



BMPC window

Black Mountain Presbyterian Church – monthly newsletter

April 2025

Holy Week and Easter

PALM SUNDAY

April 13

Palm Sunday recognizes the contrast of Jesus' entrance into the holy city with crowds excited at his arrival – only to turn on him in just a few days. We will wave palm branches to honor the beginning of this sacred week.

8:45AM FirstLight Service

10:00AM Family Worship

11:00AM Sanctuary Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17

This special service reflects upon the night of Jesus' meal with his disciples. Together, we will participate in a reverent worship service with special music and communion.

7:00PM in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18

Vespers for contemplation — music, singing, poetry, and scripture.

7:00PM Sanctuary Service

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

A joyful service to celebrate that Jesus has risen! We are proud to feature brass and organ in our 11AM service. Come prepared to sing praises!

8:45AM FirstLight Service

10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt for children (ages birth-10) church house/playground

11:00AM Sanctuary Service

- Overflow seating will be available in the narthex during the 11:00 service
- A cross will be placed outside for families to bring flowers and, if you desire, take a family picture
- Childcare is provided during the 8:45 and 11:00 services
- We encourage fully-abled members to park farther away, allowing spaces for visitors and those with special needs.

Ushers and greeters are always needed on Sunday mornings for FirstLight and 11:00 services.

Please click [here to sign up](#) (if you are online) or go to the BMPC website: bmpcnc.org

Worship times and adult Faith Formation classes

8:45 – FirstLight

9:45 – Faith Formation Classes

FAITH BUILDERS in room 10, upstairs

Faith Builders Class Lenten Book Study: *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by AJ Levine. A description from the Introduction reads: "This is not your ordinary Lenten study. In the following chapters, we delve into the history and literature of the last days of Jesus' life. We find ways to understand and question our own lives through the stories of his trials and choices. This Lenten journey challenges us to examine our consciences and discover how deepening our relationship with Jesus and the Bible brings us closer to others and the world" (p. 7).

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Lenten Book Study continues

Our Lenten Book Study, ***You are Changing the World Whether You Like it or Not***, is an opportunity to engage more deeply in the work of one of our own here in Black Mountain, David LaMotte. We will schedule a viewing of his TED talk, and hope to have him drop in for a visit to discuss his work as we read his book. Please read the pages listed below for each class.

April 6 *What is Yours to Do?* – pages 153-202

April 13 *Pick One* – pages 203-220

April 20 EASTER — no Faith Formation classes

April 27 Final class of book study

10:00 – Family Worship

Parent's Group with Ken and Kitty Kelly on **2nd and 4th Sundays**. Drop off your kids (three years old and older) at Family Worship and join the Kelly's for a time of connection, deep questions, and faith formation.

11:00 – Sanctuary Worship

Lenten Wednesday Evening Series

Looking at the Bible Through a Contemporary Literary Lens led by Corrie Greene

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| 6:00-7:00 p.m. | April 2 Disrupting the 'Norm': the Beatitudes' Quiet Controversy |
| through Holy Week | April 9 The Life Between Us: an Ecocritical Approach to the Song of Solomon 2 |
| in the Sanctuary | April 16 Open Forum for Comments, Questions, Skepticisms, and Musings |

Wednesday Spaghetti Dinners

continue through April 9

Please sign up here for dinner each week you plan to attend.

Dinner is served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Suggested donation is \$5/person, \$3/kid three years and under, or \$20/family however, all are welcome with or without a donation. The meal consists of spaghetti with meat or meat free sauce, bread, salad, vegetables, and dessert. Gluten free options are available. Sign up here to help with setup, cooking, serving, dishes, and clean up. You can also sign up at bmpcnc.org



NEW! Children's Choir

Wednesdays, April 23–June 4, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

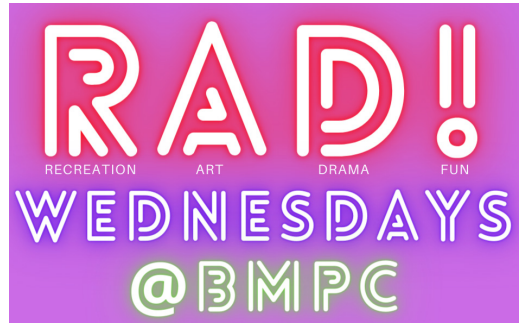
Children who are in kindergarten through fifth grade and love to sing are encouraged to sign up for this new weekly program. Register here (if you are online) or click on the image at bmpcnc.org.

Church Fellowship Night at The Grange

Thursday, April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at The Grange. We encourage anyone who likes to eat and socialize to join other church members at this fun and relaxed occasion. Just want to come and hang out? GREAT! We hope to see you there!



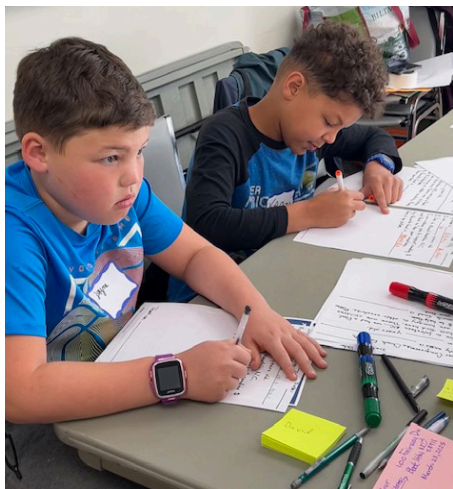




RAD children have been learning about those who followed Jesus and what it means to be a disciple. They have also been preparing to lead worship on **Sunday, April 6, at 11:00**



All Church Day of Service — Sunday, March 23



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BMPC YOUTH

IN APRIL

Middle School (MS) and High School (HS)

- 2** Small Group 6:30-7:30pm
- 6** Kickball and Pelican's (MS) 2-4pm
- 6** Hike and Pelican's (HS) 2-4pm
- 9** Small Group 6:30-7:30pm
- 12** Thrift Store Fashion Show MS/HS 1-4pm
- 13-20** No youth group Happy Easter and Spring Break
- 23** Small Group 6:30-7:30pm
- 27** Field Games at Welch Field with 5th graders 2-4pm
- 30** Small Group 6:30-7:30pm

This summer the middle schoolers are headed to **Massanetta Middle School Conference** and the high schoolers are going to the **Montreat Youth Conference** in July. If you are interested in sponsoring one of our students this summer, please reach out to Katie! **Thank you for your continued support.**



Middle and high school students are invited

to enjoy time together and pastries at 10am on April 6 in the church house and then we will attend the 11am worship service together.



Moms of middle and high school students

will meet at 6:30pm at Bush Farmhouse for night of conversation and laughs.



Students enjoyed an afternoon of Fear Factor challenges and shared lots of laughs.

BMPC Youth group will be hosting our second **Egg My Yard fundraiser**. Middle and high school students will fill eggs with candy, toys and stickers and either deliver them to your house or hide the eggs in your yard. You can also pick them up at the church after April 10. If you are interested in purchasing eggs, please scan the QR code to fill out the order form.



Thank you to everyone who came out for Taylor's ice cream send-off!

BMPC YOUTH PRESENTS

Egg My Yard FUNDRAISER

ORDER PRE-FILLED EGGS
DELIVERED TO YOU ON
APRIL 18TH

ORDER YOUR FUN FILLED EGGS WHICH CAN BE
HIDDEN BY OUR YOUTH GROUP IN THE
AFTERNOON OR DELIVERED TO YOUR PORCH.

**PLACE
YOUR
ORDER BY
4-9**

ORDER HERE:



25 FOR \$25
50 FOR \$45
75 FOR \$65



Youth volunteered to help the Deck the Trees committee with moving Christmas Trees while the Monte Vista is being remodeled.

“Garbage imperialism” is killing the living Earth, but we can help

from *The Story You’ve Been Told About Recycling Is a Lie* by Alexander Clapp

– *New York Times*, February 14, 2025

Toward the end of the Cold War, as city dumps and landfills filled up, much of the West’s trash began traveling the oceans. Journalist Alexander Clapp writes, “The stuff people tossed away and probably never thought about again – dirty yogurt cups, toothpaste tubes, old Coke bottles – ended up thousands of miles away.” First to be transported was toxic industrial waste. “By the late 1980s, thousands of tons of hazardous chemicals had left the United States and Europe for the ravines of Africa, the beaches of the Caribbean and the swamps of Latin America. Many countries that had broken from Western imperialism in the 1960s found that they were being turned into graveyards for Western industrialization in the 1980s. “The president of Kenya called this “garbage imperialism.”

The situation now has worsened. “Then, there was widespread recognition that waste export was immoral. Today, most waste travels under the guise of being recyclable, cloaked in the language of planetary salvation.” Clapp has seen firsthand what is happening: In Accra, capital of Ghana, “millions of faltering electronics have been ‘donated’ by Western companies and universities since the 2000s.” There, groups of “burner boys,” young migrants, make pennies an hour “torching American cellphone chargers and television remotes once they stop working.” The boys cough up blood at night. In Indonesia, “domestically consumed plastic is so mishandled that 365 tons of it are believed to enter the sea every hour. Deep in the highlands of Java, there are hellscapes of imported Western waste stacked knee-high as far as the eye can see.

“The need to find a place to put all our rubbish has never been more dire: A recent United Nations study found that one out of every 20 objects moving through global supply chains is now some form of plastic – amounting to a trillion-dollar annual industry worth more than the global arms, timber and wheat trades combined. Most crucially, it’s hard for Western consumers to recognize the extent of the crisis – that the story they’ve been told about recycling often isn’t true – when it is continually rendered invisible, relocated thousands of miles away.”

There are many things that individuals, governments, and companies can do to reduce plastic use, as the problem becomes clear to us. Next month we will look at them in depth.

by Jeannie Franklin

Solar Report

February 11–March 13, 2025

- Energy captured from the sun – 1420 kWh
- Money saved – \$185
- CO2 saved from going into the atmosphere – 1150 lbs.
- Duke Energy Bill, February 11–March 13 – \$1517

(Total electric bill for all buildings and outdoor lights.)

April birthdays

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| 2 Catherine Farish | 17 Nancy Ruppert |
| Mary Mustian | 18 Camryn Davidson |
| 3 Bridget Leary | Pearl Hall |
| 4 Brittany Williams | 20 Ann Bell |
| Gayle Sawyer | Carla Sperry |
| 5 Ethan Banks | Margaret Waterstradt |
| 6 Bill Gilliland | Bonnie Shoemaker |
| 8 Jane Collins | 21 Margaret Bauer |
| Devin Carswell | 22 Mary McElrath |
| 9 Ann Herring | Xander Dodd |
| Ginny Lindsey | Jonah Atkins |
| DC Horne | Isaac Black |
| 10 April Roy | 23 Karen Smith |
| Graham Roy | David Hana |
| Melzer Morgan | 24 Patrick Davidson |
| Lily Morgan | Margaret Fouse |
| Bob Hendershott | Jayne Vaughan |
| Franklin Jones | 25 Susan Hensley |
| 11 Susan Jumper | 26 Mary Katherine Robinson |
| Chad Williams | 28 Harriette Fulton |
| Joy Pulido | 29 Ken Farmer |
| Rylan Van Note | Maya Fleagle |
| Josie Cullen | 30 Emma Bell |
| 12 Norman Carswell | Connie Schimpf |
| 13 William Holmes | Ayden Mohr |
| 14 Cathy Skeen | Tag Greenwalt |
| Connie Button | |
| Robert Sway | |
| 15 Dale Culpepper | |
| 16 Edward Smith | |
| Brandon Ford | |



from Suzane Churchman, BMPC bookkeeper

If you are sending a check to the church, please note in the memo where you'd like the funds to go. If you're sending a check through an annuity or retirement distribution, please ask the company that you are using to make sure that both your name and the fund to which you'd like the check to go towards be added to the check stub. If there is no memo on fund choice, it will default to your annual pledge. To make sure that your funds are being distributed as you choose, please look under the "Giving" tab in your Realm account. All of the financial gifts that you've given to BMPC for 2025 will be listed there. As always, if something doesn't look right or if you have any questions, please contact Suzane Churchman at finance@bmpcnc.org.



pre-youth program for fourth and fifth graders

Painting and Pelican's Sunday, April 13, 4pm

We will gather at the Church House to paint rocks and then we will walk to Pelican's for some shaved iced!

Dad's Group – Wednesday, April 2

7:30 p.m. at Inspiration Point
at Camp Rockmont

Mama's Group – Tuesday, April 22

7:30 p.m. at the church house



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON MARCH 5 - APRIL 16, 2025

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HOSTED AT BLACK MOUNTAIN UMC
101 CHURCH ST. BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY OPEN TABLE

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SPEAKERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS:

MARCH 5 - BMUMC	APRIL 2 - WARREN WILSON PRES.
MARCH 12 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	APRIL 9 - ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
MARCH 19 - TABERNACLE UMC	APRIL 16 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MARCH 26 - BLK MTN PRESBYTERIAN	GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - MONTREAT PRES.