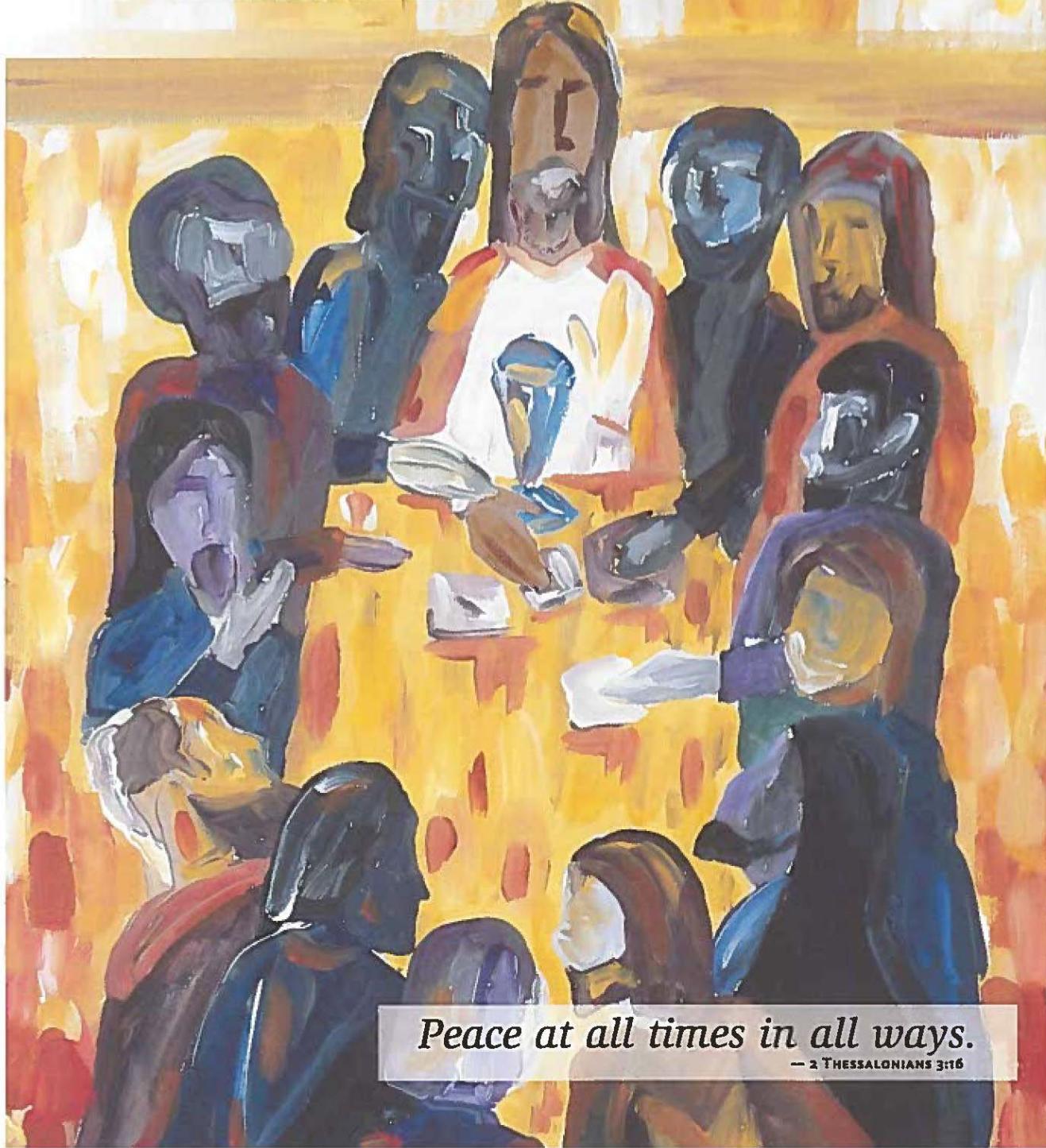




PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



Peace at all times in all ways.

— 2 THESALONIANS 3:16

BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, October 20, 2019

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
3rd SUNDAY OF GLOBAL MISSION FOCUS-SOUL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“The largest question about the new covenant is not about who belongs to it, but about whether any of us, Jew or Christian, show forth the new heart and new spirit that God has promised to effect within us.” -Patrick D. Miller

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you. ... (All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews. If you are a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)

Rev. Dave Cozad and Kendra Crabtree

PRELUDE

Chorale and Improvisation on Kingsfold

CHARLES CALLAHAN

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Luke 18:1-8)

Sarah Windes

Jesus invites us to pray, and not to lose heart.

We come searching for guidance, looking for justice, seeking forgiveness.

Jesus charges us to persevere in securing food for our spirits.

We will persist in asking for God's help.

† HYMN No. 757 vv. 1-3

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Based on *Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter*, by J. Philip Newell)

You are above us, O Lord, you are within. You are in all things, yet contained by no thing. You have “written your law on our hearts,” so teach us to seek you in all that has life, that we may see you as the Light of life. Teach us to search for you in our own depths, that we may find you in every living soul.

CALL TO CONFESSON (from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

Today's lection from the second letter to Timothy declares that people will accumulate teachers to suit their own desires, and turn away from the truth.

Recognizing ourselves in that description, we turn to God with penitent hearts.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

We confess, O Lord, that we respond to your law as bad news, your instruction as something we would rather not hear. Like the people in 2 Timothy, we have “itching ears”, always looking for some new shiny object to distract us from the rewarding work of living your Word. Help us to discover joy in following your teaching; grant us the gift of knowing how good it feels to embrace your truth. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) In your mercy Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

†Please stand in body or in spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God's law paves the way forward; God's will is to *forgive*, not to punish.

Sweeter than honey are God's precepts; they are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

†GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 757 v. 4

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

KINGSFOLD

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace and children may come forward for a time of sharing faith together.)

HEARING THE WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Scott Smith

(Children 1st grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs to God's Garden or the nursery for nurture and care.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:97-104

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
Joyful Noise

BECKY SLAGEL MAYO

Ubi caritas deus ibib est.
Where there is charity and love, God is always there.

We have gathered in this place, joining hearts in love and praise,
Giving thanks to God above, we go out to serve in love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:27-28, 31-34

SERMON

"Written On Your Heart"

Dr. David Cozad

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Down In the River To Pray
BPC's Men's Choir

trad. American
arr. J. David Moore

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,
and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

O brothers (sisters, mothers, sinners), let's go down, come on down,
don't you wanna come down in the river to pray.

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

†HYMN No. 769 vv.1, 4, 5

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

†BENEDICTION**†POSTLUDE**

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THEODORE SALOME

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Today's First Scripture Readings

Psalm 119:97-104 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!
 It is my meditation all day long.
⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
 for it is always with me.
⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
 for your decrees are my meditation.
¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,
 for I keep your precepts.
¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
 in order to keep your word.
¹⁰² I do not turn away from your ordinances,
 for you have taught me.
¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
 sweeter than honey to my mouth!
¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
 therefore I hate every false way.

Today's Second Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:27-28 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Individual Retribution

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A New Covenant

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,^[a] says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Footnotes:

- a. Jeremiah 31:32 Or *master*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Welcome to all who gather for worship today. May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love, and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.**

HEADSETS for the HEARING IMPAIRED are available. Speak to an Usher to use them for the worship service.

We are grateful for Sarah Windes who is our liturgist today and Scott Smith for doing the Children's Message.

The Celebration Flowers in worship today are sponsored by Julie Burger and Ben Corl in honor of Helen Corl's 9th Birthday.

Cherese Weaver's art exhibit in Westminster Library reflects her passion for archeology and anthropology. The stoneware sculptures are influenced by her many interests and reflect the mystery of the process. The Arts Ministry is pleased to introduce Cherese, who is a newer member of the church, and her handsome sculptures to the congregation during the months of September – November. Please come for the **Art Forum today** after worship to visit with Cherese about her work.

BPC's Cents-Ability Offering is today. Please place your donations in the small manila envelopes located in pew or place your check in the offering plate with "Cents-Ability in the memo line.

Please note that we will NOT be gleaning turnips this year on Nov. 16 as was previously advertised. Because of the drought this year, the turnips at the farm in Riner did not develop. These turnips are planted specifically for food banks, and this year the plants came up but did not grow, so there aren't any to dig!. Even here in Virginia, drought makes a difference in how hard it is for some people to get enough to eat. When the farms don't produce enough to have excess, there is less to go to food banks. Keep this in mind as you make your **Cents-Ability** contribution. Give a little more this time to make up for the fact that this year it might take more resources to provide enough food where it is needed.

If you would like to know more about the organization that we glean with and the good work they do, check out **The Society of St. Andrew**. It is a grassroots, faith-based, hunger relief nonprofit working with all denominations to bridge the hunger gap between 96 billion pounds of food wasted every year in the United States and the nearly 40 million Americans who live in poverty.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Church Opener:</u>	Mike Giles	<u>November:</u> Craig Woolsey
<u>Elder of the Week:</u>	Today: Jama Green	Mon-Sunday: Jack Call
<u>Prayer Room Today:</u>	Jack Call and Winnie Myers	
<u>Next Sunday:</u>	Jimmy Ritter and Deb Call	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Rob Kincaid and Jordan Boffen, Kyle Knobl, and Griffin Warren	

Have you filled out the congregational survey yet? Hard copies are available in the Gathering Space or complete it online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YXV9S33> by Oct. 23.

THIS WEEK AT BPC - HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, WM-Westminster, FH-Fellowship Hall

- Oct. 20 Sunday School for All ages at 9:00 a.m. *Adults - HCR
 Joyful Noise Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Rm 007
 Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.- Gathering Space
 Worship at 10:30 a.m. Global Mission Focus- *Soul*
 BPC's Cents-Ability Collection
 Art Forum with Chereese Weaver following worship – WM
 Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. at BPC- Dinner, Music & Improv
 Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR
- Oct. 22 Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
 Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH
 Warm Hearth Communion at 10:00 a.m. – Showalter, First Floor Activity Room
 Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room
- Oct. 23 Caring for the Community – 9:30 a.m.- HCR
 BPC Chancel choir rehearsal -7:00 -8:30 p.m.
 Community Ministry meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR
- Oct. 24 Faith Circle meets at Peg Warren's home, 1201 Highland Circle, at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 Habitat Raise the Walls 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Memorial Service for Suzan Mauney at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Oct. 27 Sunday School for All ages *Adults - HCR
 Joyful Noise Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Rm 007
 Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.- Gathering Space
 Worship at 10:30 a.m. Global Mission Focus- *Soul*
 Fallapalooza 4:00 p.m. at BPC, CROP Walk benefit dinner at 5:00 p.m.
 BPC's Pork & Bean collection for the Montgomery County Christmas Store
begins today through Nov. 17!
Poinsettia sales begin today- Nov. 17.
- Oct. 28 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM
- Oct. 29 VT Chamber Choir concert at BPC at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 1 Church Women United at BPC-9:30 a.m. – HCR
- Nov. 2 Habitat Raise the Walls 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3 ***Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back 1 hour***
 Sunday School for All ages *Adults - HCR
 Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.- Gathering Space
 Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Communion
 Youth Group Dinner & Discussion - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17 Last day for Pork & Bean Collection!
Last day to order a poinsettia.
- Nov. 21 Presbytery of the Peaks meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Roanoke
- Nov. 26 Warm Hearth Communion at 10:00 a.m. – Showalter, First Floor Activity Room
- Nov. 28 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
- Nov. 29 Church Office Closed
- Dec. 1 First Sunday of Advent
Advent Workshop and Alternative Gift Fair
- Dec. 4 15th Annual Gingerbread Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m. – FH



The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

- Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.
- Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation.
- The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Presbytery of the Peaks Peacemaking funds, made possible through your Peace & Global Witness Offering, have recently been awarded to the following: -

1. Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) engages people of faith and goodwill in advocating economic, racial, social and environmental justice in Virginia's policies and
2. The Resource Center for Civil Leadership (RECONCILE International) is a grassroots NGO in South Sudan that contributes to nation building by equipping communities with knowledge and skills for peace building through trauma recovery, civic education, and advocacy. -
3. Hotel San Marco is a ministry of St Mark's Presbyterian Church that provides emergency shelter seeking asylum in Tucson, Arizona. BPC'

BPC's offering will be today, October 20th.

Creation Care Thought: Earth Care and Politics. "It's important that we depoliticize the issues of sustainability and environmental care as much as possible in our dialogue—because the issues they encircle and describe are fundamentally important for present and future life."

-Gracy Olmstead in The American Conservative

Fight hunger at Fallapalooza! BPC's Youth are hosting a spaghetti dinner to benefit CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 27. All proceeds go to support Church World Service/CROP and the Interfaith Food Pantry. Bring a pumpkin to carve at 4:00 p.m. and stay for dinner at 5:00!

Celebration Flowers- Only one date left!: Dec. 29. Please email Sherry at sherry@blacksburgpres.org if you are interested in sponsoring this date. Arrangements are from Gates Flowers and checks are out to BPC for \$50 with celebration flowers and date in the memo line.



BPC will be hosting To Our House this coming winter for the week of Feb. 1 through Feb. 8 – (the group will leave in the morning of the 8th). If you or someone you know are interested in coordinating the food while they are here, please contact **Joan Dickinson, jdickin32@aol.com** or **Andrew Warren, anwarre1@vt.edu** to help out in this key volunteer position! Stay tuned for other volunteer opportunities!



Help folks at the Interfaith Food Pantry celebrate with Birthday Bags!

Choose a card from the bulletin board in the Gathering Space & bring items to BPC by Oct. 27. Party bags with cake mix, frosting, and candles will be assembled, and cards drawn during Fallapalooza.

Global Mission Focus

Mind, Body, Soul

Bangladesh

The CoB comprises over one hundred congregations, divided into six regional ‘deaneries,’ each of which promote close fellowship among their members through regular youth seminars, regular women’s fellowship meetings, and an annual, three-day, spiritual revival and fellowship meeting that attracts hundreds of people from the congregations. The CoB also offers regular denomination-wide retreats for its clergy and provides regular spiritual-formation opportunities for its theological students. The CoB also emphasizes the spiritual dimensions of the liturgical seasons; for example, most congregations host nightly prayer meetings in homes during Advent, and the denomination promotes prayer and fasting during Lent.



Guatemala

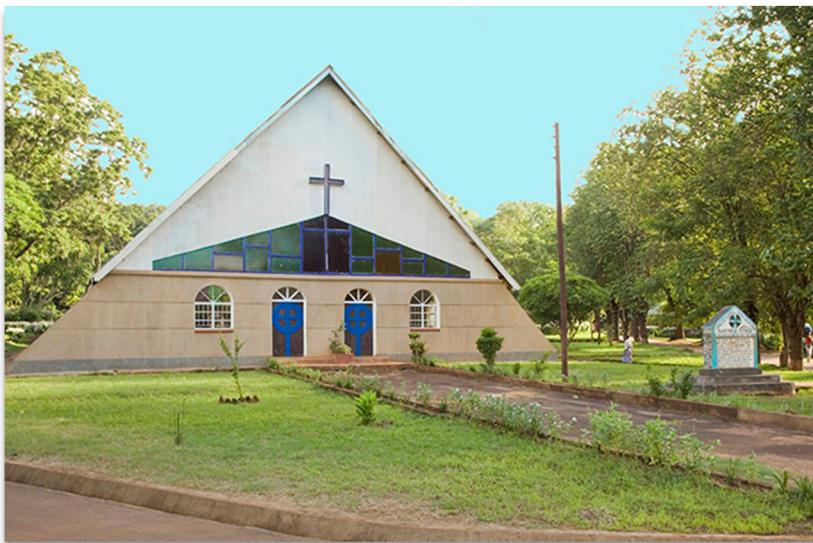
Much of CEDEPCA’s education is faith-based. The Biblical and Theological Seminary ministry trains and educates pastors for central American countries. The Women’s Ministry uses faith-based and Biblical teachings to empower women. The ‘listen and learn’ trips CEDEPCA facilitates provides multiple experiences to commune and worship with other travelers and locals.

Global Mission Focus

Mind, Body, Soul

Malawi

Mulanje Mission is one of 18 presbyteries in the Blantyre Synod (1876-), Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in southern Malawi. The local church is led by an ordained Malawian minister (*abusa*) appointed by the Synod. It's adjacent to the Hospital and serves its staff of 90 professionals and 165 support staff, the Nursing School staff, and the local population from nearby villages. Services in Chichewa and English are held on Sundays, accompanied by choirs and instrumentalists. Early morning prayers are offered daily inside the hospital campus, a practice in which members of our Partnership participate when we visit. Whereas the Malawi Partnership does not provide the church with funding or directly engage in proselytizing, we believe that the activities we've engaged in over the past 15 years, and that we continue to support, exemplify our commitment to Christian service in a developing country.



CEDEPCA (Mission Partners in Guatemala) Wish List

Every time the Peaks Presbytery takes a group to visit our mission partners in Guatemala additional suitcases are filled to the brim with office and first aid supplies. You can help fill a suitcase by providing items on the wish list, which can be found at the welcome window in the gathering space. Items can be dropped off in the bin by the office.

This year, they are also requesting yarn for their volunteers who make prayer shawls. You can also make a financial donation through CEDEPCA USA online at cedepca.us/donate or mail your check to CEDPECA USA, P.O. Box 920243, Norcross, GA 30010. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Schlaudecker at cheesemaker72@gmail.com.

**Fellowship Dinner
November 6, 2019
5:30-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall**

Sign up by Monday, November 4th at blacksburgpres.org/dinner.

For the first Wednesday in September, October and November come enjoy a meal and conversation. Bring the whole family!

November 6th Menu:
Grilled sausage, roasted vegetables, and autumn fruit

Come Have Dinner!

Volunteers Needed!
We need help with set-up, meal prep and clean-up volunteers for November's meal.
You can sign up to volunteer at: blacksburgpres.org/dinner
Or fill out the form and place in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Volunteers are needed to help set-up, prep the meal and clean-up. If you can help please contact Peggy Kincaid at prkincaid1@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____



2019 World Community Day

**THE
TIME IS
NOW!**
"Resolve to Love"

Date: November 1, 2019

Place: Blacksburg Presbyterian Church- Hatcher Conference Room

Time: 10:00 a.m. refreshments, then program

Everyone is welcome to join us as we begin to move from ecumenical to interfaith, creating a community that is just, caring, and supportive.

www.churchwomen.org