



# The BPC Newsletter

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## Pastor's Page

We are halfway through Lent, and the journey has been particularly helpful this year. The reasons are several. For one thing, we began the season with the terrible news about the killing of a child in our community. That led many of us to think about the reality of darkness, the very darkness Jesus overcomes on Easter morning. It led me to write a letter to parents in our congregation about how to talk to children about evil and the power of God revealed in Jesus' death and resurrection (the letter appeared as my Pastor's Page in the Newsletter last month). The good news of Jesus has little impact on us, however, unless we take time to contemplate it. That's where the practices of Lent come in.

If you have been coming to the midweek services sponsored by the Blacksburg Ministerial Association, you know they are highlighting the practices of Lent—contemplation, fasting, almsgiving, prayer, and scripture reading/meditation. The services have been powerful and given us a lot of good insights on which to build our faith skills for the Lenten journey.

A final reason why this has been a more powerful Lent, for me at any rate, may be the Sailboat Church class that has been meeting on Sunday mornings during Winter Session (now completed). We have been reading Joan Gray's book, *Sailboat Church, Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*, which the Session studied together last fall. Again, the emphasis on the practices—day to day behaviors—has been helpful. Most of us want to deepen our reliance on God, our sense that our faith is alive in us. But wanting this growth and experiencing it are different things! Gray's book calls congregations to operate from trust in God instead of in themselves and their available resources, and she offers lots of suggestions for how to go about it. The conversations in class have been very rich for us as individuals and for us as a church. We are now talking about creating one or more ongoing small groups for those who want to focus on bringing their own practice of the faith to life.

If Lent has *not* had much of an impact on you this year, there is still time to enter the journey. Go to the church webpage and look at the short video about Lent (it's on the homepage). While you are there take some time to explore the new website. The calendars are up to date, information about all church events are ready to hand, and you can check out the pages about BPC's ministries, or follow links to other sites. As you look you may find the Spirit nudging you to learn more or to get involved in a specific ministry. Learning how to listen to the urgings of God's Spirit is part of the Lenten journey and the journey of faith. And it's never too late to begin.

Peace,

Catherine

## Newsletter deadlines!

We look forward to your items for the newsletter. Please have all items submitted to Sherry by **March 21, 2016**

Items may be submitted by email to:  
**sherry@blacksburgpres.org**

### Newsletter Schedule:

April 4, 2016 (deadline March 21, 2016)

May 2, 2016 (deadline April 18, 2016)

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



## GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION CORNER

Dear Church Family,  
I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, meals and all the ways that you have sent your love and care to me during my recovery. I'm truly blessed to be surrounded with such a loving church family. Thank you.

Nancy Furr

## Now Enrolling Children for Parents' Morning Out for the 2016-2017 school year.

Here is some basic information. Next year our program will be open on Monday-Thursday mornings from 9 am- 12 pm. Children may register to attend one to four days, depending on needs of your family and child. The program is designed for children 12 months and walking through 4 year olds. On a daily basis children will have free play, crafts, snacks, stories, songs and outdoor play. Our ratio is kept low with three teachers and fifteen children in the class each day. If you are interested you can send me a message here or email me at [bpcp-mo@gmail.com](mailto:bpcp-mo@gmail.com) and feel free to pass the information along to anyone you feel might be interested.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### *We rejoice and give thanks to God for...*

- ... God's continuing love for us.
- ... daffodils popping up.
- ... a time to reflect during the Lenten season.

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

- ...for Anne Grover who is hospitalized with pneumonia;
- ...for Brenda Long who had carpal tunnel surgery on her wrist;
- ...for Larry Bechtel and his family following the death of his mother Mary Krom Bechtel;
- ...for David Doherty who has been diagnosed with pneumonia;
- ...for Brenda Long's brother, Gary Dingus, as he continues treatments for eye cancer;
- ...for Beulah Kline who is at home with hospice care;
- ...for Charles Amos who is on oxygen;
- ...for Joann Boles whose brother, Don Ferguson, passed away;
- ...for Judith Jones' mother who has been moved to assisted living;
- ...for Fred Piercy and his family following the death of his wife, Susan;
- ...for JoAnn Underwood;
- ...for Peggy Cain's daughter Nancy who has been diagnosed with recurring cancer;
- ...for Sandy Schlaudecker as she undergoes further treatment;
- ...for Kathleen Wampler;
- ...for Mark Rakes.



"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

Pope Francis

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall during Holy Week.

**Palm Sunday** worship -March 20 at 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday** service -March 24 at 5:30 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Good Friday** service-March 25 at 12:00 p.m.  
(Sanctuary)

**Easter Egg Hunt**—Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m.  
(Bring your own basket—  
for children up through 5th grade.)

### **Easter Sunday**

All Church Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

*The church office will be closed on  
Friday, Mar. 25 & Monday, Mar. 28*



BPC recently wired \$2,800 to Dr. Ruth Shakespeare at Mulanje Hospital to help with food aid. Here are some quotes from our Malawi Partners:

Dr. Shakespeare: "The wire arrived safely and will be well used. Still almost no rain here and a very desperate situation in the fields."

Many thanks, Ruth

Jones Maslye: (member of BPC Malawi Partnership last year, now living in Malawi) "Hunger has indeed struck Malawi. I went to my village. I tell you I was shocked to see malnourished children as literally they had nothing to eat. I know God will provide (we pray)."

Keith Lipato, another member of our Partnership last year and now on the staff of Mulanje College of Nursing, also wrote how difficult it is for them to continue to properly feed the students at the college as the price of maize continues to rise.

Please pray with and for our partners in Malawi.

(In the next newsletter watch for news of the good that the Food Security Program is doing at Mulanje Mission to help with the food shortages.)



# THE MZUNI LIBRARY INITIATIVE

A collaborative effort to rebuild Mzuzu University's library

Website: <https://malawiedandchildwelfare.wordpress.com/2016/02/12/mzuni-library-initiative/>

In the early morning hours of Friday, December 18, 2015, the Mzuzu University library in Northern Malawi was completely destroyed by fire. The Mzuni library contained all textbooks, network servers, and computers, all of which were destroyed in the fire. The University is moving forward to establish an interim library for the current semester, to plan for a permanent replacement, and to seek funding for these tasks.

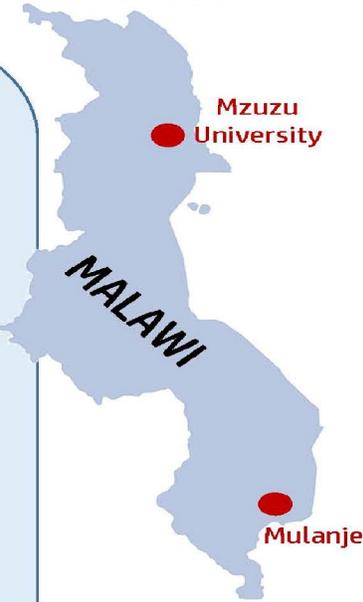


Recent fire completely destroyed Mzuzu Library.

## You can help **rebuild** this vital resource!

BPC would like to help Virginia Tech and the PCUSA Malawi Network help Mzuzu to rebuild its library. We will collect books and any donations here at BPC and then transfer them to VT. There are three ways to donate a book:

- 1. Purchase a specific book from the registry**  
Mzuni has developed a list of needed books, which may be viewed at <https://malawiedandchildwelfare.wordpress.com/book-needs/>. Books purchased from the registry may be directly mailed to Virginia Tech, who will ship them to Malawi.
- 2. Donate a book directly**  
Do you already have, or can get, used textbooks in good condition? Textbooks are sought for science and math, social sciences and humanities, resources and environment, health sciences, information sciences, and management.
- 3. Make a monetary contribution**  
Contributions will be used to purchase needed books not available through donations and to help the university pay for furnishing and equipping the library. Contributions may be made online or by check made to "Malawi Education Foundation" with "Mzuni library" in the memo field.



Questions? Please contact [ashleyt1@vt.edu](mailto:ashleyt1@vt.edu).

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea...

Let us march on till victory is won.

— James Weldon Johnson

# ADVOCACY TRAINING WEEKEND 2016

## “Lift Every Voice! Racism, Class & Power”

**APRIL 15-18, 2016 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In our neighborhoods and around the world, social, economic, corporate, and political powers are working to reduce citizens' access to decision-making. These practices violate the rights and silence the voices of those most affected by these decisions and severely hamper the ability of all citizens to determine the best policies for our communities and nations. As Christians, God calls us to lift up all voices so that we the people might regain influence in the policies that affect our nation and our world. Come to Advocacy Training Weekend April 15-18 and lift up your voice for transparent and participatory government at home and abroad.

### COMPASSION PEACE AND JUSTICE TRAINING DAY

Date: Friday, April 15, 2016

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church  
(1313 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.)

Cost: \$75 (CPJ Day, not attending EAD),

\$55 (CPJ Day, also attending EAD),

\$30 (CPJ Day, students/youth under 30)

Prices will go up \$10 after February 1, 2016

### ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

Date: Friday, April 15 - Monday, April 18, 2016

Time: Begins at 7:00pm April 15

Location: Crystal City Double Tree (300 Army-  
Navy Drive) Special Rates Available

Cost: \$199 (Early Bird Registration through  
March 18),

\$215 (Registration after March 18),

\$110 (One-day registration)

**TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER, GO TO**  
[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/washington](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/washington)

**OTHER QUESTIONS?**  
Contact [Catherine.gordon@pcusa.org](mailto:Catherine.gordon@pcusa.org)



**ADULT CHOIR REUNION BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?** Have you ever sung in a choir? If you answered “yes” to those questions, then CHOIR REUNION SUNDAY is for you! On Sunday, March 6, everyone who has ever sung in a choir—even as a child—is invited to join the Adult Choir to sing in worship. We will begin with breakfast, then rehearse the music and sing that morning. Here is the schedule:



- 9:00 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (there is no adult Sunday School that day)
- 9:30 Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 Sing in worship



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

Please RSVP ([jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org)), if possible. We hope to see you there!

**Spring Art Exhibit in Westminster Hall  
ART FORUM,  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, AFTER WORSHIP.**

A new exhibit, ART INSPIRED BY NATURE, will be gracing the walls of Westminster Hall beginning March 6. Plan to come hear Phyllis Hain Northup talk about her landscape paintings based on a variety of places in our country. She has lived near several national parks and beautifully expresses in paint what she has experienced there. Phyllis's mother (Phyllis Hain) and sister (Judie Reemsnyder) are members of our church.



**2016 Human Rights Celebration**  
sponsored by Church Women United  
[www.churchwomen.org](http://www.churchwomen.org)



Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Blacksburg  
March 11 at 10 a.m. , beginning with light refreshments

**Special guest speaker: Bill Brown**  
former Blacksburg Chief of Police  
recent Chair of Montgomery County Board of Supervisors

All women *and* men are invited!

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. ..Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms... without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."  
From the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, written by the UN in 1948



**Words from the Creation Care Team**  
 helping us fulfill our mission:  
 to actively nurture our relationship with all of creation



### Things You Can Do to Help Songbirds

Spring is coming, and the songbirds will soon be back in our yards. Do you love to watch and listen to songbirds? Would you miss the bluebirds, or mockingbirds, or warblers, or wood thrushes, or wrens that visit your neighborhood or nest in your yard, if they didn't come anymore? Would you miss their colors and songs? Songbirds are insect-eating machines; even birds that eat mostly seeds feed their babies fresh insects. A house wren can feed 500 insects to its young in the course of just one afternoon! A northern oriole can eat 17 caterpillars in a minute! (source: Yardener) So even if you don't pay much attention to the songbirds, you would most certainly notice if they weren't around! We would be overrun with bugs, and summer outdoors would be a lot quieter.

Did you know that many songbirds are under threat, with their numbers decreasing precipitously in recent years, especially those of the songbirds that migrate in the spring and fall, spending the winters in Central and South America? There are many reasons for this, some of which involve the fragmentation of winter habitats, and some of which involve the loss of breeding habitats in North America. Migration is also a risky prospect, with millions of birds flying into skyscrapers, or being confused by other lights. I recently learned that during migration season volunteers in New York City watch the Tribute lights at the former world trade center site, and if too many birds start to get caught in the lights on a given night, disrupting migration, the lights are turned off. That is good news for the birds, who will then be able to keep going and will have enough energy to get to their destination.

We don't live in New York City, and don't have much control of the lights in tall buildings at night, but here are **four things we can definitely do as individuals to protect the lives of songbirds**: (source: [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org) - Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

- 1. Make your windows safer.** If you have large daylight windows that reflect foliage and sky, you may find that birds can't see them, and may fly into them. Putting stickers or other things on your windows that disrupt the reflections will help prevent birds from flying into them.
- 2. Buying Bird-friendly coffee** certified by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center is one of the most direct ways you can fund habitat conservation in the tropics while supporting local economies. Look for this symbol: 
- 3. Keep your cat indoors** and away from birds. 2.6 billion birds die in the U.S. and Canada each year when they are caught by cats. Outdoor cats live shorter, more unpleasant lives, suffering from many diseases, getting maimed in fights and run over by cars. Many cat lovers are learning that keeping their cat indoors is good for the cat, and protects local wildlife, especially songbirds. Even well-fed cats will kill small animals and birds, regularly, because, well, they are cats.
- 4. Make your yard a friendlier habitat** for birds by cultivating plants they love to eat and providing shelter and water.

Restoring modest patches of habitat can make a big difference for birds, for nesting and during migration. See <http://content.yardmap.org/> for ideas about how to do it.

*"Not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground outside your Father's care." Jesus in Matthew 10:29*



### BPC'S CENTS-ABILITY Collection March 20, 2016

The problems of hunger are interconnected with many other issues. Recent global goals for sustainable development set by the United Nations tell a visual story of the many issues which affect hunger and health. All 17 of these issues have an effect on hunger, and our offerings to Cents-ability can potentially be used to address any of these 17 issues. In February, we presented 9 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in a visual format.

Here are the remaining 8 issues:



## Youth Group

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 [susanbhunter@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbhunter@yahoo.com).

### Upcoming Dates for the Calendar

**Mar. 6** Dinner & YS preparation at BPC, 5:30-7:30 pm.

**Mar. 13** Dinner & Program at BPC, 5:30-7:30p.m.  
Mental Health with Drs. Frank Clark and Jennifer Clark

**Mar. 17** Third Thursday F.E.A.S.T.  
Prepare St. Patrick's Day lunch for older adult FEAST.  
10:30 AM Set-up,  
11:30 serve,  
12:30 Clean-up-Need youth and adult volunteers!

**Mar. 18/19**  
Peaks Presbytery Confirmation Retreat at Camp Bethel

**Mar. 20** Dinner & Youth Sunday Preparation at BPC  
5:30-7:30 pm.

**Mar. 27** No Youth Group— Happy Easter!

**April 3** Dinner & Youth Sunday Preparation at BPC  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 10** Dinner & Youth Sunday Preparation at BPC  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 16** Youth Sunday Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

**April 17** Youth Sunday! Rehearsal at 9:10 a.m.,  
worship at 10:30 a.m.

**April 24** Movie Night at BPC, 5:00-7:30 pm.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

### Presbyterian Women Circles

All women are invited to join one of our Circles!

**Lydia Circle** met at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 7. Come for fellowship, Bible study, refreshments and a bit of business. Horizons Bible Study Lesson 7- "Steams of Mercy" - led by Janet Rakes,; Refreshment host: Elva Miller. Next meeting will be April 4 at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Elva Miller at [elva.miller@comcast.net](mailto:elva.miller@comcast.net) or Sylvia Echols at [ssechols@aol.com](mailto:ssechols@aol.com).

**Hildegard Circle** meets at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 14—Joyce Frahm's home, 201 Spickard Street, Blacksburg, potluck dinner and discussion of Lesson 7. Newcomers are welcome. Please RSVP to Joyce at [jlf-rahm@comcast.net](mailto:jlf-rahm@comcast.net).

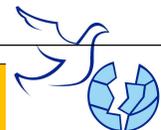
**Faith Circle** meets at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 14. at Rachael Byron's home, 1237 Redbud Road, Blacksburg, VA, For more information on Faith Circle contact Jen Stewart at [jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com) or 540-449-1532.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. At BPC in Fellowship Hall.**

P.E.O. Chapter AU Invites you to hear Dick Wall discuss his late wife Carol Wall's book "Mr. Owita's Guide to Gardening". It is a story of unexpected friendship that illuminates what truly matters in our lives. This is an event you will not want to miss.

Light refreshments will be served. Donations for our scholarships will be appreciated. The book will be available for purchase at the event.

P.E.O. is at Philanthropic Educational Organization supporting the education of women through low interest loans and scholarships.



DISASTER  
MINISTRY

## CEDEPCA NEWS

Dear Nancy,

Thank you very much for your continued friendship with us. It is with the support of friends like you and all in BPC that we can keep working and having hope in the difficult situations we live. We will use this extra donation on our Disaster Ministry response. We will be working this week on our reports and plans for 2016 also we have a graduation on Thursday and we are happy for this. Gracias amigas for your prayers, donations and for working with us...

Un abrazo,  
Judith



**SPRING ADULT ED CLASSES  
BEGIN MARCH 13TH AT 9:10 A.M.—10:00 A.M.**

**Book of Romans**, led by Robert Dean

Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome sparked Luther’s reformation and is a key document in our heritage. Paul wrestles with enduring theological problems: justification and grace, sin and salvation, a vision of unity, and the faithfulness of God. We will be using the Kerygma material to guide us in exploring our church and our faith. We are invited to bring our own stories to class. A willingness to study and read outside the class will enrich the class experience for all.

Study guides will be available for purchase in class or at the church office (\$22.75 each). This class meets in Hatcher Conference Room.

**Martin Luther King: The Inconvenient Hero**, by Vincent Harding. Coordinated by Phyllis Albritton

In these eloquent essays, noted scholar and activist Vincent Harding, reflects on the forgotten legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his message for today—with his concern for poverty, racism and war. While many prefer to embrace to “safer” message of King’s stirring “I Have a Dream” speech, Harding writes passionately of King’s later years, when his message and witness became more radical and challenging to the status quo at every level. The widening of King’s message and facts reflected an expansion of his critique of American injustice and his solidarity with the oppressed. It was this vision, in 1968, that brought him to Memphis, where he paid the final price for his prophetic witness. It is that “inconvenient hero” who speaks so urgently to the challenges of our time. The class will discuss the three dimensions of Dr. King’s “dream” and their relevance today. This class meets in Westminster Hall. You may purchase a copy of the book on-line at <http://www.amazon.com/Martin-Luther-King-Inconvenient-Hero/dp/1570757364>.

**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM & One Great Hour of Sharing Donation**

If you wish to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter or to make a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing in honor/memory of someone, please fill in the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office or email the information to: [sherry@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:sherry@blacksburgpres.org). The price of lilies are \$14.00 each.

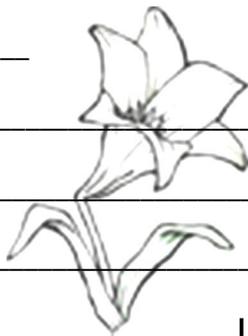
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of lilies ordered (\$14.00 each)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One Great Hour of Sharing Donation

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



I will take lily \_\_\_\_\_

I will leave lily \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for placing orders is Sunday, March 13th.**

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering helps the Presbyterian Mission Agency provide relief those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

**—Dates to Remember—**

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

*Check our website for the most up to date calendar*

**Tuesday, March 1**

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

**Wednesday, Mar. 2**

9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Caring for the Community—Small Conf. Rm  
5:30 p.m. Lenten Ecumenical Dinner & Worship at  
Blacksburg United Methodist Church—  
Rev. Linda Dickerson, Northside Pres.—"Prayer"  
6:00 p.m. Bell practice / 7:15 p.m. Choir practice

**Sunday, Mar. 6**

9:00 a.m. Choir Reunion Breakfast  
9:10 a.m. Sunday School for children & Youth  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:40 a.m. Art Forum with Phyllis Northup-WM  
5:30—7:30 p.m. Dinner & Youth Sunday Introduction

**Monday, Mar. 7**

9:30 a.m. Staff meets -HCR  
1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle meets- FH  
7:00 p.m. Community Ministry meets- WM

**Tuesday, Mar. 8**

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

**Wednesday, Mar. 9**

5:30 p.m. Lenten Ecumenical Dinner & Worship at  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation—  
Rev. Catherine Taylor, Blacksburg Pres.—  
"Alms/Giving"  
6:00 p.m. Bell practice / 7:15p.m. Choir practice

**Thursday, Mar. 10**

9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Caring for the Community—Small Conf. Rm  
10:00 a.m. Arts Committee meets—FH

**Friday, Mar. 11**

10:00 a.m. Church Women United Human Rights Celebration-FH

**Saturday, Mar. 12**

10:00 a.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby—FH

**Sunday, Mar. 13**

9:10 a.m. Sunday School -Adult Spring Classes begin  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
2:00-4:00 p.m. P.E.O presents—Dick Wall- Mr. Owita's Garden  
5:30—7:30 p.m. Dinner & Youth Sunday Preparation

**Monday, Mar. 14**

9:30 a.m. Staff meets—HCR  
3:00 p.m. Worship Ministry meets—WM  
6:00 p.m. Hildegard Circle meets at Joyce Frahms' home  
7:30 p.m. Faith Circle meets at Rachael Byron's home

**Wednesday, Mar. 16**

5:30 p.m. Lenten Ecumenical Dinner & Worship at  
Luther Memorial Church - Rev. Joe Carson,  
Blacksburg United Methodist Church-"Scripture Reading/ Meditation"  
6:00 p.m. Bell practice / 7:15p.m. Choir practice

**Thursday, Mar. 17**

11:30 a.m. Third Thursday F.E.A.S.T.—FH

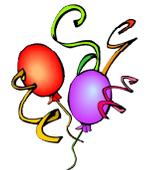
**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



- 1 – Matthew Ducker
- 2 – Thomas Ducker, Tom Watkins
- 4 – Travis Eschenmann, David Harder, Bill Neely
- 7 - Viola Howery, Phyllis Albritton-Webb
- 8 – Anne Campbell, Catherine Taylor
- 9 – Lloyd Blevins, Airlie Harder, Kyle Knobl,  
David McCord, Carey McGilliard, Charles O'Brien
- 11 – Bill Alderson, Dick Baker,  
Deborah Miller
- 13 – Tom Booth, Keirsten Deater-Deckard
- 15 – Mary Jane Henika
- 16 – Susan Hunter
- 17 – Ben Harder, Griffin Warren
- 18 – Linda Pospichal
- 20- Susan Bailey, Zora Polikoff
- 21- Lindy Mesmer
- 22 – Lisa Smith
- 24 – Garrett Knobl, C. W. Waskey
- 25 – Mary Fain, Cara Wimberley
- 28 – Cynthia Wimberley
- 30 – Alex Aning, Judy Reemsnyder
- 31 - Alice Irvin

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Suzanne Ducker, John Phillips
- 2 - Kirby Deater-Deckard, Luke Phillips
- 6 - Rachel Banks, Mark Prosser
- 7 - Angela Anderson
- 11 – Søren Anderson, 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 – Sallie Branscom, Frank Clark, Eric Wimberley
- 24 – Ginsey Thompson
- 25 – Allison Kruckow
- 27 – Liz Goodsell
- 28 – Kara Espinoza
- 29 – Shalini Perumpral, Linda Waskey
- 30 – Bob Hendricks



**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**ELDER OF THE WEEK**

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Feb. 29—March 6 | Jan McGilliard   |
| Mar. 7—13       | Craig Woolsey    |
| Mar. 14—20      | Julie Burger     |
| Mar. 21—27      | Anne Campbell    |
| Mar. 28—April 3 | Steve Drumheller |
| April 4—10      | Lynn Thye        |
| April 11—17     | Susan Bailey     |
| April 18—24     | Jack Call        |
| April 25—May 1  | Ami Jo           |



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 17 at 11:30 a.m.  
Third Thursday F.E.A.S.T.

The Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship during Holy Week. You are invited to come and walk it.

March 20  
Palm Sunday/ First Day of Spring

March 24  
Maundy Thursday service at 5:30 p.m.—FH

March 25  
Good Friday service at 12:00 noon-Sanctuary

March 26  
Easter Egg Hunt—for children through 5th grade  
(bring your own basket)

March 27  
Easter Sunday Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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