



MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

# Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

*Loving God with Heart,  
Soul and Mind*

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

Opening the *New York Times* this morning, I laughed aloud to see that they had resurrected a feature from the past entitled "Be More Productive. Take Time Off." The author, a software company founder and CEO, insists that time away leads to success at work.

Churches have long understood that pastors benefit from restful rather than project-filled sabbaticals, and it's good to know that the church is ahead of the world in this realm. One of you stopped by to advise me to avoid making any "to do" lists. Even so, I am confident that the sights and experiences Rob and I will have on our travels will inform my teaching and preaching, and most of all my experience of the presence and faithfulness of God.

On Monday we'll pack up for our first sabbatical trip. We plan to go to Gettysburg to see the Civil War memorial there. For a time the threat of a government shutdown was looming over this and other plans to visit national parks, but thankfully that seems to have disappeared. Rob's long illness this winter put the kybosh on a May trip to Scotland. Instead we'll go to Yellowstone and the Grand Teton, then up to Olympic National Park in Washington State, all of which will be new for us. We'll need mittens and scarves, but we'll miss the crowds. On the way there and back we'll cuddle granddaughter Henley in Atlanta, and enjoy time with my son, daughter-in-law and sister. Later plans still include my 45th high school reunion in Missouri and the new museum of American art in Arkansas, plus time at the beach. God has never failed to meet me on the dock at our rental on St. George Island, so that will be a great way to end my break and prepare for being back.

The schedule of preachers who will be here over the next three months is outstanding. Hearing from different interpreters of the Word will be enriching, and I am actually envious. The list of substitutes will be in the bulletin this week and can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, along with the contact information and dates of service for those covering pastoral care. My thanks go out to the preachers and pastors, and to the BPC staff, who I know will do all things well—as usual.

When I arrived at church this morning there was a group talking animatedly in the office, Head Start training going on in Fellowship Hall, and the sound of lovely singing floating down from the Choir Room upstairs. It felt vibrant just to be standing the hallway. The marvelous thing is that most days at BPC offer the same sense of purpose and activity. BPC is a hub of life-giving endeavors, and I will welcome the energy that being here brings when I get back August 1st. Meanwhile, may the Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent from one another (Gen. 31: 49).

Peace,

Catherine

**Newsletter deadlines!**

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

**Newsletter Schedule:**

June 1, 2017 (deadline May 15, 2017)

July 1, 2017 (deadline June 15, 2017)

**Don't forget our newsletter is available on our website! Check it out! [www.blacksburgpres.org](http://www.blacksburgpres.org)**

**Welcoming the Stranger**



**May 7th, 2017 at 3pm**  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
1301 Gladewood Dr. Blacksburg

**A Multi-Faith Service**

Childcare provided  
Refreshments after the service

Sponsored by the NRV Chapter of Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP)

**Prayer Concerns**

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



- ...for Bob Stuart who fell and fractured his leg;
- ...for Karen Watson as she recovers at home from an infection in her foot;
- ...for the family of Rick Genter, Peggy Cain's son, who passed away on April 21;
- ...for the Amos family following the passing of Charles Amos. **A memorial service for Charles will be held on Friday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. at BPC**, a time of visitation/reception with the family will be held prior to the service at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, Rev. Shirley Larson will officiate;
- ...for Dee Baker following her husband, Dick's death;
- ...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 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 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 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 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 Schroepfer, who was diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy;

**Continue to be in prayer for** Edith Stockton, Bob Stalcup, 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**  
**May 22, 2017 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**In Westminster Hall.**  
**All are welcome!**



**FAIR TRADE COFFEE AVAILABLE AT BPC**  
**Sunday, May 7, 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**  
**May 7th**

Help us to support small farmers with Fair Trade items.

**FAITH ON TAP**

**Faith on Tap is scheduled for**  
**Friday, June 23rd**  
**(Sorry, no Faith on Tap scheduled for May)**  
**from**

**6:00-8:00 p.m. -Location TBD**

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





Thank you to everyone who purchased a lily to Celebrate Easter or supported One Great Hour of Sharing.

### Lily Sponsors

**Amy Cowan and Brian Thorsett**

*In honor of Matthew and Gretchen*

**Dave and Jama Hayes**

*In loving memory of our parents,  
Jim and Lorene Williams, Carroll and Doris Hayes*

**Randy and Sherry Ingham**

*In loving memory of Harold Ingham and In honor  
of Cleva Ingham and Ralph and June Ford*

**Howard and Brenda Long**

*In memory of Pastor Mike Baker*

**Les and Winnie Myers**

*In loving memory of our parents*

**Bill Neely**

*In loving memory of Carol Neely*

**The Potten Family**

*In loving memory of Nalda McCollough*

**Bob and Christy Savage**

*In loving memory of Carolyn Peterson*

**Dave and Linda Smith**

*In loving memory of Dorothy McCutcheon  
In loving memory of Idabeth Thornton*

**The Spencer Family**

*In loving memory of Norrine Bailey Spencer  
In loving memory of Andrew Bailey Spencer*

**Vivian Wilson**

*In honor of the Wilson Family*

### One Great Hour of Sharing Sponsors

**Phyllis Albritton**

*In loving memory of my husband, Clark Webb,  
and all he did for God's people and the world*

*In loving memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
and in honor of all who work for peace & justice*

*In loving memory of Reverend Sam Little*

*In loving memory of Bishop Basil Rodzianko*

**Sally Alderson**

*In loving memory of Bill Alderson*

**Nancy Andrews**

*In loving memory of my parents,  
Nan and Steve Andrews*

**Nancy and Rick Furr**

*In loving memory of Jim and Jackie Moore and  
Janet Moore Murray*

**Randy and Sherry Ingham**

*In loving memory of our son,  
Matthew David Ingham*

**Ivy Knobl**

*In loving memory of my husband, George Knobl*

**Les and Winnie Myers**

*In loving memory of our parents*

**John and Diane Wilson**

*In loving memory of our fathers Jack B. Wilson  
and Frank P. Frazzano*



## PC(USA) BIG TENT EVENT 2017 JULY 6-8 on the Campus of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

The theme of this year's conference is **Race, Reconciliation, and the Reformation**. Through plenary events, Bible study, workshops, and worship, you will be challenged and renewed by the power of the gospel message to overcome our current realities of anxiety, division, and inequality.

The three-day event will provide a variety of opportunities to engage with issues facing the church and society today. In addition to a selection of nearly 50 workshops on a variety of topics, you can join in morning **Bible study led by Dr. Eric Barreto** of Princeton Theological Seminary and hear from local church leaders about the struggles the St. Louis community has faced around issues of inequality. PC(USA) Stated Clerk, **Reverend J. Herbert Nelson, II, will preach at the opening worship** on Thursday, and **Reverend Dr. Christine Hong** of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary will preach at Saturday's closing worship.

**Friday night includes an invitation for you to travel to local Presbyterian congregations and participate in worship, share a meal, and engage in Holy Conversations around race.** These conversations will be an extension of the ongoing dialog surrounding racial divisions and mistrust that have affected St. Louis and communities throughout the country. You will experience a process of honest and challenging conversations about race and leave with tools to further these discussions in your home congregation.

"As we grapple with the emerging church of the 21st century, it is imperative that we come together to listen, learn, and envision the future," said Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II. "God through Jesus Christ is providing us an opportunity at Big Tent to go deep in our theology and faith while renewing our spirits."

## The State of the Affordable Care Act – Obamacare

### Did you know?

There is currently much discussion and debate regarding the future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare. The ACA was enacted in 2010 with many goals, most notably to lower the number of uninsured by expanding insurance coverage. The law requires insurers to accept all applicants, cover a specific list of conditions, and charge the same rates regardless of pre-existing conditions or gender.

With regard to its main goal, the ACA has been largely successful. Estimates range from 20 to 27 million people who have obtained health insurance that would otherwise not have it. In the years since the ACA enactment, the rate of health care cost increases have slowed. The Congressional Budget Office has concluded in several studies, even as recently as last year, that the ACA overall lowers the deficit, and that to repeal the ACA would have the effect of increasing the deficit. The deficit decreases are primarily the result of taxes included in the ACA.

### Did you also know?

While many states are showing stable insurance markets with continued lower rates of premium increases, a number of states are experiencing significant increases in premiums this year. On average the premiums will rise 22% this year. Some states are also experiencing a reduction in the number of insurance companies operating within them. A lower number of insurers reduces competition and available choices for enrollees and leads to higher premiums.

There are multiple reasons for the sudden changes, but key among them is that as the ACA went into effect, insurers set their premiums based on expected numbers of enrollments and predictions on the ratios of young versus older and healthy versus less healthy enrollees. Those predictions were significantly incorrect. More beneficiaries of the ACA than expected received their benefits from Medicaid expansion rather than private insurance, thus lowering the overall number of participants in private insurance. Of those that did enroll in the private insurance markets, they tended to be less healthy, older, and more in need of medical care (thus expense) than anticipated.

The failure of these predictions is due to several factors. It had been anticipated that many employers would stop offering health insurance after the ACA was enacted. That effect was much smaller than predicted. A larger number than anticipated of younger individuals chose to pay fines rather than obtain health care. The Obama administration chose to allow those with healthcare plans which did not meet ACA minimum levels of coverage to delay changing to ACA-compliant plans until the end of 2017 (some states enacted legislation against the delay). All three of these factors bias the enrollees toward less healthy as well as older individuals.

Most experts predict that once the premiums are adjusted in response to the realities of the ACA-participants, rather than the predictions, there should not be further dramatic changes such as are occurring this year. Premium increases will still occur, but at a lower rate than if the ACA had not been enacted. In addition, the situation should improve after non-compliant policies are phased out at the end of this year. Further improvement might occur if the fines for not having health insurance are increased.

### What can you do?

Be educated on both the successes and issues with the ACA and carefully evaluate the options of maintaining the ACA, improving it, or replacing it. The decisions currently being considered by congress have large, long-lasting implications. Some helpful sources of information are below.

### Helpful Articles:

<http://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2016/07/obamacare-exchanges-states-north-carolina-000162>

[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/13/us/politics/fact-check-trump-obamacare-health-care.html?mc=aud\\_dev&mcid=keywee&mccr=domdesk&kwp\\_0=359687&kwp\\_4=1344413&kwp\\_1=594537&r=0&mtref=www.facebook.com](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/13/us/politics/fact-check-trump-obamacare-health-care.html?mc=aud_dev&mcid=keywee&mccr=domdesk&kwp_0=359687&kwp_4=1344413&kwp_1=594537&r=0&mtref=www.facebook.com)

[www.facebook.com](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/13/us/politics/fact-check-trump-obamacare-health-care.html?mc=aud_dev&mcid=keywee&mccr=domdesk&kwp_0=359687&kwp_4=1344413&kwp_1=594537&r=0&mtref=www.facebook.com)

### Report by Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/2017-premium-changes-and-insurer-participation-in-the-affordable-care-acts-health-insurance-marketplaces/>

### Report by the Congressional Budget Office on the Impact of Repealing the ACA

<https://www.cbo.gov/publication/52371>



## MALAWI UPDATE

The MONI, MALAWI LUNCHEON held in February had many interesting guests in addition to our two great speakers, Ashley Taylor and Jim McGill! Among them were Ralph Hall (professor/VT Architecture) and Josiah Tlou (VT Education) and his wife Letha from TEAM Malawi on campus. Patti Talbot, professor of Education at Radford and also a TEAM member, came with 6 students who will be traveling to Malawi this summer! The Drs. Muelenaer from Covenant Church in Roanoke too and I believe they have been to every Moni, Malawi event since its inception! They have spent a great deal of time in the Muzuzu area working in the hospital there. It was a fine gathering. Please check out the banner from Muzuzu University which will be hanging soon in Fellowship Hall. There will also be an explanation about this gift to BPC.

Dr. Ruth Shakespeare, our Mission Partner in Malawi at Mulanje Mission, has begun a new program through the hospital which was set up to reduce severe and acute malnutrition. It will also, through agricultural development and animal projects, help to reduce poverty and begin to provide sustainable livelihoods for the area. We'll keep you posted on the progress. A generous donor from BPC has given \$5,000 to support this new program.

With several new members of the Malawi Partnership and an enthusiastic group continuing, watch for updates on Nursing and Secondary Scholarships and ideas for new projects

Thank you all for your support of the Malawi Partnership!

## Earth Day Fair

**Sunday, April 23**  
(first Sunday of the Season of Creation)  
after worship in the Fellowship Hall



### April Session Meeting Highlights

- The congregation elected Heather Polikoff, Jimmy Ritter, Jen Stewart, Andrew Warren, and Diane Wilson as the 2020 class of ruling elders by acclamation at a called meeting.
- The congregation elected Bill Neely and Deb Call as the 2020 class of deacons by acclamation at a called meeting.
- Session confirmed the examination of confirmands Joey Zobel, Jonathan Anthony, Zach Schwartzwelder, Jesse Parson, and Frank Thompson.
- A report from Children's Ministry on plans for an Adaptive Playground adjacent to the existing playgrounds was presented and accepted without objection. The plans were developed by Boy Scout Troop 44 as a service project for the church and will be constructed at no expense to the church.
- Erica Slagel-Perry, Sandra Parson, and Donald (Mac) McCloud were accepted as new members. Session approved a request from Presbytery of the Peaks to host a presbytery meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017.
- Session approved a Manna Team recommendation to distribute endowment income in 2017 as follows: Malawi Ministry - \$12,000; CDEPCA - \$8,000; To Our House - \$4,500; Micah's Ministries - \$2,000; Valley Interfaith Child Care Center - \$2,000; New River Family Shelter - \$7,000; and UKirk - \$4,500.
- Session approved a Building and Grounds Ministry recommendation to purchase Community Church Builder software.
- BPC will have an intern from UKirk (funded by a Lilly Foundation grant) for several months.



### The best week of the summer!

- New friends • Amazing experiments
- Creative games • Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: Blacksburg Presbyterian Church  
(church name)

VBS will last from: Sun., June 4 - Thurs., June 8, 2017  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 5:30 p.m.  
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 8:00 p.m.  
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: Susan Hunter at 540-552-2504  
(church phone number)

Can you can register your child for VBS at [blacksburgpres.org/vbs](http://blacksburgpres.org/vbs).

## SAVE THE DATES! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Sunday–Thursday., June 4-8, 5:30-8:00pm Register by May 21<sup>st</sup>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rising Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Any Allergies or medical conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteers Needed:**  
Center Leaders: Games Discovery Bible Skits Opening  
Helpers: Actors Props/Costumes Decorating  
Games Crew Leaders  
Dinner: Coordinator Cooks Clean Up  
*Please indicate T-shirt size:* Youth \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_

*For more information, contact Susan Hunter, 552-2504 or [susanh@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:susanh@blacksburgpres.org)*

### 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.

- 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!

### Church Family Spring Picnic Food, Games and Fun



Sunday, May 21st, 2017  
5:00-6:30 PM

Church Playground or Fellowship Hall, depending on the weather

Requested Contribution:  
\$5 per child, \$7.50 per adult

RSVP by Wednesday, May 17

[fellowship@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:fellowship@blacksburgpres.org) or sign up at the Welcome Window!





**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. Our final Sunday will be:

**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 enjoin) 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!

**Fun was had at BPC's Earth Day Fair on Sunday, April 23!** (the day after Earth Day)

We hope you made it to our Earth Day Fair on April 23, on the rainiest day of the year of 2017 so far! We had fun sharing our discoveries and interests and encouraging your thinking about more things we all can do to protect our planet. Let's make every day Earth Day!

If you missed the fair, there are a few items you can still pick up in the gathering space:

- our updated recycling guide, listing things you should never put in the trash, and what you should do with them instead, as well as other ways to keep items out of your trash and thus out of the landfill. This guide is concerned with items that Blacksburg residents CANNOT recycle in the town's single stream recycling.
- a map of our Creation Care Garden with the safe walking route shown, including a plant list.
- a guide to the plants in the Creation Care Garden
- recipes for less toxic cleaning alternatives

If you would like to access the video shown at the fair of where our recycling single stream items go and what happens to them there, go to <http://www.blacksburg.gov/departments/departments-l-z/public-works/refuse-and-recycling/single-stream-recycling>

**BPC's CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION Sunday, May 21, 2017**



2014 Overall County Food Insecurity in Virginia, Montgomery County

FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**14,000**



FOOD INSECURITY RATE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY



AVERAGE MEAL COST

**\$3.34**

ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY



<b>25%</b>	Above Other Nutrition Program threshold of 185% poverty
<b>3%</b>	Between 130%-185% poverty
<b>71%</b>	Below SNAP threshold 130% poverty

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL

**\$8,247,000**

Even though these statistics are from 2014, they are the most recent available. **Food insecurity** refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. It can be defined as an economic or social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Not everyone struggling with hunger qualifies for federal nutrition assistance.

Food insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's

need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

Source: Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap <http://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2014/overall/virginia/county/montgomery> On this website you can map the meal gap for any in the U.S.

"Impart as much as you can of your spiritual being to those who are on the road with you, and accept as something precious what comes back to you from them."

-Albert Schweitzer

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](mailto:susanh@blacksburgpres.org)

**Upcoming Dates for the Calendar**

**May 7**— Hike after worship—  
bring a bag lunch—11:40 a.m.

**May 14**— End-of-Year Party 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
At Drumheller's house,  
1021 Green Ridge, Christiansburg.  
Potluck. Middle schoolers bring a salad or side dish.

Have a safe summer!



**August 14-21, 2017**

**2017 Peaks/James/  
CEDEPCA Trip**

**The focus: Caring for Creation**  
We will spend the week in Guatemala with the CEDEPCA staff learning about the ways in which we are called to care for God's good creation. In addition, we will explore the effects of climate change on vulnerable people and what Guatemalans are doing to care for creation. We will join with them in planting trees. We also will have time for worship and Bible study with the CEDEPCA staff and for experiencing the beauty of the Guatemalan landscape and culture.

**The cost of the trip: \$1,700.00  
which includes airfare.**

For information or to register, contact Teresa Auldridge at [tauldridge@gmail.com](mailto:tauldridge@gmail.com)

**Registration Deadline:  
Monday, May 15, 2017**

Caring for Creation

Planting Trees

Learning from Indigenous Guatemalans

Another fun joint trip with the Presbyteries of the Peaks and James

Worship and Bible Study with our CEDEPCA Partners

**Registration Info:**  
**In the Peaks,**  
contact:  
[tauldridge@gmail.com](mailto:tauldridge@gmail.com)

**In the James:**  
[mjwinter@comcast.net](mailto:mjwinter@comcast.net)

Scholarship Money available

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES**



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

**Lydia Circle** met on Monday, May 1 at 12:00 p.m. for their year-end potluck lunch. Sandy Schlaudecker was the study leader and Elva Miller and Sylvia Echols were the hostesses.



**Hildegard Circle** meets at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 8** at Judy Pospichal's home for a shared meal followed by a Bible Study, Who is Jesus; According to Hebrews, Lesson 8. Newcomers are welcome.

If you have questions please contact Jama Hayes at 382-6649 or [jamhayes240@gmail.com](mailto:jamhayes240@gmail.com).



**Faith Circle** meets at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 16** at Cabo Fish Taco for their annual dinner out. All are welcome.

For more information on Faith Circle contact Jen Stewart at [jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com) or 540-449-1532.

**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](mailto: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

**Sunday, May 7**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Sunday Worship  
w/ Communion  
11:30 a.m. PW Reception –cake in Gathering Space  
11:40 a.m. Youth Group meets for hike after worship  
-bring bag lunch

**Monday, May 8**

1:30 p.m. Staff meets—WM  
6:00 p.m. Hildegard Circle meets at Judy Pospichal's home

**Tuesday, May 9**

7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study— HCR  
9:30 a.m. Quilters gather –FH  
10:45 a.m. Peace, Justice, Global Witness— HCR  
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group meets—Prayer Room

**Wednesday, May 10**

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

**Thursday, May 11**

9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community—HCR

**Sunday, May 14 Season of Creation– Mountains**

**Happy Mother's Day**

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 End-of-Year Party at Drumheller's

**Monday, May 15**

1:30 p.m. Staff meeting— HCR

**Tuesday, May 16**

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  
5:00 p.m. Personnel meets-WM  
6:00 p.m. Faith Circle meets at Cabo Fish Taco for dinner

**Wednesday, May 17**

9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community—HCR

**Sunday, May 21**

9:00 a.m. Last Sunday School Class for All Ages  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship –Teacher Recognition  
5:00—6:30 p.m. Church Family Spring Picnic  
7:00 p.m. Session meets –HCR

**Monday, May 22**

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

**Tuesday, May 23**

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

**Wednesday, May 24**

9:30 a.m. Caring for the Community—HCR

**Sunday, May 28**

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, May 29—Church Office Closed for Memorial Day**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Gracie Byron, Nicholas Bundren, Robin Faulkner  
2 – Bill Drummond, Zachary Swartzwelder  
3 – Jayna Browder, Jason Pospichal, Dale Wimberley  
4 – Courtney Spencer, Melinda Winslow  
5 - Jim Schlaudecker  
6 – Renie Newman  
7 – Lynn Lipsey, Craig Woolsey  
8 - Randy Ingham  
9 - Janne Mathes, Reece McFall  
11 – Jud Campbell, Rick Davis, Isaac Haak  
12 – Tom Keenan  
13 – Betsy O'Brien, Emma Grace Woolsey  
15 – Carolyn White (Carolyn turns 100 today!)  
16 –Easley Smith  
17 – Elise Bailey, Suzanne Sanford  
18 – Martha Dillard  
21 –Loy Campbell, Peter Schmitthenner, Peg Warren  
22 – Steve Drumheller, Nancy Phillips  
23 – Craig Winslow  
24 – Matthew Thorsett  
26 – Richard Polikoff  
28 – Tom Reisinger, Bob Stuart, Ben Wyatt  
29- Brian Thorsett  
30 – Greg Campbell, Sallie Drumheller, Bill Foy,  
Barbara Houston, Joey Zobel



Everyone is invited to send Birthday Wishes  
to Carolyn White  
to celebrate her 100th Birthday (May 15) at  
1179 Oakland Square  
Blacksburg, VA 24060



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

3 – Judy Bircher, Mary Lee Hendricks  
5 – Susan Kass  
6 – Robin Bosch  
8 - Megan Eschenmann  
9 – Marcia Cowley  
10 – Shannon Hunter  
11 – Lee McCormick, Elva Miller  
12 – Brent Opell  
13 - Tyler Warren  
14 - John Hassler, Annie Moore  
15 – Amy Cowan, Hans Stahl  
16 – Dave Smith  
17 – Leanna House, Fred Piercy, John Wilson  
18 – Sue Johnson  
21 – Nicolin Grieco, Blake Rascher, Courtney Bosworth  
24 – Steve Andrews, Mike Bircher, Howard Long,  
Ann Mauldon, Amy Patterson  
25 – Joel Hunter, Mary Denson Moore, Wendy Wark  
26 – Dale Wolf  
28 – Brian Smith  
29 – Ethan Eschenmann, Cole Harder  
30- Amy Mauldon



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## Happening this month at BPC

**May 14**

Mother's Day

Worship at 10:30 a.m.— Season of Creation— Mountains

Youth Group End-of-Year Party  
5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Drumheller's home

**May 21**

Last Day of Sunday School— 9:00 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation

Church Family Spring Picnic at BPC 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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**June 2**

Memorial Service for Charles Amos at 3:00 p.m.  
Visitation/Reception with family prior to service at 2:00 p.m.

**June 4**

Pentecost Sunday

**Vacation Bible School— for all ages!**

**June 4-8**  
**5:30—8:00 p.m.**

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