we will have a picnic and canoe trip at Black Hill Regional Park to celebrate our college-bound youth.

A backpack blessing will occur as part of the 9:30am service on Aug. 27th.

There will be a CE team meeting - date to be determined later.



Youth Picnic and Canoeing

Sunday, August 6th, after the 9:30am service. Meet in the CE parking lot.

Bring your lunch and a drink. We will picnic at Little Lake Seneca!

Contact Dee Smith @ 301-318-4561 if you're planning to attend!



The **Adult Study Group** will not meet in August.

In September, they will begin a 5-week study about the movie "*The Shack*". Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information and material. The start date for the study will be determined later.



From the Session

Thank you to everyone who brought a fellowship shareable to the Congregational Meeting held on July 16. At this meeting, the Congregation approved a change to the bylaws. There is only one small change as it relates to the Board of Trustees. In Article 15, the President of the Board of Trustees (Dick Ernst serving that role today) is also named as Resident Agent for the corporation with the State of Maryland. Session felt this needlessly exposes Dick's private contact information on State websites and therefore discussed the matter with Dick who agreed to the change. The vote confirmed the **removal** of the following sentence from Article 15 – The Board of Trustees.

➤ The President is appointed as resident agent for legal purposes with the State of Maryland.

Because the State of Maryland requires every corporation to have a named Resident Agent, Session is now examining professional law firms who act as Resident Agent on our behalf. A Registered Agent receives legal notices and State government updates that affect the corporation

Coming Up in August

We are pleased to welcome Vacation Bible Camp for the week of July 31 through August 4. This fits into our desire to build our Sunday School program and attract families with young children. We can never have too many hands to help so if you can volunteer, call the Church Office or just stop by between 9am and 12noon.

Session will continue to discern God's will for the buildings on the Church grounds. The Trustees have set an aggressive repair and maintenance plan in motion. Session has provided a budget of \$15,000 to work on top-priority projects to eliminate water seepage and leaks, repair the parking lot, and attend to landscaping and painting. In the near future, the Congregation will be provided the opportunity to give input on a more extensive renovation plan for the Vail Education Building. Look for more details in the weekly email updates and in the Sunday bulletins.

On Sunday, August 6, Communion will be celebrated. At the 9:30am service in Kerr Hall, Communion will be offered by Intinction, where the congregant dips the bread into juice at the front of the worship service, receives a blessing and then eats the juice-soaked bread immediately. Traditional Communion will be offered at the 11am worship service in the Sanctuary.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for July Activities

Session extends a huge prayer of thanksgiving to everyone who helped with the Movies Under the Stars project. We adjusted along the way and ended the month with a rousing presentation of "Kung Fu Panda 3" for the children of our community. There are far too many people to name here, you know who you are! We thank you for everything you did. Special thanks to Pastor Carrie who really carried the load for each of these successful events.

Prayers of Anticipation for Our PNC

It is hard to believe, but our PNC has been hard at work now for many months. The PNC was voted into office at the January 2016 Congregational Meeting and has been meeting nearly weekly since then. We are pleased to announce that we are getting close to personal interviews. Pray for the members of the PNC and for the candidates. As a reminder, the final candidate as approved by the PNC will be presented to the Congregation for one sermon. Following that sermon, the Congregation will be asked to vote in an officially called Congregational meeting. Only official members of the Church will be allowed to vote. If you have an interest in becoming a member in advance of the vote, please contact the Church Office

Next meeting: Monday, 8/14 at 7pm in Kerr Hall.

From the Deacons

Help BPC collect A TON of food to distribute to local food banks. Donation tubs are in P-W Hall. As you shop, add a few items for families in need. Most needed are: instant oatmeal packs; brown rice; whole grain pasta; cans of tuna, salmon or chicken; dry or canned beans; peanut butter; canned vegetables and fruit; fruit cups; individual milk boxes and infant formulas and baby foods. Fresh produce from your garden is also welcomed. We are also collecting toiletries to donate to local shelters and emergency assistance programs. A TON of food will make a difference. Any questions, contact Lynn Arndt, lynn@arndthome.com. Fresh garden produce is appreciated.

So far, we have donated 698 pounds of food towards our goal of 2,000.

Next meeting: Monday, 8/7 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees, Session member Anne Davies, and Pastor Carrie met on Tuesday, July 25th. A number of projects have recently been completed, as follows: threshold to entry door has been repaired and sealed; drip edge has been painted; parking lot at CE Building has been repaired; designated trees and plants have been removed; the CE Building entrance light switch was replaced with a keyed switch; closet door lock has been re-keyed. Doug Smith removed the metal posts in the Church parking lot. Trustees' are doing their best to stay on top of the maintenance that needs to be done.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 8/29 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

PNC Update — “Prepare for Rain!!”

By Mark Stunder, PNC Chair

Mr. Bridges: “Grant, I heard a story about two farmers who desperately needed rain. And both of them prayed for rain, but only one of them went out and prepared his fields to receive it. Which one do you think trusted God to send the rain?”

Grant: “Well, the one who prepared his fields for it.”

Mr. Bridges: “Which one are you, Grant? God will send the rain when He's ready. You need to prepare your field to receive it.” -From the movie “Facing the Giants”

We each can identify with the farmers. All of us have prayed for rain to water BPC's and our own fields of hope. The PNC continues to pray for God's guidance in calling our new pastor and we continue to feel your prayers for us. Thank you. From a process perspective, we're getting there. We are coming down the home stretch. During the month of August, we will be interviewing candidates face-to-face. This is an exciting time for the PNC as we get to meet the finalists, hear their thoughts, and ask them questions. Together we will ask the Holy Spirit to help us discern whether this is the right call for BPC.

But the new pastor is not the rain. The new pastor will be a partner in:

- Our vision.
- A changing BPC.
- Our own personal calling.
- The story BPC tells the world.
- The team—helping us to continue to move to lay-led.
- Listening to each other and for what God wants us to do.

But he/she is not the rain. The new pastor is but one element in our preparation for rain.

Our BPC fields have gone a bit dry, moisture levels are down, and some of us farmers are getting concerned because we don't see the rain coming fast enough. As a meteorologist, I can relate to rain formation. We humans don't see the actual “coalescence and fragmentation of water vapor” into raindrops, and yet it happens. Instead, we see the drops themselves hit the ground, or we see distant rain in the air.

Our MIF sent to candidates says, "We are encouraged by Hebrews 11:1: *Now faith is a confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*" So, we farmers are praying for rain, and we have assurance about what we do not see. The rain is coming, but on God's time. The real question though is how do we answer with our faith, by preparing BPC for the rain. As Mr. Bridges says, "You need to prepare your field to receive it." See you in the field, BPC!

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 Catherine Reese & Maria Romero and Barb & Mark Stunder for hosting one of the July fellowships; to everyone who contributed to the Potluck; to Nancy Knott 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.

We still need fellowship hosts for August 13th and 20th.



Prayer List

Pray for grieving:

Family and friends of those who died during July:

Dr Herbert Needleman, Linda Combs, Mary Lou Shone and Katie McWilliam.

Pray for healing:

Betty Allnutt; Gwen Alred; Carlos Aulestia; Shirley Ashley; Arolyn Barjam; Susan Blackman; Greg Boivin; Sierra Breeden; Nell Brewer; Michael Broschart; Helen Burdette; Junior Burdette; Norma Burgh; Cornelia Burr; Charles Shepherd Burton; Casey; Phyllis Staley Catron; Earl Dillehay; Billy Dorsey; Harry Dove; Sue Gloyd Esworthy; Mollie Genovese; Phil Gibson; Mary Grafton; Ruth Hoyt; Daniel Incoe; Carey Beth King; Lia; Debbie Mantel; Xia Martinez; Joe McBride; Len Myers; Carol Nair; Rex Reed; Jim Rhea; Andrea Rogers; Nancy Spring; Bill Wall; Bill Yearick; Gene Younkin; those who have recently lost loved ones; active members of armed services and their families; 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.

Blessings:

Frank & Julie Allnutt's adoption of their 2 foster children; birth of Maria Romero's granddaughter Carmella, birth of Kyle Harley Krusinger, to all that helped with the "Movies Under the Stars" project.



August 1-4 – VBS

August 6 – Communion, Youth Picnic & Canoeing

August 7-12 – Building & window cleaning

August 16 – Office closed for carpet cleaning

August 17 – CE bldg closed for carpet cleaning

August 27 --Potluck