

# The Spotlight

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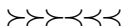
## APRIL 2011



### BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 3  
9:00-10:15

The men are cooking!  
Come enjoy the fellowship  
and fabulous food.  
A free-will offering will be  
received to benefit  
Christian Education



### BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-2:00

Walk-in's welcome OR  
Make an appointment  
by calling Joan Atkins.  
Can't donate blood?  
Share food by calling  
Betsy Glendye.

*Let's make this one our  
biggest and best ever!!!*

### Come to the Table

Maundy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00 to 7:15 - Supper in Homes  
7:30 – Communion, Song and Scripture  
in the Sanctuary

Please plan to join your church family *at the Table*  
on Maundy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

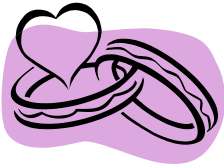
Four couples are opening their homes to  
host a family-style evening meal,  
reminiscent of the small group in the  
Upper Room. Please sign the poster  
on the kiosk, or call the church office, if you want to  
bring a dish and take a seat at the *Supper Table*. If you  
cannot attend the meal at a home, please join in when  
we come together at the *Communion Table* at church  
for the Lord's Supper. We ask that you sign up by  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – your host will call you with an  
invitation and course suggestion.



Easter Sunday ~ April 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Glendye's  
*Continental Breakfast follows. Directions inside.*

11:00 a.m. Resurrection Celebration  
in the Sanctuary  
*More details inside.*



*Today I will marry  
my friend.  
This is my beloved  
and this is my friend.  
Song of Solomon 5:16*

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*Together with their families  
Ruth Margaret Elizabeth Oldman  
and  
David Benton Gardner  
request the honor of your presence  
at their marriage  
Saturday, May 14, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m.  
Bridgewater Presbyterian Church*

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YES, the entire  
congregation is invited!  
Hors d'oeuvres  
will be served  
following the ceremony.  
Please RSVP by signing  
the poster on the kiosk.

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**Note of Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Don Snipes** and family on the death of Catherine. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the church. The family will receive friends following the service.

**Note of Appreciation**

From **The Edwards** – Brian, Michele, Carly, Isaac and Olivia

“Thank you for all the letters, cards, and prayers that we received in the recent passing of my dad. We were very thankful that all of our friends from Bridgewater Presbyterian Church remembered us during this hard time and be assured that you all are never far from our hearts and minds.” -*Brian*

**TLC List for April**

We hope you will take the time to write a note, make a call, say a prayer – show a little “Tender Loving Care” – to these folks this month:

**3 Paige Walker** – for hosting the Youth Group and contributing in many ways to the ministry and mission of BPC.

**17 Karen Leigh** – for serving as the guardian of the Fair Trade Coffee Closet and various other tasks she performs.

**10 Alison McElroy** – for her dedication as Nursery Coordinator and the numerous other ways she gives to the life of BPC.

**24 Tom Wilson** – for being our faithful payroll treasurer.

**FYI: Lance Rees** has moved to Arlington.



## Come and Worship – Holy Week – April 17 to 24

We hope that everyone will attend all of the services of Holy Week. It is an incredible journey through Palms, Parade, Upper Room, Garden, Golgotha and (PRAISE GOD!) the Empty Tomb. You are encouraged to bring your family, friends and neighbors.



~ ***Palm Sunday*** is the morning we remember Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Communion will be shared and the Choir will present special music. We will again use Eco-Palms. Read more about them below.

~ ***Maundy Thursday*** is different this year and we hope that everyone will *Come to the Table*. (read page 1). Please remember that, if you do not want to share the meal in someone's home, you can attend the worship with communion in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

~ ***Good Friday*** the sanctuary will be open until Noon for private prayer.

~ ***The Sunrise Service*** is always a special gathering. Sharing rides is recommended and bring lawn chairs. A continental breakfast will be served.

~ ***Our Resurrection Celebration*** will include a Flower Cross. You are encouraged to bring blooms and budding branches from your yard or garden to help create this colorful symbol of new life.

### ECO-PALMS Return



Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, with the waving of palm branches, is reenacted each Palm Sunday as Presbyterians and other congregations begin Holy Week. The Spiritual Life Committee is providing palms for all who attend worship. Called ***eco-palms***, these palms are harvested in a more sustainable way, whereby harvesters are paid on the quality of the palms they harvest, rather than the quantity, which helps to limit the amount of palms taken from the Central American forests. Communities have taken it upon themselves to learn about harvesting practices that minimize the impact of the forests. Their palm gathering protects -rather than depletes- valuable natural forests. This also provides a fair income for the harvesters of the palms, improving the local communities' standard of living

*Eco-palms* is a project of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Relief Services.

# MISSION

Meets @ 6:15, Tuesday, Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>



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We have two activities in April and we hope you will support both!

**#1 - Exam Survival Kits** for our BPC college students. Suggested goodies list posted on the kiosk. Need items by Apr. 18.

**#2 - Feeding PCM** again on April 27th. "Cookout" foods. Watch the kiosk for a menu or call Joe Crockett at 828-6480.

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## Central Valley Mission Community Collection for Our Community Place

*Dear BPC Family, Once again, your generosity and concern for the less fortunate is astounding. I counted the items, loaded up the very heavy clothes basket and an extra bag and delivered them to Cooks Creek Church. Great job! - Sally*

127 diapers	159 feminine hygiene items	2 bath powder
5 deodorant	14 toothpaste	25 toothbrushes
30 bars of soap	10 hair care products	7 hair accessory items
9 razors	5 miscellaneous	1 clothes basket

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## STOP THE PILL BOTTLES

I can no longer take used pill bottles to *Equipping the Saints*. They are not allowed to share them with missionaries anymore because they cannot guarantee they would be free of old medication residue. I'm glad we could do it as long as we did. -Sally

**KEEP BRINGING YOUR USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES for V.A.I.L.**

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## **Sharing Brings Joy. To Others, to God, and to Us.**

### **Seconds, minutes, days..... Devastation.**

The earthquake in Haiti lasted over 40 seconds, the one in Chile about 90 seconds, and Japan's almost 5 minutes. Recovery takes years.

In just One Great Hour of Sharing, you can make a difference in the lives all God's children. In Haiti, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program provided seeds and tools to thousands of farmers to grow food for their own displaced peoples. Self-Development of People has partnered with community leaders in Detroit, Michigan to use vacant lots to cooperatively grow produce. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways for many years to come. There are giving calendars with "fish boxes" in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall that will challenge you to examine your abundance verses the scarcity of basic necessities elsewhere on the planet. The offering is received on Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
2011

The offering is shared by:  
~ Presbyterian Hunger Program 36%  
~ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32%  
~ Self-Development of People 32%

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth @ NOON on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in April  
Comm. meets @ 6:15, Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

~ **Lunch Bunch** meets Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Study lesson #7 and call Sally the day before to order lunch.

~ **The Book Group** is reading "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel. They will gather at the home of Gracie Florence on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 to discuss this work.

~ **"These Days"** is a free daily devotional and is available in both regular and large print. The April/May/June issue is in the narthex.

### Youth Group Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

after worship to go

#### HIKING!

Bring a bag lunch, bottled water, appropriate shoes/clothing for an easy mountain trek.

Open to everyone!

Join us in God's creation.



**THANK YOU for your generous support of the Youth Yard Sale.**  
We raised \$531.25; the Scouts filled 5 bins at Good Will and the rest went to Mercy House and Salvation Army. The Bridgewater Food Pantry received ten \$10 vouchers to give to their clients to use at Good Will. We deeply appreciate our BPC family!  
**-the Youth Group**

## SESSION

Meets @ 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>

~ **Super Tuesday** is April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 for anyone interested in

**Member Care, Mission, Spiritual Life or Christian Education**

~ **Resource** meets Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00, at McQuilkin's

~ **Building & Grounds** meets Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon

~ **Session** meets Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets @ Noon, Sunday, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>

We extend thanks to...

~ **David Rees** for removing the dead tree in the parking lot. Even though it was technically not "ours," David helped us do the neighborly thing and took care of it. The neighbors were most appreciative as they did not have the means to cut it up or remove the debris.



~ **Janet and Ed Sonifrank** for erecting the new sign on Broad Street.

# RESOURCE

Meets @ 7:00, Thursday, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> @ McQuilkins'

## Results of the Congregational Presbytery Benevolence

Several weeks ago, the Resource Committee distributed a survey asking the Congregation for its views regarding the 2011 Presbytery Benevolence. Forty one were returned. Although there were many different viewpoints expressed, a significant number expressed a desire to pay our full 2011 Presbytery benevolence. Because there was a significant diversity of opinion as to how it should be done, the Committee decided that each congregational member could determine individually how to make their contribution which is \$46.00 per church member. This means it can be annually, semi-annually, monthly, or weekly.

church office, make certain that it is clearly marked for Presbytery benevolence or else it will be directed to the general fund. Checks may also be placed in the morning worship collection plates (again clearly designated) or in specially provided marked envelopes that are provided in the pew racks and placed in the collection plate. At the end of each month, all monies collected for the month will be forwarded to the Presbytery as part of our 2011 Presbytery benevolence.

Our congregation has always risen to the challenges presented to us. It is part of our history and our story. There is little doubt we will meet this new challenge as well.

- The Resource Committee

Benevolences may be made in a number of ways. If payment is made by check to the

## **By the Numbers**

### The Church's Worship Attendance

#### **Church Attendance**

January ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> - 46; 9<sup>th</sup> - 58; 16<sup>th</sup> - 49; 23<sup>rd</sup> - 68; 30<sup>th</sup> - 65  
 February ~ 6<sup>th</sup> - 72; 13<sup>th</sup> - 66; 20<sup>th</sup> - 52; 27<sup>th</sup> - 60  
 March ~ 6<sup>th</sup> - 45; 13<sup>th</sup> - 55; 20<sup>th</sup> - 68; 27<sup>th</sup> - 60



### The Church's Finances

For the Month			For the Year - 2011			
Month	Total Income	Total Expense	Difference	Cumulative Income	Cumulative Expenses	Difference
<b>March</b>	\$11,022.20	\$11,410.56	-\$388.36	\$30,732.59	\$32,705.54	-\$1,972.95

### Account Balances as of March 31, 2011

Operating \$21,413.47	Special \$42,947.93
Payroll \$19.71	Tax \$499.46
CD \$25,310.02 (matures 6/24/11)	New Covenant Fund \$485.60 (portfolio value)

## A Note From Kerry

I hope all of you have noticed the new signs around the church. First, a wonderful sign was installed on College Street; then directional signs around our building, and ending with the sign at our Broad Street entrance. This push to “label our church” is part of the teachings some of us brought back from what was called “The Magnetic Church Conference.” The thrust of the conference was preparing the church to welcome in first-time visitors. The signs are the by-product of the efforts of members and the use of funds given to the church.

Now, there are a few more tips from the conference we might try. One suggestion is to take copies of our newsletter and leave them at the offices of our dentists, doctors or other places we visit where the waiting rooms have magazines and such to read while you wait. I would ask the office folks if that would be alright with them. This works even with not-so-current copies of our newsletters, as it is a way for folks in our geographic area to read about us. Posting our newsletters or calendar on community bulletin boards would work as well. Give that some thought, and maybe we can “recycle” our newsletters.

Another item was having community events occur in our buildings. We currently host a Girl Scout troop and TOPS, a small group of folks centered on healthy weights for its members. There are no members of BPC in these groups, but by allowing them to use our building gives them a place to meet and to do their work. And that means that during the evenings the lights are on, and that suggests that there is “life” going on at the church!

“Let me  
go and  
get my  
brother”

I have been blessed with the chance to contribute a monthly article in “The Shenandoah Journal.” It was for me a sign of God opening a door to expand my ministry in an area by using a small talent I have been given. The responses I have received have been favorable, and I am so honored that some folks have found some use for these articles. And of course, the paper allows us to post our worship schedule and notes in their “Church Calendar” section. So I hope you all support the paper with your readership.

All of this helps to get the name of our church out into the community, but they are all done somewhat passively. These items pale in comparison to the power of a personal invite that folks can give to their families and friends. If I could suggest that we invite folks to worship with us, and to do so by saying “Come to church with me this Sunday,” so they know it is a real and true invitation, not just a polite “gesture.” If you remember the calling of the disciples, when called, Andrew first responded with “Let me go and get my brother Simon” (John 1: 41).

I am encouraging each of us to think of ways we can talk about our church to others. Think of our Sunday School programs, our choir, our Lunch Bunch group, and the other things that we do, and if there others we can invite to be a part of this. Think too if there are other groups that may need a place to meet, and let them explore our facility. We have so much to offer, we only need to offer it.

As I write this article, I realize it is for the April 2011 *Spotlight*. The first quarter

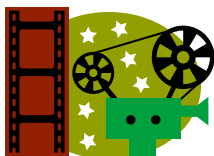


of 2011 is over! Where did the time go? Give some notice, then, to the things that have been completed and continued in this first quarter, but recall the urgency as found in Andrew's response to Christ, "Let me go now and get my brother." I am quite sure

that we all have so much to offer others, and it all can begin with a simple invitation. We are doing things making it easier to "get into the building once you get here" – now, let's go and get some folks to "get here!"

Peace to you all,

**A Spring Time Question: "Do you like movies?"**



Life for so many of us is quite busy. My calendar seems to fill up all by itself, even more so if I try to plan things. But I try to plan things, as I know many of you do. So, take out your calendars, and if possible, clear April 29, 2011 for what could be our first "Friday Nite @ the Movie." The evening will be watching a film and then talking about what we saw in the film. All ages are invited, though we are targeting adults more so than teenagers. To

tantalize you a bit, here are some of the titles we might view: *Dan in Real Life*; *Evan Almighty*; *Bruce Almighty*; *The Gods Aren't Angry*; *Stranger Than Fiction*. I am also open to your favorite film as well. So, let me know how that date sounds to you. The plan for the evening is to arrive at 7:00pm, lawn chairs and snacks in tow, settle in to see the film, and then enjoy conversation around the film when it is over. I have found this to be a fun evening and am looking to sharing an evening with you. RSVP to the pastor if you can, or cannot, attend that evening. Thanks all,

**COMMUNITY**

posters on the kiosk

**WHAT: Pasta with the Pastors**

WHERE: Houff Center  
 WHEN: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30- 6:30 p.m.  
 DETAIL: Rockingham Male Chorus in Lantz Chapel at 7:00;

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**WHAT: Women's Event – "Stepping Up with Jesus"**

WHERE: Dayton United Methodist Church  
 WHEN: Sat., April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 DETAIL: Ask Sally for more information (free)

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**WHAT: 275<sup>th</sup> Ann. of Opequon Presbyterian Church**

WHERE: 217 Opequon Church Lane, Winchester  
 WHEN: Sat. April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - free  
 DETAIL: "Colonia Presbyterians in the Valley"

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**WHAT: Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir**

WHERE: Forbes Center at JMU - \$\$ (see poster)  
 WHEN: April 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
 DETAIL: 130 voices in 3 choirs  
 w/ the JMU Percussion Ensemble

**WHAT: Camp Hanover Open House**

WHERE: 3163 Parsleys Mill Rd., Mechanicsville, VA  
 WHEN: Sunday, April 10 from 2:00-6:00  
 DETAIL: Kaci Foster worked there!  
 Presbytery of the James

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**WHAT: One-day Older Adult Retreat**

WHERE: Massanetta Springs – (\$15)  
 WHEN: Thursday, May 5 from 9:00 – 3:00  
 DETAIL: Keynote is Rev. Jane Govan.  
 "Songs of the Faithful Heart: The Psalms Speak"  
 Registration forms are posted on the kiosk and are due by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**WHAT: Conversations with Writers**

WHERE: North River Library, Meeting Room  
 WHEN: Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
 DETAIL: Gone for 18 Minute: To Heaven, To Hell and Back by Teresa Simmons about her near-death experience. Refreshments.



# April 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 PLANT POTATES @ Volunteer Farm
Lent 4 <b>3</b> 9:00 – 10:30 BREAKFAST 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00 TOPS	<b>6</b> 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> @ Bwater RC 4:30-6:30 Pasta w/ the Pastors 7:00 Concert	<b>9</b> 3:00 Catherine Snipes' Memorial Service
Lent 5 <b>10</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Noon - Building & Grounds NOON - 5:00 YOUTH GROUP HIKE	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 TOPS SUPER TUESDAY	<b>13</b> 10:30 Lunch <u>Bunch #7</u> 6:45 Choir	<b>14</b> 7:00 Resource @ McQuilkins'	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BLOOD DRIVE 9:00-2:00
Palm Sunday <b>17</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship – <b>Communion</b> 4:00 – Session	<b>18</b> Need items for Exam Kits Today	<b>19</b> 6:00 TOPS	<b>20</b> 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	<b>21</b> Maundy Thursday 6:00 Supper in homes 7:30 Worship at BPC	<b>22</b> Good Friday	<b>23</b>
Easter <b>24</b> 7:00 Sunrise @ Glendye's 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	<b>25</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b> 6:00 TOPS	<b>27</b> 6:45 Choir FEED PCM	<b>28</b> 7:00 Book Group at Gracie's	<b>29</b> Friday Nite @ the Movie	<b>30</b>

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