



APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

*Loving God with Heart,
Soul and Mind*

The Pastor's Page *By Dr. Catherine Taylor*

Life out of death. That is the story of Easter. We tell it every year, approaching the cross of Christ with gratitude that through his self-giving love, death will never be the final word.

Preachers like to tell stories that make the Word vivid and real. There is a story taking place around and among us that feels like an Easter story to me.

Ever since civil war broke out in Syria and refugees began to flood into Europe, the news has been full of the worst refugee crisis since World War II. Images of exhausted families spilling out of boats onto European shores began to fill our screens. And they were the lucky ones. Images of the drowned will last far longer. I wondered what if anything we in Blacksburg could do and talked about it with others from time to time. I made a phone call to Catholic Commonwealth Charities that was never returned. They are the local agency with ties to the State Department, which is the pathway for refugees to enter the US. I did not persist, but others who were asking the same questions did.

In my ministry I have discovered that ideas or thoughts that come to people again and again are acts of the Holy Spirit, proddings from the Divine, who will go in another direction if one option does not open. God's patience has no end. One day last July phone calls to Catholic Commonwealth Charities in Roanoke were returned, and a small group gathered for conversation, which turned into a larger group, which turned into an information session at the public library. A hundred people came to hear what might be involved in sponsoring a Syrian family in Blacksburg. Email lists were collected and more meetings held. In October a family of eight who had been struggling in Roanoke made the move here with the help of what is now the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership (BRP).

In February, after some tense days in the wake of the administration's travel ban, we were able to welcome another Syrian family of seven. People seeking refugee status apply to the United Nations. They do not know where they will be sent if they survive a vetting process that refuses anyone whose past history can't be fully documented (more intense vetting is frankly impossible to imagine). UN workers decide where refugees will be placed. Yet when the second family arrived we learned they came from the same town as the first family, and had lived on the same street, though they had never met. Don't tell me the Spirit of God was not at work.

Today BRP has brought six families to town, including three single mothers with children. Two families are Syrian and the others are from Afghanistan. There will be an information session after church on Palm Sunday, April 9th, for anyone who would like to hear more about the effort, or ask questions about the process by which refugees come into the United States.

For me, helping people who have been willing to give up everything to escape terrorism and violence at home is a life out of death story like few others. Life out of death for them *and* for those communities willing to receive them.

Peace,

Catherine

Newsletter deadlines!

We look forward to your items for the newsletter. Please have all items submitted to Sherry by **March 15, 2017**. Items may be submitted by email to: sherry@blacksburgpres.org

Newsletter Schedule:

May 1, 2017 (deadline April 12, 2017)
 June 1, 2017 (deadline May 15, 2017)

Don't forget our newsletter is available on our website! Check it out! www.blacksburgpres.org



GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

Dear BPC,
 Craig, Elizabeth and I so appreciate your caring support as we prepared for Ned's funeral. We thank you for the lovely and tasty reception after the funeral service. We also appreciated very much on Sunday and Monday your presence, sympathy and caring words expressed to us.

Rosalyn Lester

Prayer Concerns

Trusting in God's presence, grace, healing, and care, we also pray for many people...



- ...for Dee Baker following her husband, Dick's death— a Memorial Service will be held on April 1 at 1:00 p.m. at BPC;
- ...for the Blanton family following Barbara's death;
- ...for the Shoulder's family following Susan's death;
- ...for the Marsh family following Agnes' death;
- ...for the Koball family following Walter's death;
- ...for Anne Grover;
- ...for Ben Johnson who is home after being hospitalized with pneumonia;
- ...for Edith Stockton's daughter-in-law Penny who had open heart surgery on Monday and is doing well;
- ...for Margaret Dawson who fell and is now living at Kroontje;
- ...for Rosalyn Lester and her family following the passing of her husband Ned Lester;
- ...for Sandy Schlaudecker whose father, Perry Power, passed away;
- ...for Charles Amos who is recovering from pneumonia;
- ...for Robert Dean who is continuing to heal;
- ...for Doug, a great friend of Elva Miller's daughter Andrea, who has multiple large cancers throughout his body, taking chemo to try to get 6 months to see his daughter graduate from college;
- ...for Judy Davis' friend Janice Bowers who had a stroke;
- ...for Linda Smith whose mother passed away at the age of 101;
- ...for Sally Alderson and the Hendricks family following the death of Bill Alderson;
- ...for Randy and Sherry Ingham's daughter Amanda who is recovering from a stroke;
- ...for Carolyn White;
- ...for Linda Smith whose aunt passed away;
- ...for Ted Ake;
- ...for Nancy Ann Williams who is dealing with health concerns;
- ...for Rosa Linkous;
- ...for missionaries who serve God's people amid dangerous times;
- ...for Sherry and Randy Ingham's 2-year-old granddaughter, Emily Schroeffer, who was diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy;

Continue to be in prayer for Edith Stockton, Bob Stalcup, Karen Watson, Marcia Cowley, Sarah Rogers, Sandy Schlaudecker, Donna Stalcup, Mark Rakes, Gary Dingus, David Doherty, Don MacKinder, Joann Boles, Eleanor Lau, Joan Munford, Kathleen Wampler.



KNITWITS Next Gathering
April 24, 2017 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
In Westminster Hall.
All are welcome!

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AVAILABLE AT BPC
Sunday, April 2, 2017

Fair Trade Coffee and items will be available on the first Sunday of each month following worship in the Gathering Space.



Items will be available
April 2nd

Help us to support small farmers with Fair Trade items.

FAITH ON TAP

Faith on Tap is scheduled for
Friday, April 28 from
6:00-8:00 p.m. at Macado's

So, save the date for another opportunity for young folks to get together in a relaxed, fun atmosphere!





2017 Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series Back to Basics

Supper 5:30—6:15 p.m.

Worship 6:15 —7:00 p.m.

April 5

Host: Blacksburg United Methodist Church
Christian Life Center, 706 Harding Blvd., Blacksburg,
VA 24060

Joe Racek—“Holy Communion”

Scripture Text: Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20



Praise the Lord

Holy Week Services and Activities at BPC

The Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall (at the far end)
during Holy week for anyone to come in and
walk the labyrinth during office hours.

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 9

Worship at 10:30 a.m.
with choirs and orchestra

Maundy Thursday Service, April 13

At 7:00 p.m. with communion

Good Friday Service, April 14

Worship at 12:00 noon

Easter Sunday, April 16

All Church Breakfast sponsored by
Men of the Church
At 9:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

(for children up through 5th grade)
Starts at 9:50 a.m.
Bring your own basket

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Visitors are welcome at all events.





Spotlight the Possible began in 2013 here at BPC. The goal then and now is to address topics of interest with a focus on telling the complete story in a truthful, unbiased way. Articles were published monthly for about three years. Then there was a roughly one-year hiatus until today's return. The return was prompted by the continued polarization and extreme levels of misinformation in our current public dialog. With the return, a new focus is added on social media and easy access to the articles by the general public. It is hoped that this access will lead to productive civil dialog. We encourage you to use our Facebook page to post comments, either about Spotlight the Possible or especially about the topics we discuss.

The Syrian Civil War

Did you know?

The Syrian Civil war has been ongoing since 2011. It rose from the 2010 - 2012 wave of protests in the Arab world known as the Arab Spring. The protests turned violent and the war started when the government attacked protestors calling for the removal of Syrian president Bashar al Assad. Since 2011:

- At least 470,000 people have been killed. This number was the best estimate approximately one year ago and many more deaths have occurred since then, but accurate counts are difficult to obtain as the violence is too great and the situation too chaotic for monitoring.
- It is estimated that two million people have been wounded.
- More than 5 million Syrians have left the country and are living as refugees in other countries. Another 6.5 million are displaced within the country. These two numbers combine to more than half of the pre-war 22 million people of Syria who have lost their homes.
- It is estimated that there are today 4 million people in need, who live in areas that humanitarian organizations are unable to reach.

The Syrian government receives various kinds of support from Russia, Iran, and Hezbollah. The forces opposing the government in the civil war are not a unified entity, but are instead a large assortment of independent groups. Some of these groups are supported in various ways by countries such as Turkey, Qatar, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, as well as by the US, Great Britain and France. At least one rebel group is an al Qaeda affiliate. Additionally, the terrorist organization which calls itself the Islamic State (ISIS) took advantage of the civil war and began to take over large areas of Syria.

Did you also know?

In the last weeks of 2016, following a battle that had gone on for four years, the Syrian government recaptured one of Syria's largest cities, Aleppo. Following that battle, a cease fire was brokered by Russia and Turkey between the Syrian government and some of the rebel groups. While an important step towards peace, this cease-fire is not an end to the war. Rebel forces continue to hold approximately 60% of the area of Syria, home to 40% of the population. Syrian president Bashar al Assad has vowed to recapture those areas. Also, ISIS and some other opposition forces are not part of the cease-fire and continue to fight. US president Obama supported the removal of Assad, while president Trump has expressed an interest in partnering with Russia, and by extension Assad, to fight ISIS. Other governments supporting one force or another have an interest in continued fighting.

What you can do:

The Syrian Civil War is one of the bloodiest and most disruptive conflicts of our generation, whose consequences have rippled across the Middle East, Mediterranean countries, Europe, and the United States. The war is at a cross roads with the current cease-fire and the change in the US president. Voice your opinion to the new administration. Urge the US to promote and vigorously pursue a peaceful resolution. Support efforts to assist the many victims of this great human tragedy.

Learn More:

PCUSA supports taking action to provide humanitarian assistance and refugee resettlement. If you would like to learn more about Presbyterian advocacy on Syria, download the following document to learn about their partner organizations engaged in the region. Included are sample letters to your legislators urging them to support Syrian humanitarian aid and refugee resettlement in the U.S. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/holy-discontentment-advocacy-action-syria/>

Other sources of information:

UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: <http://www.unocha.org/syrian-arab-republic/syria-country-profile/about-crisis>

UN Refugee Agency: <http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/global-trends-2015.html>

PBS <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/a-staggering-new-death-toll-for-syrias-war-470000/>

Syrian Observatory for Human Rights <http://www.syriaahr.com/en/?p=58111>

MALAWI UPDATE

Hooray! The container of books has arrived at Muzuzu University in northern Malawi! Many thanks to all BPCers who donated many books and to those who helped transport and pack them up. They are most appreciated there as they work to build a new library.

The Moni, Malawi luncheon was a big success with about 70 people present to hear about the difficult process of supplying pure water in Malawi villages by Jim McGill (long time PCUSA Mission co-worker in Malawi) and Community Based Development in Malawi by Ashley Taylor, PhD student in Engineering Education. Many thanks to Ranae Gillie for providing the soups and PW and Malawi Partnership members for providing the rest of the lunch.

Watch for new projects and happenings at Mulanje Mission and with our 4 Scholarship Students from Mulunguzi School. They are about to enter their last year of Secondary School and are being mentored by Watchiwe Kalande and William Susuwele, both former members of BPC while at VT.

Earth Day Fair

Sunday, April 23

(first Sunday of the Season of Creation)
after worship in the Fellowship Hall



Learn about how you can care for the earth by:

- making a reusable bag and/or car reminder
- making a suet feeder for woodpeckers
- examining why and how to compost
- gaining knowledge on local recycling and waste disposal practices
- determining your ecological footprint and how to reduce it
- discovering alternatives to toxic household products
- looking at some children's books on earth care
- picking up milkweed seeds to plant for monarch butterflies
- walking through our creation care/pollinator garden

Mark your calendars! Snacks and infant care provided.

The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community

Film showing at
Blacksburg United Methodist Church
Thursday April 27 at 6:30 pm in the
Central Conference Room

This film examines the challenges that climate change poses and discusses meaningful action that can be taken by individuals and communities.

For a more detailed description and trailer, go to <http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/wts.html>

To carpool to see the film, contact Sarah Windes at swindes@vt.edu

Dining Out for Shelter

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

On Dining Out for Shelter Day, these restaurants will donate a portion of their sales to support the efforts of *To Our House* to provide winter shelter for homeless men in the New River Valley and connect them with resources that lead to employment, more permanent housing, and personal economic sustainability. We invite you to dine out with us on that day to help provide shelter for those in need.

Blacksburg

- Bollo's Café & Bakery
- Café de Bangkok
- Gillie's
- Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries
- Mellow Mushroom (5-9 p.m.)
- Moe's Southwest Grill (5-8 p.m.)
- Next Door Bake Shop
- Our Daily Bread Bakery & Bistro
- Social House
- The Cellar Restaurant
- Zoë's Kitchen (5-9 p.m.)

Christiansburg

- Amelia's Pizzeria & Restaurant

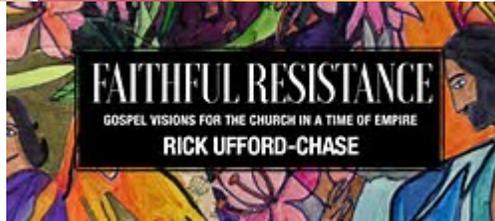
Radford

- Crumb & Get It Cookie Company
- El Charro Mexican Grill
- Moe's Southwest Grill (5-8 p.m.)
- Sal's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Sharkey's Wing & Rib Joint
- The Radford Coffee Company

Unless otherwise indicated, fundraising will take place during full hours of operation.



BPC's Smyth Series With Rick Ufford-Chase



SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday school class, March 19 - May 21, 2017

Inspired from the class studying the book, Faithful Resistance by Rick Ufford-Chase, the next eight sessions are based on social justice issues mentioned in the book. Outside speakers as well as two of our own members will share their expertise in areas that is probably new information for most of us. All are welcome and previous class attendance is not needed.

March 19 -- Visit by author, Rick Ufford-Chase

March 26 -- Class Discussion – reflecting on Rick Ufford-Chase's message

April 2 -- Speaker: Mike Rosenzweig, Biology Department, VA Tech, and SEEDS Program,
Topic: Watershed; SEEDS – Blacksburg Nature Center

April 9 -- Speaker: Javed Memon-Topic: Living As a Muslim Family in Blacksburg

April 23 -- Speakers: Holly Lesko and Marcia Davitt -Topic: White Privilege; Dialogue on Race

April 30 -- Speaker: Dolly Davis President of the Blue Ridge Transgender Alliance-
Topic: Transgender

May 7 -- Speaker: Dale Wimberley, Sociology Department, VA Tech- Topic: Inequality

May 14-- Speaker: BPC Equipping Team-Topic: Next Step for BPC

May 21—Speaker: Craig Woolsey, Aerospace and Ocean Engineering VA Tech-
Topic: Robots and Ethics

We will also continue the Gathering Café at
10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space.
All are welcome!



Words from the Creation Care Team

helping us fulfill our mission:

to actively nurture our relationship with all of creation



Again, this year, we will observe a **Season of Creation** in worship. This year, our Season of Creation will be 3 Sundays in April and May. This will be the third year of a 3-year cycle, similar to a lectionary-type cycle. In year one, 2015, we considered the themes of Planet Earth, Sky/Air, and Rivers/Water. In year two, 2016, our themes were Rainbow Covenant, Forests, and Animals. This year, 2017, our themes will be:

Sunday, April 23: Oceans

Sunday, April 30: Land

Sunday, May 14: Mountains (Bob Fiedler will be preaching.)

(Note that we will skip a week due to Presbyterian Women Sunday on May 7.)

A Season of Creation, begun by Lutheran churches in Australia and now shared by congregations all over the world, is an opportunity for congregations to take time in the church year to focus their celebration on God the creator, Christ as the redeemer of creation, and the Spirit as sustainer of creation. We seek to worship God with all creation (as the Psalms enjoy) and to express gratitude, love, and a commitment of be partners with Christ in the healing of creation.

Plan to join us for this Season!

Earth Day Fair Sunday, April 23! (the day after Earth Day)

Come to the BPC fellowship hall after worship to learn about, and carry out, ways to care for the earth.

Examples of centers (both adult and child-friendly) that may be available:

- Make/decorate a reusable bag and a reminder to put in your car to help you remember to take your bags into the store.
- Make a suet feeder for woodpeckers.
- Learn why and how to compost.
- Learn some things you might not know about Blacksburg's single stream recycling, and find out what to do with things you can't put in Blacksburg's recycling pick-up. Make suggestions for ways BPC can help us recycle.
- Learn what an ecological footprint is and how to have an effect on yours.
- Do a scavenger hunt on the grounds or take a walk through our creation care/pollinator garden.

Pick up some milkweed seeds to plant in your yard for attracting monarch butterflies.

Mark your calendars, and plan to bring the whole family! Finger food snacks and infant childcare will be provided.

BPC's CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION Sunday, April 23, 2017

NRCA Floyd County School Children's Weekend Food Backpack Program received \$1000 from 2016 Peaks Presbytery Cents-Ability Funds

This program provides food to children for the weekend. Volunteers purchase healthy food items that are easy to prepare but are filling. Child-friendly, healthy food items -a fruit cup, applesauce, raisins, macaroni and cheese, breakfast bars, fruit drink, and oatmeal – are included. The goal is to provide two days' worth of food. Food is discreetly distributed to children at school on Fridays.

Children in Head Start through high school are eligible for the program. The program is directed toward children receiving free or reduced price meals at the school however families are not denied if they apply.

NRCA's Emergency Assistance Programs in Giles County, Radford and Fairlawn received \$2000 in 2016 Peaks Presbytery Cents-Ability Funds

New River Community Action (NRCA) Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) partners with numerous human services organizations to offer a variety of temporary assistance for residents or transients who are 200% poverty income or below who are experiencing financial crises such as high utility bills, decrease in income, disabilities and chronic health issues, significant amount of medical debt, housing costs greater than 50 percent of income, or homelessness.

The EAP is designed to provide temporary rental assistance, utilities, food, household products, etc. for individuals and families. Households may receive **food** monthly from the **NRCA food pantry**.



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During the school year Middle and High School students (grades 6-12) meet most Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for dinner, games, and discussions about faith in the lives of youth.

For more information, contact Susan Hunter at 552-2504 or susanh@blacksburgpres.org

Upcoming Dates for the Calendar

- April 1** (Saturday)— Youth Sunday Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- April 2**— **Youth Sunday!** Go our to lunch after worship.
- April 7-8**— PEAKS Presbytery Confirmation Retreat at Camp Bethel
- April 9**— Dinner and Project at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- April 16**—**Happy Easter**—
No Sunday School or Youth Group
- April 23**—Youth Group is hosting a table at the Creation Care event for Earth Day fair after worship
- April 30**—Dinner & Discussion at BPC 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Topic: Sexual Health with
Drs. Frank & Jennifer Clark

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CIRCLES



Presbyterian Women Circles
All women are invited to join one of our Circles!

Lydia Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. on **Monday, April 3 at BPC in Fellowship Hall.** Melinda Winslow is the study leader and Mary Jane Henika and Nancy Ann William are the hostesses.



Hildegard Circle meets at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, April 10** at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Westminster Hall for desserts and fellowship. Followed by a Bible Study, Who is Jesus; According to Hebrews, Lesson 7. Newcomers are welcome.

If you have questions please contact Jama Hayes at 382-6649 or jamhayes240@gmail.com.



Faith Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, April 10** at Kendra Crabtree’s home, 250 Gold Leaf Drive, Christiansburg, Phone: 1-865-256-4085.

For more information on Faith Circle contact Jen Stewart at jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com or 540-449-1532.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Sunday, April 16, 2017



God Has called us to a **new kind of fast** —

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing, and join in the fast God calls us to.

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?”
—Isaiah 58:6-7

Our Offering at Work

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People) all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Campus Ministry Internship
Ukirk Ministry at Virginia Tech

Serve, Lead, and Discern!

The Ukirk Intern:

- Works and average of 20 hours a week
- Provides mentoring and guidance as necessary to the students involved in Ukirk
- Works with the Campus Minister in areas of program planning and implementation, trip planning, and communication. The intern plans and leads at least one Tuesday night program each month.

Dates: August 1, 2017– December 15, 2017 (with potential for extension)

Compensation:

- \$500/month (\$2500)
- On-site housing in Cooper House apartment (\$800/month- \$4,000 value)

Requirements: College Degree

Please send resume and cover letter:
campusminister@pcusavt.org

Application Deadline: May 12, 2017

—Dates to Remember—

*-HCR—Hatcher Conference Room
*-FH—Fellowship Hall *WM—Westminster Hall

Check our website for the most up to date calendar

Saturday, April 1

8:00-11:00 a.m. BPC Work Day
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Richard Baker

Sunday, April 2 Youth Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday Worship w/ Communion
11:30 a.m. Youth Group meets for lunch following worship
11:30 a.m. Art Forum with Carol Burch-Brown— WM

Monday, April 3

1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle meets—FH
1:30 p.m. Staff meets—WM

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study— HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather —FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group meets—Prayer Room
7:00 p.m. Children's Ed Ministry meeting— WM

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community—HCR
5:30-7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Series-Blacksburg United
Methodist Church, Christian Life Center,
706 Harding Blvd., Blacksburg, VA
6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Saturday, April 8

8:00 –11:00 a.m. BPC Work Day
11:00 a.m. Graveside service for Susan Shoulders

Sunday, April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday—Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship with choirs and orchestra
11:30 a.m. Info meeting Blacksburg Refugee Partnership-FH
5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group at BPC Dinner & Discussion

Monday, April 10

1:30 p.m. Staff meeting— HCR
6:00 p.m. Hildegard Circle meets at BPC at 6:30 p.m. —WM
7:30 p.m. Faith Circle meets Kendra Crabtree's home

Tuesday, April 11

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study— HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather —FH
10:45 a.m. Peace, Justice, Global Mission—HCR
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group meets—Prayer Room
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting— WM
5:00 p.m. Personnel meets-WM

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service—Sanctuary

Friday, April 14 Church Office Closed

12:00 noon Good Friday Service— Sanctuary

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. All Church Breakfast sponsored by
Men of the Church
9:50 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Worship
No Youth Group today

Monday, April 17—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 18

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study— HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather —FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group meets—Prayer Room
1:30 p.m. Staff meeting
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting— WM
5:00 p.m. Personnel meets-WM

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 p.m. Handbell practice
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Community Ministry Meeting-WM

Saturday, April 22

9:00 –11:00 a.m. BPC Work Day-Rain Date

Sunday, April 23

BPC's Cents Ability collection
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Earth Day Fair
11:30 a.m. Youth Group-Earth Day Event
7:00 p.m. Session meets—HCR

Monday, April 24

1:00 p.m. KnitWits gather— WM
1:30 p.m. Staff meeting—HCR
3:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting-WM

Tuesday, April 25

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study—HCR
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather —FH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group meets—Prayer Room

Friday, April 28

6:00 –8:00 p.m. Faith on Tap—at Macado's-childcare available

Sunday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group at BPC-Dinner & Discussion

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Suzanne Ducker, John Phillips
- 2 - Luke Phillips
- 6 - Rachel Banks, Mark Prosser
- 10– Melody Zobel
- 11 – Stuart Hunter
- 12 – Gretchen Thorsett, Geoffrey Knobl
- 13 – Kendra Crabtree
- 16 – Margaret Dawson, Rylan Pospichal
- 19 – Joann Boles, Carolyn Drumheller, Davis Mesmer,
Curtis Roane
- 20 – Jan McGilliard
- 22 - Jama Green
- 23 – Frank Clark, Eric Wimberley
- 24 – Ginsey Thompson
- 25 – Allison Kruckow
- 27 – Liz Goodsell
- 28 – Kara Espinoza
- 29 – Shalini Perumpral, Linda Waskey
- 30 – Bob Hendricks



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Happening this month at BPC

Youth Sunday— April 2, 2017

BPC Work Day— Big Event— April 8

Holy Week Begins:

The Labyrinth set up in Fellowship Hall
available to walk during Office Hours

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday— April 9

With choirs and full orchestra

Blacksburg Refugee Partnership Informational Meeting- April 9
following worship

Maundy Thursday Service— April 13 at 7:00 p.m.— Sanctuary

Good Friday Service— April 14 at 12:00 noon— Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 16
All Church Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt for children
through 5th Grade at 9:50 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.



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