



The Window

The news of
**Black Mountain
Presbyterian Church**
from January 29
through February 11, 2012

High School Youth at Disney for Faith in 3D Youth Conference



Thank you for your support of Youth Ministry at BMPC!
You gave \$1,077.27 at the Potato Lunch on 1/22/12 to support youth trips.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 29

Five Cents a Meal

8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*

9:40 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. MS/SH Youth

Monday, January 30

6:00 p.m. WKDS Kindergarten

Tuesday, January 31

6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets rehearsal

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. WKDS Registration

11:30 a.m. Sharing the Word

3:30 p.m. Logos — Beach/Luau

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 3

7:00 p.m. Women's AA meeting



Thanks to Scottie Cannon for this great photo of our pastors past and present! Pictured here are Berry French, *Associate Pastor*, Walter Styles, *Pastor Emeritus*, and Shannon Kershner, *Pastor*.

Sunday, February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring

8:30 a.m. *FirstLight*

9:40 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. MS Party

5:30 p.m. HS Party

Monday, February 6

10:30 a.m. Adult Handbells

12:00 noon Window deadline

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, February 7

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

7:00 p.m. Prophets rehearsal

Wednesday, February 8

11:30 a.m. Sharing the Word

3:30 p.m. Logos — Slumber Party

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 10

7:00 p.m. Women's AA meeting

Student Musicians

For Youth Sunday in March we would like to assemble singers for the Give Voice ensemble. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to participate. Previous singing experience is helpful but not required. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning February 7 and will continue through Youth Sunday March 11. Speak to Mike Barker for more information.

Happy Birthday



Thank You

BMPC family

Thank you to all the many people who helped in so many ways to make the Holiday Dinners successful! With your help we fed 85 people at each dinner.

Margie Tyas

January

29 Margie Tyas
Travis Childs
Steve Little

30 Florence Shelor
Betsy Warren

31 Sam Byrd
Kaye Youtz
Nan Higgins

February

2 Bobbi White
3 Emma Mathews
Torey Todd
4 Ruth Ansley
Jean Hood
Ina Hughs
David Wheeler

February (cont.)

5 Netsanet Solomon
Pat Newbold
6 Dee Cox
7 Betty Walker
Evelyn Bannerman
Gracyn Farish
8 Jo Majka
Neal Campbell
9 Bill Hollins
Virginia White
Guy Campbell
10 Carson Campbell
11 Jack Beaver



What's Happening in Church School

January 29

Congregational Meeting
in Sanctuary

February 5

Becomers

Ephesians 1:1-23
The Purposes of God
David Kaylor

Biblical Perspectives

Life of Pearl S. Buck
Dr. Dean Thompson

Faith Builders

Nooma video and discussion
Baggage
Deb Mullis

LOGOS

February 1 — Beach/Luau

Grass skirts, leis, flip flops, beach wear, flowers

February 8 — Slumber Party

pajamas, robes, slippers

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle Meetings, Tuesday, February 7

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Linda Stroupe & Mary McMahill
Church

ESTHER CIRCLE

Peggy Stansell
3 Silver Lining Drive

MIRIAM CIRCLE

Ella-Banks Boyles
Lower Core #1, Highland Farms
Meet at the church to carpool at 9:30

NAOMI CIRCLE

Alice Schweitzer & Karen Austin
Church

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Nan Higgins
22 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms
Meet at church at 9:40 to carpool

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Meet at Limbert Lounge at 3:00

RUTH CIRCLE

Margaret Fouse
101 Forest Hills Drive
Meet at church at 1:40 to carpool

SARAH CIRCLE

Lenoir Tucker
F-48, Highland Farms

Our prayer list (the one printed in our Guide to Worship) is an important part of the prayer life of many congregational members. They take it home and pray for those people, situations, and places that are listed. Therefore, your staff wants to make sure the prayer list stays current and focused. Beginning next month, unless you indicate otherwise, a person/place/situation will stay on the prayer list for one month and then rotate off. Again, you can ask us to leave it on longer, but if we do not receive a specific request for more time, then we will assume a month is okay. We hope this helps all of us keep this prayer ministry up to date.

From the Nurture Committee

Ina Hughs, as part of the Nurture Committee, is continuing the ministry of cooking meals for those who might need them. In our freezer are different size containers of soup which are to be given to those in our congregation who might need a meal and to those in the community as well. Already we have given our soup to a family who just had a baby and also to someone who happened to walk in the church and was hungry. What a loving and generous ministry!

Thursday Night Live

Look forward to an exciting, catered dinner evening on **Thursday, February 16**. The presenter for the evening will be our own Ina Hughs, who has written personal narrative columns for Knight-Ridder and Scripps-Howard newspapers. She has also published four books, including *Storylines* and *A Sense of Human*. She has appeared on *Good Morning America* and has had what she describes as a "wild ride" career for forty years!

Dear friends,

About four years ago, a discussion started about the presence of the American flag in the sanctuary. As you can imagine, feelings run deeply about this issue. We have congregation members who feel strongly that the flag should not be present in worship. We also have members who feel just as strongly that it should be present in worship. After many months of serious deliberation, the Session of 2009 decided to do the following: **approve the placing of the U.S. flag and flags of countries in which BMPC supports missionaries and/or has a special relationship with a congregation or other religious entity along the side walls of the Sanctuary, providing a dramatic and visible reminder of BMPC's involvement in the wider world and the oneness of God's people on His earth (August 2009).** This policy has been put in place during Mission season for the last two years.

This summer, however, the Worship Ministry Team began to receive some inquiries from congregation members who were questioning that practice. Some of the folks involved in the Worship Ministry Team/ Session discussion assumed that more of a compromise was reached. In other words, they did not realize that the flag would be gone permanently and only displayed during Mission season. In response to these inquiries, the Worship Ministry Team and Session revisited the policy and discussed it again.

The Session and the Worship Ministry Team talked about how we (BMPC) feel called to be a place of theological and political diversity, even when it is tough to live it out. So the Worship Ministry Team modified the flag policy and sent it to the Session for approval or disapproval. The Session approved the modifications. Here is how it stands now: **That Council (Session) approve display of the US flag in the BMPC Sanctuary on Veteran's Sunday, and at such other times as shall be deemed appropriate by the program staff.**

After that decision was made, the program staff met (Shannon, Berry, Mike, Ginny and Alice. Ginny and Alice were not able to be present at this particular meeting) to get more dates down on the calendar for 2012. We decided on Memorial Day weekend (May 27), July 1 (closest to July 4), and Nov 11 (Veterans' Day weekend). In addition, the US flag will be a part of the mission season flags that are displayed from January 29 to February 19 as places in which we are involved in God's mission in the world.

We realize this decision will not be satisfying for everyone. But the Worship Ministry Team, Session, and staff genuinely hope this compromise offers a space in which people feel like they have been heard. As you all know, it is my great desire that we live into the understanding of being Christ's body that "as long as our hearts are one, our minds don't have to be." That would be such a powerful and compelling witness to the world.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Shannon), Kent Patton, Andy Gwynn, or Mike Barker.

Peace
Shannon

MISSION SEASON IS HERE!

January 29 – February 19

"Remembering our call to be God's hands in the world"

These are exciting days as we observe Mission Season in our church. We will be hearing about various outreach programs in which we participate here in our own community and in our world. Please, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for two special events:

Sunday, February 12

Frank and Nancy Dimmock, missionaries who live in Lesotho, Africa, will teach Sunday School. Nancy will teach the 1st-5th graders and Frank will lead the MS/HS/Adult classes. We look forward to this time to get an update on their life and work in that part of the world.

We hope you will join us at 9:40 a.m.

Tuesday, February 14

POTLUCK DINNER at Upper Anderson in Montreat at 5:45-7:30 p.m.

We will join Montreat PCUSA for a potluck dinner and another chance to visit with Frank and Nancy and hear some different stories about their missionary work in Africa. Please bring a dish to share and your family and join us there. (GO GREEN –To help the environment you are encouraged also to bring your own plates, cups and silverware, though we'll have a supply for those who don't!) Please call the church office to sign up so we'll have an idea how many to plan for.

EVERY SUNDAY

A CAN FOR EACH HAND

The flags in our sanctuary represent locations around the world where our congregation has commitments to mission work. We financially help missionaries in Malawi (Barbara Nagy and Jessi Stitt), Madagascar (Dan and Elizabeth Turk), Peru (Harry and Debbie Horne), Taiwan (John McCall) and Lesotho (Frank and Nancy Dimmock). Our partner church is located in Guatemala and we support them through prayer, letters, visits and scholarships for children to go to school. Our mission work in the United States takes place:

1) Locally — by supporting such organizations as *SVCM, Habitat for Humanity, Hand-in-Hand, Room In The Inn* both financially and with volunteer hours, and

2) Nationally — by sending mission trips and giving money to our denomination's Mission Agencies (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program). The presence of the flags in no way indicates endorsement of the politics or governments of the nations represented. They remind us of the people we serve around the world, as partial fulfillment of the Biblical mandate to "go and tell" the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Help celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 5** by bringing one of the following to church: a can of soup, a box of crackers, a can of pinto or kidney beans, a package of chili seasoning, a can of diced tomatoes, one extra dollar. All donations go to the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry.



The Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry's pantry is low at this time. Any food items will be gladly accepted. Some specific needs are: **peanut butter, sugar, crackers, coffee, canned fruit, canned soup, canned corn, canned beans, canned tomatoes, jelly, flour, tea, cereal, cooking oil, mixed vegetables, macaroni & cheese, dry beans, and hygiene items.**